Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 4 | **WEEK 1** | **THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2025**

Coming Events

Wed 22 Oct	Cake Raffle (BB)
Wed 22 Oct	Cricket #2
Thur 23 Oct	Kindy Orientation
Thur 23 Oct	P&C Meeting
FRi 24 Oct	Scripture Cafe
Wed 29 Oct	Cake Raffle (CP)
Wed 29 Oct	Cricket #2
Mon 3 Nov	Y6 Discovery Day
Tues 4 Nov	Life Ed Puberty St3

Attached:

- Term 4 Calendar
- Year 6 Discovery Day
- Bushfire note

Welcome to Term 4 everyone. I hope you have your stack hats on as it is going to be a fast one, that's for sure.

I hope you had a restful break. I really hope that you all escaped sickness as the spring time break is generally one of the most pleasant to be out and about enjoying the weather.

This week, Nancy is out of the office but we are very thankful to have Karen How with us for the week instead. We are so lucky to have Karen come in as it is a seamless transition between her and Nancy. We are a lucky school.

We are off and racing this week with our first cricket coaching session with Jay Stafford. We are thankful that Jay is prepared to travel to Towamba to provide these sessions to our students. We have the next generation of boxing day cricket stars in the making.

Today you will receive a notification for a one question survey to determine the choice we make for school photos for 2026. We need to get this booked in as soon as possible, but wanted to offer families the opportunity to have a say on who we go with. The survey simply asks if you would prefer we went with Daisy Hill (this year's photographer) or The School Photographer (last year's photographer) or if you do not have a preference. If you do not have a preference, it would be helpful if you could list that as well. This survey is as short as they come, so a response would really be appreciated. Thank you (in advance).

You will find a letter attached to this newsletter, reminding everyone that we are in bushfire season and that as a category 1 bushfire prone school, we may be advised to become non-operational when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares catastrophic fire danger ratings. We do not make this decision locally, it is supported by the NSW Department of Education in consultation with emergency services. This is only undertaken to ensure the safety of students, staff and community. If we are to become non-operational, we will advise you as soon as we become aware. The most important consideration at these times is to keep your family safe. We highly recommend downloading the Hazards Near Me app to monitor local conditions. If the decision is made to move to non-operational status, we will be advised after 4:00pm and we will then make contact as soon as possible via phone, text and School Bytes. Further updates will be provided on the NSW Education Parent App and on our website. We are hopeful that we will not reach this situation, however it is important to know the procedure in case it is necessary.

To finish off on a happy note, I would like to officially welcome Adelyn and her family to Towamba Public School. Adelyn has started in Year 1 this term and is a welcome addition to the classroom and school. Adelyn's family is familiar with Towamba school as they have been a part of our school community before. We are so happy to welcome another student and another family and I am confident you will all join me in making them feel part of our Towamba family.

Ms Barrow

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New website
Towamba Public School is excited to reveal our new school website! Have a look around- and you might recognise some people! Each week the school newsletter continues to be uploaded to the website so if you ever need access to a past newsletter you know where to go. The new website also features some great drone footage of the school thanks to Leigh's Water Tank Cleaning. Staff have been learning a new authoring program to manage this new website, and it's looking great!

Stage 3 Cake Raffles
Thanks to the families providing the cakes for the Stage 3 raffles and to those remembering to send in money for students to buy tickets! There's only three chances left after this week!

STAGE 3 CAKE RAFFLES
Results and fundraising tally

Week 1 cake was by Ottilie and was **won by:** **Lenny**

Funds raised: $82.00

Running total: $273.00

Next cakes
- 22 Oct - Bethany
- 29 Oct - Chloe
- 5 Nov - Caelan

Stage 3 Jindabyne Excursion **12- 14 November**
Just a reminder that the online consent forms for Sport & Rec need to be done by this **Friday 17 October**. The link for this is contained within the consent note on School Bytes, along with other information such as medication etc that our staff need to be aware of. Please ensure that camp payments are completed before the camp starts. If you need more time please let us know ASAP. The packing list was included with the note with important information on what to bring, and what time to be at Wyndham. Please refer to that list.

Cricket
Yesterday was the first of four cricket skills workshops thanks to the Term 4 Sporting School grant. Our coach Jay Stafford introduced the students to batting, bowling and catching through a variety of fun games and activities.

Term 4 Calendar
Please find attached, the Term 4 calendar- great to pop on your fridge. The School Bytes calendar is always up to date too if you ever need to check something, and you can now also access this via the school website. Lots of ways to double check or clarify information.

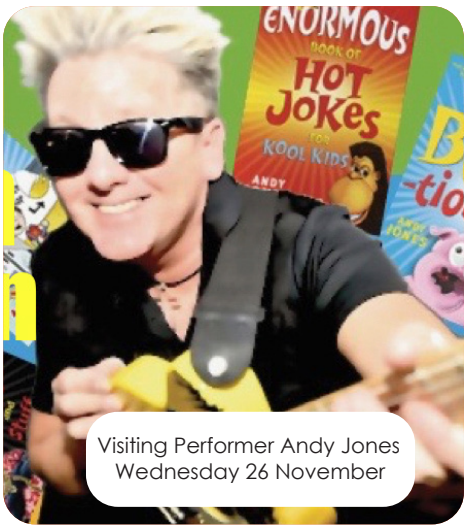
Swimming lessons recap
During last term's swimming lessons every student put in a great deal of effort, showing determination and a positive attitude. The students' behaviour and persistence was impressive; even when they found some skills challenging, they continued to practice and try their best. As a result, their swimming abilities grew stronger and they became more confident in the water. Additionally, the water safety education they received taught them important skills. Overall, the combination of improved skills, excellent behaviour, and strong persistence made last term's swimming lessons both successful and valuable. Well done.

Kindergarten Orientation **Starts 23 October**
We are so excited to welcome some new students to school next week for the first morning of Kindy Orientation. Students will join the K12 class and stay until recess for the first couple of visits, and then stay for the full day in Week 6. On these days our Year 2 students will also be having their own orientation days and moving up to the 3-6 class. How exciting!
Staff are hosting a welcome morning tea for new parents on the first day next week. We look forward to welcoming Jasmine, Ember and Dahlia.

Scripture Cafe

Mr Dixon will be visiting our school on Fridays again this term for Scripture cafe with visits planned for Weeks 2, 4, 7 and 8. The final date on Friday 5 December will be at the Towamba community church.

Year 6 Discovery Day **Monday 3 November**
Hosted by the University of Wollongong (Bega Campus) and the University of Canberra, the Year 6 Discovery Day is held at Bega and investigates the future world of work and broadens student understanding of careers and job possibilities through hands on activities. This is for



Visiting Performer Andy Jones
Wednesday 26 November

Year 6 students only, and students will be travelling to and from Bega with Ms Barrow in her car. More information on the attached note.

Year 6 Days at Eden Marine High School
Year 6 mark your calendar for these two important days:
Small Schools Orientation Day Tuesday 25 November and
Year 7 Orientation Day Tuesday 2 December

Life Education Let's talk about Puberty
This term we have a visit from a Life Education specialist coming to chat about puberty with our stage 3 students. These sessions are invaluable for understanding the changes both physical and emotional that happen at around this age. We previously surveyed parents about this before we made the booking. More details are attached for the families with children in Years 5 & 6.

School photographs next year
We would like to arrange our 2026 school photo day for next year and thought it would be a good time to survey our parents for their views on the preferred supplier. In the past we have used The School Photographer, and this year tried local business Daisy Hill. A simple anonymous survey will be emailed to our parents/carers to determine if there was a preference for one or th eother. It's only 1 question and will be open until the end of week 3.

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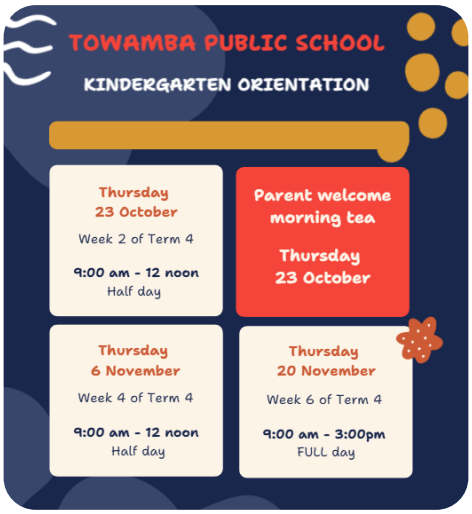


Canberra Raiders
Thanks very much to the Canberra Raiders who sent a whole lot of merchandise to the school. We had hoped to have a visit from some of the team to talk about sportsmanship. Unfortunately they were unable to visit this time, but we will try to get them another day.

P&C News

FRIDAY Lunches

Gluten Free plain pie	$4.50
Cheese & Bacon	$4.50
Chicken/mushrm	$4.50
Term 4 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: Karen

Fri 24 Oct- Esther
Fri 31 Oct- VACANT
Fri 7 Nov- Steph
Fri 14 Nov- Bekie
Fri 21 Nov- Karen
Fri 28 Nov - VACANT
Fri 5 Dec- Steph
Fri 12 Dec- Esther
Fri 19 Dec- No Friday Lunches

Friday lunches
Looking for volunteers for Friday lunches this term. If you can lend a hand just let Lindy know on 0415 964 144 after hours.

P&C Term 4 Meeting
This term's meeting will be held on Thursday 23 October at 3:15pm. With lots to discuss including planning for the C2K and end of year celebrations, we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Runner Mugs
The runner mugs are back and look fabulous! We have ordered a few more collages as they are sure to sell like hot cakes! 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.

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 4 P&C Meeting

Thursday 23 October

Time 3:15pm

Special Pies Term4- check!*

Thai Chicken Pie

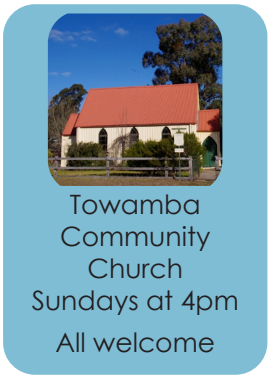
Cauliflower & Blue Cheese Pie

Cheese & Spinach Triangle

Towamba P&C Account details

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

Community News



KANGARUTHA FARM
SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE
18 & 19 OCT 9-4

Wide range of local and Aust Native Plants, grown on site

OPEN DAY

Towamba Hall Library
Rejuvenated and ready! Come and borrow a book or two. Every Tuesday 10am- 3:30pm.
Enquiries Lucy 6496 7125

A Boy Called Sailboat
Film screening with live soundtrack played by the GRIGORYAN BROTHERS

Friday 17 Oct 2025
7:30 - 9:20pm
Theatre Twyford

Australia's finest classical guitar duo, Slava and Leonard Grigoryan perform live on stage the soundtrack they created to a very special screening of the multi award-winning film, A Boy Called Sailboat.

A heart-warming family film, written and developed by Melbourne-based creative team Cameron Nugent and Andrew Curry. Filmed in New Mexico and starring Academy Award winning actor J.K Simmons, Noel G, Elizabeth De Razzo, Jake Busey, Lew Temple and Julian Atocani Sanchez in the title role.

Sailboat brings love and hope to a family who have forged a simple but proud life in the drought-ridden Deep South. One afternoon he brings home a "little guitar". From this moment, Sailboat and his little guitar are inseparable, and when his ill grandmother requests he write a song for her, Sailboat meanders through adversity to deliver the unimaginable – the greatest song ever written.

Adults $50 | Concession $45 | Under 18s $25

Info: https://thetwyford.com.au/2025/08/04/17-october-2025-a-boy-called-sailboat/

Book at: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1447061