Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 1 | **WEEK 2** | **THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2025**

Coming Events

Thurs13 Feb	*Swimming Carnival*
Fri 14 Feb	*AFL coaching*
Tues 18 Feb	*P&C Meeting/AGM*
Fri 21 Feb	*District swimming carnival*
Fri 21 Feb	*AFL coaching #2*
Tues 25 Feb	*SCHOOL PHOTOS*
Fri 28 Feb	*AFL coaching #3*
Fri 7 March	*AFL coaching #4*
12-24 March	*NAPLAN Y3, Y5*
Fri 14 March	*AFL coaching #5*
Fri 21 March	*Life Education*
Fr 11 April	*Last day of term*

- Check the calendar in School Bytes
- Check on all future dates once in

Our Year 6 leaders

Reminders

Attached:

- *updates*
- *swimming note*
- *School & Community charter*

Welcome back to school everyone! It might seem odd but we are already in Week 2 of the term as Week 1 was Friday 31st January, with only staff on site. That means the term is going to seem like it is flying by (more so that usual).

I hope that everyone found some time for family over the holidays and enjoyed the break from routine. I also hope that all the students are chomping at the bit to get back to school.

Over the holiday period we had some work done, as we often do, and had almost all of our lights changed from fluorescent to LED. This has produced a much softer level of light in our learning and office spaces. We also finally had electricity connected to the GA shed and a light installed there. We are also excited to showcase our new Yarning Circle which was completed by Kyel at KJN Civil. This is a lovely space for students to gather and for passive play during break times. This space will also be utilised by teachers for outdoor learning activities. Very exciting.

We are just about ready to relaunch our learning superpowers and with the amazing work of both Zee Graham and our graphic designer, Emma Godfredson of Eg Creative, we just about have our new posters & superheroes ready for display. The students got a sneak peek of these this week and were all very impressed. We will communicate more about a launch as things are finalised.

This week, I have attached the Community Charter, which overviews the responsibilities of educators, school staff, parents and carers to ensure collaborative, respectful communication in our schools. I am not sharing this document because I have any concerns, it is just a reminder of what we should all be able to expect in our interactions and communication at school.

This year, there has been a bit of a mix around with staffing. We are very pleased to share that Ms Nicci will be taking on the role of APC&I (Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction) this year. We are allocated one day per week for this position which will support the collection and review of student learning data, along with supporting the implementation of new syllabus documents, amongst many other things. Congratulations Nicci we are all very excited to have you in this role. Nicci will be working as the APC&I on Thursdays. The staffing overview for 2025 includes:

	K-2	3-6	APC&I	Office	GA
Monday	Ms Nicci	Ms Wendy/Ms Barrow		Nancy	Jo
Tuesday	Ms Nicci	Ms Wendy/Ms Barrow		Nancy	Jo
Wednesday	Ms Nicci	Ms Wendy/Kim (odd wks) Ms Wendy/Ms Barrow(even)		Nancy Karen (even)	
Thusday	Mrs Schollar	Ms Barrow/Kim	Ms Nicci	Nancy	
Friday	Mrs Schollar	Ms Barrow/Kim		Nancy	

As you can see, all the staff are the same, we have just shuffled around a little bit. We are all excited for the start of the new year and to get new learning programs underway.

As I said, welcome back everyone! Let's get started and learn some stuff!

Ms Barrow

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Welcome
Welcome back to the 2025 school year. It has been fabulous to have everyone starting school on the same day this year! So exciting to see our Year 6 mentors in their shiny bright shirts and our little kindy students so happy to be here.

Swimming Carnival **Thursday 13 February**
Next week we have the Far South Coast Small School swimming carnival at Candelo Pool, and the opportunity for students turning 8 or older this year to participate. A note with more information is attached and the consent note can be done on the School Bytes parent portal. We are encouraging all eligible students to attend as there are a range of activities from competitive races to shorter swims and novelty events and games. Even non-swimmers can be part of the day in the cheer squad. Year 2 students can choose to participate or come to school. Please indicate this on the consent note.
We will require assistance from parents/carers for transport, and the pool entry can be paid on arrival. Please read the attached note for more information and complete the online consent as soon as you can.

Please note of your child has had diarrhoea in the two weeks before the swim carnival they should not attend, as advised by Dept of Health.

School office
This year the school office is staffed five days a week, utilising new State Govt SASS staff funding designed to reduce the administrative burden on teachers. If you need to contact the school to advise of a change of plan for the end of the day or to leave a message for a teacher, please call the school office on 6496 7159. Sending messages or texts to teachers is less reliable than calling the office. We greatly appreciate your assistance with this. Office staff are waiting for your call!

School Drive Subsidy
The School Drive Subsidy is available in areas where there is limited or no public transport. The NSW Government subsidy is intended to partly offset the cost of using a private vehicle to drive the eligible student all or part of the way to school, including a school bus stop. Check the website or scan the QR code below for your eligibility or application. Payments are made twice a year. Please note if you have changed your address you will need to update it on the School Drive subsidy portal.

https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel/apply-for-school-drive-subsidy

Smart Cards for school bus students
Sapphire Coast Buslines are introducing a smart card for school bus travel. Bus students will receive their SCB Smart Card from 20th of February, and will be required to tap on and tap off each bus trip (just like in the city!). School bus travel remains free but there is the ability to add credit to the card if your child travels on a non-home route sometimes (this is more relevant for high school students with more than one bus option). Have a think about how you are going to keep this card safe and easily accessable for your child. More information soon.

Updates
We always start the year with a review of our student information and give the opportunity for families to update details, and complete any required forms. The page attached has more information as well as QR codes for the online forms on School Bytes. These can always be found under Forms on the School Bytes Parent Portal. Links will also be sent in an email version this afternoon. Lots of options!

Newsletters
This year the Magpie Murmur school newsletter will only be produced once a fortnight. As this newsletter is a vital source of information for upcoming school events and requirements, please ensure that you give it your attention. All notes regarding excursions and other important infor-

Welcome Kindy!

Swimming Carnival
Thursday next week

School bus travellers

smart cards coming soon

tap on
tap off

School Drive Subsidy
information & application

mation will be included or attached to this newsletter. The newsletter will also continue to be uploaded to the school website, linked to the School Bytes parent portal, and emailed to those on the list requesting it. If you'd like to be added to the email list let us know.
On the alternate weeks we plan to produce a simpler one pager sharing photos and student work from the classroom.

Wildcards 'Embrace the Challenge'
Today students all participated in a discussion about the theme for this year's wild cards. Illustrating this theme can be difficult sometimes but every student had a go and submitted an artwork for consideration. Once the staff have selected the 6 designs for 2025 we will share and celebrate the new 2025 wild cards and the creators in the next newsletter.

Coming up this term

- This term we have AFL coaching sessions for 5 weeks on Fridays starting Friday 14 February thanks to the Sporting School grant for this term.
- District Swimming Carnival at Eden Pool on Friday 21 February for those selected from next week's carnival.
- School photos with Daisy Hill Photography on Tuesday 25 February. We were unable to get a suitable date with the usual company The School Photographer. Order information soon.
- Life Education is this term on Friday 21 March. Staff are currently selecting the modules for this year.
- NAPLAN this year will be March 12 - 24 for our students in Year 3 and Year 5. More information will be sent home to families closer to the time.

P&C News

FRIDAY Lunches

Plain meat pie	$4.00
Gluten Free pie	$4.50
Cheese/Bacon	$4.50
Chicken/mushrm	$4.50
Term 1 special pies	$4.50
Vege pastie	$4.00
Sausage Roll	$3.50
GF Sausage Roll	$3.50
Mini Pizza	$2.50
Ham & Pineapple/Cheesy Margarita	
Juice or Flav Milk	$1.50

- *Write your order on a paper bag*
- *Mark your payment total and payment method on the bag*
- *correct money appreciated*

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

tomorrow: Bekie/Steph

Fri 14 Feb	Esther
Fri 21 Feb	Karen
Fri 28 Feb	Bekie/Steph
Fri 7 Mar	Esther
Fri 14 Mar	Keri
Fri 21 Mar	Karen
Fri 28 Mar	VACANT
Fri 4 April	Keri
Fri 11 April	VACANT

P&C Meeting
We encourage all parents and carers to come along to the first meeting of the year on Tuesday 18 February after school. It's great to be involved and have a say on the direction of the school. All welcome!
There is also a quick AGM but don't let that put you off! The P&C welcomes participation at any level of commitment so no pressure to take on roles, particularly if new to the P&C.

Friday Lunches
Looking for another volunteer or two to fill the days so we can continue to offer Friday lunches at school. If you can do one or more of these dates please contact the current lunches co-ordinator Lindy Cooper on 0415 964 144 after hours.

A variety of special pies will continue to be offered as an option over the year and this term we have

- Spinach & Cheese Triangles
- Thai Chicken Pie
- BBQ Rump & caramelised Onion

These pies can be ordered for $4.50.

P&C UNIFORM SALES

Check with the school if there are your required size/quantity first. Once paid to the P&C, let the office know and your order will be sent home with your child.

SHIRTS $10

HOODIES $37.50

Towamba P&C
Term 1 Meeting & AGM

Tuesday 18 February

3:15pm

in the MPR

all welcome

$2 membership due

Towamba P&C Account details

BSB: 062 647
Account number: 0090 0797
Towamba P&C Association

Community News

tcpa

Towamba Community Progress Association

First meeting of the year
This Sunday 9 February
2:30pm
Towamba Hall

Have a voice in your community
ALL WELCOME!

2025 Dance Classes

WYNDHAM SCHOOL OF DANCING

Wednesday - Towamba Hall
Junior Fun Dance & Adult Fun Dance

Thursday - Wyndham Hall
Ballet, Jazz & Contemporary

Enrollments Now Open

candicemyracooper@gmail.com

TAI CHI

MONDAYS 4:30-5:30pm
Towamba Hall
$15 per session

FIRE PERMITS CAN NOW ALSO BE DONE ONLINE

Alternatively call Towamba captain Peter Knight A/H 0429 837 621

POTTERY WEEKEND WORKSHOP

BANDICOOT POTTERY

UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY WITH CLAY!

Join us for an immersive and hands-on pottery workshop that promises to awaken the artist within you!

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

Hand-building & molding techniques
Wheel throwing techniques

FEE $160.00 /PERSON

22 & 23 FEBRUARY 2-4PM
29 & 30 MARCH 2-4PM
26 & 27 APRIL 2-4PM

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https://www.bandicootpottery.com.au/book-online

Music Lessons

Piano/keyboard/music theory lessons available for ages 7-70+ weekly, fortnightly or casual
$30 per 40 minute lesson

Please text /message for a call back.
Maggie 0428 252 232

Towamba Hall Library

Rejuvenated and ready to go!
Come and borrow a book or two.
Every Tuesday 10am- 3:30pm
Enquiries Lucy 6496 7125

Ferrets!

Would your children/family fancy a ferret? Thery are cute and cuddly and can be trained.
If you are interested contact Tom Doughty 0428 819 394

Try AFL- meet & greet

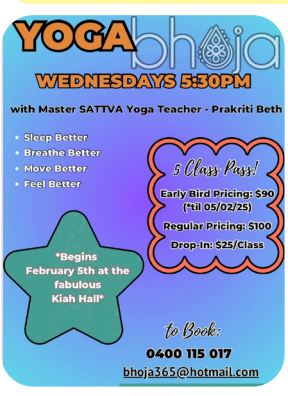
Wednesday 12 February 5pm. Free BBQ. All new and returning juniors, girls and adult players are invited. Come along to the Eden Whalers - have a kick and a hand-ball, meet coaches, & find out more.

Playgroup

Mondays 10am
Towamba Hall

For more information, contact Natalia on 0473 074 698.

Towamba playgroup would like to encourage any parents of children under school age to join us on Mondays from 10am at the Towamba Hall. If you are from near or far, we'd love for you to come along for a play and a chat. In January, we made volcanoes in the sand and used bicarb soda and vinegar for lava. The kids had a great time, a big thanks to Natalia for organising it. This year, playgroup is planning to do one adventure a month to get the kids out and about in the Bega Valley. Our next adventure will be at 10am on Tuesday 25th February to Aslings Beach rock pool. Everyone is welcome to join us. In Term One, the Playability Toy Truck will visit us on Monday 17th February and Monday 17th March. This is a toy library that is free for parents in the Bega Valley.



Towamba Community Church Sundays at 4pm

All welcome