Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 4 | WEEK 5 | THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2025

Coming Events

12-14 Nov	*Stage 3 Jindabyne*
Thurs 20 Nov	Kindystart #3
Tues 25 Nov	EMHS for Year 6
Wed 26 Nov	Visiting Performer
Fri 28 Nov	Scripture Cafe
Tues 2 Dec	EMHS for Year 6
Tues 16 Dec	School Concert & Presentation Evening
Wed 17 Dec	Student reports home
Fri 19 Dec	Last day of school

Attached:

- P&C Raffle tickets

Let me start with an apology. I sincerely apologise for the error I made with the group message I sent out last week requesting size information for students. I have a new phone and for some reason when I sent the group message, when some people responded, the message was shared with others. This didn't happen for everyone, but it did happen for some and that was not appropriate. I have endeavoured to fix this a few different ways already, however have had no success. I will continue investigating but until then, if I need to send a group message I will start it with the following…DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS MESSAGE. I will put it in all caps so that it stands out. If you need to respond, please do that in a new message. I appreciate this is frustrating and I apologise. I will persist in finding a solution. Thank you for your understanding.

I am coming to you from camp this week and I am so pleased to be here with Ms Wendy and all of our Stage 3 students. Ms Wendy and I are already running on limited sleep, but it is worth the sacrifice as we get to see our students challenging themselves in so many different ways. I can't wait for you to see them when they get back and they share all their amazing stories.

A reminder that next week (week 6) from Monday to Wednesday, Ms Nicci and I will be offsite completing our Art of Leadership training in Canberra. Ms Wendy and Mrs Schollar will be onsite as usual to support the students. Also over the next week, we hope to have the GA position advertised on 'I Work for NSW'.

We have recently noticed an increase in the number of students requiring extra food at school. It might be worth checking in with your children to see if they need more food packed, perhaps an extra sandwich rather than extra packaged food, or an extra piece of fruit. Whilst we almost always have extra snacks at school, this can't be guaranteed. To help with recognising when your child has been supported, we will slip a note in the students lunch box to say they have been given extra. You do not need to pay for this, or replace the items, it is just so that you are aware of their needs.

Over the next few weeks and into next year, I will be recording lessons in both the K-2 and 3-6 classrooms. The purpose of this activity is to provide all teachers with the opportunity to undertake self-reflection and for me to be able to observe teaching practices in a more objective manner. When I am physically in the classroom to undertake observations, the dynamic in the room is affected. I am hopeful that this method of observation will assist me to observe more accurately and also to have the opportunity to reflect on my own teaching practice. These recordings will only be used in-house for the purpose of teacher reflection and development. All parents and carers have previously given permission for their child/children to be recorded, however, I wanted to advise you of this upcoming activity, to keep you informed. If you have any questions or concerns in relation to this activity, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I wish all the Coast 2 Kosci team the very best of luck for a successful breakfast stall tomorrow. I am SO disappointed that I can not be there to support the morning, because I know you will all have a fantastic time. Cheer loudly and often and enjoy an egg roll for me. Thank you all for your continued support of our school P&C to further support our families.

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Stage 3 Jindabyne Excursion
Our Stage 3 students are currently on camp, so we will have more details and photos once they are back. It's a great opportunity to mix with students from other small schools and extend their comfort zone with a wide range of activities. Please remember to be waiting at **Wyndham PS at 5pm tomorrow for the pickup**.

Kindergarten Orientation
Another great visit from our new students last week. Next week will be the final and full day at school. It also means our Year 2 students will enjoy being in the big class all day. A little taste of next year!

Book Club
Thank you to everyone who put in orders. Once the books come in we will send them home with the students, unless you advise us otherwise.

Stage 3 Cake Raffles
That's a wrap! Thanks to all the Stage 3 students and families for providing the cakes. Thanks also to all those students and staff buying tickets each week- it was fabulous fundraising with 8 lucky cake winners!

Year 6 Discovery Day
Ms Barrow was very proud of our Year 6 students Zee and Jere at the Year 6 Discovery Day at UOW Bega last week. It's a great day to learn a bit more about tertiary education and what some of the options might be. Students participated in looking into the fields of architecture, nursing, law, cultural studies and audiology.

Life Education Let's talk about Puberty
It was great having the Life Ed special educator, Sally Fletcher, come last week to talk about puberty with Stage 3 students. Such important information and the students attending were very respectful and attentive. We hope to have Sally visit each year for our senior students.

School representation - Towamba War Memorial Centenary
The RSL have invited students to represent the school and be part of the centenary celebrations at the Towamba War Memorial on Saturday 22 November. Thank you to those who returned the survey and indicated that their children will be involved as flag bearers and to represent the school. Mr Phil Hall from the RSL will be helping children become familiar with the protocols on the day. Be part of Towamba's history!

Andy Jones Visiting Performer **Wednesday 26 November**
In a couple of weeks we look forward to welcoming another visiting performer to our school. Andy Jones promises a great show full of participation, with rhyme, rap, comedy, music, language and even belly dancing! The school is covering the cost of this performance for our students.

Cricket
Last week was the final cricket coaching session with Jay. Thanks to the stage 3 students for initiating cricket for this term. We also used some of the grant funding to get some new cricket gear for the school.

Giving Tree
After the little heads up last newsletter, we have already had some gifts come in for the Giving Tree, as well as the P&C's raffle hamper. The Giving Tree box is in the office and ready for your donations. You can wrap if you like, but please include an indication of age/gender the gift would suit. Mr Dixon will be accepting these on behalf of Anglicare at the end of year concert.

Year 6 Days at Eden Marine High School
Later this month and early December, our Year 6 students will have some special days at the high school. Students are welcome to travel to and from school on the high school bus for these orientation days. One of the teachers from Towamba will be there on the day and

STAGE 3 CAKE RAFFLES
Results and fundraising tally

Final cake was by Caelan and was **won by:** **Lenny & Opal**

Funds raised: $ 110.80
Final total: $ 539.80

Thank you! Great fundraising helping to reduce camp costs for families!

Not sure how the 80c got there this week!

TOWAMBA WAR MEMORIAL CENTENARY
Service and Community BBQ
Saturday 22nd November
(10:30am for 10:45 am start)

meet students at the gate as they arrive. The first day is Small Schools Orientation Day on Tuesday 25 November, followed by the big Year 7 Orientation Day the following Tuesday. See the note sent home last newsletter for more details.

End of year

The last week of school is a full week this year for the first time, with staff as well as students all finishing on Friday 19 December. In that week we have the school concert and presentation evening on Tuesday 16 December. Semester 2 reports will be sent home on the Wednesday. We are yet to plan the rest of the week's activities so stay tuned!

Absences

Attendance matters! All student absences, either full or partial, must be explained by parents/carers. If your child is absent when the roll is marked or arrives late, you will receive an email requesting a reason for this absence. If you have submitted a planned absence online or attended the office to drop off or collect your child, then you will not receive an email, however in all other circumstances, an email is sent. If no reason is provided for your child's absence within 7 days, it automatically converts to an unjustified absence in the system. Please be reminded that if your child is arriving late, we request that you attend the office to sign them in and offer a reason for the late arrival. Absence reasons can not be given by the student. Thank you for your understanding.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Giving Tree gifts

Let's fill the box and bring joy to others this Christmas!

P&C News

FRIDAY Lunches

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/

Fri 21 Nov- Karen
Fri 28 Nov - VACANT
Fri 5 Dec- Steph
Fri 12 Dec- Esther
Fri 19 Dec- No Friday Lunches

C2K is tomorrow!

We need all hands on deck. Thanks to those indicating what they can bring via the survey or directly to Steph. Eggs, cakes and slices need to be brought to school today, unless you want to drop down at 5am!

Friday Lunches

We are still looking for one more volunteer for the term. Learn the ropes now- it's a nice easy way of helping out at school.
As we head towards the end of the year the range of pies etc may change as stocks are depleted. If the ordered lunch item is not available children will be offered something else on the day.

Raffle Hamper

While we are still working on all the prizes for this year's Christmas Raffle we definitely will be having a hamper. We are requesting donations from school families to make this a special hamper to win at Christmas. You can bring your items into the school office to start filling the giant trug! Attached are raffle tickets to sell to friends and family- more prize info soon!

Runner Mugs

Ordered runner mugs will be able to go home with students on Monday, unless you are contacted otherwise.

Towamba P&C Account details

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

*** Special Pies Term 4**

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

Community News

TOWAMBA WAR MEMORIAL CENTENARY

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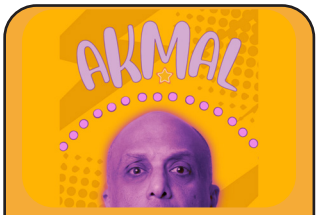
Saturday 22nd November

(10:30am for 10:45 am start)

All welcome

Meet at the church at 10:30am for the march or at the memorial from 10:30am to receive the march.

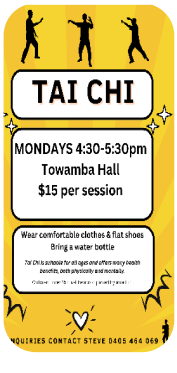


Saturday 17 January 2026
The Twyford – Merimbula

Comedian Akmal Saleh returns with a smash-hit tour after a spiritual journey to India to find himself. Unfortunately, when he got there, he couldn't find himself anywhere, after all India is a big place…

More info online
thetwyford.com.au

Towamba Community Christmas Party
Save the date
Sunday 14 December



Towamba Community Church Sundays at 4pm

Need a JP? Justice of the Peace

Drop in service
Every Tuesday
Tura Marrang library
11:30-1:30pm
No need to book