Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 3 | WEEK 5 | THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2026

Coming Events

24-28 Aug	ICAS Maths
Wed 26 Aug	Book Week Parade
Thur 27 Aug	Science fair/picnic
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
Wed 23 Sept	End of term assembly to be confirmed

Attached:

- Canberra reminder St 3
- Flyer for Book week events
- Bullying No Way resources
- Book Club- due 11/9

One last cake raffle next Wednesday!

Welcome to hump week everyone. We are officially half way through Term 3 and the second half will speed past at a rate of knots with everything still left to do; book week, science fair, Check-in assessments, Stage 3 camp, an excursion to Potoroo Palace and another to see Matilida, swimming week and Mrs Schollar and me away for Week 10! That is crazy and it will all go by so quickly.

I am away from school today and tomorrow as I had mentioned previously. For any issues requiring immediate attention please contact the school on either the landline 64967159 or the mobile 0400 953 450. I will also be offsite on Monday next week (24th August) to attend the Principals Network meeting in Cooma.

Yesterday Chloe, Dylan, Beth, Peter and Ottilie attended Wyndham Public School's annual STEM day. The students all participated in a great range of team challenges in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The team worked well together on the day and although they did not come away with the gold, they had a great day. Thank you very much to Mr Clarke from Wyndham for his ongoing organisation of this day. We really appreciate all of his work and being able to be a part of the day with Wyndham and the other local primary schools.

This week, the window opens for the annual check-in assessments for students in years 3-6. These assessments are a bit like NAPLAN, but better as there is no time limit and we get the results in a timely manner which is helpful. Students all participate in a reading and numeracy assessment and students in Year 6 also complete a writing assessment. There is nothing to worry about with these assessments and they will be worked into our regular classroom program. In other assessment news, Cooper and Oscar both completed their ICAS Spelling assessments this week and Zain completed the ICAS Science assessment. Once again, well done to these three boys for choosing to challenge themselves in the learning.

I hope everyone is getting excited about their Bookweek costumes for next week's parade! If you are having trouble finding a costume, come into school and we can give you access to our dress up tubs. I am sure you will be able to find something that will meet your needs. Just remember to come in before the day so you have time to try things on and sort through the shelves of boxes.

Everyone is also getting excited to share the science fair with visitors on Thursday next week. We look forward to welcoming you all for a relaxed afternoon of informal science presentations and activities. We hope to see you all there.

Finally, for students attending Stage 3 Camp in two weeks, you will find a reminder attached to this newsletter, covering all the key information related to camp. The biggest change is the need for students to wear school uniforms each day as we are visiting key locations on all days. Please read the attached summary carefully.

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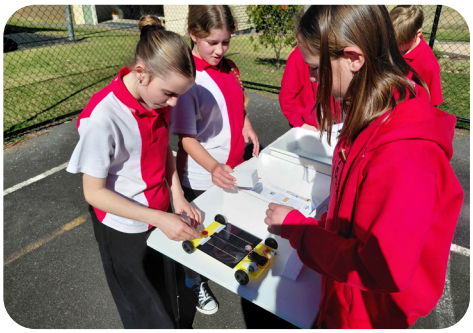
MS Readathon on now!
Our fundraising for MS is going gangbusters! Some generous donations support this very worthy cause, mostly from Zain's family and friends so far. Great work Zain! You can encourage your child or reward them for working towards their reading goal with a donation to our page. This has the benefit of supporting families with MS through our fundraising. Share the info with your friends and family so we can build our fundraising even more. Remember- the website says 0 readers and 0 books as there are no individual logins, but the Facebook post and flyer provide the real information each week about our progress using the data recorded in the classroom.

Look out for the weekly tally on our Facebook page tomorrow, or the printed flyer sent home at the end of the day.

Book Week next week
Attached is a flyer about all the events happening next week. Use the weekend to go through your books at home if you want to be part of the big book swap on Tuesday.

Book Week Parade **next Wednesday 26 August**
Next week is the Towamba Book Week Parade on Wednesday 26 August as part of Children's Book Week. It's an invitation to get creative and think about how you can portray a character from a book. Bring the book along if you can. We look forward to seeing which characters come to school!

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



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

Cake Raffles **last one next Wednesday**
Breaking news- we have one last cake raffle next week, and that will bring our Stage 3 cake raffles to an end. Don't miss your last chance to win a cake-tickets are $2 each/3 for $5 /7 for $10, and can also be bought on the School Bytes portal using Payments/Add another item. This money is what helps keep the Canberra excursion at such a cheap price for families.

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. Senior jackets will be lent to students for this excursion.
A reminder note is attached for Stage 3 students.

Premier's Reading Challenge
Just under a month left for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Don't forget that this month your reading can be counted both in the PRC AND the MS Readathon! BONUS! Make sure all books are logged by the end date of Friday 18th September. Plans are underway for next term's celebration for finishers!
Attached to this newsletter for those finished already is a wishlist for your free book. Read the note and list some options, or if you'd like a book not in the catalogue let us know the details. This will be offered to all who complete the challenge.

Excursions- Matilda & Potoroo **8 & 9 September**
Exciting news! We have two whole school excursions coming up in Week 8! Keep an eye out next week when the forms will be sent home. Costs are covered by the school and the P&C. Consent notes will be available on School Bytes.
It's unfortunate that it is two consecutive days but the planned power outage on the 8th is the reason for the plan that day. We have organ-

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PEACE POSTER

THE 2026-2027 CONTEST
Harmony in Humanity
Art paper available

Poster deadline 31 August

ised the excursion to avoid issues with power, water and phones at school. We were given a heads up by Essential Energy and assume formal notifications will come out soon for the community for this planned all day outage.

Kids Helpline anti bullying webinar
On Monday students participated in a webinar at school. We have attached some handy resources for families.

Swimming Lessons
The whole school swimming lessons program in Week 9 is now all finalised, and available to families at no charge thanks to the P&C, who stepped in when we were unsuccessful with the Sporting School grant. More information and consent information will go home next week. This is a great opportunity and such an important skill.

PACER Acknowledgement Canberra Excursion: Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.
The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $90 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

This rebate along with generous donation of $3000 from the P&C, raffle fundraising and school funding helped bring the excursion costs down to just $150 per student.

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/Karen
Next week: Kylie

Fri 4 Sept	**VACANT**
Fri 11 Sept	**VACANT**
Fri 18 Sept	none/swimming
Fri 25 Sept	Eva/Steph

Term 3 Meeting

Thanks for all who attended the meeting last week. The minutes were sent home last week, along with a copy of the Towamba P&C's constitution for your information. It was great to see a good rollup and people prepared to support our school.

New donation decisions that benefit ***everyone*** are the P&C donations to cover all of the swimming costs (>$2500), and the bus cost for Matilda ($750).

Friday Lunches

Term 3 still has a couple of vacancies looking for volunteers to assist with 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 parents come and learn the ropes. It's not difficult and it is greatly appreciated!

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 2 vacancies filled!

2026 Art Mugs

Mug designs are being finalised for the C2K stall next term, and an EOI for families will go home soon.

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.

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Mtg minutes sent home W4

Community News

STAGE 3 CAKE RAFFLES

Week 4 cake by Zain	**WON BY:** Caelan
Week 5 cake by Zain again!	**WON BY:** Dahlia

Funds raised week 4: $ 57
Funds raised week 5: $ 88

Cake raffle total so far: $715

EXCITING NEWS!

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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

Roald Dahl's *Matilda The Musical JR.* is presented through special arrangement with the students of Merimbula Public School and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

Contact Merimbula Public School for more details: (02) 64951266 / merimbula-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE VIA STICKY TICKETS FOR $20 (+ $1.50 BOOKING FEE)

MATINEE 1
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
11.30AM-1PM

MATINEE 2
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER
11.30AM-1PM

EVENING PERFORMANCE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
6.00PM-7.30PM

Towamba Community Church
Sundays at 4pm
All welcome

KAMERUKA SPRINT STRIDE n STROLL

Saturday OCTOBER 24TH 2026

Kameruka Estate

COURSE: 5KM START & FINISH AT LORD'S OVAL

CHECK-IN 9.30AM RUN STARTS 10.00AM

FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED!

NO PETS EXCEPT FOR SERVICE ANIMALS

SCAN TO REGISTER

EARLY BIRD PRICES REGISTER BY 9TH OCTOBER

FAMILY OF 5 (2 ADULTS & 3 CHILDREN)	ADULT	CHILD (UNDER 16)
$20	$10	$5

ON THE DAY PRICES

FAMILY OF 5 (2 ADULTS & 3 CHILDREN)	ADULT	CHILD (UNDER 16)
$25	$12	$7

P&C BBQ WILL BE OPERATING

MARKET STALLS

ALL AGES

GET YOUR RUNNING SHOES READY!

A GREAT DAY OUT FOR THE BEGA VALLEY!

Sapphire Coast Evening Branch is Officially Open & seeking new members.

Ever thought about joining CWA, but not sure what's involved?

Are you female between the ages of 18 above and possibly have daughters, looking for a social group that assists the community in a positive way? We are more than scones, jam and cream, knitting and sewing....

Are you interested in Social Issues, Health and Wellbeing within the community, Agriculture and Environment, Cultural activities, Hospital Support and many more other opportunities to help the community...

COME TO OAKLANDS , PAMBULA

SAPPHIRE FARMERS MARKET

WEDNESDAYS 1 - 4 PM

ORGANIC HARVEST • LOCAL PRODUCTS • ARTISAN GOODS

Mondays
at Towamba Hall

Tai Chi 4:30pm
Meditation 5:45pm
Steve 0405 464 069

SUNSET Cruise

EDEN WHALE FESTIVAL · SAPPHIRE COAST NSW

Ahoy, Mateys! ⚓

Set sail with us for an afternoon of sunset views, nibbles, laughs and good company on the water.

🏴‍☠️ It's National Pirate Day too so dress to impress! Prizes for best dressed!

- 20th September | 3:30pm - 5:30pm
- Complimentary wine, beer or soft drink
- $99 per person

Spots are limited, so get in quick. You don't want to miss the boat 😉

Sapphire Coastal Adventures