



TERM 1

WEEK 6

THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025

Coming Events

12-24 March	NAPLAN Y3, Y5
Fri 14 March	Scripture
Fri 14 March	AFL coaching #3
Thur 20 March	Newsletter
Fri 21 March	Life Education
Fri 28 March	AFL coaching #4
Fri 28 March	Scripture
Thurs 3 April	Newsletter
Fri 4 April	AFL #5- last one
Fri 4 April	Scripture church
Thurs 10 April	End of Term Assembly
Fri 11 April	Last day of term

Welcome to Autumn! This is definitely my favourite season of the year. But can you believe that means it is Week 6 already? Thank goodness it is an 11 week term!

As you may have heard from the students, last weekend we had an unfortunate event at the school with a minor break in. I am very pleased to report that no major damage was done, nothing was stolen and we have had the damage repaired already (which is amazing). The incident has taken an enormous amount of time and energy since the discovery on Saturday morning. Time and energy that could have been much better spent. Whilst the issue is still ongoing, I am thankful to both the Bega and Eden Police officers for a speedy and thorough investigation. I am also very thankful to the local community who assisted in solving this incident very quickly. I want to reassure everyone that I am as confident as I can be that this was a one-off event and no students, staff or the community were at risk. Never a dull moment in school life.



In other news, I was pleased to be able to attend the first network meeting for the year in Jindabyne last week. The meetings were held at the new Jindabyne split school site with both a new primary and high school. The new school is an enormous structure, perched on top of a hill with an amazing outlook, and it is considered to be state of the art. Whilst I was very impressed with the site and all of their amazing resources, I was very happy to return to our little school in the valley. It was beneficial to be able to meet with principal colleagues and be informed and updated on new and developing Department policies and expectations for 2025. Thank you to Ms Wendy for holding down the fort while I was away.

I am very excited to see the most recent school photos taken by Tara, from Daisy Hill Photography. From what we saw on the day, I think the photos will be beautiful. It was a nice change to have the individual photos taken outside with the natural background and Tara did an amazing job generating smiles from some of our students. Photos of all students and family groups were taken on the day so if you were not in a position to purchase the photos online beforehand, it is still possible, but they need to be ordered by tomorrow. If you are in a tricky position and need some assistance with this, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange something.

NAPLAN starts next week for students in Year 3 and 5. Information about this was previously sent home to the families involved. It is very important to remember that this should not be a stressful event for students. It is just the same as doing some regular assessments at school. If you are concerned about your child's feelings towards these assessments, please contact me and I can reassure them one on one that there is nothing to worry about. Whilst NAPLAN is important data collection for the Department of Education, we simply use it as another data source to create a full picture of a student's academic capability, within an assessment setting. This is always complemented by teacher judgement and observation in a regular learning environment.

That's it from me for Week 6. Thanks for reading!

Ms Barrow

Attached:

- Life Ed Information
- Moving to High School
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Book Club

Thankyou to everyone who submitted an order this term. Once the order arrives we will send home the books with your child. Let us know ASAP if you prefer to make other arrangements.

Life Education

Friday 21 March

In a couple of weeks the Life Education van will be outside our school for some more great learning with Harold and Tegan, the Life Educator. A note with more information is attached. Thanks to our wonderful P&C there is no cost as the P&C are paying the \$12 per child. Jump over to the School Bytes parent portal and complete your consent form now.

Absences

When your child is not at school, an email is generated with a link to School Bytes so you can provide an explanation. Please ensure that you do this in a timely manner as otherwise it stays on your child's record as an unjustified absence. You cannot provide an explanation if you leave it too long. Absence notifications will be sent as soon as the teachers have marked the rolls in classrooms.

AFL

Students have been enjoying learning AFL Skills with our coach Samara. We have a total of 5 AFL coaching sessions thanks to the Sporting Schools Term 1 grant. No AFL this week but back again in Week 7.

School Photos

Tomorrow is the last day to get any late orders in for the school photos taken on Tuesday 25 February before packs are printed. Orders can be made online at www.daisyhillphotography.com.au or call Tara on 0410 709 409.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The PRC is a statewide challenge that encourages students to develop a love of reading for leisure. Students in K12 are challenged to read or experience 30 books- books can be read with a parent, carer, teacher or fellow student. Older students from Year 3 onwards are challenged to read 20 books- at least half must be from the PRC list, and others can be personal choice books. Students can access the PRC Student Experience site using the school username and password (check the password placemat) and add the books. The challenge ends on Friday 22 August so there's plenty of time to get reading! If you don't like to use QR codes you can just google it.

Towamba School Mural

We are very excited to have our new mural now completed at school. Thanks to local artist Belinda Rosenbaum our mural features (of course) a magpie, and a little nod too to the resident possum that lives in the COLA.

Creative Arts Camp

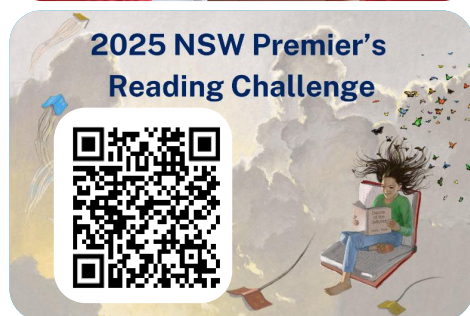
Year 5 & 6 students have the option to attend this camp to be held at Murrumbateman in July this year. Scan the ARTlantis code for more information and to put in an EOI. Applications must be in by the end of term. Please let the school know if you need any more information.

Updates

Check the reminders box on the front page to see if we are waiting on any updates from your family for the start of 2025.

Pancake Day

It was great to be able to celebrate Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday at school this week, with a big thank you to the P&C and especially Oscar and Cooper's mum Kathryn Dixon. Kathryn spent all morning cooking pancakes for very excited students who gobbled them up so quickly there was little time to take photos! Thank you Kathryn.





★ 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 11)

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

SCAN ME 



Year 7 EOI

Our Year 6 students are soon to take the first step towards high school! Families are asked to put in their EOI for next year's school. See note attached for those students.



SENTENCE SHOWCASE

perilous

bland

Lenny

Kailani

Week 6

My brother was looking down at the perilous cliff edge. I had no idea how he had a bland look on his face. Me on the other hand, terrified.

As I walked down the cold and endless ally way a shiver went up my spine. I'm thinking to myself. Why...why did I go on this perilous journey? I'm starving I found a old stale chip on the icy floor, I pick it up and shoved it in my mouth, it tasted so bland and disgusting.

SENTENCE SHOWCASE

hoarse

Chloe

Jere

Week 5

When I got to school my voice sounded croaky and hoarse because I was cheering for my friends at the school carnival.

The old man's voice suddenly dropped into a low, dark, rugged, hoarse tone.

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
Mini Pizza	\$2.50

Ham & Pineapple/Cheesy Margarita/Ham & Cheese

Juice or Flav/PlainMilk \$1.50

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

This term's special pies

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

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Tomorrow: Esther

Next week: Keri

Fri 21 Mar	Karen
Fri 28 Mar	Bekie/Steph
Fri 4 April	Keri
Fri 11 April	VACANT

Second Hand uniforms

The P&C would like to remind parents that there is a crate of second hand uniforms in the MPR, many in great condition. Parents are welcome to come and have a look through. There is no charge for these uniforms.

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 lunches co-ordinator, Lindy Cooper, on 0415 964 144 after hours.

Students can now order plain milk with their lunch order if they prefer!



Pancake Day

The P&C would like to thank Kathryn for organising and bringing in the machine for pancake day on Tuesday.



Towamba Car Rally Saturday 29 March

P&C are catering breakfast & lunch

This is a major fundraiser for the P&C.

Help us help you!

We will need helpers
cakes
slices
eggs

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 - 7 years)
4:00pm - 4:45pm

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

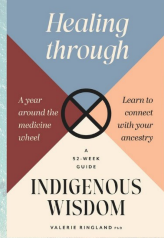
Trial First Class
Free for Adults

starts Towamba
Wednesday 5 March

Creative Kids Vouchers
can be used!

candicemyracoooper@gmail.com

Author event
with
Dr Valerie Ringland



Tura Marrang Library
Thurs 13 March, 3.00pm

Free event

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Candelo BOOKS

Valerie's talk will define Indigenous science and discuss how Western science diverged from its Indigenous Mesopotamian roots, offer guidance about connecting with your own authentic Indigenous spirituality through Indigenous science practices, and discuss some simple ways to integrate this knowledge into your everyday life. The talk will invite participants to share and reflect, and conclude with Q&A and book signing.

ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTOMS OF THE LANDS, WATERS AND SKIES WHERE WE GATHER, ALWAYS WAS ALWAYS WILL.

Sat 29th March ALL DAY

10th EDITION

Candelo Arts Festival

free event

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"WHAT HAS BEEN. WHAT IS BECOMING."

live entertainment · community art workshops · market stalls · family friendly

program of events
www.candeloartsociety.org

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EPHEMERAL FESTIVAL 2025

SATURDAY 12 APRIL
PANBOOLA WETLANDS
9am - 2pm
FREE ENTRY
EVERYONE WELCOME
WORKSHOP BOOKINGS VIA PANBOOLA.COM

PERFORMANCES
CREATIVE WORKSHOPS
DEMONSTRATIONS
ART
CRAFT
FOOD + COFFEE
STALLS

Celebrating the Landscapes of Panboola and the Creativity it Inspires

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ESSENCE OF PANBOOLA

In celebration of
International Women's Day,
you are invited to a

*Tea Party
with the CWA*

Eden Library
Saturday 8 March,
10.30am

SCULPTURE BERMAGUI

Beautiful Sculptures in a Stunning Location

8th to 16th March 2025

Thanks.
MERIMBULA
EAT
LOCAL PRODUCE

Sunday 9th March
10am - 2pm
Fishpen

COMMUNITY BBQ

Towamba Community BBQ
Sunday 16 March from 1pm

Sausages/rissol and bread supplied.
We just need you!
All welcome

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!

Service NSW

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

Music Lessons

Piano/keyboard/music theory lessons
lessons available for ages 7-70+
weekly/fortnightly/casual
\$30 per 40 minute lesson
Please text /message for a call back.
Maggie Nightingale 0428 252 232

**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 physically and mentally.
Contact: 0428 252 232

Towamba Community Church
Sundays
at 4pm

All welcome