



TERM 1

WEEK 5

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2020

Coming Events

Thurs 12 March	Scripture
Mon 16 March	School Photos
Tues 24 March	Life Education
Thurs 26 March	Scripture
Wed 1 April	Circus Skills
Thurs 2 April	Scripture Easter
Wed 8 April	End of Term 1 & Easter assembly
Thurs 9 April	Staff Dev Day

Welcome back to both Nancy and Kim who have both been away on long service leave, I know that the students & teachers are very happy to have these ladies back at Towamba.

Last night I received some amazing news! As you all know Nicci and Vicki have been working on an amazing art project named "Fireflies". Nicci spoke about the project at the P&C meeting on Tuesday and discussed the grant she had applied for under the Bushfire Recovery – Supporting Communities in Recovery grants program, to assist in the delivery and success of this project. I am so excited to announce that the grant application has been successful. A huge congratulations to both Nicci and Vicki for their tireless effort in making this project happen. Well done Nicci for the success of the grant and a big hats off to all of the students who have worked so collaboratively and creatively to produce these amazing works of art!

As promised I have also contacted Andrew Constance's office regarding his interest and I eagerly await his response.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the P&C meeting, congratulations to the new committee members: Jo – President, Esther – Vice President, Karen – Secretary and John remains Treasurer. It was great to see so many parents involved and having an input into their child's education and fundraising events to support activities and excursions.



Reminders

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Recently we received a donation to the school from the Social Justice Advocates of the Sapphire Coast for \$500 along with another donation from a lovely lady who chose to remain anonymous. We are very appreciative of this support from the wider community and will ensure that we utilise this to support all of our school families.

Life Education is coming up next month and we have decided that we will waive the cost for families this year and hope that we can continue offering assistance like this for our families.

Congratulations to all of the students who tried their very best at the Small Schools Swimming carnival at Candelo. Thank you to both Wendy and Steve for helping out with supervision on the day. Well done to Arlie who made it through to the Zone Swim carnival at Eden and competed on Monday in the 50m breast stroke event.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions about anything, have a great week!

Thanks
Sarah

Attached:

- P&C meeting minutes



Fireflies Project

Vicki and Bianca have been doing some great inspiring work with the students creating some wonderful huge artworks! Those attending wither the P&C meeting or the community meeting at the hall would have seen them close up. Fantastic news is that we have just been notified that the grant application submitted for this project has been successful!

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations Arlie for being part of the Zone swimming team for the combined small schools on Monday this week!

Apologies that no pictures from the Small schools carnival were included last newsletter- great work by the Towamba swimmers!

Waste Free Wednesday

Don't forget each week we have Waste Free Wednesday at school. Waste Free Wednesday is when you cannot bring rubbish in your lunchbox on a Wednesday. Use those beautiful beeswax lunch wraps or reusable containers etc- think creatively!

If you manage to have a waste free lunchbox then you get a **free wildcard!** The purpose of this is so we can reduce the amount of rubbish going into landfill from our school.

Library Bags

The wonderful people in the Candelo Craft Group are making new library bags for all of our students as their contribution towards helping our families. In a couple of weeks we will have a visitor bringing them out to our school.

Scripture 2020

Mr Dixon visited Towamba today for his first Scripture visit of the year.

School Photos Monday 16 March

In a couple of weeks on Monday 16 March we have The School Photographer team visiting for our 2020 school photos. Order envelopes will be sent home soon and we would appreciate your early return, regardless if ordering or not.

Life Education Tuesday 24 March

Coming up on Tuesday 24 March is our combined Life Education Day. This year Towamba students will be travelling to Wyndham for a full day including sessions in the Life Ed Van as well as outdoor and indoor activities organised by the teachers. More information and a permission note soon. We will be looking for parent transport to assist with this day.

Circus Skills

On Wednesday 1 April (no joke!) we have organised a return visit of the Circus Skills workshop that students enjoyed last year. More information soon.

End of Term changes

Staff at all local schools are upskilling with the Visible Learning program at a staff development day on the last day of this term on Thursday 9 April. This day has been rescheduled from the usual





WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY



Arlie's baby quails were so cute!

FRIDAY Lunches

Plain meat pie	\$4.00
Gluten Free pie	\$4.00
Cheese/Bacon	\$4.50
Chicken/mushrm	\$4.50
Vege pastie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Mini Pizza	\$2.50
Juice	\$1.50
Flav Milk	\$1.50

Lunch Orders

Tomorrow: Bianca

Fri 6 March: **Karen H**
 Fri 13 March: **Karen N**
 Fri 20 March: **Steph**
 Fri 27 March: **Karen N**
 Fri 3 April: **Karen H**

staff development day on the first day back next term.

In summary this means:

- we will have our last day of term assembly and Easter Hat Parade on **Wednesday 8 April**. No school for students on Thursday 9 April.
- Students return to school for Term 2 on the Monday 27 April (not the Tuesday as usual)

Dates for your calendar later in the year

- Stage 3 students (Year 5 & 6) combined small schools camp at Jindabyne Sport & Rec Centre November 4-6
- Towamba Ski Trip- students in Year 3-6 September 4-6, more details yet to be confirmed.

Working with Children

The Working with Children check is something that all schools need for parents who volunteer at their school- in the classroom, doing lunch orders, driving students to excursions etc. Ideally we would like **all** parents to do this so that we don't need to refer to lists when planning events. The new WWC procedures coming out shortly supercede the old paperwork, and are a simpler more user friendly form. We will send home more information when the new forms are out.

Upcoming staff changes

27 Feb	Nicci on leave. Mrs Macey on K-3.
27-28 Feb	Mrs Binns at Principal Meeting
6 March	No music as Maggie away
9-10 March	Mrs Binns Principal conference. Mrs Macey on 4-6.
6 March	No music as Maggie away
13 March	No music as Maggie away

P&C News



Friday Lunches

Thank you to all our volunteers for Friday lunches this term. If you would like to team up with someone else or be a standby if someone is unavailable please chat to or call Karen How, lunches co-ordinator on 0490 818 715, or use the return slip on the back page.

2020 P&C AGM and Term 1 Meeting

Thank you to those parents and community members attending our first P&C meeting for the year. Thank you to those taking on office bearer positions and thanks to those standing down for all your time and energy. Minutes from the meetings are attached for your perusal.

Please note we re in demand for our great catering at the next Team Penning horse event coming up in May. We are still awaiting the confirmation of dates but a lot of help will be needed as we are doing the dinner again.

This is a wonderful opportunity for fundraising for our P&C.

School Uniforms Available

The P& C has a supply of school polo shirts size 6-16 with logo embroidered for sale at just \$10 each. If you would like to purchase a shirt please contact the school. Payments via direct debit or cash are accepted.

Community News



Department of
Primary Industries



FREE Family Fishing Day

Spencer Park, Merimbula

Saturday 29th February, 9am-3pm



NSW DPI is running a FREE family fishing day with fun activities for all to learn the basics of fishing. Experienced Fishcare Volunteers and members of the Merimbula Big Game and Lake Angling Club will be on hand to provide lessons on casting, knot tying, rigging, lures and bait. Fishing rods, bait and assistance will be provided for a fishing session from the club's jetty. There will be prizes and giveaways.

To indicate your interest search on Eventbrite "Family Fishing Day Merimbula"

Towamba Valley Community Contacts

Register/Directory for Snake Track, Towamba, Pericoe, Burragate and Surrounds

Due the difficulties with communications in our valley I have offered to compile a register of those who live in our valley and surrounds.

If you join this list it will be assumed that you are happy for others in the community to contact you through this register. Not everyone emails, does facebook, has mobile or landline, or receives the TOT.

Please either email your info to me directly frizzle Vicki@gmail.com or drop a note in my letterbox 21 Towamba Street. Or phone me 0417178821.

If you would like to add your work or any other info as part of a "Directory" of occupations or interests you would like to share, please do.

I anticipate this task will take some months and will need to be continually updated.

Vicki



ABSENCE & Partial Absence NOTE

My child _____

was absent from school on the date/s _____

OR will be arriving late/departing early at (time) _____

due to _____

Signed _____ Parent/Carer. Date: _____