



TERM 2

WEEK 5

THURSDAY 29 MAY 2025

## Coming Events

Thurs 12 June	FSCSS Athletics Carnival Wyndham
Tues 17 June	SCLC show rehearsal
Wed 18 June	SCLC Performance night
Thurs 19 June	Tennis
Thurs 26 June	Bundian Way Excursion
TBC	End of term assembly
Thurs 3 July	Last tennis
Fri 4 July	Student reports home
Fri 4 July	Last day of term

We have reached the half way point of the term as it is a ten week term. It feels like it is still February in my mind.

Students travelled to Wyndham on Tuesday this week, after our Friday session was washed out. We had such a great day at Wyndham and we really appreciate the effort that Jo Collins and her team went to, to set up a great day for us. We had a fantastic time practicing athletics skills in all the field events and trialed the new finish line camera for our running events, which was a bit exciting. The students were all very well behaved as always and represented our school very well. We are all feeling much better prepared for the upcoming athletics carnival in a couple of weeks.

Yesterday I attended the Principal's Network meeting in Bombala and was able to bring myself up to date with a few changes to policies and procedures, while also being able to meet with principals from our network to discuss important issues like transition planning, attendance and child protection. This is a valuable day and I appreciate the support of staff for me to be able to attend.



You might have seen a few skipping ropes starting to come home (initially in 3-6) as we get our skills sorted to participate in the Jump Rope for Heart program. Students are developing their skills in the lead up to a fundraising event where they skip and hopefully, you all sponsor them in some way. The Jump Rope for Heart program has been running in schools for years and raises money to help support Australians living with heart disease. Financial support helps to educate people and fund research to better prevent and manage heart disease into the future. More information about this will come home soon, we hope you are able to support this program in some way.



In other news this week, as many of you already know, GA Jo has decided to move on from Towamba Public School. We all wish him well in his next chapter and thank him for the time he has given to our school over the last 6 years. Jo has worn a few hats at Towamba as a GA, the president of the P&C and as a parent and we appreciate his time. At this moment, the position of General Assistant is being filled by our casual GA until more permanent plans are decided upon. Thank you to those members of the community who have already indicated an interest in this position, it is nice to know that so many people are interested in looking after our school grounds. Once a plan is decided upon, we will communicate this with the school and wider community.

## Reminders

To finish off this week, I would like to recognise Jere who spent last week up in Sydney at the Aurora camp for the whole week. This week, Caelan has headed off to a music camp for students who play string instruments. Caelan has travelled to Murrumbateman for this camp and is the only student who has gone from Towamba. I am very proud of both boys for stepping outside their comfort zone and embracing the challenge of something so new (I am also proud of Isaac and Esther for showing such courage in sending them both off! Great job). It is so important to step outside of our comfort zone to try new things. Well done boys!

## Attached:

- Athletics Carnival note
- Bundian Way note
- Kianinny photopage
- Reconciliation challenge
- SCLC Music Camp option

Ms Barrow



### Athletics Carnival

Thursday 12 June

This year's Athletics Carnival will be held at Wyndham. There is a full days program of athletics, fun games and activities. The Wyndham Public School P&C will be putting on a canteen. It is always a great day out and we will need help from parents and carers to cheer for our team Towamba! Please see the attached page for more information and get your consent forms in as it is only less than 2 weeks away!

On arrival at Wyndham please come to the red tent and see a teacher. Programs for the day will be available, and a name label provided for your child that need to be worn to assist the recording staff.

### District Cross Country

It was a lovely calm sunny day for the District cross country at Wolumla on Friday 16th May. Oscar, Caelan and Otilie were representing Towamba. Contestants and some parents walked the 2km (8, 9, 10 yrs) or 3km (11,12,13yrs) course before races started. Oscar (who doesn't turn 8 until mid December!) ran in 8/9s boys and came 29th. Still quite a few runners behind him so a great first effort at representative level. Caelan competed in the 10yrs boys race, coming in 10th. Otilie raced the 3km course with the 11yr girls and placed 14th. All the Towamba students and parents stayed to watch each others races and be the cheer squad at the start and finish lines.

Steph

Jere was unable to attend because he was at the Aurora residential program but due to previous times he has been offered a place at the Regional Cross Country to be held at Bega on June 13. Well done!

### SCLC Performing Arts Festival

Students in the 3-6 class have been practicing their singing for the combined choir and our school's own performance with boomwhackers for this festival. Make sure you have saved the dates below and let us know ASAP if your child will not be available.

Tues 17 June Full rehearsal (bus transport)

Wed 18 June Performance night (parent transport)

More information about the performance, and ticket purchases soon.

### A Day at Wyndham 2.0

All students enjoyed the day, and it is great to have more events shared with our sister school at Wyndham. Older students had a great day practising the athletics field events like discus, shotput, long jump and high jump, in preparation for the carnival. It also enabled us to work on the nominations for the carnival, as only a maximum of 3 students can be entered for each field event.

### Bundian Way Excursion

Thursday 26 June

Attached is the information flyer for our whole school Bundian Way excursion in week 9, with the highly regarded **Yandama on Country**. This will be instead of the usual Jigamy excursion. This will be a full day out in Eden by bus, including a visit to the Killer Whale Museum for other local history. Thanks to the P&C for their support of this excursion. With additional school funding this excursion is free of charge for families. Please have all consents in by the week before so we don't have to follow up on those outstanding.

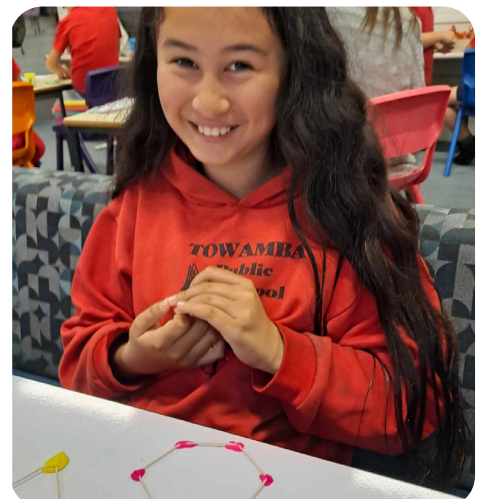
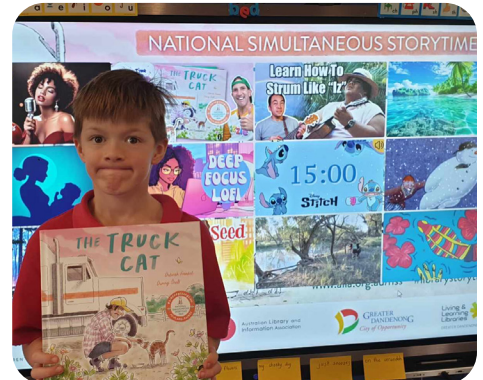
### SCLC Music Camp

August

There's no end to the optional extracurricular camps available to students! The SCLC Music Camp invites EOLs from interested students from local schools from Year 5 up with a talent and interest in music and performance. See the attached flyer. All EOLs must be in by 10 June.

### Digital Declarations for volunteers

Thank you to the parents who have already done their Digital Declaration. Your support of our school and students is greatly appreciated. Don't forget if you do lunches and help at sports events then we need a Digidec! It lasts for your entire time at school. If you need the email resent please let the school know.







### Book Club

Thanks to those families making orders by the deadline last week. All orders have been processed. Once the orders arrive we will send them home with the students- unless you let us know otherwise.

### 2025 Stewart House Charity Envelope Winner

It has been announced that the 2025 Stewart House Charity Drive winner is a fortunate Year 1 student from Denham Court Public School. We are sure that the family can make great use of the \$4,000 travel voucher. Thank you to all who participated in the Donation Drive.

### Tennis

Due to a family emergency overseas Hans was unavailable for tennis this week and possibly next week as well. New dates have been added on 19 June and 3 July.

### K12 SENTENCE SHOWCASE



### K12 Super Sentences by K12 students

**Oscar:** In the afternoon of winter, a driveway of donkeys eats my oranges while my cheeky cows just lie in the shade.

**Angus:** In the cold, windy, wet rains, a club of kangaroos stomp all over our garden while Perry and Coco just lie in the dirt.

### SENTENCE SHOWCASE



### Week 5 Reflection on National Sorry Day 26th May

**Kalani:** I think the Prime Minister's apology was an important event because the Aboriginal children were taken and it made the Aboriginal people feel sad.

## P&C News

### FRIDAY Lunches

Plain meat pie	\$3.00 sale!
Gluten Free pie	\$4.50
Cheese/Bacon	\$4.50
Chicken/mushrm	\$4.50
Term 2 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



### VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Tomorrow: Keri

Next week: Bekie

Fri 13 June: Esther  
Fri 20 June: Esther  
Fri 27 June: Steph  
Fri 4 July: Karen

### Wood Raffle & Fundraisers

The firewood raffle is well underway and will be drawn shortly as soon as the last few tickets sell. Don't miss your chance to win a load of firewood ready to warm your house!

Tickets are \$5 per square and the raffle is set up like a 100s club. Thanks to Natalia & Zac for providing the first load. Contact Steph on 0455 774 050 to book your square. Payment can be made online to the P&C. It's quick and easy.

### Friday Lunches

Thank you to all of the volunteers for this term. Our special pie for Term 2 is Cauliflower & Blue Cheese but there are still some Spinach Triangles left too!

We are having a plain pie sale to improve their popularity again! Plain pies can now be ordered for just \$3 until further notice. That's below cost price!

### 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

### Firewood Raffle \$5 per square

P&C are running a firewood raffle 100s club.

Raffle drawn as soon as all the squares are sold.

Get in Quick!!

### Special Pies Term 2

Cauliflower & Blue Cheese

Spinach Triangle

### Towamba P&C Account details

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

# Community News

## Caring For Catchment - a Community Planting and Weed Removal Session



**WHAT:** A free community planting and weed removal session will be held by the Social Justice Advocates with the support of Bega Valley Shire Council.

**WHERE:** Meet at Bar Beach, Merimbula

**WHEN:** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 9am - 11am

**WHY:** Help us to remove invasive weeds and revegetate a reserve adjacent to Merimbula Lake to improve the catchment health.

**BRING:** Please bring enclosed shoes, gloves, a hat, a water bottle, and sunscreen.



THEATRE ONSET PRESENTS...

## RAY LAWLER'S SUMMER OF THE SEVENTEENTH DOLL

Come along and experience one of Australia's most powerful and enduring plays, as Theatre Onset stages Summer of the Seventeenth Doll - Ray Lawler's unforgettable story of love, change, and the passing of time.

The play is directed by Eva Mills and features a stellar cast of local actors — Jodie Stevens, David Newell, Kym Hawthorne, Pete Wild, Mahamati, MayaRae Navarrete and Jack Grey.

Set in 1950's Melbourne, the story follows two cane cutters who return south for their seventeenth summer, expecting the same carefree reunion they've always had. But this year, things are different — and what unfolds is a deeply human exploration of relationships, identity, and the cost of holding on to the past.

"What drew me to this play was the sense of truth in the relationships between the characters. For me, that's what makes great theatre" says Mills. "It's raw and real, and it still resonates. This isn't just a story from the 1950s — it's a story about us."

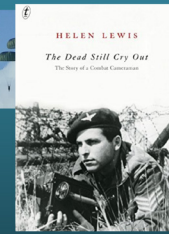
Bega Anglican Church  
May 30 to June 8

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1387418>



## The Dead Still Cry Out

80 Years  
end of WWII



This year marks 80 years since the end of the Second World War but some accounts are as raw and relevant today as they were then.

Hear Dr Helen Lewis talk about her research journey as she traced the history of her father's war experiences. Learn why his experiences are still relevant today.

Bega Library  
Thu 19 June  
10.30am

Eden Library  
Wed 25 June  
10.30am

Book online at  
[begavalley.events.mylibrary.digital](http://begavalley.events.mylibrary.digital)  
Phone the library on 6499 2451



## Wanderer 2025

4-5 October @ Pambula Beach  
Line up out now  
Check the details  
[wander.com.au](http://wander.com.au)

## Towamba Hall Library

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



## FIRE PERMITS no longer required

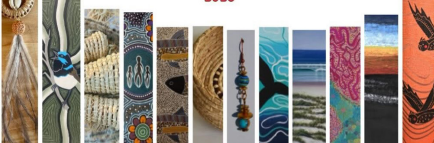
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neighbours  
and the RFS  
of any planned burn  
24hrs prior to burning



Burn  
notification  
website

**Merimbula 43<sup>rd</sup> JAZZ Festival 2025**  
JUNE 6-9  
[merimbulajazz.org.au](http://merimbulajazz.org.au)  
@MerimbulaJazzFestival  
@MerimbulaJazzFest

## Celebrating First Nations Artists living on Yuin Country 2025



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Exhibition 16th May - 11th June 2025

Morning Tea - meet the artists  
Saturday 17th May @ 10am - 12 noon.  
Welcome to Country 11am

To be opened by  
Councillor Clair Mudaliar

Featuring Indigenous artists living on  
Yuin Country  
Don Atkinson, Sabrina Candlish,  
Gavin Chaffield, Amanda Close,  
Sharyn Close, Jodi Cooper,  
Cheryl Davidson, Sean Delaney,  
Toni Hill, Stacy Muscat,  
Browen Smith, Emma Stewart,  
Alison Walker, Andrea Warren.



## TAI CHI

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

## Justice of the Peace (JP) Drop-in Service

Every Tuesday, 11:30am - 1:30pm

You can now access the services of a JP  
at Tura Marrang Library.  
No need to book, just drop in.



Towamba  
Community Church  
Sundays  
at 4pm  
All welcome



## Dobell Drawing Prize #23 Exhibited artworks

10 May - 28 June

SECCA  
Bega