



Coming Events

all subject to change

Tues 7 Dec	Last day for School Banking
Mon 13 Dec	ASSEMBLY Invitation only at school and via Zoom Student Reports
Wed 15 Dec	Movie Party Day
Thurs 16 Dec	Water fun day Last day of school

2022 dates

Fri 28 Jan	Staff return
Mon 31 Jan	Staff at school
Tues 1 Feb	Students Y1-6 start
Wed 2 Feb	Kindy students start



Attached

- lunch order forms
- meat voucher
- community pantry info
- two sheds workshops
- NPWS summer brochure

Message from the Principal

By golly, I think we have done it!

"What have we done?" I hear you question in excited anticipation. Well I am glad you asked. I think we have managed to set up for a successful Zoom delivery of our end of year assembly. I know, I know, it's exciting. We had a trial run this week and even though there may be a few slight issues with sound, I am quietly confident (forgoing any unforeseen disasters or technical issues) that we will be able to link everyone in for the end of year assembly in week 11. Next week we will send home the link and the code for the Zoom meeting, but what we need you to do in the meantime is find the information that was sent home during Learning from Home with your child's log on information. You will need to be logged on your child to be able to access the meeting.

It is important to note that due to all staff being involved in the assembly, we will not be able provide technical assistance if something goes wrong on your end, so I highly recommend logging on early so that you have time to troubleshoot. I anticipate starting the assembly at 10:30am, however will open the meeting from 10:00am to allow you time to get your ducks in a row. I will also send home a reminder about Zoom etiquette as it is easy to forget. Everyone who logs in will be projected onto the big screen in the MPR so that the students can see that you are watching. Zoom participants won't be able to see the audience, but the audience will be able to see you. Hence the etiquette reminder! I will send home more information on this early next week but if you think you will be able at log in, please set aside Monday 13th December from 10:30 am to approximately 11:15am.

In other matters, it is slightly concerning to realise that this is my second last newsletter blurb for the year. FOR THE YEAR! I do not know how that happened so quickly. Our learning programs will begin to wrap up as we move into the last two weeks and we enjoy some time for Christmas craft and group projects. It is a lovely time of year to be able to sit and create with the students and enjoy being creative and reflective for the end of the year. We have certainly had another challenging year and I for one will be very happy when I no longer have to read daily updates about COVID restrictions and guidelines. It would certainly be the best Christmas gift we could all receive to be able to return to some sort of normal. Fingers crossed. It's certainly first on my Christmas list.

Speaking of gifts, we are again collecting items for our Giving Tree to pass on to Mr Dixon to share with families and children in our communities. The act of giving to others in need, is such a valuable lesson for our students to learn and one that many of them already practice, however giving a gift away at Christmas is certainly a more challenging task. I hope that if you are able to support this in any way as a family, you will.

The Towamba staff have all been busily undertaking assessing, planning and training as we not only wrap up the end of this year but start planning our learning journey for 2022. This has meant some changes in staff on site and last week I think we had the most staff EVER at

Towamba with nine adults on site. It was amazing. The students have been doing well adapting to this change, which is another important life lesson, and have enjoyed having other teachers in their classroom. Special mention again to Mrs Banks and Mrs Schollar for their adaptability, flexibility and patience during this term. We hope to see them both again in 2022.

Alright, that's it from me for the second last time this year. There will be more information soon about links for the Zoom meeting and invitations to those parents involved in the assembly. Hang onto your hats ladies and gentlemen, the end of the year is coming!

Ms Barrow

Kindergarten Orientation

Today we had Hannah in the K12 class all day. The first full day of kindy is always tiring and we are sure Hannah will sleep very well tonight. We hope to welcome both Hannah and Austin back at the start of 2022.

COVID Level 3 Guidelines

The school is still operating under level 3 guidelines until at least the end of Term 4. Fully vaccinated volunteers are now allowed back into school as long as they are supporting the curriculum or have a specific role to play. School check-in procedure requires all visitors (including staff and volunteers) to scan the QR code on entry and answer the questions, and also show their vaccination certificate to the Principal or delegate. This is both a legal and Departmental requirement.

Absences

We will continue to send home the Department letter for any unexplained absences each week to help you keep on top of days away. Please remember to send in an absence note via the app or email so we don't need to harass you. We appreciate the text messages to let us know on the day but please follow up with a Skool Loop, email or note.

Great tip - you can list multiple dates and multiple siblings if away at the same time on the app. No need to do a note for each day or each child.

Keeping well

Students must not attend school if unwell. Any person with any symptoms that could be COVID-19 will be sent home, and should not return to school unless they have isolated for 10 days, have a negative test result and are symptom free.

School Banking

Next Tuesday will be the last school banking day forever! All student bankers are encouraged to bring in their bank books and tokens they have so they can redeem them for a prize, no matter how many tokens.

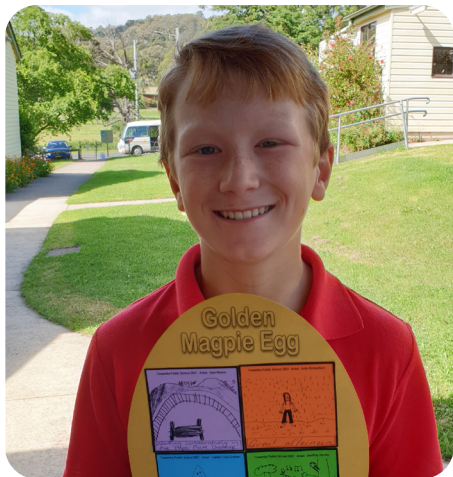
School library- student loans record sent home last week

Please aim to have all library books returned by the end of the year. Let us know if you have any lost items.

The Giving Tree

Families are invited to think of others and experience the joy of giving. The Towamba Giving Tree welcomes gifts for those less fortunate - bring your new gift (wrapped or unwrapped) into school for our giving box. At the end of the year we will pass these on to Mr Dixon and Anglicare for their distribution to local families. If you know others in the community that would like to donate a gift please let them know that you can pass it on, or they can call and we can meet them at the gate.





End of Year Assembly

As previously advised attendance at school will be only vaccinated visitors who will have a specific role to play on the day. We are excited to also be able to share the assembly via Zoom with parents unable to attend. More details next week. Our practice Zoom has been successful so lock in Monday 13th December from 10.30am.

Wild cards

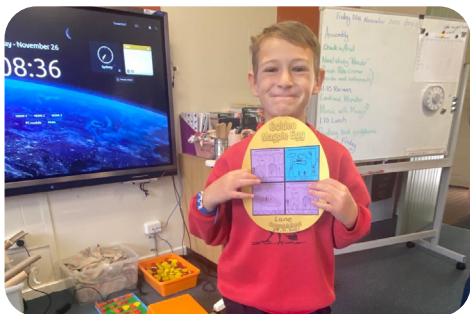
Wednesday was the last day to hand in wild cards that students have earned over the term. The nest, egg and wildcard tally will enable us to work out who are our High Flyer award winners are this year! How exciting!

Track pants and Bread

Thank you very much to Christine and Steve from the Bega Pantry who dropped off a very special delivery of Bonds track pants and bread on Monday. We will sort these pants and send home a box to each of the families. What a very generous donation. We are a very lucky little school.

Last week of school plans for students

Monday	End of year assembly (middle session) Afternoon showing student films made during lockdown Film By
Tuesday	Superhero dress up day
Wednesday	Movie party- older class have bought this day with Barrow Bucks. Younger students invited up as well
Thursday	Water fun day - walking excursion to the river for an outdoor learning activity. Bring a spare set of clothes & river shoes. BYO water pistols.



SENTENCES OF THE WEEK!



I got a scratch for my little puppy.	Chloe
The big blue balloon was popped on a piece of grass.	Kailani
I found a jar of germs in the germ factory!	Jere
The ogre was a jumping ogre. He jumped to Japan to get some juice.	Kokoda
The intimidatng pirate was on a pretty pink pony.	Jett
Help me hide the packet of Tic Tacs.	Jack



P&C News



Coast 2 Kosi Friday 26 November

The P&C made \$952 last Friday at the C2K breakfast stall, including sales of the cow mugs (for which there was a lot of interest!). The stall is greatly appreciated and supported by the support crew for runners in the C2K, even a couple of runners couldn't resist stopping for a bite this time! Thanks to everyone who baked and helped out on the day. Well done to the runners - absolutely amazing!

Lunch Orders

There are reduced options for tomorrow as we clear out the stock. Thank you to the students for looking after the orders.

Uniforms

Any shirt pre-orders for next year should be in by the end of term so that the collated list can be passed on to Esther who is arranging the shirt order for next year.

Community News



Vinnies Family Movie Night

Friday 3 December at Towamba Hall

6.45-9.30pm

Free popcorn

Vaccination certificate will need to be shown on entry

All children must be supervised by an accompanying adult.

Youth short movies on the theme of Hope.

vinnies.org.au/movie

More info Julia Willson 0482 161 306

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- Session One: December 21st – 24th at Pambula Beach
- Session Two: January 4th – 7th at Tathra Beach
- Session Three: January 11th – 14th at Pambula Beach



Boxing Day Cricket

11am at Towamba Oval

all welcome for a relaxed post-Christmas gathering

11am start

bring a share plate for lunch and snacks



Towamba Christmas Party at the hall

Sunday 5th December 5pm - 8pm

The Great Zamboni 5.30pm

BYO food and drinks.

BBQ available for use.

Wear your Christmas outfit!

For more info call Laura

ROAD CLOSED for bridge replacement until Friday 24 December

Logans Bridge, Pericoe Road
at Camping Ground Creek.

Detours in place via Paddymelon Road and Rodwell Road to Towamba.

Towamba hall playground
Monday fortnights from 9.30am

Monday 13 December

For more info contact Esther 0402 613 960

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: _____