Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 2 | **WEEK 2** | **THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2026**

Coming Events

Tues 5 May	P&C Meeting
Wed 6 May	Towamba X Country
Thur 7 May	Tennis #1
Fri 8 May	Scripture Cafe
Thur 14 May	Tennis #2
Mon 18 May	Circus Challenge
Tues 19 May	District X Country
Thur 21 May	Tennis #3
Fri 22 May	Scripture Cafe
Wed 27 May	Simultaneous Storytime
Thurs 28 May	A Day at Wyndham

Reminders

Attached:

- Survey notes- parent
  - student opt out
- Athletics Skills Day note
- PDHPE letter
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Welcome to Term 2 everyone. I really hope that you all had a nice break from routine. It was a long time for the students who had nearly three weeks off. They all seemed happy to have had a good break. Most of them are keen as mustard to be back at school as well (if only primarily to see their friends). It makes for a relaxed start to the Term.

Term 2 is a busy one with lots of staff movement with almost everyone being away from school at some point this term. Keep an eye on the School Bytes calendar (both online and the paper copy sent home for the fridge last week) and the newsletters to check out what's happening. This week Year 6 headed off to Canberra for a BIG day with Ms Wendy and me for the Leadership Conference. I am very thankful to Ms Wendy for driving so that we could still attend and avoid the thousands of dollars it would have cost to get our students there otherwise. At the time of writing this, I am not sure how the day went - but I am very hopeful that it was as much of a success as it was last year. More to come on this.

We have received some disappointing news this term that due to a shortage of counsellors in the area, Katie will not be able to visit fortnightly and our service has moved to an 'on-call' service. We are confident of having Katie visit during the term, however at this stage there will not be any regularity to her visits. This is outside of anyone's control and we will remain hopeful that the shortfall can be filled as soon as possible.

This term you will notice a reduction in the number of reminders offered to families for notes and events. We do our best to offer information on a variety of platforms, over a number of weeks in the lead up to events. However this does not seem to assist in avoiding last minute follow ups to families. We need your assistance to return notes as soon as possible to ensure we are able to undertake planning with appropriate notice. We often take a lot of time to send many reminders to families right up to the last minute to try to ensure students are offered the opportunity to participate in a range of activities. This term, this extra administrative work will be reduced with the responsibility for student participation being returned to families. We do our best to give plenty of notice for upcoming events, however we often spend a lot of time following up right on or before the deadline due to a lack of response and this means that we often pay a penalty for changing numbers. Your assistance is greatly appreciated to streamline the return of permissions. As always if you need assistance with accessing forms or payments, please ask in advance as we are happy to help.

This week our chickens have returned to school and they have grown SO much over the holidays. Thank you to Bethany and her family for looking after them in the holidays and to Esther and her family for letting us borrow the giant chicken coop here at school.

Coming up next week is the P&C meeting on Tuesday and the Cross Country at the hall on Wednesday. We hope you see you all at both events.

Ms Barrow

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Cross Country **Wednesday 6 May**

Next week we have our school cross country. This event is run at the Towamba sportsground and involves all students. Students run varying distances according to their age group from 1km for the younger ones aged 5-7 this year, 2km for those aged 8-10 and 3km for students over 11. The cross country will be run first thing in the morning so please drop your children up at the hall. We would love to have parents and carers stay to cheer the students on and assist with checkpoints etc. At the end of the events we will be walking back to school. From the results students will be selected to attend the District Cross Country to be held in Wolumla on the new date of Tuesday 19 May.

Year 1 Number Screening

The Year 1 Number Screening Check is a short statewide assessment that tells teachers how students are progressing in early number sense. Some children find developing number sense challenging, so it is important these children are identified quickly. More information attached for those families.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Great to see an increase in the number of books read for many of our students over the holidays. Keep reading everyone!

Tennis

Thanks to the Term 2 Sporting School grant we look forward to 5 sessions of tennis coaching with Hans Zeegers at the Towamba tennis courts. Great to be building on these skills each year.

GRIP Student Leadership Conference

Our Year 6 students, accompanied by Ms Barrow and Ms Wendy enjoyed a long but very fulfilling day in Canberra yesterday for the GRIP Student Leadership conference. More feedback soon.

Day at Wyndham Athletics Skills **Thurs 28 May**

Next month students will be travelling to Wyndham to share a day focused on athletics skills in preparation for the Athletics Carnival this term at Towamba. A bus has been booked for this whole school excursion to Wyndham. The school is covering the bus cost of $627, with no cost passed onto school families. Please see the attached note for more information. Please have your consent done by May 15.

Canberra Stage 3 Excursion EOI **due 29 May**

Even though the Stage 3 Canberra Excursion is not until Term 3, we need to know our student numbers so that we can advise the organising school. To do this we requested an Expression of Interest and $50 deposit to guarantee your child's spot for the camp. The due date for this is May 29. There will be no individual reminders, so if we do not have your EOI by that date, your child will not be going. Final costs and more camp information will be available after that date.

NSW Public School Surveys

Coming up this term we have the NPSS Surveys- parents, students and staff. The surveys capture valuable insights from students, parents and carers, and staff. More information is attached.

Students: Students will do the survey in class sometime from May 8 onwards. If you would prefer your child not to participate please complete and return the opt out form before that date.

Parents/carers: We want to hear from you too! A flyer with more information and a QR code is attached. The link will be sent out via email, text and on the School Bytes dashboard for easy access in many various ways! Further information about the NPSS Parent Survey is available at https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss.

Cake Raffles

Part of our fundraising for the Canberra excursion involves cake raffles run by the Stage 3 students. We plan to start this mid term. A note with more information and the cake roster will be attached to the next newsletter.

Notifications

When we send out a message, reminder, or upload a newsletter through School Bytes, we use push notifications. If you have the School Bytes app this will then make your phone ping or show a notification. If it doesn't- check your phone settings and allow notifications and sounds for your device from the School Bytes app.

PDHPE program

Attached is a letter for families detailing the content that will be covered this year in PDHPE (Personal Development, Health and Physical Education) for the various Stage levels. Early Stage 1 (Kindy), Stage 1 (Year 1-2), Stage 2 (Year 3-4) and Stage 3 (Year 5-6).

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

Fri 24 April	Steph
Fri 1 May	Bekie
Fri 8 May	Alana
Fri 15 May	**VACANT**
Fri 22 May	Karen
Fri 29 May	**VACANT**
Fri 5 June	Kylie and Jos
Fri 12 June	Bekie
Fri 19 June	**VACANT**
Fri 26 June	Kylie and Jos
Fri 3 July	Steph

P&C Term 2 Meeting

All are welcome to our Term 2 P&C meeting next week on Tuesday 5 May. The meeting will be a good chance to debrief on the weekend's catering too! Come along after school to join us in the MPR.

P&C Catering: Team Sorting

A big thank you to everyone who donated a cake or slice, we even had quite a lot of support from community members too. Greatly appreciated!

A very big thank you to those who gave up their weekend to help out on the day. It was a huge undertaking!

It's great to be involved and the funds raised go to support all of our school families.

Friday lunch orders

We have a few vacancies still this term for Friday lunch orders. If you havent done it before one of the P&C will be able to show you the ropes. Great to see some new names this term already! Contact Lindy on 0415 964 144. New people always welcome. Digital declaration required.

School uniforms

Not long now until we have more supplies of our various uniform items. The new jackets are being embroidered now.

P&C UNIFORM SALES

SHIRTS $10

HOODIES $37.50

Pay online Towamba P&C

BSB: 062 647
Ac number: 0090 0797
Towamba P&C Assoc.

Coming soon!

Please check availability before making any payment.

Contact the P&C:

towamba.pandc@gmail.com

P&C Meeting
next week
Tuesday
5 May
after school
in the MPR

Community News

WYNDHAM WEAVERS

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF WEAVING WITH NATURAL MATERIALS

TIME: 10AM- 2PM

VENUE:
WYNDHAM HALL
(SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL)
GORDON ST, WYNDHAM

DATE: 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
9TH MAY, 13TH JUNE,
11TH JULY, 8TH AUG,
12TH SEPT, 10TH OCT

BRING FOOD OR VISIT WYNDHAM STORE FOR LUNCH
URN AVAILABLE FOR WATER

MATERIALS SUPPLIED TO START

SUGGESTED DONATION $5-$10

for more info : wyndhamweavers@gmail.com

TAI CHI

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

MEDITATION

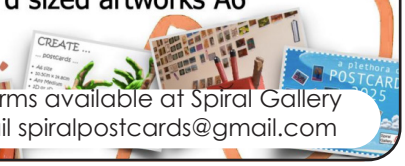
MONDAYS 5:45-6:30
Towamba Hall
$10 per session

Towamba Community Church
Sundays at 4pm
All welcome

Call for Artists
A Plethora of Postcards 2026

Postcard sized artworks A6

Create....



Entry forms available at Spiral Gallery
or email spiralpostcards@gmail.com

BURRAGATE

SUNDAY MAY 24

COME ALONG TO A FREE
BBQ LUNCH
11AM
AT THE RFS STATION

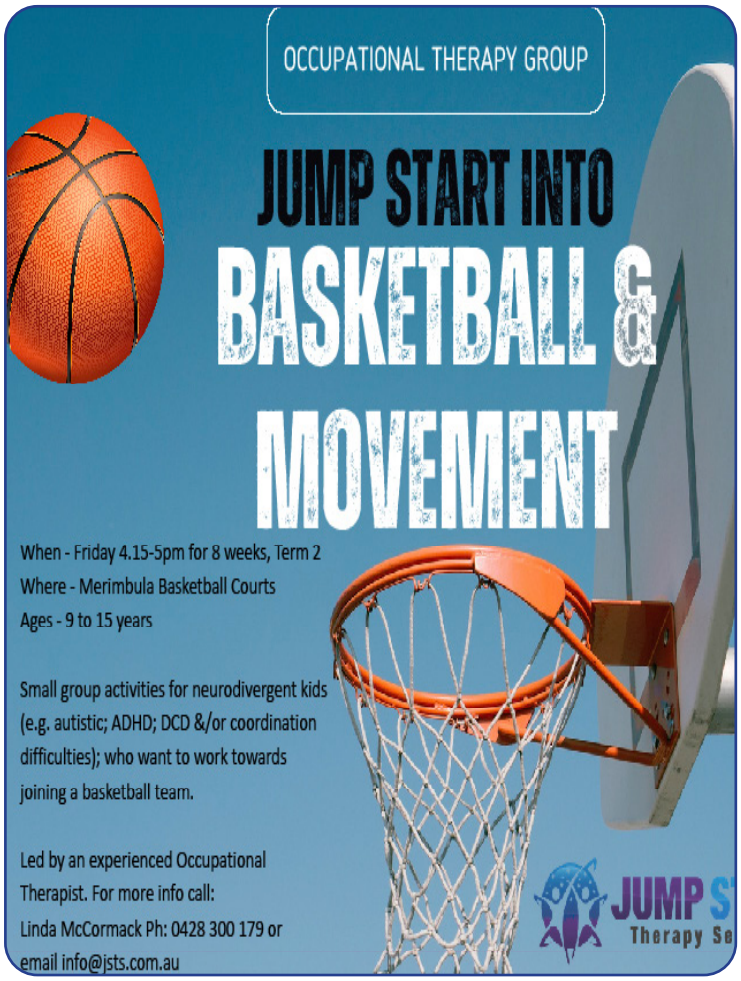
FOLLOWED BY THE BURRAGATE RFS BRIGADE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGM
12 NOON

- ANNUAL REPORTS
- FIRE CONTROL REPORT
- ELECTION OF POSITIONS
- SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

NEED MORE INFO CALL NANCY 0407 075 456

ALL WELCOME



June long weekend
in Merimbula

https://wintersunfest.com.au/

COME TO OAKLANDS , PAMBULA

SAPPHIRE FARMERS MARKET

WEDNESDAYS
1 - 4 PM

ORGANIC HARVEST • LOCAL PRODUCTS • ARTISAN GOODS