Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 3 WEEK 3 THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2026

Coming Events

Tues 11 Aug	P&C meeting
16-21 Aug	ICAS Science, Spelling
Wed 19 Aug	STEM Pentathlon
24-28 Aug	ICAS Maths
Wed 26 Aug	Book Week Parade
Thur 27 Aug	Science fair/picnic
2-4 Sept	Stage 3 Canberra Exc.
13-19 Sept	Swimming lessons

Attached:

- Jigamy photopage
- Bushfire Letter
- Science Fair flyer

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Jigamy excursion last week. All reports were of positive choices, happy students and proud teachers. We are very thankful to Jigamy Farm, Bournda Environmental Education Centre and all the others who work so hard to put this event together for the schools around the area. The event takes months of preparation and offers the students an educational day allowing them to both enjoy and understand traditional Aboriginal practices, culture and customs. Thank you for supporting the students to attend this event.

When we organise excursions for our students, there are many things that need to be planned in advance, particularly when it comes to bus transport and determining whether we can fit excursions within school hours or if we need to pay to extend the event outside of school hours. This can sometimes mean that our schedule is quite tight. Except in extenuating circumstances, we need to know in advance if a student is going to be picked up/dropped off, outside of the excursion plans. Risk assessments are finalised well before the excursion takes place and alterations to this at the last minute can have flow on effects. For the excursion to Jigamy, there were 5 out of 15 families (one third) that changed pick up plans on the morning of the excursion. I share this with you, as it may be easy to think that if it is just one student. It's not a big deal, but it is rarely just one, and it has the potential to alter things significantly. Please take a moment to note the pick up/drop off locations when the excursion note comes out and notify the school in writing/email/text as soon as possible if you have to change arrangements. This will help to ensure that our risk assessments are accurate and all supervising staff are aware of changes to plans. Please note that for swimming this term, the only drop off/pick up locations will be school, Wyndham PS and the pool. More information about the swimming program will be out soon. This year the bus is back in time for usual end of day routines. Thank you for your understanding around the need for accurate excursion planning and preparation.

I am pleased to be able to take a group of Year 6 students to the Wyndham STEM Day in Week 5 and I am super excited for the upcoming Bookweek parade and our Science fair in Week 6. Very exciting indeed. You are all welcome to stay after drop off on Wednesday 26th to enjoy the book character parade and I hope that you are able to come and join us for a picnic lunch and the science fair on Thursday 27th August.

Term 3 has started so positively. Our playground has been happy and our classrooms (for the most part) have been very respectful. There have been so many different games and activities being played in our playground and as much as we all love handball, the children have responded well to no morning handball and extended this into recess and lunch by choice. This has been a positive change with Positive flow on effects.

Just a heads up that I will be offsite on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st August due to personal reasons. Ms Wendy will be in the 3-6 class on Friday 21st to ensure continuity.

Thank you everyone.

Ms Barrow

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Athletics superstars
Well done to Caelan, Ottilie and Zain for being part of the District Carnival at Bega in Week 1.

Huge congratulations to Calean who was selected to compete at the regional level in discus and 800m at the South Coast Athletics Championships in Wollongong next month. Go Caelan!

100 Days
Our kindergarten students celebrated being 100 days smarter with their classmates last Tuesday. They imagined and wrote about being 100 years old, threaded necklaces with 100 beads and prepared for their pizza and balloon '100 Days of School Party.' 100s and 1000s were sprinkled onto fairy bread and a 100 cake was decorated and then shared around the campfire with the whole school.
We can't wait to see what amazing things they will achieve in their next 100 days of school!

MS Readathon on now
As you saw on the note sent home last week Towamba has registered to do the MS Readathon as a school for the month of August. You can encourage your child or reward them for a reading goal with the benefit of supporting families with MS through our fundraising.

Look out for the weekly tally on our Facebook page tomorrow.

Cake Raffles **Wednesdays**
We are getting closer to the Stage 3 Canberra excursion time, so time to win a cake is running out! Only two more raffles! Check out the back page to see an update of how our fundraising efforts are going, as well as the roster. Tickets to go in the running to win the 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).

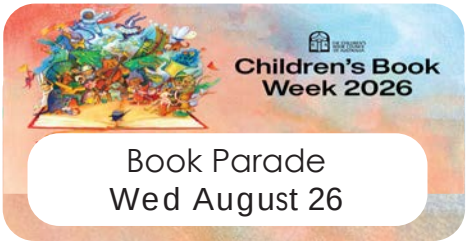
ICAS
Congratulations Oscar, Cooper and Zain for embracing the challenge and sitting the first of the ICAS Assessments this week. More coming up soon.
Week 5 Science and Spelling, Week 6 Mathematics. Well done boys.

Canberra Stage 3 Excursion
Contrary to what was stated in the Canberra pack, students will now be required to wear **school uniform** each day of the excursion as they visit important institutions each day.
Casual clothes are welcome for the evening activities. Make sure you bring warm gear too. Senior jackets will be lent to students for this excursion.

STEM Pentathlon at Wyndham PS **WEdnesday 19 August**
Good luck to the five Year 6 students attending the STEM Challenge Day at Wyndham PS along with teams of students from other schools. It's a great event held each year as part of Science Week.

Book Week Parade **Wednesday 26 August**
The Towamba Book Week Parade will be held on Wednesday 26 August as part of Children's Book Week. It's an invitation to get creative and think how you can portray a character on the day. Start brainstorming!

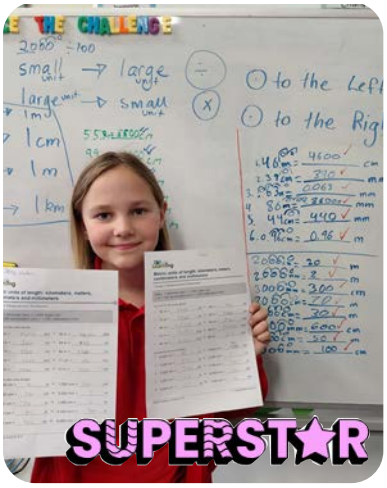
Parents and carers are invited to join us at the start of the school day for the parade of characters.



Towamba Science Fair **Thursday 27 August**
We are going to have our Science Fair day in Week 6 at 2pm. Parents and carers are invited to join us for a picnic lunch from 1:30pm on Thursday 27 August (BYO lunch) and then enjoy science presentations from the students, including Game Changer Challenge projects that 3-6 have been working on during Term 2/Term 3.

More information on the attached flyer.

Principal's Day
Today we enjoyed celebrating Primary Principal's Day (a day early) and said a very big thank you to Ms Barrow!



Bushfire Season Plans

Attached is an overview of the arrangements for our school for the Bushfire Season which starts on September 1. Our school is classified as a Category 1 school. I encourage you to read all this information to understand what happens at school during the fire season.

Stay up to date with current situations by downloading the Hazards near Me app. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to make contact.

Premier's Reading Challenge

More than half the school have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge, with younger students reading (or having read to them) 30 books or more, and older students 20 books.

Make sure all books are logged by the end date of Friday 18th September.

Plans are underway for next term's celebration for finishers!

Year 6 Leadership team

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY

The start of this term has been going well. Waste free Wednesday has been successful and only a few people have used up their Free Wednesday, so remember next time!

We have been thinking about our gift to the school and were wondering if anyone had any ideas, if so, please reach out to the Year 6 leadership Team.

As some of you know, we are going to have a sleepover at school soon. We are planning a silent disco, possibly on the same day as the sleepover. We have hired a business called PARTY HIGHER to give us equipment and everything that we need. If you have any decorations that you think could be good in this event please let us know.

Thanks

Ottile and Chloe

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: Steph

Next week: Karen

Fri 21 Aug	Kylie
Fri 28 Aug	Bekie
Fri 4 Sept	**VACANT**
Fri 11 Sept	**VACANT**
Fri 18 Sept	**VACANT**
Fri 25 Sept	**VACANT**

Term 3 Meeting

We look forward to seeing lots of parents, carers and community members for our Term 3 meeting on Tuesday next week, 11th August after school in the MPR. All welcome.

Friday Lunches

Term 3 still has quite a few vacancies looking for volunteers to assist with lunch orders. If you can volunteer to help out let Lindy know on 0415 964 144. New people always welcome.

Wednesday deadline

If we have no volunteer then there are no lunches available on that day. If the volunteer space is still vacant by the end of Wednesday - lunch orders are cancelled that week.

A note will be sent home and messages sent via SchoolBytes/text/email. This gives a bit more time to let families know they will have to make other arrangements for lunch on Friday.

Let's get those last 4 vacancies filled!

come for a cuppa and find out what's happening!

TERM 3
P&C Meeting

Tuesday 11 August

3:15pm in the MPR

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 2 cake by Kailani	**WON BY:** Nancy
Week 3 cake by Dylan	**WON BY:** James

Funds raised week 2: $ 82
Funds raised week 3: $ 90

Running total: $570

Wednesday Cake Roster

W4	12 August	Zain
W5	19 August	Lenny

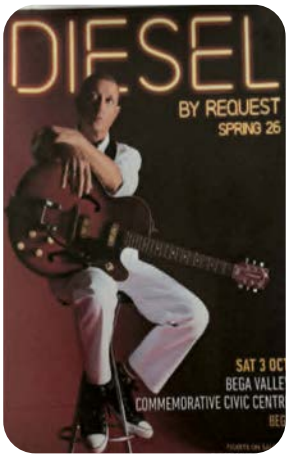
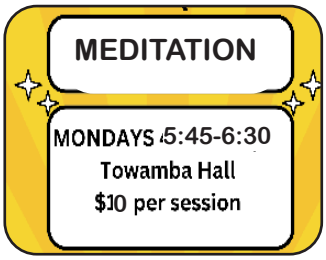
Tickets

$2 each
3 for $5
7 for $10

Cash

or via School Bytes Parent Portal
- Select Payments tab
· Click ADD OTHER ITEM
- Select your student
· Select Category CAKE RAFFLE TICKETS
· Select your RAFFLE TICKET PACK size
· Select the QUANTITY of that pack (usually 1)
- Click the ADD button next to it, then
· Click lower black button ADD ITEMS
- PAY NOW

Towamba Community Progress Assoc'n Annual General Meeting

Sunday 9 August

2:30pm at the hall