Comming Events

Wed 9 April  School Photographs
Thurs 10 April  Easter Hat Parade, BBQ and end of term assembly
Fri 11 April  Bioblitz at Panboola (Year 5 and 6) & last day of term

Monday 28 April  Staff return Term 2
Tues 29 April  Students return
Fri 2 May  Bugwatch (and Kindy Start commences)
Tues 6 May  Playgroup starts
Fri 9 May  Towamba Cross Country
13-15 May  NAPLAN Year 3 and 5
Fri 16 May  Zone Cross Country— Wolumla

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please note— all photo envelopes need to be returned before photo day on Wednesday next week— regardless of whether you are making an order or not.

There are also family photo order envelopes available if families would also like a photo of siblings together. These can be collected from the school office.

Photos will be first thing at the start of the school day. Please ensure students are wearing a clean and tidy school uniform (red shirt) or Year 6 shirt. We look forward to our 2014 set of student portraits!

End of Term Assembly and Easter Hat Parade  next Thursday

Parents and community are invited to join the students in celebrating our End of Term Assembly on Thursday 10 April. The assembly will be in the MPR starting from 12.30, and will include the Easter Hat Parade, Term 1 slideshow, presentation of nests, banking award and a showcase of selected student work including K12 with Puff the Magic Dragon.

See P&C News for the BBQ info. The afternoon will conclude with fun games and activities and of course the Easter Egg Hunt!

School Radio

Students in Years 5/6 walked up to the radio room this week with Ms Hopson and volunteer Maureen Volentras ran through some of the technicalities of presenting the school radio show, starting next term. Students will also be supplied with notes and planning sheets. Thinking about what to include in their own show can even be done in the holidays.

First show: Tuesday 6 May at 1pm: Liam and Mabel

Notes yet to come in for

Attached:

- Yr 5/6 Bioblitz Transport information
- Yrs 3/5 NAPLAN information
- Holiday activities at SCMD
Marine Debris Workshop

This was a very successful session yesterday, with educators from the Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre coming out to our school to share some pretty amazing facts about how long various forms of rubbish take to break down in the ocean.

An interesting food exercise where student groups had a time period to try and pick out the food from the plastic debris was also a very powerful lesson about one of the problems of marine debris.

Cross country

Towamba School will be having our Cross Country on Friday 9 May (week 2 next term). Students will be training for this each morning next term so appropriate footwear is suggested.

All students are involved, with distances ranging from 1.8km for the 5-7 year olds, 2.2km for the 8-10 year olds and 3km for the older students.

The cross country course includes laps of the school as well as up to the Towamba sportsground via Barney Street or Knight Street depending on the route length. We need parents to come on the day and assist with checkpoints (pointing runners the correct way!), cheering them on, recording places and taking photos!

As it is only in Week 2, we would like to get an idea of parent volunteers – if you can come along on the day please send in the return slip on page 4 or just call on 64967159.

The cross country will be in the middle session after recess, so parents should arrive around 11.30 if possible.

The Zone Cross Country is the following Friday at Wolumla for our selected student runners.

Two new exciting groups in Towamba starting next term for younger children

Kindy Start

A transition program for 4 year olds. Every Friday for the rest of the year for the whole school day. Shorter sessions can be negotiated if necessary. No cost except for the special Kindy Start shirt. Kindy Start kids join in with the K12 class and will have a wonderful transition to starting school in 2015. Any further enquiries please contact the school. Info packs have gone out today to the families with 4 year olds. Kindy Start starts Friday 2 May.

A new playgroup for Towamba, based in the Multipurpose room at our school. It is open to any young children in the area, with parents/grandparents/carers warmly welcomed. More flyers are available from the school office if you wish to pass on this information to anybody else that you think might be interested. For more information contact Liz Huggert 0419 249 250 from Campbell Page or the school on 6496 7159. Playgroup starts Tuesday 6 May at 9.30am.

NAPLAN

Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will find a letter attached advising you of the various NAPLAN tests that happen across the country in Week 3 next term.
Friday lunch orders
Thank you to our lunch volunteers!
Get in early for your preferred Friday next term!
Use the return slip on page 4 or call Lisa on 6496 7292

Easter BBQ
Next Thursday the 10th of April the P&C will be holding a BBQ lunch to go with the school Easter hat parade and end of term assembly.
If you are able to help with the BBQ please let either Ken 64967158 or Paul 64967076 know so we can be sure there is enough help on the day.
We will need some help with cooking the BBQ, making up cordial, serving up, someone to collect the money and cleaning up. Even if you can only help for one part, that would be appreciated.
A sausage sandwich, with onion, coleslaw etc and drink will be $2 and helps our P&C support TPS students.

Community News

Holiday Activities at the Marine Discovery Centre
See the attached flyer for more information on these great activities.
Dad and son time
A series of adventure-filled camping weekends for fathers and sons are being run at Sport and Recreation centres. With no computers, phones or TVs, dads and their boys will be able to spend time together and building a healthier relationship. Find out more: [http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/youngstars)

Free to good home
Foxy puppies (two female, two male) are looking for owners!
Eight weeks old and very cute! Call Pod on 6496 7112

School holidays at the library
School holidays are fast approaching. To find out what is happening at your library ring Bega 64992217, Bermagui 64992411, Eden 64992451 or Merimbula 64992482.
Are you a Lego fan, then check out when the Lego bricks will be at your library during the holidays

SCLC Performing Arts Concert Term 3  Expression of Interest
My child/ren would like to be involved in the SCLC Performing Arts Concert and we will be able to organise transport when required for rehearsals and on the performance night itself.
- School item
- combined school choir

Student name:_________________________________________ Parent signed:__________________________

Term 2 Lunch Orders  Name:_________________________ Phone:____________________________________

YES I can help out with Friday lunch orders. I have ticked the date options that I am available below.

I am happy to volunteer for ____day/s this term
- Friday 2 May
- Friday 9 May (Tow XC)
- Friday 16 May (Zone XC)
- Friday 23 May
- Friday 30 May
- Friday 6 June
- Friday 13 June (Athletics)
- Friday 20 June
- Friday 27 June

Or call Lisa 6496 7292

Towamba Cross Country  Friday 9 May
- Yes I can be at the school from 11.30 on Friday 9 May to assist with the school cross country.

Name:_____________________________________________________

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:__________________________