Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 3 | WEEK 7 | TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

Coming Events

2-4 Sept	Stage 3 Canberra Exc.
Tues 8 Sept	Potoroo Excursion
Wed 9 Sept	Matilda excursion
13-19 Sept	Swimming lessons
Thur 18 Sept	Caelan Regional Ath
21-25 Sept	Ms Barrow/Schollar PL
Tues 22 Sept	End of term assembly
Fri 25 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Term 4	
Tues 13 Oct	Students return

Attached:

- End of Term assembly flyer
- Book Week Parade photopage
- Mug order form
- MS Readathon final details
- Tick information page

Wait a minute! Newsletter's don't come out on a Tuesday. What's going on?

That's a great question. We thought we would send this one home today so that families with students in Stage 3 didn't have to wait until next Monday to get the information (of course you can always access it via School Bytes).

Tomorrow Stage 3 students head off to school camp with our great bunch of small schools. We are headed off to Canberra for three days to check out the capital. **Students need to be at Wyndham at 7:15am** which is an updated time that came through on Friday. The bus can not wait for any late comers so try really hard to be on time or slightly early. Ms Wendy and I will be accompanying the students to camp again this year and we are both very excited, as always. Thank you very much to Mrs Schollar and Ms Nicci for looking after things here at school while we are off exploring the sights.

Thank you to everyone who got their notes for Potoroo, Matilda and Swimming returned so quickly. We thought that sending those notes home separate to the newsletter would be easier and it seems that was a good choice. If you have not signed these notes as your child/children are not attending, please let us know this as soon as possible. There is no option to stay at school for any of these excursions. At this stage, we have a staff member driving to Potoroo and Matilda due to bus restrictions and costs and if there are students not attending these days, this will impact planning. Please let us know as soon as possible either way. There is no payment required for any of these excursions (amazing I know), just signatures. Thanks very much.

Please remember that swimming is all of Week 9. If your child will not be attending, we need to know, as it affects planning and organisation for the pool and swimming instructors as we are part of a larger program. If you have any questions about swimming or are considering not sending your child, please contact me to talk about this, so that plans can be finalised as soon as possible. The swimming program is not compulsory, however if students are not coming, they can not stay at school as this is a whole school excursion.

Thank you very much to you all for the amazing work done for Book Week costumes and for coming along to celebrate with us, for both Book Week and the Science Fair. It was wonderful to have so many visitors at school to celebrate learning and our students. Thank you.

Finally, Happy Father's Day to our Dads, Pops, Uncles and anyone who fills the role of a father figure to our students. We wish you all a very happy day on Sunday.

Ms Barrow

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Potoroo Palace Excursion **Tuesday 8 September**

Next Tuesday we head offsite while there is a power outage, and will enjoy the day at Potoroo Palace. The excursion fits within the usual school day, with children back at school in time for usual end of day routines. Students should bring their recess, lunch and water bottle, and wear school uniform. Please consider the issues with phones here in the valley, should the tower go down, if you need to change any plans. There will be nobody at school that day due to no power.

Matilda Excursion **Wednesday 9 september**

It will be very exciting to enjoy the performance of Matilda next week at Merimbula school. We also plan to have some activities in Spencer Park, otherwise it's the same set up as the day before regarding times and what to wear and bring. Two bus trips in a row is good practice for the daily trips for swimming the following week!

POWER OUTAGE

Tuesday 8 September 9:30am - 3:30pm. School will be unattended except for before and after the excursion.

MS Readathon

After a month of solid reading, sharing weekly Facebook posts and flyers, the MS Readathon has come to an end. Well done to all the readers participating and helping to generate funds for MS. Thank you very much to everyone who donated to this very important cause to help us raise over $1000. What a great result. Special mention must go to Zain. Zain's family were responsible for a very large part of our tally. Well done Zain and family and all others who donated, your generosity is appreciated. Please see the final details for the Towamba School fundraiser attached.

Book Week Parade

What a great week of activities! Students were excited to take home some new reading material on Tuesday, and we loved seeing all the costumes at school on Wednesday! Please enjoy the attached photo page.

Towamba Science Fair

For the first Towamba Science Fair, the day was a huge success. Thank you to all the visitors who attended. Students enjoyed sharing their projects with you all. The votes were all counted at the end of the day. Congratulations to the following students.

Most Scientifically Interesting:

1st - Marley, 2nd - tie The Dreamers/ K12 class

Most Enjoyable Project:

1st - The Dreamers, 2nd - K12 class

Cake Raffles

Thank you everyone- all the Stage 3 family cake bakers, the ticket buyers and winners, and the cake eaters! The Stage 3 cake raffles this year raised a fantastic amount of $873!
This money is part of what helps keep the Canberra excursion at such a cheap price for families.

Premier's Reading Challenge

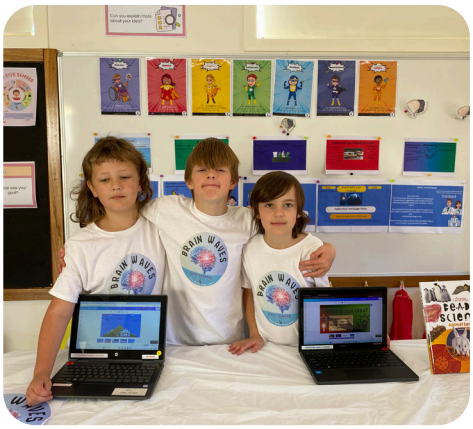
Don't forget that Friday 18th September is the last day to enter books for the Premier's Reading Challenge. We have most of the school already completed and ready for the reward next term! More news on that soon!

Book Club

Please have any orders in by Friday 11 September. If you have finished the Premier's Reading Challenge please have your wishlist in by the same date. If you finish the PRC after that you can choose from next term's catalogue.

Swimming Lessons

The whole school swimming lessons program is coming up soon in Week 9. Children should come to school with their swimmers under their uniform to assist with a quick change. The bus will depart at 9:45am. After a double lesson and a change and quick lunch break the students get back on the bus at 1:30pm to return to school in time for usual end of day



routines. Make sure you pack warm clothes, underwear and plenty of food as swimming is hungry work. Long hair should be tied back or a swimming cap worn. Bring two towels, plus your goggles.

Long hair

Lately a lot of students are attending school with their long hair out and not tied back. A reminder that long hair should ideally be tied back at school, to reduce the incidence of headlice.

End of Term Assembly

All welcome to join us for the end of Term 3 assembly on Tuesday 22 September in the MPR. It will be a little different to usual. Please bring your own lunch and enjoy it at school with your children from 1:30pm. The assembly will start at 2pm. To be presented are the Term 3 Nests, a few achievement certificates and more. The Term 3 slideshow is a good overview of a superfast term!

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

Friday: Naz & Peter
Next week: Ricky

Fri 18 Sept	none/swimming
Fri 25 Sept	Eva/Steph

Spring Raffle

Send in your spring themed donations for our prize trug, by **Friday** if you can. The raffle will be run as a 100s club with tickets $3 each. Keep an eye on the Towamba Valley Community Facebook page or call Steph on 0455 774 050.

Already Bekie has added in some great donations from local businesses such as camp chairs from the Merimbula camping store, a stainless steel water bottle from Eden Gas'n'Gear, a colourful rug from Tribal Suzani and a voucher for a bike service.

Friday Lunches

Thank you to the new volunteers offering to assist with Friday lunch orders. If you can volunteer to help out let Lindy know on 0415 964 144. Since a lot of the usual volunteers are leaving at the end of the year it would be wonderful to have some new helpers come and learn the ropes. It's not difficult and it is greatly appreciated!

2026 Art Mugs

The P&C will be ordering a selection of mugs for the C2K stall next term. Before the order goes in, families have the opportunity to add their own order. More information is on the attached pages. Any orders must be in by the morning of **Friday 18 September** when the order will go in. Details of the mug options are attached, but if you'd like to see your child's art in more detail just contact the school and Nancy can email it to you.
There is also scope for minor changes such as background colour etc so if you are interested in something more customised please give the school plenty of notice.

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.

Community News

STAGE 3 CAKE RAFFLES

Week 6 cake
by Lenny

WON BY:
Eloise & Jasmine

Funds raised week 6: $ 158!
Amazing result for the last cake raffle!
Handy to have all the visitors at school!

TOTAL FUNDRAISING FOR CANBERRA FROM CAKE RAFFLES
$ 873

PIZZA NIGHT

5 SEPT
5PM TILL DOUGH RUNS OUT

TOWAMBA HALL

BRING YOUR OWN TOPPINGS

Firepit will be lit but rug up as its still cool fast!

50'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

Mondays
at Towamba Hall

Tai Chi 4:30pm
1hr $15

Steve 0405 464 069

WYNDHAM WEAVERS

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF WEAVING WITH NATURAL MATERIALS

12 SEP

TIME: 10AM- 2PM
VENUE:
WYNDHAM HALL
(SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL)
GORDON ST, WYNDHAM

READY. SET. JOIN.

A new season is here — get the kids running, jumping and throwing with the Bega Valley Little Athletics crew.

REGISTRATIONS	SEASON STARTS	WHERE
OPEN NOW	SAT 10 OCT	CANDELO OVAL
Sign up online any time before the season starts.	9.30am	William St, Candelo

REGISTER TODAY
revolutionise.com.au/bvac/registration

WANTED: **Club secretary.** Our committee still needs a secretary for the season — if you're interested in helping run the club, get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.

COACHES: **Keen to coach?** Let us know — Capital Athletics runs free online courses for Level 1 accreditation, so getting qualified is easier than you think.

Any questions? Get in touch via our Facebook page.

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BEGA VALLEY LITTLE ATHLETICS - NEW SEASON 2026-27

Skywhales in Bega!

Skywhale & Skywhalepapa

FREE

Get ready for a truly spectacular sunrise exhibition as Patricia Piccinini's enormous hot air ballon sculptures take to the skies aboove Bega showground.

Saturday 17 October
Bega Showground site opens 4:30am
Welcome by the artist 5:40am
Launch 6:00am

Registrations essential
https://secca.com.au/exhibitions/skywhales-across-australia

MERIMBULA PUBLIC SCHOOL

PRESENTS

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Book by DENNIS KELLY
Music & Lyrics by TIM MINCHIN

Directors - Ms Manda Hensman & Mrs Michelle Huddleston
Choreographer - Ms Manda Hensman
Music Directors - Mr Wes Unicomb & Mr John McVeity
Stage Managers - Ms Rachael Gibson, Ms Emily Barron & Ms Aliesha Crow

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

WEDNESDAY 09/09 & THURSDAY 10/09 MATINEES
WEDNESDAY 16/09 EVENING PERFORMANCE
@ THE MERIMBULA PUBLIC SCHOOL JACKSON HALL

DANCE IN THE DARK Wyndham

Join our community for an hour of free-form dance to boost your endorphins. No lights, no choreography and no pressure. Everyone welcome!

- 1st Thursday of the Month
- 7.30pm - 8.30pm
- Wyndham Community Hall
- Gold coin donation

UPCOMING DATES:

THURSDAY 3RD SEPT, THURSDAY 1ST OCT, THURSDAY 5TH NOV

Become a WIRES volunteer and help reschue native wildlife in need.
Face to face workshop and 6-8 hours on-line. Sign up now. More information- use the QR above or find us on Facebook.

Towamba Olympic Games with Closing Spud Ceremony

Bring the family and have a fun filled afternoon finished off with some awsome stuffed spuds around the fire.

BYO Spud toppings

Classic Events that include:

Egg & Spoon race, Sack races, 3 legged races, Limbo, Giant twister, Flowerpot toss, Darts, Duck races, Gumboot toss, Giant Janga and more!

PRIZES will be awared for:
- Best dressed Olympic spring theme
- Winning events
- Overall winner
- Wooden spoon

10TH OCTOBER - TOWAMBA SPORTS GROUND
GAMES BEGIN @ 3PM