Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 2 | WEEK 8 | THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026

Coming Events

Wed 17 June	Cake Raffle #2
Thurs 18 June	Athletics Carnival
Fri 19 June	Scripture Cafe
Wed 24 June	Cake Raffle #3
Thurs 25 June	Tennis #5 TBC
Wed 1 Juky	Sem 1 Reports home
Thurs 2 July	End of term assembly
Fri 3/7	Scripture Cafe
Fri 3/7	ICAS EOI deadline
Fri 3/7	Last day of Term 2

Attached:

- Lion's Peace Prize (11 & up)
- Athletics Program
- Student race cards
- Year 6 Leadership
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This week we are in full swing getting things organised for the athletics carnival next week. Nancy has been working extremely hard on all things organisational and administrative, supported by an equally hard working Karen How. I am forever grateful for their efforts. This is not a task completed by the SAM's in larger schools as they have support from other staff, and without the support of Nancy and Karen this year, the carnival would not be happening in Towamba. Perhaps if you appreciate the carnival happening in our village and not needing to travel anywhere, you might see fit to thank Nancy and Karen when you speak with them next. Similarly, John How has been a workhorse, needing to train himself in all things athletics to prepare for line marking, field set up, long jump pits, rules and regulations. He has been working many extra hours in the mornings, afternoons and weekends and will continue to do so until after the carnival. I can not express my gratitude to Nancy, Karen and John enough. It is important to be aware of the work done behind the scenes to help us all appreciate when an event runs smoothly and to be forgiving if something doesn't go the way we planned or hoped.

You will find your child's event card for the carnival, attached to this newsletter. This will help you to know what your child is participating in or is able to participate in, for the carnival. This might also help you to know when you are able to assist the P&C in the canteen for 30 minutes or so, for example, when your child is timetabled for novelties. This will also ensure that all parents are able to see their children participate in the day, rather than having just a few parents working in the canteen all day, to raise funds to support all other families. It is important to have as many helpers as possible on the day, to share this load and lighten it for everyone. After you have reviewed your child's card, please call Bekie to let her know when you can help.

This term you might notice that I have been sending home information on a range of wellbeing topics relative to both students and adults. These topics have included concepts such as sleep, screen time and physical exercise for children, the importance of honest self-reflection for all, and the ever increasing academic, emotional, psychological and behavioural support required by students in our care. This term the teaching staff are facing a significant increase in daily challenges in relation to disrespectful and rude behaviour/and language that are impacting the playground and classroom. We are trying hard to help all students learn about and understand empathy and reciprocal respect. Consistent disruptions in the classroom affect student attention and focus, along with affecting the ability of the teachers to deliver lessons. If you have not already, I would greatly appreciate you taking the time to sit with your child to review the Student Behaviour Code of Conduct sent home with the last newsletter. Empathy, kindness, respect and responsibility are key characteristics for a successful life and we are trying hard to guide and assist our students to develop these skills. Your assistance at home to support these core goals and life lessons, would be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to talk about any aspect of this request, as I would be happy to discuss this and discover strategies being used at home that could support us here at school. Thank you very much.

Ms Barrow

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Athletics Carnival **Thursday 18 June**

Attachedto this newsletter is the program for our big day at Towamba next week! Please bring this along on the day.

Please arrive at the sportsground by 9am to be signed in and get your name tags and race cards. The marchpast will be starting at 9:30am sharp, with a full program for the day.

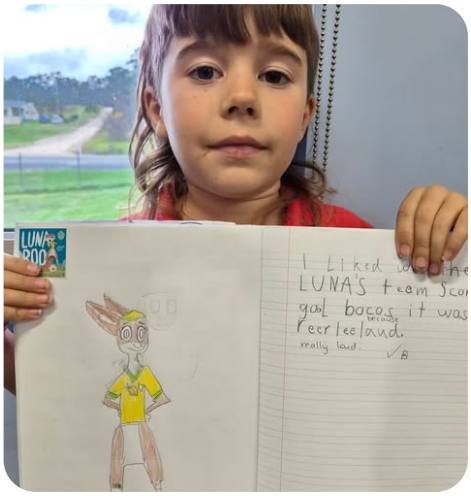
We'd love to have some early arrivers to help with the marquees and other set up tasks required. Staff will be there from 7:30am.

Make sure students wear their best running shoes, and have their red school shirt/jumper on. For this day all students turning 8 and older this year are part of the athletics carnival. The Under 8s (5 students) will be participating in 50m races and novelty events as seen on the right hand column of the program.

Support the P&C (as they support all families) by donating a cake/slice, by giving some time helping on the day, donating eggs or buying food from the P&C canteen. The menu looks delicious!

Cake Raffles **Wednesdays**

Yesterday was the first of the Stage 3 cake raffles, fundraising for the Stage 3 Canberra Excursion to keep costs down. Thanks for the great cake Ottilie and well done to you for being our first winner too! The first raffle raised $60! The raffles are on every Wednesday until Canberra in Week 7 next term. Tickets to go in the running to win a cake are $2 each, 3 for $5 or 7 for $10. Tickets can be purchased using cash on the day, or online via School Bytes (but must be purchased the day belore).

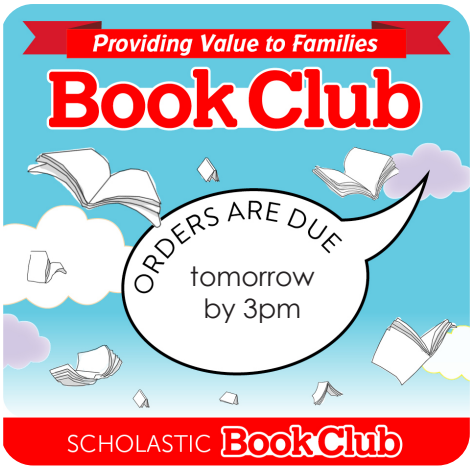


Lions Club Peace Poster 2026

Families with students in the older class will find a flyer attached about this year's Peace Poster competition, run each year by the Lions Club. The competition is judged on a local basis first but is an international competition. If your child would like to participate please contactus so we can supply you with art paper. This is a project for home not school time, unless students want to use recess and lunch times.

Book Club **due tomorrow**

Please ensure that if you are making an order for Book Club, that all orders are in by the end of the school day tomorrow. Ordering online through the Scholastic LOOP system is best, but you can also send the order form and cash into school.



Semester 1 Reports **Wednesday 1 July**

Student academic reports for Semester 1 will be sent home with students on Wednesday of the last week of term. They will also be uploaded to the School Bytes parent portal.

ICAS

Don't forget if your child would like to participate in one of the ICAS assessments in a range of subjects in August next term please ensure that your EOI is in by the end of this term so that we can make the order. The form is available on School Bytes under Forms. Registration costs are covered by the school.

End of Term Assembly **Thursday 2 July**

We look forward to celebrating the end of term with our assembly on Thursday 2 July. Please come along at 1pm to enjoy a BBQ put on by the P&C, with a sausage sandwich available for just $2. Assembly will start at approximately1:45pm in the MPR.

Canberra Stage 3 Excursion

Full details of the Canberra excursion for our students in Year 5 & 6 will be sent home with the next newsletter. With everyone paying their $50 deposit, the balance just needs to be paid before the camp in Week 7. More information next newsletter.

Swimming Lessons

We have been allocated our whole school swimming lessons program next term in Week 9 (14 - 18 September). Mark it on your calendars. It is a big week with bus travel into the Sapphire Aquatic Centre each day, but it is a great program for all students and an important life skill. More details later.

AusAlert™

AusAlert Testing

AusAlert is a new public information and warning messaging system being developed by the Australian Government. It will be used to send messages about emergency events to all Australians on their mobile devices. AusAlert will be tested publicly in June and July during school/work hours, before being available for use by emergency services in October this year.

What to expect

AusAlert will behave differently from a standard text message and will have 2 alert levels, both featuring a unique siren ringtone and a message that appears on device screens.

Critical alert – is an intrusive alert. It overrides 'silent' and 'do not disturb' settings on your device and is used only when there is imminent threat to life and property. Users cannot opt out of a critical alert.

Priority alert – does not override 'silent' and 'do not disturb' settings on your device and is sent when advice is required regarding potential events. Users can opt out of receiving priority alerts by accessing AusAlert under 'notifications' in their device's settings.

Testing times:

Following early tests run in Sydney and Canberra this month, there will be a national test which the whole country will be part of, will be held on **27 July 2026**, 2 pm (Term 3 Week 2). Critical alert will be used.

P&C News

Contact the P&C: towamba.pandc@gmail.com

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: Bekie

Next week: Esther

Fri 26 June: Kylie & Jos

Fri 3 July: Steph

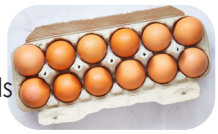
Get your preferred dates for Term 3- contact Lindy 0415 964 144

Firewood Raffle #2 done and dusted

The second of the P&C firewood raffles was run last week on the Towamba Community Facebook page as promoted on School Bytes notices. All tickets sold out in just over 12 hours! Thanks very much to the Towamba Community Church for donating the firewood this time, including delivery. Thank you to everyone who supported the P&C in our second raffle, and congratulations to Bekie for being the winner this time.

There will be another raffle coming up over the winter. The raffles are run as a 100s club and once all the tickets are sold it gets drawn. Payments are usually made online to the P&C. Keep an eye out on the Towamba facebook site and SchoolBytes dashboard for updates.

Athletics Carnival



We are looking for some delicious local eggs for our Bacon & Egg rolls next week. If you can help out please let Bekie know on 0499 940 849.

Cakes and slices can be brought to school the day before or just delivered on the day.

Bring cash for the canteen- check out the menu on the attached program. There is also a separate cake stall. We look forward to a great day!

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

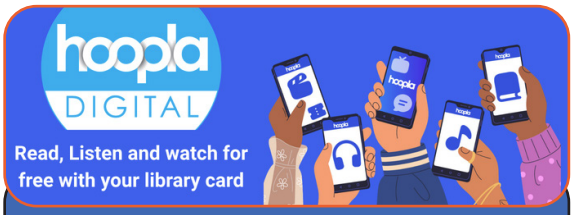
BSB: 062 647
Ac number: 0090 0797
Towamba P&C Assoc.

P&C Firewood Raffle #3 starting soon

Grab your numbers 1 to 100 $4 each
win a trailer load of firewood valued at $250
Winning number drawn once all tickets are sold.

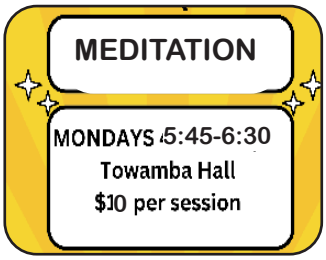
Big thanks to Civilworx Bega, Brett Baker and Towamba church for supplying the firewood loads.

Community News



Hoopla, a brand-new digital service available to all Bega Valley Shire Library members. With Hoopla, you can instantly borrow movies, TV series, music, eBooks, audiobooks, comics and manga - completely free.

There are no waiting lists, and you can borrow up to eight titles each month. Even better, you can download content to enjoy offline. Getting started is easy: get the app or visit www.hoopladigital.com.au - or download the app whch is available and create an account using your library card number.



STAGE 3 CAKE RAFFLES

Week 8 cake

by Ottilie

WON BY:

Ottilie!

Funds raised this week: $ 60
Running total: $ 60

Wednesday Cake Roster

W9	17 June	Beth & James
W10	24 June	Peter
W11	1 July	Pota girls

Next term

W1	22 July	Caelan
W2	29 July	Kailani
W3	5 August	Dylan
W4	12 August	Zain
W5	19 August	Lenny
W6	26 Aug	(spare)

Tickets $2 each
3 for $5
7 for $10

Cash

or via Payments on

Tura Marrang Library 10 year Celebration
Join us at Tura Marrang library to celebrate 10 years of library services to the community.

There will be activities for young and old including Pia the Magician, craft activities and a sausage sizzle. Everyone is welcome to join the fun.

Originally operating as a local pub and gathering place in Tura Beach, the renewed Tura Marrang Library and Community Centre officially reopened in mid 2016. It marked the beginning of a new chapter focused on learning, creativity and community connection. Over the past 10 years, Tura Marrang Library has grown into a vibrant and welcoming space for people of all ages.

Tura Marrang Library - Sat 11 July, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Pia the Magician - Magical Puppet Show - 11.00am (free/bookings required)
Origami Craft Table
Birthday Cake
Bubbles and Music in the Courtyard
Free Sausage Sizzle
Celebratory Talk - 11.00am

If you'd like to book a spot for the magician call the library on **6499 2340**
or book online-scan the QR

Towamba Community Church
Sundays at 4pm
All welcome