Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 2 | WEEK 4 | THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026

Coming Events

Mon 18 May	Circus Challenge
Tues 19 May	District X Country
Thur 21 May	Tennis #3
Fri 22 May	Scripture Cafe
25-28 Mau	SCLC Music Camp
26-29 May	Ms Nicci & Ms Wendy away Sydney PL
Wed 27 May	Simultaneous Storytime
Thurs 28 May	A Day at Wyndham
Thurs 4 June	Tennis #4
Mon 8 June	Public Holiday
Thurs 11 June	Tennis #5 final
Thurs 18 June	Athletics Carnival

Attached:

- XC photo page
- ICAS EOI
- Cake Raffles roster/info
- P&C Meeting Minutes

Hello everyone. I come to you this week from Sydney where I am attending the Rural South and West Principals Conference, as I do every year. As always I greatly appreciate the support from the staff at school which means I can attend this conference. I am hopeful of coming back to school with some new clarity and refined direction.

Last week Wendy and I took the Year 6 students to Canberra for the GRIP Student Leadership Conference and since returning we have commenced twice weekly leadership meetings to assist the students to develop their leadership skills and foster student voice within the school. We have started strong and are in the process of refining our expectations for the meetings and planning the first activities. I do not want to steal their thunder, so I will let them share their plans and ideas once they clarify their direction. All the leaders have been reminded that it was their choice to be part of the leadership team and they are all engaged with leading the student body. With any luck there will be a Year 6 update in the next newsletter. Well done Year 6.

As you will have seen last week, we have commenced using a new service through School Bytes. We are now able to send text messages centrally without having to use a mobile phone. As explained last week, you are not able to respond to the text messages from School Bytes, but you are still able to call the school any time, email the school or try calling my mobile. We are hopeful that this upgraded system will help to streamline some aspects of administration. Thank you for your support of this new system.

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the school cross country last week. I am very proud of all of you. Running is not for everyone. It is hard! So to the students who gave it their best - feel proud of yourself. It doesn't matter where you finish, what matters is that you started. It was a beautiful morning and we were very thankful to have such a great turn out of family and friends to cheer everyone on. Thank you for coming up to the sportsground to support the students.

Coming up in the next week or so, we have a crowd favourite with the Circus Challenge incursion. Thank you to our wonderful P&C for funding the cost for all families. We also have 9 students (hopefully) heading off to District Cross Country at Wolumla! I will meet the students at Wolumla, however I will be on the course at a checkpoint during the day. Staff from Wyndham Public School will remain at the tent as the team manager for both of our schools. Team singlets are available for students who would like to wear them on the day. In the meantime…keep training!

In Week 6 Peter and Caelan will be heading off to music camp for a week of music appreciation and creation. We hope they have a great week catching up with the music camp gang and I look forward to catching the performance at the end of the week. Also in Week 6, Ms Nicci and Ms Wendy will head up to Sydney from Tuesday to Friday for a week of intensive Choice Theory professional learning. Mrs Schollar and I will attend the same training later in the year. This is a great opportunity to further our knowledge and practice in this important area of learning.

So as usual, there is so much happening at our little school so I better get back to it.

Ms Barrow

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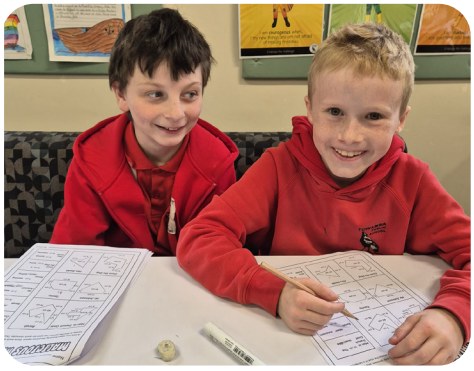
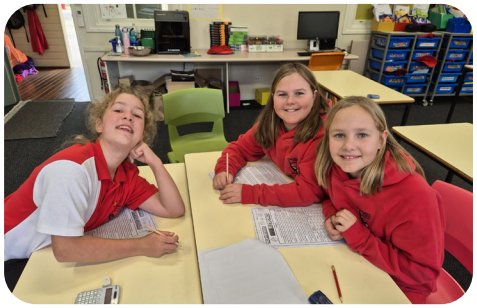
District Cross Country
Well done to the 10 students selected to compete in the District Cross Country at Wolumla next Tuesday. We have students competing in all available age levels: 8-9 years, 10 years, 11 years and 12-13 years. A big thank you to parents for providing transport for this day. Ms Barrow will be there but will be on a checkpoints. Wyndham staff (Mrs Collins or Mr Clarke) will be team manager for our combined schools.
Be at the Wolumla for the 11am walk the course- it's quite different to ours!

Circus Challenge **Monday 18 May**
It's great to welcome back the circus crew for another afternoon of circus skills and collaborative performance. A big thank you to the P&C for covering the cost of this for families.

Day at Wyndham Athletics Skills **Thurs 28 May**
Coming up very soon is our day at Wyndham sharing a day focused on athletics skills and a selection of field events in preparation for the Athletics Carnival next month at Towamba. A bus has been booked for this whole school excursion. The school is covering the costs of this excursion. Check the front page reminders to see if we are still waiting on your consent note in School Bytes. Remember no consent note equals no student attendance at the event.



Canberra Stage 3 Excursion EOI **due 29 May**
Not long now til the EOI due date for the Canberra Excursion. This is an excursion for Stage 3 students, and students are accompanied by Ms Barrow and Ms Wendy. It's a combined school excursion with Wyndham, Candelo, and Bemboka. As discussed at the P&C meeting it is the parent/carer's responsibility to let us know if your child will be attending or not. The newsletter reminders on the front page are now the only individual reminders for families. You can always check your School Bytes parent portal to review the status of all current events involving your child. If we do not have your EOI and $50 deposit by 29 May, your child will not be going. Final costs and more camp information will be available after that date. Thanks to the P&C the total camp cost has been brought down to $150 per student, which is AMAZING!



Cake Raffles
Part of our fundraising for the Canberra excursion involves cake raffles run by the Stage 3 students. These start next month. Please read the attached note for more information and the cake roster for students in Stage 3 (Year 5 & 6).

Walk to School Day **Friday 22 May**
Now in it's 27th year, the National Walk Safely to School Day encourages primary school children, their parents and carers, to walk safely and regularly to school- where feasible. Research shows that children who are active before school are more focused, more productive and perform better in the classroom. Walking builds confidence, establishes healthy habits and helps reduce air pollution for all by reducing car use.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) **Wed 27 May**
Towamba enjoys participating in this event each year. NSS is an annual event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy in libraries, classrooms, and communities around the country. The NSS book for 2026 is Luna Roo the Kangaroo Baller by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd, illustrated by Jake A.

Minton.
Luna Roo will be read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, bookshops, and homes around the country on Wednesday 27 May, plus we have a copy for our library!

ICAS
Following on from the success of the Bebras maths challenge last term, we are offering students the opportunity to participate in the ICAS assessments in a range of subjects later in the year. More information and the details of the various options on the attached page for students in Year 2 and older.

GRIP Year 6 Canberra conference
A photopage is attached for the families with Year 6 students.

Jigamy changes
Due to ongoing renovation projects, the planned excursion for NAIDOC Activities at Jigamy has been deferred to early next term.

Year 6 Leadership team

Watch this space for the Year 6 Leadership team's news and updates.

P&C News

FRIDAY Lunches

Plain pie	$4.00
Thai Chicken Pie	$4.50
Cheese & Bacon Pie	$4.50
Cauliflower Blue Cheese	$4.50
Vege Pastie	$4.00
Sausage Roll	$3.50
Pizza Pocket Ham & Cheese	$2.50
Juice- orange/apple/apple & blackcurrant	$1.50
Milk choc/strawberry	$1.50

- *Write your order on a paper bag*
- *Mark your payment total and payment method on the bag*
- *Correct money appreciated or pay online to P&C*
- *Place bag in tin on Friday morning*

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Tomorrow: Steph/Kylie & Jos

Fri 22 May	Karen
Fri 29 May	Esther
Fri 5 June	Kylie and Jos
Fri 12 June	Bekie
Fri 19 June	Esther
Fri 26 June	Kylie and Jos
Fri 3 July	Steph

P&C Term 2 Meeting
Thank you everyone who attended last week's P&C Meeting. There was a lot of discussion- read the attached minutes to find out more. With the Athletics Carnival coming up next term we hope to involve all parents on a canteen roster for at least a half hour slot. This allows all parents to be available to watch their children as well. We will also need a lot of cakes and slices as the crowd is expected to be a few hundred. More information soon.

Friday lunch orders
Thank you to all of our volunteers for filling this term. If you'd like to be added as a backup volunteer contact Lindy on 0415 964 144. New people always welcome. Digital declaration required.

School uniforms
Hooray the new zipper hoodies are here! All sizes are now available except for the size 16 which has been delayed. If you had put in an order request they have been put aside for you. Once payment to the P&C has been made they can be sent home with your child. The new option jumper is the same price of $37.50. Check the reminder box front page.

Firewood Raffle coming soon!
The P&C are in the process or arranging wood raffles. It will be run in an 100 square format like in previous years. Keep an eye out on the Towamba facebook site & the School Bytes dashboard for more information.

P&C UNIFORM SALES

SHIRTS $10

HOODIES $37.50

NEW ZIPPER HOODIES $37.50

Please check availability before making any payment.

Pay online Towamba P&C

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Ac number: 0090 0797
Towamba P&C Assoc.

Contact the P&C:

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Community News

PIZZA NIGHT

13 JUNE
5PM TILL
DOUGH RUNS OUT

TOWAMBA HALL

BRING YOUR OWN TOPPINGS

Firepit will be lit but rug up as it gets cool fast!

100'S BOARD ON NIGHT FOR SOME FUNDRAISING
Bring your Cash!

Dough supplied $5 per family

RSVP if you want more then 3 doughs
Esther - 0402613960

WINTERSUN FESTIVAL

June long weekend
in Merimbula

https://wintersunfest.com.au/

TAI CHI

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

MEDITATION

MONDAYS 5:45-6:30
Towamba Hall
$10 per session

44TH Merimbula Jazz Festival

5–8 June 2026

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ROCKY HALL PRESCHOOL

Rocky Hall Preschool is a welcoming and inclusive early childhood service that embraces diversity and promotes a strong sense of belonging for all children and families.
We are committed to building meaningful partnerships with families to foster a connected and supportive community. Our goal is to ensure every child has access to high-quality early childhood education and care that supports and nurtures all areas of their development, both within the preschool and the wider community.

Preschool hours are 9am to 3pm
Every Wednesday & Friday
plus every second Tuesday
Half day sessions are also available.

NO FEES for children aged 3-5 years

More Information
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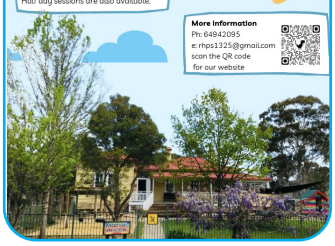

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9TH MAY, 13TH JUNE, 11TH JULY, 8TH AUG, 12TH SEPT, 10TH OCT

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for more info : wyndhamweavers@gmail.com

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BBQ LUNCH
11AM
AT THE RFS STATION

FOLLOWED BY THE BURRAGATE RFS BRIGADE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGM
12 NOON

- ANNUAL REPORTS
- FIRE CONTROL REPORT
- ELECTION OF POSITIONS
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