



TERM 1

WEEK 4

THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2025

### Coming Events

Fri 21 Feb	District swimming carnival
Fri 21 Feb	AFL coaching #1
Mon 24 Feb	Book Club due
Tues 25 Feb	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Fri 28 Feb	AFL coaching #2
Fri 7 March	AFL coaching #3
12-24 March	NAPLAN Y3, Y5
Fri 14 March	AFL coaching #4
Fri 21 March	Life Education
Fri 28 March	AFL coaching #5
Fr 11 April	Last day of term

Thank you everyone for your support and understanding during the trials of the weather last week. The causeways behaved a bit differently to normal and we all struggled not being able to rely upon the online river height data for information. Thank goodness it is back online now. Due to the ongoing rain and the causeways going up and down, it was quite an anxious time here at school. Couple that with no landline or mobile and it is safe to say we all got a few more grey hairs (yes, even me). The school is still without a landline, however this is being investigated for repair. The landline has been diverted to a mobile for now and we hope to have the phones fixed sooner rather than later. Let's hope that is the last weather event for the year.

How did you all adjust to not getting a full newsletter last week? I hope you enjoyed the pictures and work samples provided last week instead of the full newsletter. At the P&C meeting this week we had a great discussion around this new process and it was decided that the Classroom Capers only needed to be provided sporadically and that posting more photos on facebook was preferred on the off week. So we will give this a try! We love having helpful suggestions from our families.



Last week we sent out a survey to determine what communication families have access to during a severe weather event. I really need everyone to complete this survey so we have a full list of services so that we can adequately plan for future events. I will call families from next week to gain survey results, but if you get a chance to complete it before then, that would be great.



Last week students from Year 2 - 6 attended the small schools swimming carnival in Candelo. We are all very thankful to the work that Candelo does to make this carnival happen each year for our small schools. This year, we were one school short, which means we were a few staff members short which then meant that everyone chipped in to cover all the jobs required. There was an amazing show of family support from Towamba and many of our adults helped out on timekeeping which was fantastic. I was on the recording desk all day so I didn't really get to see much of the swimming, but I was so proud to hear the names of our students being cheered on by our crowd. It was a great day all round, with SO MANY students embracing the challenge and stepping (or swimming) out of their comfort zone to challenge themselves. I hope you all feel very proud. A special mention must be made of both Jeremiah and Caelan who came away with trophies for being age champions. Great effort boys. Good luck to both of them as they are going on to represent the small schools at the District Swimming Championships tomorrow. We will all be cheering for you back at school.



### Attached:

- Book Club
- Swimming photopage
- NAPLAN letter
- Superhero poster
- Password Placemats 2025
- P&C Meeting minutes
- PRC poster

Next week, I will be away on Wednesday and Thursday for the Network meeting in Jindabyne. Ms Nicci will be relieving as Principal on the two days so that I am able to have the opportunity to meet with colleagues from other schools and catch up on new Department updates. I appreciate the support from all staff, to allow me to attend these events.

Ms Barrow

## School Photos

All the options and information for our School Photos next week with Daisy Hill Photography were sent home last Thursday with the Classroom Capers. **Please ensure all orders are in by Monday.** Photos are first up so please arrive to school on time, neatly dressed. The portraits are used in many areas by the school so it's great to have everyone present if possible.

## Wild Cards 2025

As featured last week we have our new 2025 wild cards up and running. All students participated in the discussion about what this year's theme 'Embrace the Challenge' meant, and six designs were selected as our cards for the year. Congratulations to Zee, Zain, Makayla, Lagertha, Peter and Kailani.

## Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to everyone who attended the swimming carnival last week. It was great to have so many parents and carers in attendance and lending a hand. Well done to all the students embracing the challenge and having a go! It was great to see Jere and Caelan up there as the Junior Boy and Senior Boy champions. A photo page of the day is attached- thanks for sharing your photos.

## Book Club

Attached to this newsletter is the recent Book Club catalogue. Apologies for the short timeline but **any orders need to be in by Monday 3pm.** Orders can be made online via the Scholastic LOOP system (preferred) or by sending cash into the office.

## Updates

Thank you to those parents who have completed the required updates. The end of day update is required for **all** students. We have also had emails bouncing back from some families so please update your email if it has changed. All forms can be found under Forms on the School Bytes Parent Portal or use the flyer with handy QR codes or the email previously sent.

## Learning Disposition Superpowers

We are very excited to attach the poster featuring all of our superhero learning dispositions. Designed by Zee and then tweaked by graphic artist Emma Godfredson of egCreative, they look absolutely fabulous. We will featuring each learning disposition (superpower) in upcoming Facebook posts.

## Learning from Home packs

As we saw last week, sometimes the weather makes it hard to get to school! All families have a Learning from Home pack, which includes some cards, dice, a book for writing and lots of other resources for use when you need to learn from home. We have updated the Learning Activities grid, and include that, along with a 2025 Password Placemat in the attached envelope. Please put this somewhere safe so you can find it when required.

## NAPLAN

More information on the 2025 NAPLAN assessments for students in Year 3 and Year 5 is attached. The online assessments in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy are 12-24 March this year.

## Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC 2025 starts on Monday! Students can log into the site via their student portal and log the books they have read. More information in future newsletters, or check out the website on the attached poster.

## Scripture

Mr Dixon will be visiting our school again this year and meeting with the nominated students for Scripture Cafe on Friday fortnights starting next week on Friday 28 February (Week 5).

## Tuesday next week



**School bus students**  
smart cards  
coming soon

tap on  
tap off

**School Drive**  
**Subsidy**

information  
& application







**ARTLANTIS**  
Creative Arts Camp  
2025

Calling all young creatives! ARTLantis awaits!

Transitions Small Schools Creative Arts Camp is a dynamic 3-day camp designed for Years 5 and 6 students from NSW public small schools.

At ARTLantis, you'll make waves with new friends, ride the creative current, and bring your artistic treasures to life in an immersive, ocean-inspired arts adventure!

Applications are now open and close on:  
Friday 11 April 2025 (Term 1 Week 1)

Scan the QR code to learn more and secure your spot.

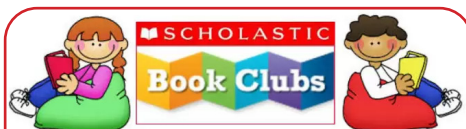
**SCAN ME**




### Creative Arts Camp- Murrumbateman

We are submerged in excitement to invite your Year 5 and 6 students to join us at the Transitions Small Schools Creative Arts Camp, where this year's theme, ARTLantis, will take students on an underwater journey to the magical lost city of Atlantis! They will dive deep into the creative arts, exploring dance, drama, circus arts, filmmaking, and visual arts in a fun and supportive environment.

Monday 28 to Wednesday 30 July (Term 3 Week 2) - Warrambui Retreat and Conference Centre. This camp is a fantastic opportunity to build skills, navigate emotions about transitioning to high school, and make new friends as they work together to create an underwater world of art. The journey culminates in a showcase where they'll shine like buried treasure, displaying their creative talents and teamwork. Scan the QR code for more information. Applications close Friday 11 April.

**SCHOLASTIC**  
Book Clubs

ORDER DEADLINE **MONDAY 3PM**

### Also coming up this term

- Life Education is this term on Friday 21 March. Information notes will go out next newsletter.



## P&C News

### FRIDAY Lunches

Plain meat pie	\$4.00
Gluten Free pie	\$4.50
Cheese/Bacon	\$4.50
Chicken/mushrm	\$4.50
Term 1 special pies	\$4.50
Vege pastie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
GF Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Mini Pizza	\$2.50
Ham & Pineapple/Cheesy Margarita	
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

### P&C Meeting

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the meeting this week - especially when EMHS added their meeting on the same day! Minutes of the meeting are attached.

### Friday Lunches

We are looking for just one more volunteer to fill the days so we can continue to offer Friday lunches at school. If you can help out please contact the current lunches co-ordinator, Lindy Cooper, on 0415 964 144 after hours.

A variety of special pies will continue to be offered as an option for \$4.50 when available and this term we have

- Spinach & Cheese Triangles
- Thai Chicken Pie
- BBQ Rump & caramelised Onion



### VOLUNTEER ROSTER

tomorrow: Karen

next week: Steph

Fri 28 Feb	Steph
Fri 7 Mar	Esther
Fri 14 Mar	Keri
Fri 21 Mar	Karen
Fri 28 Mar	Bekie/Steph
Fri 4 April	Keri
Fri 11 April	<b>VACANT</b>

### P&C UNIFORM SALES

Check with the school if there are your required size/quantity first. Once paid to the P&C, let the office know and your order will be sent home with your child.



SHIRTS \$10



HOODIES \$37.50

### Towamba P&C Account details

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



# Community News

## Wyndham School of Dancing 2025 Classes Enrolments Open Now



**Tuesday - Wyndham Hall**  
Junior Fun Dance (5 - 7years)  
4:00pm - 4:45pm

**Wednesday - Towamba Hall**  
Junior Fun Dance (5 - 8years)  
4:00pm - 4:45pm  
Adult Fun Dance (16+ years)  
4:50pm - 5:50pm

Trial First Class  
Free for Adults

**Thursday - Wyndham Hall**  
Grade 3 Ballet (8 - 11years)  
3:30pm - 4:15pm  
Grade 3 Jazz (8 - 11years)  
4:15pm - 5:00pm  
Contemporary (8+ years)  
5:00pm - 6:00pm

candicemyracooper@gmail.com



## Music Lessons

Piano/keyboard/music theory lessons available for ages 7-70+ weekly/fortnightly/casual \$30 per 40 minute lesson

Please text /message for a call back. Maggie 0428 252 232



# EDEN KILLER WHALES



## COME & TRY/ JUNIOR TRAINING DAY

U8 - U15 Girls Teams - Mini Field  
U11/U12 - U14 Mixed - Main Field North  
U8, U9 & U10's Mixed - Main Field South  
U6 & U7 - Front of Clubhouse

Thurs 20th Feb 4.30 pm

**Soccer Fields**  
Barclay Street, Eden

Season Registration Link



More Info edensoccerclub@gmail or follow us on Facebook



A FREE community event as part of the OCEAN GUARDIANS program

RSVP Via Facebook

## SAPPHIRE COAST MARINE EXPO

**When** Sunday 23 February 10am to 2pm  
**Where** Tathra Beach Eco Camp 5 Andy Poole Dr, Tathra

**What** Hands on activities  
Film screenings  
Market stalls  
Marine workshops

**Why** Protect our ocean  
Learn practical skills  
Gain knowledge  
Meet like-minded people

## COME GET INSPIRED

All welcome, family friendly!  
Don't forget to bring your own sun protection and water!



## Abstract Abilities art competition.

Calling all artists living with a disability to showcase your talents

Enter to win a \$200 prize!

You could also show off your artwork in a pop-up gallery and even sell your art!

Competition dates - 3 December 2024 to 3 April 2025

Enter via our website [lac.uniting.org/art](http://lac.uniting.org/art)

For full terms and conditions, competition details and prizes visit our website [lac.uniting.org/art](http://lac.uniting.org/art) or email us at [inclusioncomp@uniting.org](mailto:inclusioncomp@uniting.org)



Delivering the NDIS in your community



## Always wanted to sing?

Joyful Noise is an adult community choir seeking members who love to sing!

Sing, laugh and connect with others whilst enjoying the power of song in a fun supportive environment.

Tuesday mornings

11am for a cuppa, 11.30-12.30 for singing.

CWA rooms 1/24 Toalla St, Pambula

For more information [www.joyfulnoise.au](http://www.joyfulnoise.au) or Jenny 0417 479 186



Rotary Club of Pambula INVITES YOU TO

# IWD

International Women's Day  
7th March 2025  
10.30am  
Merimbula RSL

PURCHASE TICKETS \$50 AT THE CLUB



Marmalade Sessions  
Spoon carving and craft by the sea  
28 March to 4 April  
Details at [Newmoonspoons.au](http://Newmoonspoons.au)

Spoon carving, woodwork, basketry, astronomy, photography, glass beads- lots of workshops and fun in Eden.

- Contact Polly or Rachel
- pollyboyer@yahoo.com.au
  - rachelclarke100@yahoo.com.au

## FIRE PERMITS STILL REQUIRED UNTIL 31 MARCH PERMITS CAN NOW ALSO BE DONE ONLINE



Alternatively call Towamba captain Peter Knight A/H 0429 837 621

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

Wear comfortable clothes & flat shoes  
Bring a water bottle

Tai Chi is suitable for all ages and offers many health benefits, both physical and mental.  
Contact: 0429 837 621

ENQUIRIES CONTACT STEVE 0405 464 064



Towamba Community Church  
Sundays at 4pm

All welcome

Towamba Hall Library  
Rejuvenated and ready to go! Come and borrow a book or two. Every Tuesday 10am- 3:30pm. Enquiries Lucy 6496 7125



New Active & Creative Kids vouchers  
All eligible families can apply for the latest round of \$50 vouchers. Plus if you didn't apply last year you can apply for two vouchers!

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/active-and-creative-kids-voucher>

