Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 3 WEEK 5 THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2025

Coming Events

Fri 29 Aug	*Scripture Cafe*
Fri 5 Sept	*Scripture Cafe*
Fri 12 Sept	*Bugwatch*
Wed 10 Sept	*Jump Off Day*
Wed 17 Sept	*Zoomobile*
Thurs 18 Sept	*End of Term assembly*
Fri 19 Sept	*Scripture Cafe*
22-26 Sept	*School Swimming*

Reminders

Attached:

- Swimming note
- Book Week photopage
- Year 6 shirt note
- P&C Winter Warmer raffle

Book an Adventure! What a fantastic theme for Book Week 2025 and what a fantastic character parade we had yesterday. The weather looked a little dodgy in the morning and it rained all the way in from the coast, however the morning was fine as we paraded around in some magnificent costumes and got our groove on. Students then had a lovely time perusing all sorts of books in The Great Book Swap of 2025! Thank you to the families who brought in books to share on the day. Lots of children went home with an amazing stash of new books to read and love. Thank you to all the adults at home and school who were able to support the students to dress in such creative costumes. Your support is greatly appreciated. Keep an eye on the facebook page to see some of our students reviewing their favourite books and there is also a fabulous photo page attached to today's newsletter, thanks to our fabulous Nancy.

I will be off site from Wednesday 27th August (next week) until Monday 8th September (week 8). I will be attending a range of meetings and conferences over that period, including the Term 3 network meetings, a leadership conference and the small schools conference. It is unfortunate that these dates have all coincided, but this can't be helped. It will certainly be a learning overload, but hopefully it will be very informative and inspiring. Ms Nicci will also be attending the leadership conference in her role of Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction.

During my time off site Ms Nicci and Ms Wendy will be acting in the role of Principal. As I am not on leave, I am still available to the staff, however this will not always be immediate. If you have any messages in relation to day-to-day student needs or changes to routine, please contact the school directly as I will not be able to pass on messages in a timely manner. This is the method that is always requested, however sometimes messages about changes to routine still come to my mobile. Whilst this is a long time offsite (I think in fact, this is the longest time I will ever have been offsite during the school term), I have complete confidence in the teachers to look after things in my absence.

While I am away, we will have the first Stage 3 cake raffle which is very exciting. We have LOTS of cake raffles this year so your chances of winning one are pretty high (as long as you buy a ticket). Remember that the proceeds of these cake raffles go towards subsiding the Stage 3 camp which is something that you will all benefit from at some time. Your support is appreciated. Speaking of support, thank you to those families who have managed to sell their Jump Rope for Heart raffle tickets already. Thank you also to those families who have ordered their Jump Off Day lunches and giant chocolate freckles. Remember all money collected for the raffle, lunches and freckles goes directly into our donation to the Heart Foundation. No raffle, lunch or freckle costs will be taken out of these payments.

It's a big year for fundraising and the other fundraising initiative currently running is the P&C Winter Warmer raffle. Have you got a ticket or two in that one yet? There are only 100 tickets being sold, so don't miss out! Remember, your P&C subsidises almost all excursions and events we do here at school and their next big donation comes in the way of paying for entry for ALL students to the pool for a week, for swimming lessons. So between the sporting schools grant and your P&C, you child/children have access to a week of free swimming lessons. Wow! It must be time to buy a Winter Warmer raffle ticket or two I reckon. Good luck!

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Book Week
What a fabulous day and such a range of costumes- books really do enrich our world and our experience. We hope everyone went home with a new book or two to enjoy from the Great Book Swap. A photo page is attached for your enjoyment.
Fitting well with Book Week we also had a visit from local Towamba author Helen Lewis today, who donated her two children's books to our school library. These beautiful books are also illustrated by the local artist who did our school mural.

Survey
We would greatly appreciate your input into our 2025 School Improvement Parent/Carer survey. It's an anonymous survey that takes less than 5 minutes and gives the school invaluable information. The link was emailed on Tuesday and also posted on the School Bytes message board. Please have your say by 5pm this Sunday.

Jump Rope for Heart Day **Wednesday 10 September**
Keep going with your Skipping homework and keeping records as we get closer to our 40 hour goal by Jump Off Day! We hope to be sharing the School fundraising website on our Facebook page soon if you know anyone who would like to make a donation towards our school's fundraising for the Heart Foundation. Please ensure your raffle tickets are returned before Jump Off Day and you get all lunch and freckle orders in by **Friday 5 September.**

Swimming Lessons
The information note for our whole school swimming program in the last week of term is attached. The consent note in School Bytes is following the updated Department proforma with parent/carer assessment of swimming ability, concussion acknowledgement and personal injury statement. Please note the P&C renew student injury insurance each year that covers students where the Department doesn't.

Thanks to the Term 3 Sporting Schools grant for covering the bus costs and our P&C for covering pool entry costs, we are able to offer this to families at no cost. Swimming is an essential skill.
Students will be travelling into the pool and back each day. It's an exhausting but fun week. The bus will be returning late each day, and will be making certain stops along the way on the return trip as it will be too late for the usual after school bus. Parents **must** be at the pre-nominated stop when your child disembarks so the bus is not delayed. Please read the note carefully about what students are required to bring. Previous students will still have the swim bag we gave them last year. Cooper and Iggy's bags are going home today.

SCLC Music Camp
This week we have had three students away at the SCLC Music Camp. A shame they missed Book Week but these extension camps are always a great opportunity and it is great to have the P&C's support too. We greatly appreciate the range of camps that are available to our students.

Stage 3 Cake Raffles- start Wednesday 27 August
Starting next week are the weekly Stage 3 Cake Raffles. 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. Save up your coins and have some cash set aside- with a small school the chances of winning a cake are quite high! First cake is by Jere.

Book Club
Thanks to all the families putting in orders. When the book orders are received we will send them home with students, unless you tell us otherwise.

STEM Pentathlon
Another great day of learning and getting out of our comfort zone

at Wyndham PS last week, along with students from other local small schools. Well done to the two Towamba teams for some great work in a wide range of activities- some familiar, some very different. It is a great day for collaboration and working together, using everyone's different strengths. Both teams did very well with one of our teams winning the day! Thanks to Wyndham and Bournda EEC for putting together such a great day.

Bugwatch **Friday 12 September**

Students should bring a towel for drying feet off, old shoes or gum boots. The group will be heading down to the river in the middle session with teachers, including Bournda staff for our Spring survey of the Towamba River.

Stage 3 Jindabyne Excursion

Stage 3 students who will be attending the combined small schools three day camp at Jindabyne should ensure that they have completed the expression of interest and paid a $50 deposit by Friday next week to confirm their place in this trip. Numbers going in soon.

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.

End of Term Assembly **Thursday 18 september**

This term our end of term assembly will be in the second last week of term, since the last week is busy with swimming. Support the P&C and join us for an early BBQ lunch at 1pm. Bring your coins for your lunch and enjoy a relaxed gathering before the assembly starts at approximately 1:45pm in the MPR.

Year 6 special shirts

Also attached to this newsletter for our Year 5 students is some information about next year's Year 6 shirts. Each student will be presented with a shirt at the end of year presentation, but there is an opportunity to also order an additional one if you want. See the note for more info.

P&C News

FRIDAY Lunches

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
Pizza pocket	$2.50
Ham & Pineapple/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: Keri

Next week: Bekie

Fri 5 Sept	Karen
Fri 12 Sept	Esther
Fri 19 Sept	Esther
Fri 26 Sept	Swimming Lessons

Winter Warmer Raffle

Thank you to those families bringing in donations for the Winter Warmer raffle which is now active, and will be drawn once all the 100 tickets are sold. Tickets are $3 each- see the attached poster. Get your tickets now!

Runner Mugs

Don't forget if you want to place a personal order for one of the runner art mugs before we make the bulk P&C order for the C2K stall then your order needs to be in by **TOMORROW.** No payment required at this stage. It takes a while to get the order together and back, and the idea this year is to hang on to the extra mugs just in case we need extras on the day. Personal orders will be available to go home after the C2K stall on 14 November (once payment is made to the P&C). Any re-orders required will be done ASAP.

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

RUNNER MUGS

Orders in by tomorrow!!

SchoolBytes form or paper form

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

EDEN WHALE FESTIVAL 2025
PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPETITON
THROUGH THE LENS
PHOTOS OF THE BEGA VALLEY, LANDSCAPE , SEASCAPE FLORA AND FAUNA
THROUGH THE LENS CATEGORIES
SENIOR ,YOUTH AND JUNIORS
ENTERIES IN BY 30 SEPTEMBER
ADMIN@EDENWHALEFESTIVAL.COM.AU
PRIZE MONEY KINDLY DONATED BY THE TWOFOLD LADIES CLUB
WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE LADIES FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT OF THE EDEN WHALE FESTIVAL OVER MANY YEARS
MAXIMUM SIZE A4 ...MOUNTED ON BLACK OR WHITE CARDBOARD ,WITH A 2CM WIDE BOARDER .

South East Local Land Services
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Want to better care for the rivers and creeks on your property?

Join us at our upcoming riparian management workshops to learn:
- how catchment hydrology works
- why plants are key to healthy waterways
- ways to reduce erosion and boost resilience.

Register for either Albion Park on 5 September or Towamba on 26 Sept
https://bit.ly/4fGwtqA

TAI CHI
MONDAYS 4:30-5:30pm
Towamba Hall
$15 per session
Wear comfortable clothes & flat shoes
Bring a water bottle
Tai Chi is suitable for all ages and offers many health benefits, both physically and mentally.
ENQUIRIES CONTACT STEVE 0405 464 069

Empowering solutions for a resilient future
13 & 14th SEPT 2025
Candelo, NSW
empowering-solutions.eventbrite.com

OVERVIEW

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

Robotics & Automation
Why investments may turn from energy to robotics

The Circular Economy Presented by Andrew Taylor
A motivational journey

Off grid solar solutions Presented by Simon Gibbs
How to secure your power source

Live Music with Robyn Martin
Opening with the evocative Milk & Honey

White Rock - Film Screening
Turning the longspined sea urchin crisis into a marine restoration opportunity

DG INDUSTRIES · Bega Valley · Brogo Permaculture Gardens

We recognise and pay respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging of the Djiringanj People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we live, work and play. Always was, always will be.

Scan QR code to purchase tickets & secure your place.

Towamba Community Church
Sundays at 4pm
All welcome

TOWAMBA PUBLIC SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION
LOOKING TO START KINDY IN 2026?

OUR KINDYSTART PROGRAM RUNS IN THE K12 CLASS IN TERM 4

Thursday 23 October	Thursday 6 November	Thursday 20 November
Week 2 of Term 4	Week 4 of Term 4	Week 6 of Term 4
9:00 am - 12 noon Half day	9:00 am - 12 noon Half day	9:00 am - 3:00pm FULL day

Contact us by 23 September for your information pack to be sent out

Parent welcome morning tea
Thursday 23 October

ONLINE ENROLMENT
Scan the QR code or just google Towamba School enrolment to get started on your enrolment for 2026

CONTACT US
Phone 6496 7159
or email towamba-p.school@det.nsw.edu.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
Every Wednesday & Friday plus every second Tuesday
Half day sessions are also available.

NO FEES for children aged 3-5 years

More information
Ph: 64942095
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scan the QR code for our website

Need a JP?
Justice of the Peace
Drop in service
Every Tuesday
Tura Marrang library
11:30-1:30pm