Towamba Public School’s new principal for 2015 (pending appeal processes) is Mr Peter Claxton. Thank you to the merit selection panel for your time and professionalism. I know Mr Claxton will have a positive impact on the school and its community and will be warmly welcomed by everyone.

There will be a chance for all to meet him at a morning tea soon in early week 10—stay tuned for more information soon!

By the time my last Principal’s Message is published in two weeks’ time, the grand adventure to Sydney will be a happy memory—one that I hope will last a lifetime and will encourage our students to think big when it comes to their future. I’m great on ideas but, without Nancy Blindell’s attention to detail and organisational skills and Louise Hopson’s input and support, the plan would never have got off the ground...pun intended....it would have remained, a pie in the sky idea (sorry!). Thank you for helping to make this happen. I will really miss working with all the talented staff at Towamba.

Thank you also to our wonderful P&C who saw the merit in my big idea and have supported the project all the way. We have been extremely fortunate to be the recipient of donations for the project, which I named, “Country Kids Fly High”, from Eden Lioness Club ($500), Merimbula RSL ($400), Eden CWA ($390), Bega RSL ($250) and Rex Airlines (2 air tickets) and we received news just late last week that we had been successful in our application for a $2000 grant from The Mumbulla Foundation. Things are really looking up for Towamba students...oops, there’s another one.

Our final cake raffle is tomorrow and it’s my turn (gulp). I can’t hope to outdo the creative artworks which have been offered up so I’ve had an idea—that makes two this year! I’m going to make a good old-fashioned traditional Christmas cake. I haven’t made one in years so it’s about time—and I couldn’t think of a better cause 😊

Gotta fly!

Kathryn Davis
Principal
School swimming lessons

Well done to all the students with their swimming lessons out at Pambula this week.

Year 7 Orientation  Wednesday 3 December

Year 6 students were given information and permission notes this week for the Year 7 Orientation Day at Eden Marine High School next Wednesday. Please return notes ASAP.

Students are welcome to travel to and from school on the high school bus—or may choose to travel to school with their parents—the day starts at 9am. Parents are also welcome to attend the first information session in the school hall from 9-10am.

For the remainder of the day students participate in group building, sporting and classroom activities. They will be placed in their 2015 English and Maths classes, and will be provided with a welcome BBQ lunch.

Please wear your school uniform, and take along your own water bottle and food for recess (or money to purchase from the canteen). Have fun high schoolers!

Cake Raffles

Our raffles now draw to an end, with the last one tomorrow.

Thank you to everyone for your cakes, ticket buying and perseverance!

We have raised nearly $500 which has allowed us to subsidise the Sydney excursion from the full price of $360 per person to the reasonable price of $125 maximum per person that we passed on to our students.

We have also been generously supported by sponsors—thank you!

Funds raised so far

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Sydney Excursion Friday 5 December

Staff and parent volunteers met this week and students have been briefed with the plan for the big day on Friday next week!

Prepaid subway kidpack orders also need to be in before 1 December & paid too.

Students will need to meet at the airport by 6am for our big adventure! Feel free to organise carpooling if you wish. Parents can also stop in at the C2K P&C breakfast stall on the way home for breakfast! :)

Last minute refresher note going home next week.

Please note– if your child requires medication for the excursion —please send in a written note, and only send the required amount.

Sponsors– we have just found out that we were successful with our grant with the Mumbulla Foundation!

The Mumbulla Foundation have generously donated $2000 towards our excursion project!! Ms Davis and Nancy will be attending the Mumbulla Foundation ceremony in a couple of weeks to accept the donation.

Other donations came from Eden Lioness Club ($500), Merimbula RSL ($400), Eden CWA ($390), Bega RSL ($250) and Rex Airlines (2 air tickets).

Kindy Start picnic day Friday 5 December at 1.30pm

Parents and younger siblings of the students in Kindy Start as well as K12 are all invited to come along for a relaxed picnic lunch with the Kindy Start and K12 kids on Friday 5 December.

Please bring a plate of finger food to share, and enjoy a social lunch with lots of fun and activities afterwards.

This will be the last day of Kindy Start for the year for our 6 KS students.

Younger children who might be interested in Kindy Start for 2015 (turning 4 during 2015 and enrolling at TPS in 2016) are also invited to come along to the picnic. Please spread the word.
Survey
Please return any surveys as soon as you can.

**ZEEKO Thursday 11 December**
Zeeko are performing at our school on Thursday 11 December, with the cost subsidised at $5 a student (with a maximum of $10 per family).
A copy of the permission note attached to last week’s newsletter is on page 4 for your convenience. Please return by the end of November.
Tell your friends, neighbours—all are welcome. Visitors attending can enjoy the concert free of charge.

**The Giving Tree**
The Giving Tree has been set up in the school office—collecting gifts for others less fortunate, and passed on to Mr Brian Dixon at the school concert. The gifts are usually distributed via Anglicare. If you would like to be part of this, please bring in your donation anytime before the school concert day.

**Pool Party Wednesday 17th December**
Everything is in place for the Towamba/Wyndham Pool Party on the last day of term. Please return the orange permission note (sent home last newsletter) by the 12 December. Students will be wearing blue or yellow wristbands which dictates which pools they are allowed to enter. There will be plenty of organised activities in both pools, and just a fun day in the pool with your friends too!
Parents are warmly welcomed to attend, and there is also a bus option (shared with Wyndham—limited seats available) at a small fee of $5 per student.
Please bring your own recess and lunch or money to purchase at the pool kiosk (pies, sausage rolls, chips, sweets and drinks.

**End of Year event**
- School concert
- Presentation of High Flyer and other awards
- Community Supper
- P&C raffle
- Year 6 Farewell & Presentation of shirts to 2015 Year 6
- Kindystart slideshow

**P&C News**

**P&C Coast2Kosi Breakfast stall Friday next week**
The P&C are running a breakfast BBQ to cater for the support crew for the Coast2Kosi marathon. The BBQ will run for about 2 hours from 6.30am. If you can volunteer your time to assist with this please contact Rachel on 6496 7046.

**Term 4 Lunch roster**
Friday 28 November—Sherrie
Friday 5 December—K12/KS picnic
Friday 12 December—Lisa

**The P&C Christmas Concert Hamper Raffle**
Please bring in your donations for the hamper—just think about what you would like to find in a hamper if you won it! Already we have some goodies—thank you!
Raffle tickets for you to sell to friends and neighbours are attached to this newsletter. Please contact us if you need more. Tickets will also be sold on the concert night. Price is $2 each or 3 for $5.
**Community News**

**For Sale**
Dunlop Leather Steel Capped work boots  
Mens size 9.  
Never worn. $20  
Contact Maureen Volentras  
6496 7065

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**Musica Viva: Zeeko Thursday 11 December**

I give permission for my child/children______________________________ to attend the Zeeko Concert on Thursday 11 December.

☐ Enclosed is _________ Signed:_______________________________

☐ I have paid online. Receipt number__________

**SYDNEY AIRPORT DINNER**

If you would like your child to have a Subway kidpack for dinner please send $5 (school will cover the difference) to school before **December 1**.

Alternatively you may choose to send along your own packed food for your child’s dinner before flying home.

☐ Name: __________________________________________ Signed:_______________________________

☐ Enclosed is $______ for ______ kidpack meals.

☐ I will be sending a packed dinner and my child will not need a subway dinner pack.

Signed:_______________________________

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**ABSENCE & Partial Absence NOTE**

My child________________________________________________________________________  
was absent from school on the date/s_______________________________________________  
OR will be arriving late/departing early at (time)_______________________________________  

due to______________________________________________________________________________

Signed ____________________________ Parent/Carer.  
Date:_______________________________

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**Kids’ fishing workshop**

Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly.  
Instructions are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.  
The day runs from 10 am – 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag & size limits,  
fish handling for catch & release.

**COST: $45 PER CHILD, and includes:**  
rod & reel combination, shirt, hat, tackle box and show bag — all to take home!  
**BREMERS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 20 participants.**

**Locations and DATES**

Merimbula Thursday 8th January 2016  
Thursday 16th April 2016

To book, ring Stephen Thurstan, Primary Industries NSW. Ph 02 4220 8484  
or 0438 245 190 or e-mail stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au  
Workshop details are on the web:  

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