Attached to this newsletter:

**Towamba Public School**

Magpie Murmur

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This is the last Magpie Murmur for 2014 and also the last time I will have a message here for you. Next year, Mr Peter Claxton will assume the helm and navigate the good ship Towamba PS onwards into the future. He is lucky indeed to have such an honour and to have such an amazing and dedicated crew on board.

On Tuesday evening, I was fortunate to be invited to attend and present awards at Eden Marine High School’s Annual Presentation Evening. The impressive number of former students from Towamba receiving awards highlighted how small schools, with the support of their community, can achieve great results. Congratulations to Eden Marine High School on a polished performance all round.

Last Friday was the final Kindy Start gathering for this year. This programme has been a huge success thanks to the efforts and commitment of Nicci Grant. Our 2015 Kindergarten students will confidently hit the ground running!

While K12 and the Kindy Starts were playing and partying on Friday, 3-6 were in Sydney for the day. And what a day it was, made possible by the support of over $1200 by the school P&C (you are amazing – thank you), a successful grant application for $2000 from The Mumbulla Foundation and donations from The Eden Lioness Club ($500), the CWA ($390), Merimbula RSL ($400), Bega RSL ($250), and Regional Express (2 plane tickets). Ms Davis and Nancy will be representing the school at the Mumbulla Presentation in Bega on Friday afternoon.

Louise Hopson’s fantastic lead up orientation work with the class prior to the excursion, and Nancy’s meticulous organisation (including the weather!) ensured a detailed excursion proceeded like clockwork. Our country kids flew so high thanks to all of you 😊

The end of year presentation night is again shaping up to be a celebration to remember. Louise Hopson and Candice Cooper (Ezekiel and Jasmin’s mum) have combined their choreographic skills to ensure a final dance number from the entire school that you’ll love. Louise has put so much creative thought and effort into the play – it would not have been possible without her.

Best wishes to everyone for the holiday break and the future. I have been privileged to be the custodian of the keys to Towamba Public School for the last four years and I leave with many, many happy memories. Thank you for your support – I’ll miss you all.

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Kathryn Davis
ZEEKO  Students and visitors enjoyed the Zeeko performance today, presenting Earth, Wind and Sea, and some pretty funky music!

The Giving Tree
The Giving Tree in the office has a growing collection of gifts—thank you so much to our giving families. All the gifts will be passed on to Mr Brian Dixon at the school concert for distribution to the Anglicare family Christmas program. 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 by tomorrow. Check the box on the front page to see if we still haven't heard from you. Bus seats are also limited, so late returns may miss out! 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, but there is also a bus option (shared with Wyndham) at a small highly subsidised 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

Dress Rehearsal MONDAY
Students will be rehearsing up at the hall on Monday—full dress rehearsal. Practice your lines and your part over the weekend so Monday goes really well—the big concert is on Tuesday! Please ensure that any items required are brought to school, if not here already.

TUESDAY
On Tuesday every child will be sent home with part of their costume in a labelled bag.

Please arrive at the hall in costume by 6.15pm at the very latest so that we can apply finishing touches to the costumes. Close fitting shorts/leggings and tshirt underneath may be required in some cases.

Every student also needs to bring their school uniform (Year 6 please ensure you have your Year 6 shirt) in a labelled plastic bag to change into after the play.

It would also be greatly appreciated if every family can bring a plate for the shared supper after the play. Following supper we have the School Presentation part of the evening, and the P&C raffle draw!

2015 Enrolments
Thank you to the four families returning their Enrolment forms for next year’s Kindy students. It would be great to have any required paperwork (proof of address, immunisation certificates etc) all in so enrolments are all ready to go for the first day next year. We are still waiting on one more family to return the enrolment forms as well.
Setting up the hall for Concert Night

This Sunday at 3pm.

Parents and helpers are invited to come and help prepare the hall for Towamba’s big night!

Tasks include setting up the hall, decorating the tree, and preparing the supper room. Many hands make light work– look forward to seeing you there!

The P&C Raffle

Prizes are pouring in– make sure you have your tickets as there will be many lucky winners on the night!

Prizes include:
- The Hamper
- Knitted Blanket donated by Maureen
- Movie tickets from The Picture Show Man
- Vouchers from Wild Ryes, Sprout, Club Sapphire, and Cat Balou
- Whale calendar
- Picture frame from Georgie’s Jewellers
- And more still to come

Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5.

Please return any sold tickets, and ask for more if you need them!

Lunch roster

Thank you so much to all our lunch volunteers again this year. The students and the staff greatly appreciate your assistance for Friday lunches. Thank you to Lisa and Frank for keeping it all running so smoothly.

Coast2Kosi Stall

hope all the Sydney travellers had a wonderful time. While you were up there the Coast to Kosci Ultramarathon BBQ went very well. Thanks to the volunteers and those that made it possible for us to be there at that time (transporting our kids to the airport and child minders).

We made several hundred dollars profit and whipped up over 130 egg and bacon rolls and coffees in under 2 hours (more than 1 a minute!).

It was great to tell the people that their money was going to support our kids that were on a plane to Sydney "right now". We have already said we will be back next year.
Community News

BVSC Library School Holiday Program

Merimbula Library – Book by ringing 64992481
Wednesday 14th January – Story time for 7 yrs and under. 10.30am till 11.30am
Wednesday 21st January – Simple crafts for 7 yrs+ Cost $2.00 10.30am till 11.30am

Bega Library – Book by ringing 64992127
Thursday 15th January – Story time for 7 years and under. 10.30am till 11.30am
Tuesday 20th January – Simple crafts for 7 years and over 10.30am till 11.30am Cost $2.00

Eden Library – Book by ringing 64992451
Friday 16th January – Story time for 7 yrs and under. 10.30am till 11.30am
Friday 23rd January – Paddle pop craft for 7 yrs+ Cost $2. 10.30am till 11.30am

Wii games are also available during school holidays at any of our branches and Lego blocks will be travelling around the branches.

fLiNG Summer School ~ 14th-16th Jan 2015
Dance - Hip Hop - Hula Hooping - Tumbling - Drama
Three days of fun, learning and play! $150 for 3 days
TO BOOK EMAIL admin@flingphysicaltheatre.com.au or call 64920222

TAKE fLIGHT
fLiNG Physical Theatre presents an exciting season of NEW performance!
Sat 13th Dec 4pm / 7:30pm and Sun 14th Dec 7:30pm
Bring a picnic meal, your family and celebrate the year with us.
TICKETS: www.trybooking.com/GHDW

Bermagui River Saltmarsh: a walking workshop with Geoff Sainty
FREE WETLANDS EVENT Friday 19th December 2014
You are invited to a special wetlands event hosted by Geoff Sainty a leader in the field of wetland ecology and wetland design and management. The workshop will look at saltmarsh ecology and restoration and what’s happening to the Bermagui River saltmarsh in particular.
The workshop will be held out in the field where you will get a closer look at key indicators of wetland health such as vegetation condition, hydrology, and impact from surrounding land uses.
Meet at 9:30am for 10:00am start. Finish around 4.30pm.
Numbers limited to 20.
Lunch provided.
What to bring: Hat, binoculars or old sneakers and water.
To register contact Connie Orlandin on 6493 5777 or dareoodrea@gmail.com

Free
Retro orange recliner—bit saggy in the seat but easily remedied. Free to good home!
Pick up is Merimbula ideally but can arrange local meeting point. Contact Nancy 6496 7075 or at school.

Have a wonderful Christmas
and a great holiday
ready for school in 2015!

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:____________________
More will be added to the school website. Please feel free to share your photos too– we know there were lots of cameras clicking that day!