Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 3 | **WEEK 9** | **THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Coming Events

Fri 19 Sept	*Scripture Cafe*
22-26 Sept	*School Swimming*
Fri 26 Sept	*Last day Term 3*
TERM 4	
Mon 13 Oct	*School Dev Day*
Tues 14 Oct	*All students return*

Attached:

- Holiday programs
- Jindabyne Camp Note

This is the last newsletter of Term 3. We have had a busy Term 3 with all sorts of special weeks and special events and it's not over yet. We have a full on last week of term with our intensive swimming lessons all next week. It is important that all students arrive at school on time next week because every day (except Monday) before we go to the pool, we deliver the water safety lessons. It is much better to teach those here at school, rather than try to do this over the noise and excitement of being at the pool. On Monday, all students will have their swimming ability determined by the instructors and students will be sorted into appropriately leveled swimming groups. It is important that students attend on the first day so that this can happen.

Swimming week is a big week for everyone, students and staff alike. Your support in having your children to school on time and prepared is greatly appreciated. As is your prompt collection of your child at your previously nominated collection point. If there are changes to the pick up plan for your child, please call the school directly and as early as possible. Once we are on the bus, we can not guarantee reception along the drive home. This is such a valuable program and we are very lucky to have the support of the P&C and the Schools Sporting Grant to ensure this program is offered free to our families. I say this every year, but please try to consolidate these lessons during the school holidays, particularly if your child is still developing basic life preservation skills in the water. It is such a good time to continue practicing these new skills to ensure they are not forgotten after the week.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fantastic Jump Off Day last week. Thank you for buying raffle tickets, lunch, freckles, coming along on the day or sharing the online fundraising page with friends and family. Can you believe our fundraising total? Wow! It was a great day for so many reasons and best of all, we made a difference to the Heart Foundation. Well done, Towamba!

Next term, we will be starting our cricket coaching program, right from Week 1. It will be a hectic term for sure, but I guess we are used to that by now. For families with students in Year 5 and 6, please check out the information about completing the Jindabyne notes before the end of Week 1 next term. These are forms required by NSW Sport and Recreation and can not be done via school. These forms must be done for children to attend camp. Thanks very much.

A reminder also that Nancy will be absent for Week 1 of Term 4. There will also be a few other staff absences during Term 4 which will be outlined closer to the time.

On behalf of all the staff at Towamba Public we wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable school holiday period. Staff safe, enjoy time with your family and we look forward to starting Term 4 full of energy and enthusiasm. Thanks for a great Term 3.

Ms Barrow

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Swimming Lessons **next week**

Swimming lessons start on Monday! Please note the late return times during swimming week, and ensure that you are there to meet your child at your selected collection point.
Students come to school with their swimmers under their uniform. Wear hair tied back or bring a swimming cap. The bus leaves at 10:15am each day.

Remember to pack: goggles, 2 towels (one poolside/one to dry off), a wet bag to carry home all wet items, underwear for changing after swimming, something warm to wear back to school.
Students will take recess, lunch and water bottle on the bus. Pack some extra as swimming often makes the students very hungry!

There is no cost to families thanks to the Term 3 Sporting School grant, P&C, and a reduced swimming lessons transport cost from Sapphire Coast Buslines.

Jump Rope for Heart Day

Thank you everyone for supporting this special day. It was great for the students to be able to show off all the skipping activities they have been working on over the term.

Congratulations to the award winners:

Most improved	Eloise
Most enthusiastic skipping teacher	Bethany
Most minutes skipped K12	Eloise
Most minutes skipped 3-6	Zain Rogers

As a school we skipped 44 hours! How amazing is that?

And a big thank you to Ms Barrow for donating the raffle prizes and donating the materials and her time for some busy freckle making over the weekend when she had only just got back from her conference away! They looked fabulous!

TOTAL FUNDRAISING $721.00!! came from:

- lunches $175
- freckles $170
- raffle $265
- online portal $111

Stage 3 Cake Raffles

There's been some great cakes coming in from the families with students in Year 5 & 6, and already our Stage 3 fundraising is up to $191.00. This all helps to bring the Jindabyne camp cost down to a reduced fee. Don't forget to send in your cash for tickets each Wednesday when the cake raffles start again from Week 1 next term.

Stage 3 Jindabyne Excursion

The camp dates are 12-14 November next term. Families with students in Years 5&6 will find more details attached. Because it is run by the NSW Sport & Recreation, there are online forms to complete by the first Friday of next term. These are all linked via the consent note on School Bytes. We received notification that the finalised camp cost per student is $520 per child, which is an increase from two years ago. Thanks to the P&C supporting the school with a donation towards this camp, as well as the cake raffles, and school funding we have been able to reduce the cost to $200 per student. Which means the balance is now just $150. More details on the attached note.

Sporting Schools

Great news- we were successful with the Term 4 Sporting Schools application. Following a survey run by the students of Year 3-6 on preferred sports we have sought out a coach to run some cricket skills days at school next term. We hope to start this in Week 1 on a Wednesday morning.

STAGE 3 CAKE RAFFLES

Results and fundraising tally

Week 8 cake was by Peter and was **won by:**	**Eloise**
Week 9 cake was by Kailani and was **won by:**	**Bethany & James**

Funds raised: $76 + 30
Running total: $191.00

Next cakes Term 4

- 15 Oct - Ottilie
- 22 Oct - Bethany

Bugwatch
Last week students enjoyed some time down at the river surveying the invertebrate life, which gives a good measure of the river's health. We usually do this twice a year- in Autumn and Spring. Thanks to Luke and Lara from Bournda EEC for coming out for this. It's a great hands on science activity.

Zoomobile
What a great visit from the Taronga Zoomobile and the Bournda team. After meeting a variety of native animals the students enjoyed activities highlighting biodiversity and natural habitats.

Digital Declarations
As mentioned last newsletter if you volunteer at school (or plan to) in areas such as lunch orders, transporting children other than your own, or assisting at sports carnivals then we need a Digital Declaration. This is because parents/carers are exempt from the requirement to have an actual Working with Children check, but instead make a declaration.

We have quite a few of our parents and carers already on board, and emails will only be going out to those we have not received a digital declaration from. Once that's done we just need to sight your ID and you're set for the rest of your time at school.

Term 4 Calendar
Students return to school on Tuesday 14 October after the Spring Holidays. Staff will be here the day before for planning and professional learning. At the start of term we will send home an A4 term calendar- great to pop on your fridge. We are just finalising a few dates. The School Bytes calendar is always up to date too if you ever need to check something.

Premier's Reading Challenge
The PRC finishes ***tomorrow*** so if you have been meaning to upload some more books to get across the finish line do it tonight! The PRC certificates for all those that completed the challenge will be presented next term.

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	$4.50
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: Esther

none in Week 10 due to swimming lessons

Runner Mugs
The runner mugs are back and look fabulous! As previously mentioned we will be able to send the personal order mugs home once the C2K is over, and once payment to the P&C has been made.

Coast2Kosciuszko
Make sure you have Friday 14 November in your calendar as we will need support for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Cakes and slices are also needed as the support crews love to help our school.

Friday lunches
Thank you very much to all our volunteers this term. If you can lend a hand next term just let Lindy know on 0415 964 144 after hours.

Special Pies Term 3*

- Thai Chicken Pie
- Cauliflower & Blue Cheese Pie
- Cheese & Spinach Triangle

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

Towamba P&C Account details

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

Community News

MERIMBULA "GIRLS ONLY"

AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

6 HOURS OF FUN & GAMES

2025 MERIMBULA AUSKICK (5-7/8)
Holiday Program
When: Friday 3rd October – 9:00am to 3:00pm (6 hrs)
Where: Berrambool Oval
Age: **Girls 5 years to7/ 8 years old**
Cost: $55 per participant (includes a footy)
Note: BYO food and drinks

SCAN THIS BARCODE TO REGISTER NOW
ON PLAYHQ & COME ALONG FOR SOME FUN!

2025 MERIMBULA SUPERKICK (8-12)
Holiday Program
When: Friday 3rd October – 9:00am to 3:00pm (6 hrs)
Where: Berrambool Oval
Age: **Girls 8 years to 12 years old**
Cost: $55 per participant (includes a footy)
Note: BYO food and drinks

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For more information please contact John Dyball – 0411 226 086 John.Dyball@afl.com.au

SYDNEY THUNDER

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASH

COME AND TRY CRICKET AT A SYDNEY THUNDER HOLIDAY BASH, PERFECT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-10. NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.

Merimbula Holiday Bash
Date: Wednesday 1st October
Time: 9am - 1pm
Location: Berrambool Sports Oval
Cost: $49 includes pack
Register using the QR code or link below
https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/e11379

REGISTER NOW!

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

Towamba Community Church
Sundays at 4pm
All welcome

Minh Le Hoang
Classical Guitarist
Sunday
28 September 2025
2:30 - 4:00pm
Wolumla Hall

Sapphire Coast Music Society proudly presents the return of Minh Le Hoang to the Bega Valley. Be completely mesmerised by a solo performance of classical guitar, by a master whose performance for us last year drew a full standing ovation.
Minh began playing popular music at the age of nine, while living in Vietnam. When his family moved to Australia in 1991 Minh, then aged 13, had great interest in classical guitar and decided to take the instrument seriously. He graduated from the ANU School of Music with first class honours, receiving the highest mark ever achieved by a student in a solo recital.
Minh holds a Masters of Music, in 2007 won first prize in the 50th Tokyo International Guitar Competition, teaches at the ANU School of Music and is a member of Guitar Trek, Australia's premier guitar quartet.

Tickets : $30 adults, children/students free

Bookings- scan the QR code or visit
https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1446659
Also available Candelo Books & at the door

WANDERER FESTIVAL

4-5 OCT 2025
PAMBULA BEACH, NSW

SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER
MISSY HIGGINS • SAINT MOTEL USA • HOCKEY DAD • MAGIC DIRT • LAVERN NL
PIERCE BROTHERS • GRACE CUMMINGS • FOLK BITCH TRIO
JOHNNY CASH RECORDINGS w HENRY WAGONS • O & THE MO NZ
JACK BOTTS • THE TULLAMARINES • DUST • MAD DAY

SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER
THE LIVING END • BOY & BEAR • JACOB BANKS UK
PETIT BISCUIT FR • NIKKI LANE USA • CUT COPY (DJ SET)
THE VANNS • DUG IRL • EMMA DONOVAN • SYLVIE USA • THE BURES BAND
GROOVE SOCIETY • JIMI THE KWEEN
50+ Music & Arts Acts

SPLASH INTO SPRING

Stories, Songs & Splashy Fun!

Make water safety fun!
Join local Lifeguards for an interactive
Storytime featuring books, music, sensory play and activities from Kids Alive Do the Five.
Ages: 0 - 12 years

Bermagui Tues 30 Sept, 10.30am | Bega Thurs 9 Oct, 10.30am
Tura Mon 27 Oct, 10.30am | Eden Tues 11 Nov, 10.30am

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