



Coming Events

Wed 6 March	Scripture Cafe
Sat 9 March	Car Rally P&C stalls
Tues 12 March	SCHOOL PHOTOS
13-25 March	NAPLAN window Y3, Y5
Fri 15 March	Life Education
Wed 20 March	Scripture Cafe
Thurs 21 March	The BIG Crunch!
27-28 March	Stage 2 Camp
29/3-1/4	EASTER
Thurs 11 April	End of term assembly
Thurs 11 April	Cake raffle Stewart House
Fri 12 April	Last day Term 1



Reminders



Attached:

- Kianinny Camp information
- Healthy lunch tips
- 2024 Premier's Reading Challenge info
- Photo page

Welcome afternoon

What a great relaxed lunch we had and a great afternoon. Thank you so much to the parents and carers who came along and enjoyed an afternoon together with staff and Dhyani. Just a reminder if you'd like your child to ever have a chat with our school counsellor Dhyani for any reason you can fill in the form on School Bytes (under Forms).

2024 Updates

We are still waiting on a few families. Check the Reminders Box. The volunteer package is especially important if you volunteer with lunch orders, assist with transport etc.

School Photos

Please make sure your photo orders are in before the day. If you need any additional envelopes please let us know ASAP. As photos are first up, please ensure students are neatly dressed, with a nice looking shirt, and preferably dark shoes. Year 6 students should wear their special shirt. Thank you to those already sending in their order. The reminders box will let you know if we don't have one back from you. You can return it even if not making an order.

Tuesday 12 March

Life Education

Harold and the Life Ed team are visiting Towamba School on Friday 15 March. Students will attend sessions in three age groups with selected age appropriate topics, and thanks to the P&C there is no cost to families as P&C is covering the \$12 per child. Thank you to those completing the permission note on School Bytes so quickly. Lots of Fast Notes wildcards awarded last week!

Friday 15 March

Stage 2 Camp

We are very excited to share more information about this camp coming up just before Easter for our Stage 2 students. Thank you to those completing the permission note on School Bytes so quickly. Check the green Reminders Box. Don't forget- no payment is required as this is covered by a grant. Attached you will find a little more information about the program, the bus travel arrangements and a suggested packing list.

27-28 March

Book Club

Once the books arrive we will send home any orders with the relevant student. Please let us know if you want us to keep any aside as a surprise etc.

Stage 3 Transitions Creative Arts Camp

Stage 3 students (Year 5&6) have the option to attend this creative arts camp especially for students from small schools from July 29-31 in Murrumbateman. Applications close 12 April. For more information scan the QR code on the back page. The P&C is also willing to financially support families wanting to attend this camp.

SCLC Music Camp

Applications open soon for the SCLC Music Camp to be held this year from 27-30 May, at Kianinny Cabins Tathra. The SCLC Camp is open for students from Years 5-10 with workshops for guitar, vocal, wind, brass, percussion, marimba, keyboard, music composition, performance arts, stage band and rock band. Music Camp provides students from across all schools on the Sapphire Coast the opportunity to learn, rehearse and perform repertoire facilitated by professional musicians and coordinators. Cost is \$275 pp. Contact the school if you are interested as the P&C school can assist with costs. More information soon.

School Bytes

Thank you so much - we now have ALL families on the School Bytes Parent Portal, with over 95% of our families also using the recommended app !

Moving into Year 7 in 2025

From Wednesday next week, March 6, families with students in Year 6 will be able to submit their Expression of Interest for which high school they will be attending next year. The link will be emailed to those families when available. If you prefer a paper copy please contact the school.

Learning from Home Packs

Our 2024 Learning From Home family packs were given out on Tuesday at our Welcome afternoon, or sent home with students. Keep this pack somewhere handy as you never know when you may need it. Inside the pack is a laminated page that includes a grid of activities as well as all the passwords required for online learning applications, as well as some non-screen resources too. These packs can be used any time that school is non-operational or when your child is away from school.

Questacon Cyber Program

It was an interesting visit from Holly and Kai from Questacon last week. Students in our 3-6 class were very engaged with the Cyber Program, and did well as they discussed vulnerabilities, threats and the facets of cyber security, in a real world sense. Hands on problem solving activities using planning and lego builds of prototypes demonstrated some very creative and futuristic ideas from our students.

Tenders invited

Up for tender is the school's previous NEC data projector. A great projector that is easy to use. Check the specs online and put in a tender if you are interested. Comes with a bag and remote. Input ports do *not* include HDMI. All tenders should be submitted in an envelope with name and price by **5pm today**.

The Big Crunch

Towamba School will again be participating in The Big Crunch-part of Vegetable Week which promotes healthy eating in NSW primary schools. For The Big Veggie Crunch, students across NSW crunch together on vegetables to learn, try something new, and build healthy eating habits.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN Assessments in weeks 7 & 8 this term.

Triple P Online Parenting Program

Term One is in full swing - and you'll know confidence is a super-





power that helps children thrive at school. It can also be tough for parents and carers to help their kids manage big emotions, be kind, stay calm under pressure and get along with others. However, with children's anxiety on the rise, building their confidence can be challenging. From being a positive emotional role model, to setting goals and helping them learn how to respond to negative self-talk: there's so much we can do to help boost kid's self-esteem.

Fear-Less Triple P Online can also help – it's an evidence-based online parenting program to better understand anxiety and help kids aged 6+ become more confident and resilient. Thanks to Australian Government funding, it's free!

This online program is jam-packed with proven strategies to help you understand anxiety and support your child to become more emotionally resilient. It's one of several Triple P online parenting programs available now, at no cost!

Learn more at www.triplep-parenting.net.au

Premier's Reading Challenge 2024

The challenge for this year has started! Interested families can find out more information on the website- see the attached flyer and information page. Student log in is the same as their school log in- refer to your password placemat if needed! Happy reading!

P&C News



Cake and slice donations greatly appreciated.



Car Rally
Saturday
March 9

FRIDAY Lunches

Plain meat pie	\$4.00
Gluten Free pie	\$4.50
Cheese/Bacon	\$4.50
Chicken/mushrm	\$4.50
Special pie	\$4.50
Vege pastie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
GF Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Mini Pizza	\$2.50

Ham & Pineapple/Ham & Cheese

Juice or Flav Milk \$1.50

- Write your order on a paper bag
- Mark your payment total and payment method on the bag
- Correct money appreciated

SPECIAL Pie choices this term



- Rump & Caramelised Onion pie (delicious!)
- Pumpkin, lentil and mushroom pie

Upcoming Fundraising

Help is needed for our first fundraising opportunity of the year. Help the P&C help you.

We're catering for the Mini-Eden Car Rally crews next weekend for breakfast and lunch on Saturday **9th March** at the Towamba Hall.

Please contact Esther on 0402 613 960 to register your availability to help out in some way.

Cakes can be delivered to school on Friday next week or brought to the hall on the day.

Looking for

- BBQ helpers
- cakes and slices to sell

P&C School uniform sales



**SCHOOL
HOODIES
\$30**



**SCHOOL
SHIRTS
\$10**

Towamba P&C Account details

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

Contact the school once paid and the items can be sent home with your child.



**Can you help
on the BBQ for a
couple of hours?**

- BBQ cooks
- servers
- cashiers

Friday lunch orders



Tomorrow: KERI

Fri 8 March: STEPH
Fri 15 March: KAREN
Fri 22 March: ESTHER
Fri 29 March: (EASTER)
Fri 5 April: KERI
Fri 12 April: TBC

Community News

Free lantern making workshop @ Bermagui Library 10.30am-12.30pm Sat 16 March

SCULPTURE BERMAGUI presents

Twilight Picnic

featuring bioluminescence with DJ Hedge Zeppelin + free BBQ Bring a picnic and a rug

Saturday 16 March
Music & BBQ from 6.30pm
Lanterns and projections on at 7.30pm

SCULPTURE BERMAGUI SOUTH EAST ARTS NSW FLING Long Point Library

Bioluminescence is supported by the NSW Government through CreativeNSW

COBARGO FOLK FESTIVAL 2024

Friday - Sunday
1-3 March 2024




Adult Dance Towamba Hall

Fridays 4:30-5:30pm
\$20/session

Come along and have a go or just watch to see if it's for you

Contact Candice Cooper
0474 545 731

Great exercise and flexibility
Not strenuous but fun and social



TAI CHI


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

Starting Monday 12 February

Wear comfortable clothes & flat shoes
Bring a water bottle

Tai Chi is suitable for all ages and offers many health benefits, both physically and mentally.
Children under 15 must be accompanied by an adult.

ENQUIRIES CONTACT STEVE 0405 464 069



Sculpture Bermagui

9-17 March 2024



Transitions Small Schools CREATIVE ARTS CAMP

Monday 29 to Wednesday 31 July 2024 (Term 3 Week 2)
Warrumbui Retreat and Conference Centre, Murrumbateman

Transitions is a 3-day creative arts camp for NSW public school students in Years 5 and 6 from small rural schools.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in art forms including but not limited to: dance, drama, physical theatre/circus art, film-making, visual arts and creative crafts.

Applications are now open and close on:
Friday 12 April 2024 (Term 1 Week 11)

For more details and to apply scan the QR code below

SCAN ME! >>>



NSW GOVERNMENT

BRUCE NASH

ALL THE WORDS WE KNOW
IN CONVERSATION WITH SOPHIE CUNNINGHAM AM

SUN 10 MARCH



Eden's Famous Duck Race

Aslings Beach, Lake Curalo rapids


Sunday April 7 at 11am

\$10 a duck- sold online and locally

Great prizes

Proceeds to Clean Curalo group

Stay tuned for more information



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THE PERFECT WAY TO GET CREATIVE!

CREATIVE VIBES, LAUGHTER AND UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

RECONNECT WITH YOURSELF
ENROL IN A POTTERY COURSE

EVENING CLASS - NIGHTS
WEDNESDAYS 6 MARCH - 3 APRIL 5.30 - 1 PLACE

THURSDAY MORNINGS
14 MARCH - 4 APRIL 10.30-12.30 - 2 PLACES
2-30 MAY 10.30-12.30 3 PLACES

WEEKENDS 2-4PM
23 & 24 MARCH - 2 PLACES
KIDS CLAY CLUB SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
18 & 19 APRIL 10-11.30

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CALL GABRIELLE 0427806033
WE ACCEPT NSW CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS
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International Women's Day

Friday March 8th 2024

Open Day at the WRC

Check out the Centre.
Learn about our projects
Meet our staff and volunteers
Join us for lunch (gold coin donation)
Help us launch our Women's Recovery Sanctuary, Mural & Song!

Open 11am - 2pm
lunch @ 12pm



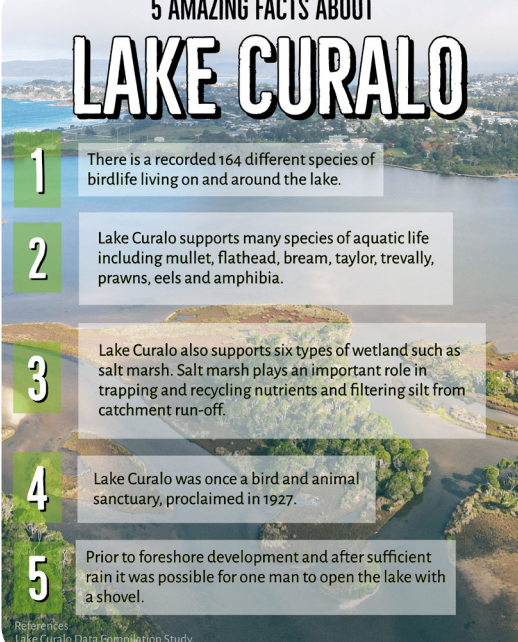
GOODBYE SUMMER



5 AMAZING FACTS ABOUT LAKE CURALO

- 1 There is a recorded 164 different species of birdlife living on and around the lake.
- 2 Lake Curalo supports many species of aquatic life including mullet, flathead, bream, taylor, trevally, prawns, eels and amphibia.
- 3 Lake Curalo also supports six types of wetland such as salt marsh. Salt marsh plays an important role in trapping and recycling nutrients and filtering silt from catchment run-off.
- 4 Lake Curalo was once a bird and animal sanctuary, proclaimed in 1927.
- 5 Prior to foreshore development and after sufficient rain it was possible for one man to open the lake with a shovel.

References:
Lake Curalo Data Compilation Study
Lake Curalo Estuary Management Study & Plan.



Royal Far West Ride for Country Kids

Via Towamba
17 March



School Student Broadband Initiative

An Australian Government Initiative powered by nbn


Are you eligible for free nbn broadband at home until December 2025?

You might be eligible if you:

- have a school-aged child
- have no active nbn broadband connection or have not disconnected in the last 14 days. Having the internet on a mobile phone is ok.
- live in a premises that is serviced by the nbn network.

To check your eligibility, or to get help using your voucher:

- Contact the National Referral Centre 1800 954 610 (Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm AEST)
- www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet
- Callback, webchat, translating and interpreting services are available.



Scan the QR for more information.

