# Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

# Magpie Murmur

**TERM 4** | **WEEK 3** | **THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 2025**

Coming Events

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| Mon 3 Nov | Y6 Discovery Day |
| Mon 3 Nov | Ashleigh at school |
| Tues 4 Nov | Life Ed Puberty St3 |
| Wed 5 Nov | Last cake raffle |
| Wed 5 Nov | Nicole Bax at school |
| Wed 5 Nov | Cricket |
| Thurs 6 Nov | Kindystart #2 |
| *Fri 7 Nov* | *Scripture Cafe* |
| *12-14 Nov* | *Stage 3 Jindabyne* |
| Thurs 20 Nov | Kindystart #3 |
| Tues 25 Nov | EMHS for Year 6 |

**Attached:**

- P&C minutes
- Y6 parent webinar
- Year 6 EMHS notes
- School Play FAQs

We had a great day last Thursday as we welcomed three new Kindergarten students to the first orientation day for 2026. Kindergarten will be all girls at this stage and they are all happy, confident and enthusiastic. None of them showed any doubt about wanting to be at school. Year 2 students also moved up to the 3-6 classroom for the morning session and practiced being primary students which was fantastic. They slipped right into the routines and worked hard with some challenging maths work. We look forward to the second orientation day next week.

We also had a great visit from Andy from Circus Challenge last week. This was very last minute but we were able to make it work. This performance was originally scheduled for May, however due to unforeseen circumstances for the performers, it was unable to be held, so it was great to be able to squeeze it in at short notice. The children loved the show and were suitably impressed by many of Andy's skills. We hope to see a resurgence of the circus equipment in the next few weeks.

Rehearsals are in full swing for the end of year play. This year's play is called "Happily Never After" and is a variation on a twisted fairytale. This play is a collaboration with students and much of the content was decided upon during our bus trips to swimming in the last week of Term 3, which is exciting. As some families are still a bit new to school plays, I have provided a summary page for what to expect for the student performance and how you can assist your child/children at home, to prepare for the performance. It is important to note that the more substantial roles tend to go to the senior students, with minor roles going to younger students. This is due to the senior students tending to have more capacity learning lines but is also done in consultation with the classroom teachers and their knowledge of the students. As the younger students move through the years, they will have the opportunity to take on the more demanding roles. Every role in a performance is important.

I am offsite today and tomorrow on personal leave. I will be offsite again on Monday to take Year 6 to the UOW for the day, Jindabyne camp (with Ms Wendy) in Week 5 from 12-14th November and again in Week 6 (with Ms Nicci) for the Art of Leadership, from 17-19th November. During these times, please make the school the first point of contact for questions or concerns and the staff will follow up with me if required. Thank you for your understanding around this time away from school.

It was wonderful to welcome Nicole Bax, our School Nurse, back to Towamba last week. Nicole needed to take some unexpected leave and we are very excited to have her back with us to support our students, families and staff. We missed her. Nicole will be back again on Wednesday next week. On Monday next week, Ashliegh, our school psychologist will also be onsite again. We always look forward to these visits. If you would like to speak with Ashliegh or Nicole, please contact the office and we can book an appointment for you. They are both very happy to speak with parents/carers about any questions or concerns.

Ms Barrow

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**Kindergarten Orientation**
What a great first day of Kindy Orientation we had last week. It was a joy to welcome Jasmine, Ember and Dahlia into our school and the K12 classroom. It was lovely to meet the new parents and the morning tea was a great time to get to know each other. We look forward to the next two visits - another half day next week, and the final full day visit on November 20.
The Year 2 students also greatly enjoyed being up in the 3-6 class on these orientation days.

**Book Club** **due tomorrow**
Book Club catalogues were sent home last week. If you plan on making an order please do so by **3pm tomorrow**. Once the orders come in we will send them home with the students, unless you advise us otherwise.

**Stage 3 Cake Raffles**
Only one more cake raffle left! Thanks again to everyone for your support of the Stage 3 cake raffles. Who will be the lucky last winner?

**Stage 3 Jindabyne Excursion** **12- 14 November**
Coming up so soon now! 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.

**Year 6 Discovery Day** **this Monday 3 November**
Coming up on Monday is a special day for Year 6 students only. A little look into tertiary education options which can be an inspiration at this transition point, demonstating the wider options available after school. Students will be travelling to and from Bega with Ms Barrow in her car. Please ensure you are at school early ready for the **8:30am departure**.

**Life Education Let's talk about Puberty** **Tuesday 4 November**
Next Tuesday some of our Stage 3 students will enjoy learning more about puberty with Sally Fletcher, the visiting Life Ed special presenter. These sessions are invaluable for understanding the changes both physical and emotional that happen at around this age.

**Parent webinar**
UOW are offering an online parent webinar for families of senior students - a helpful introduction to the high school years. More information attached for the families of Year 5 & 6 students.

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

**School photographs next year**
Thank you to the parents who responded to the quick question about preferred school photographer for next year. It was a resounding 100% preference for Daisy Hill Photography, and we have booked Tara in for our 2026 photos in February next year.

**School representation Towamba War Memorial Centenary**
The RSL have invited students to represent the school and be part of the centenary celebrations (that's 100 years!) on Saturday 22 November. We know it's not a school day but it's a little part of local history to be involved in. A survey was sent home (and emailed) on Tuesday this week. Please have all responses in by the end of this week.

**World Teachers Day**
It is officially World Teachers Day in Australia tomorrow. We greatly appreciate our teachers at Towamba but we will be celebrating a little later (Towamba style) next month.

**STAGE 3 CAKE RAFFLES**
**Results and fundraising tally**

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| Week 2 cake was by Bethany and was **won by:** | **Nancy** |
| Week 3 cake was by Chloe and was **won by:** | **Hannah** |

Funds raised: $70 + $82
Running total: $343

**Last cake raffle next week:**
- 5 Nov - Caelan

**Andy Jones Visiting Performer** **Wednesday 26 November**

Later next month students will be enjoying a visit from visiting performer Andy Jones. It promises to be a great show with electric drums, guitar, props, and a FX voice processor. The show is full of participation, rhyme, comedy, music, language and even belly dancing! The school is covering the cost of this performance for our students.

**School Times**

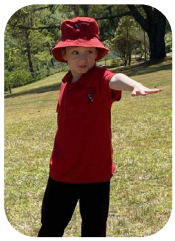
Just a reminder that school **starts at 9:20am**. All students should be at school by 9:20am so that we are ready to start as soon as the bus arrives (around 9:22am).

**End of year**

It seems a little early (maybe next newsletter!) but keep in mind that we will be seeking donations for the **Giving Tree** soon- collecting gifts for others less fortunate at Christmas. Mr Dixon will accept them at the end of year concert to pass on to Anglicare for distribution.

The P&C will also be getting things organised for the big Christmas raffle to be drawn at the concert night. Next newsletter, we will be sending home raffle tickets for families to sell, and will be requesting donations for the **hamper** - one of the raffle prizes. Something else to keep in mind when doing the shopping!

The concert night is Tuesday 16 December - definitely put a circle around that date on your calendar!



# P&C News

## FRIDAY Lunches

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| Gluten Free Plain Pie | $4.50 |
| Cheese & Bacon | $4.50 |
| Chicken & Mushroom | $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/Plain Milk | $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: Bekie/Robyn**

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

**P&C Term 4 Meeting**

Thank you to those attending last week's P&C meeting. Please read through the attached minutes for more information.

**Daisy Hill Family Photo packages** **Sat Nov 8**

Thanks to the families booking in for family photos, and thanks to Bekie for being the organiser. It's a great opportunity for some nice family photos and a way to support the P&C and our school at the same time. There's still a few spaces remaining.

*** Special Pies Term 4**

- 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

## Community Bushfire Training

### Will you be ready?

Lead Trainers:
Mick Holton & Barry Aitchison

Australia's new system

- -Stay or go ?
- -Basic fire behaviour
- -Smoke exposure
- -Your safety
- -Fire extinguisher use
- -Basic bushfire control
- -Sprinklers, hoses, pumps
- -Take shelter in building
- -Take shelter in vehicle
- -Locate a safer place
- -Communicate
- -Work beside firefighters
- -Helicopter visit & briefing

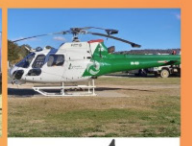
Lunch+ Giveaways + Fire Agencies

**Final event Book now!**

DON'T miss it!

**EDEN**
**Sun 9th Nov 2025**
**9am-3pm**
**Barclay St Sports Oval**

ph: 02 64963970 or 64584003
email: Edenprojects@eden.nsw.au



Supporting Spontaneous Volunteers Program – a NSW Government initiative

Snowy River Interstate Landcare Committee

This project is supported by the NSW Reconstruction Authority through the Spontaneous Volunteers Program

Eden Community Access Centre Inc.

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Local Land Services

## Feral deer workshop - Kiah

Join South East Local Land Services and the Bega biosecurity team for a practical workshop on managing feral deer on your property.

With years of experience in large-scale deer control, the team will share insights into deer behaviour and practical control techniques.

The workshop will cover:

- camera monitoring
- signs and behaviours
- thermal imaging devices
- aerial work
- contract shooting
- trapping.

This workshop is free, and light refreshments will be provided.

**Date and time**
Tuesday 18 November 2025
9:30 am – 11:30 am

**Location**
Kiah Public Hall
Kiah Hall Road, Kiah 2551

**RSVP**
Register online or scan the QR code.

**Contact**
Ben Robinson, Senior Biosecurity Officer
ben.robinson@lls.nsw.gov.au
0429 037 289

NSW GOVERNMENT

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## TAI CHI

MONDAYS 4:30-5:30pm
Towamba Hall
$15 per session

Wear comfortable clothes & flat shoes
Bring a water bottle

For CH is suitable for all ages and offers many health benefits, both physically and mentally.

ENQUIRIES CONTACT STEVE 0405 464 069

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

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## 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.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

saverplus
1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au

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Towamba Community Church
Sundays at 4pm

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## Daisy Hill PHOTOGRAPHY

### Family Portrait Fundraiser for Towamba P&C

### Saturday November 8th

Photo Sessions will be held at the Towamba River near the Bridge from **8:30am - 10:30am** or **3:30pm - 6:30pm** (approximately 15-20minutes for each session)

Portrait Package A = $70
Includes: 1 x 8x12" Family print
2 x 6x4" Family prints
3 x 5x7" Sibling prints
1 x 6x4" Print of each child

Digital Package = $100
Includes a great variety of digital images in colour, black & white and a nuetral tone in a download link

$30 from each package goes to the P&C

Contact **Bekie Smith ASAP** to book your session on **0447 676 469**. At the end of next week the bookings will be opened up to the wider community.
**BOOK NOW**, so you don't miss out.

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## Towamba War Memorial Centenary Celebration

**SATURDAY**
**22**
**NOVEMBER**

10:30am march
from the church to the memorial