Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL Magpie Murmur

TERM 4 | **WEEK 9** | **THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2025**

Coming Events

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 commence
Mon 2 Feb	All students start

Attached:

- **School Holiday Activities**
- **Bus Pass Information**

Welcome to the last newsletter for 2025. We are in the midst of a crazy rehearsal week for the school play and we are all very excited to get to performance night and showcase the Towamba student talent. There has been so much help from so many people to get the play ready, including bringing in Mrs Macey to help with some last minute prop painting (thanks Mrs Macey). Thank you in advance for assisting with getting your child to the hall on time before the performance. Remember they will need to bring their school uniform with them to change into after the play.

I would like to share some important staffing news with you all, and that is that at the end of this year, Kim Reddy will be finishing up her time at Towamba Public School. Kim has been connected to our school for approximately 28 years in a range of different roles and has made the decision to start a new adventure. We wish Kim every success in her future endeavors and thank her for her commitment to Towamba Public School students, staff, families and community. We are hopeful that she will return and visit us for community events in the future. All the best Kim and thank you.

Thank you to all of our school families, community and the P&C for your continued support of our small school. We have had another jam packed year together filled with all sorts of gatherings, events, excursions, incursions, celebrations and a few challenges thrown into the mix as well. All the things that make school life interesting. This year we say goodbye to Kerri and Zee as Zee starts her high school chapter. We also say farewell to Jere, but we get to keep his family for another year. We all wish Zee and Jere a very successful start to high school and look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things they achieve. Sadly, at the end of this year we also say goodbye to Ali and his family Sahra, Hamish and Missy as they take on a new adventure in the mountains. We are very sorry to say goodbye to these students and families, but wish them all the very best.

To help balance the farewells, we will welcome a new student into our Year 6 cohort next year which is exciting. Dylan is reasonably new to the valley and is joining our school and taking our number of Year 6 students to 7! Can you believe that? That is a big cohort for Towamba, in fact the biggest number in any grade in my time here. Very exciting. We hope that Dylan and his family enjoy joining our school community.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff of Towamba Public School who all work hard to try to ensure that every student and family gets what they need to succeed. That doesn't mean everyone gets the same, it means we try to help every child and family in any way we can, to offer the best learning opportunities for our students. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes that can never be put into words and I am thankful for the commitment and dedication provided by every single member of staff.

On behalf of the staff, I wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year and we look forward to seeing you for another great year of learning in 2026.

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Giving Tree
The Giving Tree box is in the office and ready for your donations. You can wrap the gifts if you like, but if you do 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.

Dress Rehearsal **Monday 15 December**
On Monday students will be walking up to the hall for a full dress rehearsal, including sound checks etc, please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

Concert Night plans

Costumes-	will be sent home with students the day before. Students should arrive at the hall already dressed in their costume.
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 students.
P&C raffle	make sure you bring in all your sold raffle tickets and money to go into the draw for the big raffle.

Year 6 Days at Eden Marine High School
Jere and Zee enjoyed their second day at the high school with the other students starting Year 7 next year. It's such a contrast to Towamba where you know everybody but it opens up a whole new world of new friends, new favourite subjects and experiences.

Andy Jones Visiting Performer
Students had a fun afternoon when visiting performer and author Andy Jones spent the afternoon making music and mayhem in the MPR.

Semester 2 Reports
Semester 2 reports will go home with students next week on Wednesday 17 December. They will also be uploaded to School Bytes later that day.

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

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). At the start of the school year will send home an updated password placemat with the new log in details for all students, which will include the changed format for K-3.

Family Gifts
The school has arranged for special family gifts to go home with students as a way to support and celebrate our school community. These gifts have been paid for by the school to ensure that every student can receive one without any cost to their families. In addition, the Eden Pantry kindly donated extra items to be included in the gifts, which was organised by the Skelton family. This collaboration reflects our strong commitment to supporting students and their families, especially in challenging times, by sharing kindness and generosity.

Giving Tree gifts

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

New students

As well as welcoming Jasmine, Ember and Dahlia next year, we will also be welcoming new Year 6 student Dylan!

Last Week of School

Monday	Full dress rehearsal up at the hall
Tuesday	Final rehearsal at the hall School presentation- Term 4 nests, jumbo wildcards Concert night starts 5:30pm
Wednesday	Christmas craft activities in peer support groups Student reports and egg envelopes go home
Thursday	Pack up classrooms, student trays - please send a bag for student books. STEM activities - Year 3-6 egg drop challenge
Friday	Last day celebrations Farewell archway - Jere, Zee, Ali and Kim

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 & GF	$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*

LOW STOCKS of:

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Tomorrow: Esther

Last one!

No Friday Lunches on the last day

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

Raffle Hamper

This year's Christmas Raffle is looking fantastic - a big thanks to Bekie for all her great work! We still need to fill the hamper a bit more and request that families send something in that you'd like to win in a Christmas hamper!
Great to see some of the tickets already sold coming in, and extras taken. Get in early- as it will be superbusy on the night with everyone getting last minute tickets. It's winner's choice on the night, with lots of goodies.

Hall set up

Come along and lend a hand as we set up the hall and the Christmas tree on Monday 15 December from 9:30am. There will be some items to transport up from the school so meet at either place.

Friday Lunches

With tomorrow being the last lunch order day of the year, some stocks are low or depleted so the range on offer is reduced. If the ordered lunch item is not available children will be offered something else on the day. You can always suggest the preferred backup option on the bag.

Thank you

As this is the last newsletter of the year we would like to thank all the parents and carers who have helped out with all things P&C this year- lunches, C2K, raffles, cakes and more. We need more involvement in the P&C as many of our active P&C will have students in Year 6 next year so it will be their final year. Come and find out what's involved at the start of 2026!

The Hamper still needs more donations to make it a great prize in our raffle! Make sure you bring your donations in by Monday 15 December.

Tickets on sale now.
Send in your sold tickets.

More available if needed.

Drawn on the concert night
Winner's choice!

- Giant hamper
- Homemade Christmas cake
- Family Day pass for Magic Mountain
- Merimbula Wharf $100 dinner or lunch voucher
- 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
- $50 voucher from Seahorse Inn
- Voucher Eden Tyrepower
- Bale of silage thanks to Pota family
- Body Board/wriststrap
- Photography package worth $420 from Camilla

Community News

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!

Club GRANTS · CLEANAWAY · excell PRINTING GROUP · TOP FUN · Club Sapphire MERIMBULA · MERIMBULA RSL CLUB · MAGIC MOUNTAIN

SUNFLOWER AND BEE

LEARN TO SEW WITH BEC

TUES 6TH JAN MAKE A CUSHION COVER
WED 14TH JAN MAKE A MESSENGER BAG
THUR 22ND JAN MAKE A DRAWSTRING BACKPACK

3 HOUR BEGINNER FRIENDLY LESSON
COST: $60
KIDS CLASS
9:30 - 12:30 AT THE MAKERS ROOM EDEN

BRING your Sewing Machine and make some fabric magic!
All fabric and supplies included!

Contact Rebecca - 0415 219 729 to secure your spot
Classes capped at 10 participants.

@LEARNTOSEWWITHBEC FB - LEARN TO SEW WITH BEC

Towamba Community Church
Sundays at 4pm

Celebrate Christmas
Service Sunday 21 Dec 4pm

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

You are invited to the
TCPA Christmas Party

Let's celebrate together!
BBQ supplied. Bring your favourite outdoor game and a plate of salad or sweets to share. BYO drinks.

December | 14 | From 5:30 PM

Towamba Community Hall
Bring the family and bring a friend. We hope to see you there!

WYNDHAM WEAVERS

DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF WEAVING WITH NATURAL MATERIALS

TIME: 10AM- 2PM

VENUE:
HOLY TRINITY HERITAGE CHURCH, CLARKE ST (2 DOORS DOWN FROM WYNDHAM HALL)

DATE: 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
STARTING FEB 14TH 2026

BRING FOOD OR VISIT WYNDHAM STORE FOR LUNCH
URN AVAILABLE FOR WATER

MATERIALS SUPPLIED TO START

SUGGESTED DONATION $5-$10

for more info : wyndhamweavers@gmail.com

TAI CHI

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

Wear comfortable clothes & flat shoes
Bring a water bottle

SAMARITAN OP SHOP

MASONIC HALL - TOP OF TOALLA ST HILL PAMBULA

SJA FUNDRAISING & COMMUNITY EVENT!

17th to 23rd December inclusive
5th to 19th January inclusive

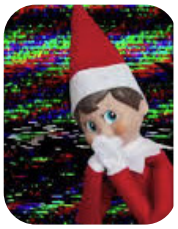
Monday to Friday - 9am to 4pm
Saturdays - 9am to 11am

100% of funds, all raised from donated goods, go directly back to our community!

Heaps of Awesome stuff available!
(No clothing)

Lucy Culliton: Close to Home

13 Dec 2025 — 28 Feb 2026
SECCA - Bega

Need a JP? Justice of the Peace

Drop in service
Every Tuesday
Tura Marrang library