# Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

# Magpie Murmur

**TERM 4** | **WEEK 7** | **THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2025**

## Coming Events

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| Fri 28 Nov | Scripture Cafe |
| Tues 2 Dec | EMHS for Year 6 |
| Fri 5 Dec | Scripture Cafe (Last one for 2025) |
| Tues 16 Dec | School Concert & Presentation Evening |
| Wed 17 Dec | Student reports home |
| Fri 19 Dec | Last day of school |
| **2026** | |
| Tues 27 Jan | Staff return |
| Mon 2 Feb | All students return |

**Attached:**

- Screen time survey
- Jindabyne photo page
- 2026 school calendar

We are well and truly on the downhill run now with lots of rehearsing, costuming, dancing, singing and much more as we prepare ourselves for the end of year. Teachers have been busily working on end of year assessments and student reports and we look forward to sending these home in Week 10. In the next week or so, we will send home a note outlining the plan for the presentation night with arrival times, what to wear, what to bring etc. We are all getting very excited about the play and the students are looking forward to showing everyone what they have been practicing.

Thank you to the people who have been able to send in something to add to the giving tree and to the P&C Hamper for the raffle on presentation night. We would love to see a few more things go into both of these boxes before the night. Even if everyone just added one item, we would have a great collection.

It might seem like old news now, but I wanted to share what a wonderful Stage 3 camp we had with the Combined Small Schools. All of the students in Year 5 and 6 were amazing representatives of our school and of themselves. They challenged themselves in new tasks and showed courage in others. They all engaged with lots of students from other schools and most of them made a new friend, or reconnected with someone they had met before. Ms Wendy and I could not be more proud of the students. Well done to all the Stage 3 students.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to the P&C and the volunteers who supported the C2K breakfast stall this year. I was very disappointed to miss it, but I hear that it was a fantastic morning with everything selling out! Special mention to Oscar and Cooper who were both, by all accounts, very capable helpers on the morning. Great job boys and thank you to everyone who was involved to help the P&C continue to help our families.

Ms Nicci and I were lucky enough to finish off the Art of Leadership training in Canberra last week. This training focused on understanding Internal Psychology and Choice Theory and we both felt that this was valuable professional learning. We both feel better informed and have learned about lots of new theories and strategies for understanding how we (humans - both child and adult) all operate and make the decisions we do. We hope next year to extend this training to Ms Wendy and Mrs Schollar. As educators we all believe in being life long learners and this will be an exciting opportunity for us all. As always, thank you to the staff for managing things so well while Ms Nicci and I were offsite for this training.

Finally this week, thank you to the families who were able to bring their children along to participate in the Centenary celebrations for the Towamba War Memorial. Thank you to Jere, Ottilie, Chloe, Beth, Peter, Caelan, James, Makayla, Zain, Lenny and Opal for volunteering to be part of this event. It was a historical day for the village of Towamba and I am so pleased our students were able to be such an important part of the service and celebration. It was also a proud moment for me as a principal, to have our students represent our school and community in such a way. Well done to you all.

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**Stage 3 Jindabyne Excursion**
The Jindabyne excursion was a wonderful three days. Check out the photo page attached.

**Kindergarten Orientation**
Last week was the final day of orientation for both our new Kindies and the Year 2 students. We hope it makes the transition a little easier at the start of 2026. It has been a delight to see students feeling more comfortable with each visit and we look forward to next year!

**Andy Jones Visiting Performer**
Unfortunately Andy Jones could not attend our school this week, but he has rescheduled to visit next Wednesday on the 3 December.

**Giving Tree**
The Giving Tree box is in the office and ready for your donations. You can wrap the gifts 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**
This week Jere and Zee enjoyed a day at the high school with other students from small schools. It's a great opportunity to find your feet a little before the next orientation day which includes all students commencing Year 7 next year. These days are invauable and give a taste of how high school will be different- so many people, such a range of different subjects and teachers, and an amazing school with so many facilities.

**Screen Time Survey**
Attached to this newsletter is some information about a survey from the NSW Government seeking data about screen time for children. Please look at this anonymous survey with your child to help shape the future of educational screen use.

**Semester 2 Reports**
Staff have been busy finalising student reports so they will be ready to go home with students on Wednesday 17 December. They will also be uploaded to School Bytes later that day.

Now's the time and your last chance to submit any absences you haven't explained before reports are printed! Don't forget that any absences without reasons automaticlaly change to unjustified after 7 days, so don't ignore that email reminder you get when your child is absent from school.

**Last Week of Term**
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. More details next newsletter.

**Concert Night**

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| Costumes- | will be sent home with students the day before |
| Time- | students should be at the hall at 5pm in their costume, with their school uniform in a labelled bag (to change into at supper) |
| Supper- | please bring a plate for the community supper. The P&C are organising tea and coffee and cordial for the kids. |

**K12 students log in information**
During the summer school holidays, the usernames of students in Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will be set to the department's new shortened format (student initials and the last 4 digits of their student reference number, such as JS1234 for example). Your child's teacher will be able to print off a login credentials card if you need it, and we will be sending home an updated password placemat for 2026 at the start of the year.

**Giving Tree gifts**

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

**2026**

Attached is a 2026 school calendar to pop on your fridge. It already has a circle around Monday 2 February as the first day back for students next year.

# 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: Karen & Liz**

Fri 5 Dec- Steph
Fri 12 Dec- Esther
Fri 19 Dec- No Friday Lunches

**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

### C2K Info and Wrap Up

With a greater number of support crews this year, the C2K stall was very busy and very successful, feeding many people and raising over $3100 for the P&C. Thanks to those donating cakes, eggs and time. It was probably our best year yet!

### Runner Art Mugs

Runner mugs for personal orders have been re-ordered and will be back soon. Demand was high on the day and over 60 mugs were sold! Information on payment has gone home to those putting in an EOI, and the mugs will be sent home once payment is received.

### Daisy Hill Photoshoot

Seven local families grabbed the opportunity for some lovely portraits by Tara recently. The weather on the rescheduled day was perfect. Thanks to Bekie for organising this and raising $210 for the P&C. This will possibly become an annual event.

### Friday Lunches

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. We have run out of vege pasties as indicated on the menu.

### Raffle Hamper

While we are still working on all the prizes for this year's Christmas Raffle we are starting with the hamper. We are requesting donations from school families to make this a special win at Christmas. You can bring your items into the school office to start filling the giant trug! More raffle tickets are available on request.

**P&C Christmas Raffle**

**Tickets on sale now.**

**Send in your sold tickets.**

**More available if needed.**

**Lots of prizes.**

**Drawn on the concert night.**

**P&C Christmas Raffle Prizes so far**

Giant hamper - Homemade Christmas cake
Family Day pass for Magic Mountain-- Merimbula Wharf $100 dinner or lunch voucher and a family pass for the Aquarium -$50 voucher for Oaklands Barn and garden centre- $75 voucher for Tribal Suzani - $20 voucher for Abraxas- Fishing rod and reel from Pickles- Picnic basket and a floating flashlight from Eden Gas & gear - voucher from Seahorse Inn

# Community News

Don't forget you can call Santa from any Telstra phone box for free.

Actually- you can call anyone in Australia for free!

## School Holiday Horse & Pony Fun Days!

Looking for something these school holidays?
Give your kids a day filled with pony fun, hands-on learning, positive social interactions, & unforgettable animal encounters!

### Christmas Gift Vouchers available

* Pony-Led Obstacle Course – Build confidence, balance & coordination
* Riding – Safe, supported, and ideal for first-timers
* Meet a-Deer – Meet our gentle boy Reuben
* Meet a Dingo – Learn about Australia's iconic Dingo
* Guided Social Interaction Opportunities
* Peer engagement, turn-taking & communication

### Sessions are guided by a Positive Behaviour Support Practitioner

TO ASSIST CHILDREN WITH:
* NOURISHING & DEVELOPING POSITIVE SOCIAL SKILLS
* LEARNING FUNCTIONAL EMOTIONAL REGULATION STRATEGIES
* BUILDING CONFIDENCE THROUGH VALIDATION, CONNECTION, ENGAGEMENT & REGULATION

WEEKLY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
10:00AM – 12:00PM
(CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)
AGES 4-6 — TUESDAYS (MAX 10)
DATES: JANUARY 6TH, 13TH & 20TH
AGES 7-11 — THURSDAYS (MAX 5)
DATES: JANUARY 8TH, 15TH & 22ND
AGES 15-17 — SATURDAYS (MAX 5)
DATES: JANUARY 10TH, 17TH & 24TH
18+
AVAILABLE VIA APPOINTMENT

BURRAGATE, NSW
(ADDRESS PROVIDED ON BOOKING)

CALL 0480761993 TO BOOK

Attention OTs, Speech Therapists, Psychologists and Support workers
Open to all service providers to attend with clients (carers & service providers attend free with participants)

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0480761993

## Wyndham School of Dancing

Presents

## A DECADE OF DANCE

3pm Saturday 6th December 2025
@ Wyndham Hall

Tickets on sale at Wyndham store
$20 Adults, $10 Kids, Under 5 Free

Towamba Community Church Sundays at 4pm

Does your little one have boundless creativity and a need to move? The $50 Active and Creative Kids vouchers help nurture your kid's creativity and fuel their natural desire to play. Vouchers are available to those receiving Family Tax Benefits. Combine two vouchers, if not already redeemed, and use $100 with a registered provider. Find out more at **service.nsw.gov.au.**

## Towamba Community Christmas Party

**Sunday 14 December - 5pm**

**TCPA will supply meat and bread.**
**Bring along a salad or dessert to share.**
**BYO drinks.**
**Come in your favourite Christmas dress up and bring outdoor games to play.**

Pambula-Merimbula Lions Club
is proud to present the 2025

# Lions Carols by Candlelight

**Pambula Sporting Complex, Pambula Beach**
**Friday, 12th December from 6pm**

**A FREE ENTRY family friendly community event!**
This is an alcohol and smoke free event
• No dogs permitted on the oval (excl. assistance dogs)

**BYO CHAIRS AND PICNIC RUGS**

SANTA ARRIVES 6.30pm
TEA, COFFEE VAN
This is a Waste Wise event. We ask you to use reusable water bottles/containers and coffee cups.
BBQ, DRINKS, FOOD
BEST DRESSED PRIZES

*Featuring performances by:*
• Felicity Dowd • Ricky Blomfield • The Sugarants
• Gary Carson Jones • Colleen Brown
• Ann Larkin's Group • Magpie Music students and more!

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