

Towamba PUBLIC SCHOOL

Magpie Murmur

TERM 4

WEEK 3

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER 2024

Coming Events

Friday 1 Nov Tues 5 Nov Tues 5 Nov Thurs 7 Nov

13-15 Nov Thurs 14 Nov Thurs 28 Nov Tues 3 Dec Wed 4 Dec Tues 17 Dec Wed 18 Dec 19/20 Dec Musica Viva Wyniss
EV Panel
P&C Meeting
Last cake raffle
Kindy Orientation #2
Canberra Excursion St3
Kindy Orientation #3
Bairnsdale band
Year 7 Orientation
Small Schools EMHS
School Concert
Last day for students
School Development

Days staff only





Attached:

- Swimming Certificates
- Updated Canberra itinerary

Wow! What a busy couple of weeks it has been. Our week of intensive swimming was amazing. All of the students improved, however many will need consistent ongoing assistance to continue to improve their basic life saving/preserving skills in the water. Please be sure to check the back of the students certificate today to find out the level they achieved and the skills they need to build upon. One week of swimming per year is not enough to ensure your children are safe and I strongly encourage everyone to try to get their children to the pool or river to keep practicing. It really is very important.

We had a great visit from Taronga Zoomobile and Bournda Environmental Education Centre on Tuesday. The students saw so many interesting animals up close, and got the chance to show off their amazing knowledge of birds! Both Jess from the Zoomobile and Luke and Jules from Bournda, were very impressed with our students. Tomorrow we have ANOTHER incursion with MusicaViva and their performance of Wyniss - A Torres Strait song and dance group. We are all very excited for this performance. Our students have been so lucky this year with all the great excursions and incursions we have participated in and at every opportunity they have shown their appreciation through their level of excitement and engagement. What a great group of students we have. We really do!

Yesterday I was lucky enough to have been to the University of Wollongong with the Year 6 boys to get a taste of some of the career options on offer in the world of university. This is such a great opportunity for our students and offers just one possibility for post school options. We do not think that university is for everyone of course, but it is appropriate to know what is available to help make informed choices. We greatly appreciate the university including our small school in this opportunity.

I will be off site on Monday to attend a Network meeting in Cooma and then on Tuesday morning Nancy, Nicci and I will participate in our External Validation panel and have the opportunity to showcase our small school to some Sydney principals, which is very exciting. Think positive thoughts for us that they think our school is as great as we all do. Also on Tuesday next week is the P&C meeting and we would love to see you there. Maybe you are interested in helping out with the Coast 2 Kosci fundraiser or helping to get the hall ready for the end of year presentation? If so, come along to the meeting and have a biscuit and a cuppa and join the conversation. Come and join us!

To finish off this week, I just need to remind everyone that if there is a change to your child's afternoon pick up arrangement or attendance/non-attendance on any day, the school should be advised. I appreciate that many parents/carers contact the mobile to send an SMS, however it is most important to contact the school directly. As a standard, please phone the school office first (6496 7159 - save it in your phone). If this is not answered, please call the mobile to ensure the message has been received. We can not be sure that a text message will be seen in time. Any change or absence also needs to be communicated in writing. These requests are made to ensure we are able to keep your child safe and we are able to manage any change of routine successfully. Also of course, we need to meet Departmental requirements for student safety and attendance. Thank you for your understanding.

Ms Barrow



World Teacher Day

We celebrated our teachers today as part of World Teachers Day-Towamba style- just a week late! Our wonderful teachers will enjoy reading all the student cards and may need a little help with the challenge over the next few weeks! Thank you for being part of it.

Swimming Lessons

Well done everyone for getting through a big week. Student certificates are attached. Please take the time to read through the assessments on the back.

Kindy Orientation

It was fabulous having Cooper and Iggy at school this morning for the first step of their orientation to our school. Spending the morning in the classroom and then having recess with the whole school is a great start! Same again next week, and then on the third Thursday they will be staying all day.

Year 2 students Marley and Hannah moved up into the big class for the morning session for an orientation to being in the 3-6 class. Year 6 students were out of class and spending time with Ms Kylie Gibson from Eden Marine High School. As the 2025 Year 7 Co-ordinator Ms Gibson came to meet our Year 6 students and discuss the first steps of their transition to high school next year. A very busy transition day.

Book Club

Don't forget any book club orders must be in tomorrow by 3:30pm. It was a late addition to last week's newsletter and a short deadline.

Zoomobile

A great opportunity to get up close and learn some really interesting facts about animals this week. Taronga Zoomobile introduced the students to a blue tongue lizard, tortoise, ringtail possum, green tree frog and a python! Bird facts with Jules and Luke from Bournda EEC was also a lot of fun and very educational.

Stage 3 Cake Raffles

Today's cake was thanks to Lane's family. Congratulations to the lucky Fraser family for winning this week's cake! Next week is your last chance! Your support of these raffles is appreciated.

Year 6 Uni Discovery Day

Luke, Lane and Sam enjoyed a day at UOW Bega campus yesterday with Ms Barrow. It's wonderful to get a glimpse of some of the range of opportunities for tertiary education both locally as well as a bit further away.





















STAGE 3 CAKE RAFFLES Results and fundraising tally

This week's cake was by Lane and was won by:

Lenny & Opal

Funds raised: \$ 73 Running total: \$ 615.50



FRIDAY Lunches

Plain meat pie	\$4.00
Gluten Free pie	\$4.50
Cheese/Bacon	\$4.50
Chicken/mushrm	\$4.50
Term 3 special pies	\$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

Music Viva - Wyniss

tomorrow

We are looking forward to welcoming Wyniss a musical group from the Torres Strait to our school tomorrow. Their performance focuses on childhood games, dancing and singing and their links to culture and history. It promises to be another entertaining and educational experience. They are even joining us for lunch orders!

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Wed 13 - Fri 15 November

An updated tinerary is attached for Stage 3 students. Check the reminders box to see if we are waiting on anything from your family. Please ensure that all payments are finalised before camp. Keep the packing list handy too- not long to go!

Bairnsdale College Band

28 November

Later next month our school will be getting a visit from the touring Bairnsdale Secondary College band. An ensemble of around 40 students will be performing with the concert band, swing band, orchestra and strings. The performance will go for about 50mins and is specifically suited for primary school students. Families are invited to come and enjoy the musical performance as well, starting at 2pm on Thursday 28 November.

High School Preparation

More information soon about some special days at the high school for our Year 6 students including:

Tuesday 3 December Year 7 Orientation Day Wednesday 4 December Small Schools Transition Day.

High School Transition

Like previous years we are also trying to secure some days for our Year 6 students to visit Eden Public School, to provide the experience with a larger school and expanding their social circle in preparation for high school. More soon.

P&C News

TErm 4 P&C Meeting

All welcome to our P&C Meeting next week. Agenda items include planning for C2K breakfast stall, Christmas raffle hamper, and preparation for school concert/presentation evening.

Artwork Mugs

The mug order has gone in. Once they are back we will send out a note with details for payment. Once you have paid the P&C, let the school know and mugs can be sent home with your child.

Friday lunch orders

We are looking for one more volunteer to fill the last spot for the term on Friday 15 November. Contact Lindy, lunch co-ordinator, on 0415 964 144.

Coast2Kosciuszko Breakfast Stall Friday 22 Nov Our major fundraiser of the year. Keep in mind we will be looking for:

- donations of cakes/slices especially if suitable for takeaway
- lots of eggs (for egg and bacon rolls)

Term 4 P&C Meeting

Tuesday
5 November
3:15pm
In the MPR

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Tomorrow:

Karen

Fri 8 Nov Steph Fri 15 Nov VACANT Fri 22 Nov C2K Karen Fri 29 Nov Esther Fri 6 Dec Bekie

Fri 13 Dec Steph

New special pies available now

- BBQ Steak & caramelised onion
- Cauliflower & Blue Cheese



P&C UNIFORM SALES

Pay online Towamba P&C

BSB: 062 647 Ac number: 0090 0797 Towamba P&C Assoc.





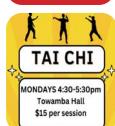
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Community News











Towamba Community Church Sundays at 4pm



All welcome

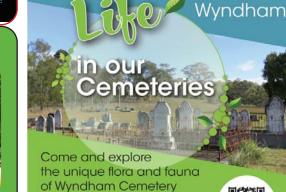


TCPA Community Christmas **Party**

Sunday 8 December

> **BYO** everything

All welcome



Featuring:

√ Walk and Talks led by local

- experts:

 Jackie Miles Botanist

 Flona Firth Historian
- ✓ Lunchtime expert talks:

- A light lunch provided



11am Saturday 2 November Wyndham Cemetery







to those supporting the Towamba and Burragate RFS fundraising with the cans and bottles for Return and Earn.

Some tips:

- please do not crush cans as when crushed they cannot be fed into the machine
- please ensure you have emptied all the liquid in your cans so it doesn't make a mess of those collecting the cans and bottles



HIGH FIDELHT

Award winning bluegrass from the USA

WEdnesday 13 November Nethercote Hall Doors open 6:30pm. Tickets \$30

Food available in break. BYO drinks.

Ring Ray Gardaya for bookings 0447455695

Rocky Hall Preschool

Fee Free for 3-5 year old children.

Preschool hours are 9am til 3pm every Wednesday, Friday and alternate Tuesdays.

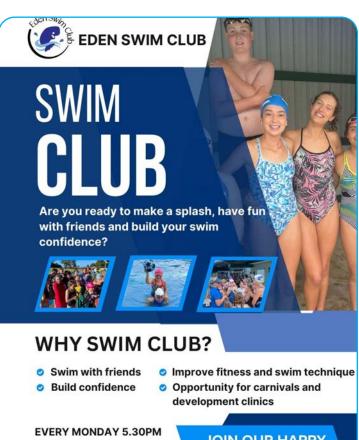
Half day sessions are also available. Enquiries phone 6494 2095 or rhps1325@gmail.com



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EVERY MONDAY 5.30PM AGES 6+ UP ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

JOIN OUR HAPPY SWIM CLUB FAMILY!





A message from the Far South Coast Birdwatchers



Found a dead bird on the beach? At certain times of the year the beach will have many expired shearwater birds- expired from exhaustion or malnutrition after migrating from the Northern Hemisphere.

First of all do not touch or let dogs play with the carcasses. Currently Australia is free of Avian Flu but it may be present in mi-

Flu but it may be present in migrating birds and is highly infectios and can be a serious threat to humans as well.

You can report any bird deaths to the Australian Seabird Rescue South Coast branch on 0431 282

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