

Towamba

Magpie Murmur

TERM 3 WEEK 3 THURSDAY 7 AUGUST 2025

Coming Events

Fri 12 Sept

Thurs 7 Aug Jeans 4 Genes & cake raffle

Fri 15 Aug Scripture Cafe
18-21 Aug SCLC Music Camp
Wed 20 Aug Book Week Parade
Fri 29 Aug Scripture Cafe

Fri 12 Sept Scripture Cafe Wed 10 Sept Jump Off Day

Public Education Week 2025

Bugwatch

4-8 August Ignite your potential





Attached:

- P&C meeting minutes
- Book Week flyer
- Runner Mugs EOI
- School Bytes Payment Tips
- Stage 3 Cake Raffles

Week 3 is Public Education Week, an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our students, schools and staff. The theme this year is Ignite Your Potential and we hope to share a video later this week of all the students imaging their own potential.

This week, as always, we take pride in our role in supporting public education in NSW. We celebrate our learners and the dedicated staff who guide them on their educational journeys. Being a student can be challenging, and learning is often difficult for everyone, regardless of age. In small schools, we ask a lot from our students. We encourage them not only to focus on their learning but also to interact kindly and patiently with their peers of all ages, not just those in their year group. Our students excel in meeting this challenge, and there are countless reasons to be proud of their efforts. Public education offers us access to high-quality education at minimal or no cost, which can lead to excellent outcomes for all. Let's continue to appreciate and support the opportunities that come with being part of this system.

I would like to thank all of our students for their enthusiasm and engagement with learning at our school. For challenging themselves to reach their full potential and for keeping at it even when things are tough. You are all achieving important milestones. Thank you also to the teachers who work tirelessly to support our students across such a wide range of ability, strengths and supports to try to meet the needs of all of our learners. Every day, our teachers strive to deliver equity in our school to ensure every student gets what they need to succeed. Our school is lucky to have you all. Finally I would like to thank the support staff who help us to manage every day, in every other way. Our strong support staff ensure that the students can focus on learning and the teachers can focus on teaching, while the support staff manage everything else. Every day, I am thankful to work at Towamba Public School, with our students, staff and families. So this week and every week, I am proud to support public education.

Whilst we are feeling warm and fuzzy about public education, we had five very tired but happy students return from creative arts camp in Murumbateman last week and by all accounts, they had a great time. Thank you to the families who supported attendance at this camp. I know that the reports from the students have inspired many of our stage 2 students to want to go next year (or the year after). Also this week, our kindergarten boys Cooper and Iggy will be celebrating 100 days of Kindergarten with their classmates Cooper and Iggy have both had a brilliant start to school which is definitely helped by outstanding attendance for both of them. It will be an exciting day in K-2 for sure. Congratulations Kindy boys!

We have all been skipping here at school everyday and I know that most students have been trying to get in a 10 minute session at home as well. Some students in particular have shown real improvement in their technique and skill set. In 3-6 we have been watching some of the World Championship Jump Rope competition in Japan - now there are some impressive skipping skills! Check it out if you are interested or your child is looking for some inspiration. Be warned, your calves may start to cramp just watching it. I hope everyone is getting excited about our Jump Off Day later in the term as well. There are so many exciting prizes on offer in the raffle. Be sure to buy a ticket or two (or a book). Remember there are extra ticket books available at school. Keep skipping!

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Jump Rope for Heart - Supporting the Heart Foundation

Keep going with your Skipping homework and keeping records as we get closer to our 40 hour goal by Jump Off Day!

We will be sharing the School fundraising website on our Facebook page soon if you know anyone that would like to make a donation towards our school's fundraising for the Heart Foundation.

Last week more information went home about our big plans for the Jump Off Day on Wednesday 10 September, plus some raffle tickets for the fundraising raffle. Please ensure you get all lunch and other orders in by Friday 5 September.

TIP- If you are making your order payment through the miscellaneous payments on School Bytes following the steps on the Jump Off formdon't forget you can apply any credits on your account as part of your payment.

We have attached a guide to making miscellaneous payments through the School Bytes portal, as it's a little tricky. This will also be loaded onto the portal as a handy guide.

District Athletics Carnival

The five students selected to compete as part of the Small schools team at the District Athletics Carnival recently had a great day. Well done to everyone for participating and doing your best. Congratulations to Jere and Caelan for scoring some third place results too.

Transitions ARTIantis Creative Arts Camp

By all accounts Zee, Ottilie, Kailani, Jere and Caelan had an amazing time at the Creative Arts camp at Murrumbateman. Some of the activities enjoyed were visual arts, circus arts, drama, dance and percussion, bringing it all together at the end of camp performance on Wednesday afternoon. Thanks to the P&C for assisting families with this camp payment and parents for going that extra mile (literally) for their children to attend this camp.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you everyone for your support today for Jeans for Genes Day. See the attached flyer for the results. A big thanks to Mrs Schollar's mum for making the wonderful cake for the raffle. Congratulations to today's winner!

Stage 3 Cake Raffles

Coming up later this term there will be plenty more opportunities to win a cake as we start our Stage 3 Cake Raffles in week 6. We do this every year, with the Stage 3 students responsible for bringing a cake and raising money to reduce the costs of the Stage 3 excursion next term. More information is attached.

Book Club

Orders by Monday 12 noon

Don't forget if you would like to place an order please ensure that it is done by midday Monday, when all orders will be processed.

STEM Pentathlon

Thursday 14 August

We are excited to have two teams nominated to participate in this year's STEM Pentathlon, at Wyndham PS. Make sure all consent notes are in promptly. Thanks to parents for assisting with transport for this inspiring day of learning and fun.

Book Week

Wednesday 20 August

Book Week is happening in Week 5 this term. We will be having a book character parade, and a new event- the Great Book Swap! See the attached flyer for more information, and start looking at your books and working out a costume for the day!

Bugwatch

Friday 12 September

Bournda staff will be accompanying students down to the river for our Spring survey of the Towamba River. All data is entered into a Water NSW website and the longterm data is invaluable in evaluating the









Jumping to help save Aussie hearts

Towamba **Jump Off** Day

Wednesday 10 September

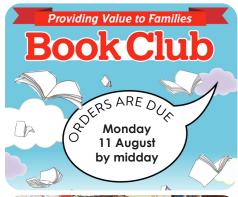
Birdcam

Recent visitors to our bird bath



SATIN BOWER BIRD female







river's health by the levels and diversity of invertebrates found. Students should bring a towel for drying feet off, old shoes or gum boots.

Taronga Zoomobile

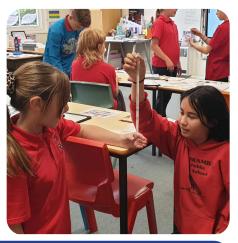
Wednesday 17 September

We are lucky to have another visit from the Taronga Zoomobile enabling children to learn and get up close to a range of native animals. The session is paired with a Biodiversity program. The school is covering the cost of this program for families.

School Swimming - Save the Date! 22 - 26 September

We have whole school swimming lessons in the last week of this term, a little earlier than previous years. We will be sharing the bus with Wyndham PS and look forward to a week of building on water safety and swimming skills. Thanks to the Term 3 Sporting Schools grant and our P&C, we are able to offer this to families at no cost. More information later in the term.





P&C News

FRIDAY Lunches

Plain meat pie \$3.00 Gluten Free plain pie \$4.50 Cheese & Bacon \$4.50 Chicken/mushrm \$4.50 Term 3 special pies* \$4.50 Vege pastie \$4.00 Sausage Roll \$3.50 Mini Pizza/pizza pocket \$2.50 Ham & Pineapple/Cheesy Margarita/Ham & Cheese

Juice or Flav/PlainMilk \$1.50

- Write your order on a paper bag
- Mark your payment total and payment method on the bag
- correct money appreciated



VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Tomorrow: Steph

Next week: Steph

Fri 22 Aug Keri
Fri 29 Aug Bekie
Fri 5 Sept Karen
Fri 12 Sept Esther
Fri 19 Sept Esther
Fri 26 Sept Swimming Lessons

Winter Warmer Raffle Calling for more donations for our Winter Warmer raffle!

Despite this sunny week, the bureau forecasts another cold snap is on the way and the two pairs of socks and quilt are not enough to warm up our

community to purchase raffle tickets in our Winter Warmer Raffle. We <u>need donations</u> of anything warm and cosy, food, drinks or other items that make winter that little bit warmer. Bring them in by the 15 August. Your donations will help this great fundraiser for the P&C, so the P&C can continue to help our students and families.

Friday Lunches

We are phasing out pizzas and introducing pizza pockets, simplifying the process for volunteers as everything can go in the pie warmer together.

Runner Mugs

In preparation for the Coast 2 Kosciuszko P&C Breakfast Stall next term, we are doing an early order of mugs to sell on the day. There is an opportunity for families to place an order - see the attached flyer for more information.

P&C UNIFORM SALES

Check with the school if there are your required size/quantity first. Once paid to the P&C, let the office know and your order will be sent home with your child.





SHIRTS \$10 HOODIES \$37.50

Term 3 P&C Meeting

Minutes of the meeting are attached for your information

> Special Pies Term 3*

Thai Chicken Pie

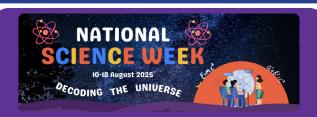
Cauliflower & Blue Cheese Pie

Cheese & Spinach Triangle

Towamba P&C Account details

BSB: 062 647
Account number:
0090 0797
Towamba P&C
Association

Community News



Science Week Fun Day - Bega Library - Sat 16 Aug, 10.00am - 1.00pm

Roll up for a morning of science, learning and fun with guest speakers, activities for all the family, demonstrations and information stands.

Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.



saverplus.org.au



ROCKY HALL PRESCHOOL

Enrolments open for 2026

Rocky Hall Preschool is a welcoming and inclusive early childhood service that embraces diversity and promotes a strong sense of belonging for all children and families.

We are committed to building meaningful partnerships with families to foster a connected and supportive community. Our goal is to ensure every child has access to high-quality early childhood education and care that supports and nurtures all areas of their development, both within the preschool and the wider community

Preschool hours are 9am to 3pm

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Half dau sessions are also available





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Brogo Permaculture Gardens with John Champagne A workshop to plan & grow a food orest for family nutrition.

Robotics & Automation

The Circular Economy
Presented by Andrew Taylor



Off grid solar solutions Presented by <u>Simon Gibbs</u> How to secure your power source

Live Music with Robyn Martin

White Rock - Film Screening







Towamba Community Church Sundays at 4pm All welcome





Together As One

Inspire young people to showcase their talent Create memories that will last a lifetime

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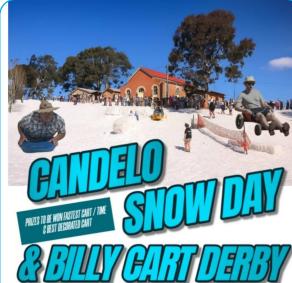
For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. More than four million young scopie from 100 countines workfulde have taken part in the contest. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their vi-sions of peace and inspire the world through aft and creativity. The young artists are free to use a variety of art mediums. They are encouraged to portray their life-sperences and culture in responding to the themo.

This competition is open to students aged 11-13 years (as of 15 November)

- Students are encouraged to be creative and participate again this year.
- Do some planning and get your ideas together.
- Art paper will be supplied but this is not a school project.

The competition is managed on a local level and then up the chain through to state, national and then international

Please have your artwork ready for collection by the September 13.







SUNDAY 17th August 2025 Gates open 11am - Derby 12noon Candelo Showground TICKETS \$15 each or \$40 Family of 4

EXPERIENCE SNOW IN CANDELO I SNOW TUBE RIDING I FOOD STALLS I BILLY CART SPEED TRIALS I FAMILY FUN EVENT

BILLY CART ENTRY TERMS & CONDITIONS apply to ALL Cart entries entry forms available from Candelo General Store



Need a JP? Justice of the Peace

Drop in service **Every Tuesday** Tura Marrang library 11:30-1:30pm

