Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 3 | WEEK 1 | THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026

Coming Events

Fri 24 July	District Athletics
Tues 28 July	School Counsellor
Wed 29 July	Jigamy Excursion
Wed 29 July	EMHS Open Night
3-8 Aug	ICAS Digi Tech
Tues 11 Aug	P&C meeting
16-21 Aug	ICAS Science, Spelling
Wed 19 Aug	Science Fair tbc
24-28 Aug	ICAS Maths
Wed 26 Aug	Book Week Parade

Attached:

- school mobile number
- NAPLAN results (Y3, Y5)
- Jigamy information
- EMHS info
- Book Parade poster
- campfire photopage

Hello everyone and welcome back to school for Term 3. Except for a few students who are travelling out of state or overseas, we had everyone return to school on Tuesday 21st July which was very exciting.

As you may have heard, we spent Tuesday morning sitting around the fire in the yarning circle sharing stories of our holidays and reconnecting with friends, peers and teachers. Thank you to John for organising our fire pit and for getting the fire started on a VERY chilly Tuesday morning. Ms Wendy and some hard working helpers mixed up damper dough while the rest of us went hunting for cooking sticks. We coiled the damper dough around the end of our sticks and cooked up a storm. The bit of patience required to sit and turn the stick to make sure the dough was cooked all the way through, was a bit much for some, who opted for quite doughy damper (assuring us that was the way they liked it) but for others, their patience and persistence paid off and they created the perfect damper. We topped off our hot bread with butter and golden syrup or honey. It was such a wonderful way to start the term and a wonderful way to reconnect after the two weeks away. Many students arrived at school on Wednesday and headed straight to the yarning circle to see if the fire was lit. We are very thankful to John for getting this sorted out for us and there is no doubt that we will have another morning or two like this before the winter is over.

Tomorrow, Zain, Ottilie and Caelan are off to Bega to represent the small schools in athletics. We are very excited to have three of our students in the small schools team and we wish them all the very best of luck and we also hope it is not too cold.

This term starts gently which is very welcome by all of us but we are all looking forward to getting things started with a trip to Jigamy on Wednesday next week to celebrate NAIDOC week with other local schools. We greatly appreciate the work of Doug and his team at Bournda and the support of the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council and Jigamy Farm who organise this excursion for our local schools. It is always a great day out for everyone. This term we also have Book Week, Science Week, Stage 3 camp to Canberra, ICAS, Check-in and swimming lessons. WOW! Mrs Schollar and I will be away for the last week of term, completing a week of professional development in Sydney and we are both very excited about that opportunity. Ms Nicci and Ms Wendy will both be at school to maintain consistency for the students. Thank you to them both for covering the week so that Megan and I can have this valuable experience.

Original plans were for the P&C meeting to be held next week on Tuesday, however this has been moved to Tuesday 11th August (Week 4). As always everyone is welcome and we strongly encourage new parents/carers to come along to see what is all about and how you can support the P&C moving into 2027 when we lose a number of hard working members. The meeting is held after school and if required, students can be present if that assists adults to attend (however please note that there is no staff supervision of the students at these meetings). We hope to see you there, if only for a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat.

As always, if there is anything on your mind that you would like to talk about, please call to make an appointment. Welcome back everyone.

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District Athletics Carnival **Tomorrow**

Good luck to the 3 students participating in the following events relevant to their agegroup as part of the Small Schools team tomorrow.

- Ottilie: 100m, 200m, discus, long jump, high jump
- Caelan: 200m, 800m, shotput, discus, long jump, high jump
- Zain: shotput

Please be at the Bega sportsground at 8:45am especially if you are in one of the earlier races. Mrs Collins from Wyndham is no longer attending so please find Mrs Bourke from Candelo on arrival to say that you are there. Have a great day!

Jigamy **Wednesday 29 July**

Towamba and Wyndham students are combining for a whole school excursion to Jigamy next week for a day of NAIDOC activities. Some updated information is attached. Please note the bus will leave Towamba at 9:00am sharp. Please ensure that your children are here early at school from about 8:45am. If you would like to be picked up at Wyndham at 8:30 am instead please let us know. No other extra stops. Check the front reminders box to see if we are still waiting on consent and token $5 fee for your child. Remember that the deadline is *tomorrow* and if we don't have your note and payment then your child cannot attend.

Cake Raffles **Wednesdays**

Cake raffles are back on! We are getting closer to excursion time so time to win a cake is running out! Next week the cake raffle will be on Thursday due to the Jigamy excursion. 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 before). Congratulations to Dahlia who was our first winner for Term 3. Thanks for a great cake Caelan.

NAPLAN Results

Attached to this newsletter are the results for the NAPLAN tests done earlier in the year by students in Year 3 and Year 5. It offers a diagnostic snapshot of how your child is progressing against national proficiency standards, rather than just comparing them to peers in the same class. NAPLAN evaluates foundational skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar, punctuation), and numeracy to help schools, teachers, and parents track student progress and shape educational support.Please contact the office if you'd like to arrange a time to chat with the teachers about your child's report. They will also be uploaded to School Bytes shortly.

ICAS

Coming up this term we have the ICAS assessments for those students nominating. We are very excited to be participating in ICAS this year.
Week 3 Digital Technology- Zain, Oscar, Cooper
Week 5 Science- Zain
Week 5- Spelling Bee- Oscar and Cooper
Week 6 Science- Zain, Oscar and Cooper

Canberra Stage 3 Excursion

Please make sure that all paperwork is completed and the balance paid by August 19 (2 weeks before camp). Check the reminders box on the front page. Remember that no personalised reminders are sent out so if you don't meet the requirements your child cannot attend.

Swimming Lessons

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with the Term 3 Sporting School grant which was going to help cover the bus transport costs for the week and pool entry for students. We are still working out our options but will be able to have more information soon. The program is to be held in Week 9 this term (14 - 18 September) every day at the Sapphire Aquatic Centre.

Book Week Parade
Start thinking about what book character you can come as for this year's Book Week Parade! We will be holding it 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 reading, and brainstorming! Bring the book to the parade too!

Premier's Reading Challenge
In more book news we have an amazing 13 students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge already this year! Make sure all books are logged by the end date of Friday 18th September.

WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY

Well done to all the students who succeeded in remembering that it was Waste Free Wednesday yesterday. We are happy to say that only four people didn't leave their rubbish at home, but everyone gets one day to forget about Waste Free Wednesday but that means they will have to remember the rest of the term. When we are at Jigamy next week, it will still be Waste Free Wednesday and we will check your lunch box. Get your Tupperware out so you are ready for next week.

Kind regards
The Prime Seven

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: VACANT
Next week: VACANT

Fri 24 July	**VACANT**
Fri 31 July	**VACANT**
Fri 7 Aug	Steph
Fri 14 Aug	Karen
Fri 21 Aug	Kylie
Fri 28 Aug	Bekie
Fri 4 Sept	**VACANT**
Fri 11 Sept	**VACANT**
Fri 18 Sept	**VACANT**

Term 3 Meeting
The planned P&C meeting has been moved from Week 2 to Week 4. The new date is Tuesday 11th August after school in the MPR. All welcome.

Friday Lunches
Term 3 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. If we have no volunteer then there are no lunchs available on that day.

When there is no lunch volunteer

Today a message/text/email was sent out seeking a volunteer for tomorrow. Attached to this newsletter is a notification with that update.

In the future we will draw the line at **Wednesday.** If the volunteer space is still vacant by the end of Wednesday then lunch orders are cancelled that week.

This gives a bit more time to let families know they will have to make other arrangements for lunch on Friday.

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.

TERM 3
P&C Meeting

Tuesday 11 August

3:15pm in the MPR

Community News

STAGE 3 CAKE RAFFLES

T2 Week 11 cake by Pota girls	**WON BY: Eloise & Jasmine**
T3 Week 1 cake by Caelan	**WON BY: Dahlia**

Funds raised last term: $314
Funds raised this week: $ 84
Running total: $398

Wednesday Cake Roster

W2	30 July (Thurs)	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 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

This weekend

July 25-27th

11am - 3pm each day

Farm & household goods

2293 Towamba Rd
TOWAMBA

Towamba Tennis Club

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 2 August

10:30am at the courts

tcpa

get involved in your community
come along and have a say
take a role to support your community

Towamba Community Progress Assoc'n Annual General Meeting

Sunday 9 August

2:30pm at the hall

All positions for the committee will be declared vacant

HEALTH CHECK CONVOY

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

FREE
No appointment needed.
Just drop in.

Free health checks are coming to your community in August.

George Brown Memorial Sportsground
(George Brown St, Eden)
Friday 7 August
10am - 3pm

- Skin checks
- Heart, blood pressure, weight, BMI checks
- Mental health support
- Health information
- Dental checks

Scan the QR code to learn more or visit
healthcheckconvoy.info

GET SCREENED. STAY WELL.

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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

WYNDHAM WEAVERS

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF WEAVING WITH NATURAL MATERIALS

8 AUG

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

AusAlert™

Test Alert
all mobile phones
Monday 27 July
at 2pm

COME TO OAKLANDS , PAMBULA

SAPPHIRE FARMERS MARKET

WEDNESDAYS
1 - 4 PM

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