



### Coming Events

Fri 4 April	AFL #5- last one
Fri 4 April	Scripture church
Mon 7 April	Welcome afternoon
Thurs 10 April	End of Term Assembly
Fr 11 April	Last day of term Superpower mufti

### Term 2- some early dates for your calendar

28/29 April	Staff days
Wed 30 April	Students return
Thurs 1 May	Towamba Cross Country
Sat 3 May	P&C BBQ @ election
14-15 May	Stage 2 Kianinny Camp
Fri 16 May	District Cross Country
Wed 21 May	Nat Simult. Storytime
Thurs 12 June	FSCSS Athletics Carnival Wyndham

This is the last newsletter for Term 1. I can't believe I am writing that, when it feels like we are only about half way through. It has been a busy term and it will be a busy last week for sure. I am very excited to welcome everyone on Monday for our picnic lunch and games afternoon. I appreciate that getting to school during the day can be very tricky for some people and I am sorry for those who are unable to make it. We will eat a sandwich and play a game for you! This is a great opportunity to have an informal catch up with the teachers and our new school psychologist Ash, however it is just that, an informal catch up. The welcome afternoon is not a time for interviews, however if you would like to arrange a time to speak with the teachers or Ash in more detail this can be arranged on the day or at any other time, by contacting the school.

Next week is also the end of term assembly with our new, early starting time of 9:30am. It is hoped that this might be achievable for parents/carers as it means you can drop off your child/children and stay on for an extra hour or two. We would love to be able to share a morning tea with everyone and encourage you to bring a plate for a communal morning tea after the assembly. Again, I understand that some people will not be able to make it.

On the last Friday of school we will be having a great morning of activities for the students, to celebrate the introduction of our Learning Disposition Superheros. We would love the students to come dressed in the colours of our learning dispositions; red, green, blue, yellow, purple, indigo, orange. Students can choose to either come in one focus colour if they are developing one superpower in particular, or come wearing as many of the colours as they can, to showcase all of our learning superpowers. If the students come in school uniform, they will still be showcasing the superpower of optimism, so do not worry if you do not have any other colours. School uniform is fine. It should be a great morning of activities and friendly competition.

There has been a slight change of plans for the Stage 2 Kianinny camp. Due to a recent update around students participating in water based activities, from the School Sports Unit, we have made the decision to remove canoeing from the Kianinny excursion for Stage 2 next term. The new policy requires all students to pass a swimming confidence test to be able to participate in water based activities (even when wearing a life jacket) and the results from last year's swimming lessons indicate that some students will not meet these guidelines and we do not have the capacity to retest the students before the activity. Instead, the Kianinny staff are changing the program for us so that all students will be able to participate in all activities. This may have an impact for the Stage 3 camp to Jindabyne as well, however more information on that will follow.

Finally from me, in this newsletter you will find information about the new digital declaration that can be signed by parents/carers who are kind enough to volunteer at the school from time to time. I know that asking you to sign a form to come and volunteer might seem a bit rough but it is to ensure the safety of our students, your children. This new digital declaration will last for the duration of your time here at school unless your personal circumstances change in relation to the content of the declaration. We have included information in relation to what documents need to be signed for different types of volunteering at school and hope that this helps to explain things further. If you have any questions in relation to the new declaration after reading the attachments, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your understanding.

Ms Barrow



### Attached:

- Digital declarations info
- Attendance codes
- Towamba Cross Country Info
- Library holiday program

### Welcome Afternoon

We look forward to a casual relaxed afternoon, starting with a shared light lunch and followed by some fun games together. It's a great chance to meet Ashleigh, our new school psychologist, and have a general chat to other parents, carers and staff. Please come at 1:15pm for the afternoon.

**Monday 7 April**

### End of Term Assembly

We look forward to seeing parents and carers a second time in the last week of school, for our end of term assembly on Thursday 10 April. We will be having the assembly straight up at 9:30am so parents/carers can stay at drop off. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea after the assembly.

**Thursday 10 April**

### Stewart House

Don't forget to get your Donation Drive envelope in by the last day of term to support Stewart House and go in the running for the holiday raffle.

Cake raffle tickets are also on sale now, with the lucky winner to be drawn at the end of term assembly on Thursday morning next week. Thanks again to Mrs Schollar's mum Jenny Smith for a fabulous prizeworthy cake! Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10 and can be purchased any time from now until the assembly day.

### Kianinny Camp

Great news - the camp cost has been reduced to \$110 as Wyndham is shouting us our half of the bus costs. In other news, due to a recent policy change by the Department that requires students to be able to meet minimum water confidence skills for all water activities, we have decided to cancel our canoeing activity at the upcoming Stage 2 camp at Kianinny. It will be replaced by another fun activity. All consents should be in by Thursday 1 May and payments must be finalised before camp.

**Wednesday 14 May**

### Life Education

Everyone enjoyed the visit from Tegan, Harold and the Life Ed van a couple of weeks ago. Students have been doing follow up activities to build on the material covered in their sessions. Thanks to the P&C for covering the cost of this for all families.

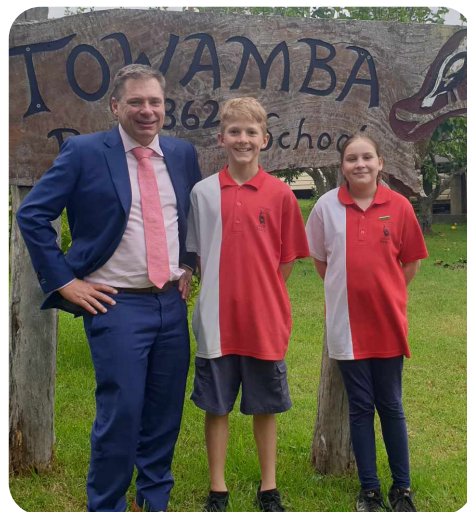
### Digital Declarations for volunteers

At Towamba PS we greatly value the volunteers who assist with lunch orders, excursion transport, sports carnivals and more. The Department of Education has digitised the screening process, and to volunteer you now only need to complete a screening declaration online, rather than submitting the cumbersome WWC Declaration either as paper form or via the School Bytes link. We understand that some of you may have already completed the Declaration this year but we are asking you to redo your declaration form through this new process as it will be much simpler - this only needs to be done **once** for the **duration of your child's time at a NSW public school**, unless your circumstances change. An email will be sent to all parents before the end of term. It is your choice to act on it or not, but completing it means that you can continue to volunteer at our school. Thank you for your support. The attached flyer has more detailed information.

### Towamba Cross Country

The Towamba Cross Country will be run up at the Towamba sports-ground on Thursday 1 May (second day back next term). We will be doing it first thing so parents can drop students at the hall. The bus will also deliver students to the hall in the morning. Students run varying distances according to their age group but all involve circuits of varying numbers. We would appreciate parent/carers assistance to stand in various locations to mark the route so that students go the right way. It's a great opportunity to be part of the day and cheer everyone on. As it is right after the holidays, your children might like to do some training during the holidays to build up their endurance. Older students run 3km,

**Thursday 1 May**





### Attendance Codes

Thank you to all the families who have been entering absences via the School Bytes system.

Attached is an information flyer explaining the different codes and examples of their use. Hopefully this helps to understand which code to use and the attendance information shown on the School Bytes Parent Portal.

8-10 year olds run 2km and younger students 1km. It's a great time to focus on the learning superpowers of courage, persistence, and optimism. See the attached flyer for your fridge.

### Award information

For the information of parents, carers and students we have put together a summary of the criteria for the end of year awards. The document can be found on the School Bytes Parent Portal under School Resources (where the newsletter goes each week). Students may like to review the awards to assist any goal setting they might develop.

### Term 2

This is the last newsletter of Term 1. Term 2 starts on Monday 28 April for staff but **students** do not return until **Wednesday 30 April**.

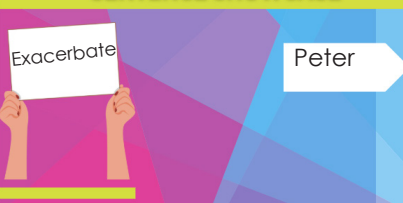
#### SENTENCE SHOWCASE



#### Week 10

There were police in town chasing a car. When the car was pulled over, there were rubbernecks watching the event happen.

#### SENTENCE SHOWCASE



#### Week 9

My brother exacerbated the situation with my sister, by splashing her when she was already inflamed.

2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge



log your reading now!



## 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
Mini Pizza	\$2.50

Ham & Pineapple/Cheesy Margarita/Ham & Cheese

Juice or Flav/PlainMilk \$1.50

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

### This term's special pies

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

### VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Tomorrow: Keri

Next week: Bekie/Keri

Fri 4 April Keri  
Fri 11 April Bekie/Keri

Thank you to everyone for their support of the car rally catering last weekend. It was a very long day and a big job catering for around 250 people. The profit for the day will be approximately \$1500, which will cover our first term one donation to the school. This will cover the Life Education visit, new classroom readers, and the P&C half of the Stage 2 Kianniny excursion. These are just some of the financial commitments the P&C have made to the school this year. The catering was really a joint effort. Thanks to current and past parents, school staff and community members for their cake donations and help on the day. Special thanks to Esther for making all the arrangements with the rally organisers, kitchen hire, and making the purchases for the event - this equates to several days of extra volunteer effort.

Our next catering fundraising will be for the Federal election on May 3rd - first Saturday of Term 2. Helpers and cake donations for that event are most welcome.

### Friday Lunches

A big thank you to all our volunteers this term. Everybody greatly appreciates the opportunity to have a Friday lunch order. If you can help out next term please contact the lunches co-ordinator, Lindy Cooper, on 0415 964 144 after hours.

### 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

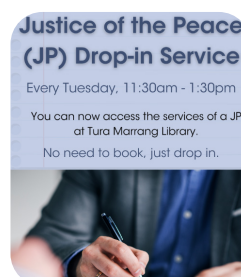
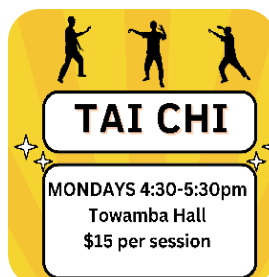
### Towamba P&C Account details

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

# Community News



Workshops  
Fling Physical Theatre  
Story Tree  
One Day Choir  
Installation art  
Live Music  
Stalls  
Sausage Sizzle  
CWA Sweet treats  
Other food and coffee vans  
Potoroo Palace exhibition



Vicki is having a garage sale on the election day  
SATURDAY 3 MAY  
21 Towamba Street  
from 9am

You are welcome to join in the garage sale too - call Vicki on 0417 178 821

