So much is happening in our little school, and everything seems to be occurring this term! Cricket skills, Hula-hooping skills (hoping to use in the SCLC item), Bugwatch, Cross Country, Bournda Senior Art and Science days, Bioblitz, Life Education, Zoomobile, Museum-in-a-box, Senior Music camp, Stage 3 Movie making workshop at Tanja school and the Musica-Viva group, Jacana.

It is also great to have the chance for our school to attend the Dinosaur Petting Zoo performance. This first caught the eyes of the 3-6 class whilst watching a report about the show on BTN. We were commenting on how lucky ‘city’ kids were who are able to attend performances like these. So when we found out that they were visiting this area we were very excited. The show promises to be quite an extravaganza!

Whilst there is a cost involved for some of these experiences, many have been subsidised by the school and others are actually free of charge.

Regardless of the fact that we are a rurally isolated school, we aim to make the most of any opportunities and learning experiences made available to us. All of which help to enhance and enrich our students lives.

Louise Hopson
Relieving Principal

PS See a note from our Principal and lifelong learner Ms Davis over the page!
Bonjour from sunny Paris!

Firstly, congratulations to Steph, Jo, Uluka and Arlie on the safe arrival of your beautiful baby daughter and sister - well done team!

I hope everyone is well and enjoying all the great things that Term 2 has in store. I am coming to the end of my stay in France and have had so many wonderful experiences.

Along with thousands of others, I attended an unforgettable Anzac Day dawn service at Villers-Bretonneaux. The ceremony was conducted at The Australian National Memorial, surrounded by the graves of soldiers killed in the local 1918 fighting. I have seen the fields in Flanders where thousands of Australian soldiers fought and died and where the famous poem was written. When in Ypres, I visited the former battlefields at Hill 60 and saw the Australian Tunnelling Corps Memorial, scarred by bullet holes from WW2...

I walked through the Menin Gate Memorial which is covered with thousands upon thousands of names of soldiers who died and where, each night, the "Last Post" has been played, since the end of WW1. The Menin Road was where many brave, frightened, young (some as young as 15) soldiers walked into battle, so many never to return.

I have also spent some days in Paris, where the weather has been sunny and cool. I love Paris for many reasons. The cafes, food, people, shops, history, language (and its transport system!) all make it a special place to be. This trip I have had dinner in the Eiffel Tower and on a Seine River cruise, so I have been very lucky indeed. During a wander through Montmartre, I discovered the little shop that was used in the filming of, "Amelie". Today I plan to visit, "Shakespeare and Company", (a famous bookstore) and then tomorrow I will need to start thinking about packing for home.

See you in Week 4!

Au revoir

Kathy Davis
Library Stocktake coming up
Please return all library books by Monday for our library stocktake.

Towamba Cross country— tomorrow!
Thank you to the parents volunteering to help out tomorrow. More are welcome! 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!
Parents should arrive around 11.30 if possible. Hope to see you there!
Please spread the word to be aware of our runners on the local roads tomorrow.

Bioblitz at Panboola New date Friday 16 May
The Bioblitz at Panboola is now on Friday 16 May. Students in Years 5/6 have decided to attend either the Bioblitz or the Zone Cross Country, with the Bioblitz being the popular choice. Thank you to the parents offering transport again. I have attached the transport information (only amended in one case).

MiloIn2Cricket
Students really enjoyed the first day of this on Monday, with two sessions incorporating both cricket skills and general ball skills, and then cricket games.

Making payments online
It certainly is a busy time this term, with many outings and visitors. Parents wishing to make payments online can combine the fees and just make the one payment. All you need is a credit card or visa debit card (as long as it has the visa logo you can use it). Just go to the school website and click on the tab saying $ Make a Payment.

Dinosaur Petting Zoo Tuesday 20 May
Permission notes are coming in for this great excursion coming up in a couple of weeks. All students will be travelling by bus— and the bus will be leaving at 8.30am sharp.
Make sure you get to school early that day! Staff will be here from 8am.

Zoomobile Wednesday 21 May
This time the animals come to us— with the Taronga Zoomobile visiting our school, along with the Bournda biodiversity puppets.
A permission note is attached to this newsletter, with a cost of $5 (or $10 per family). Please return as soon as possible.

Stewart House
Any Stewart House Donation Drive envelopes should be returned to school by tomorrow, to go into the barrel for the family holiday competition.

Bournda Enrichment Programs
Some of our students have been nominated for various enrichment programs being run at Bournda Environmental Education Centre this term.
Year 6 girls will find attached the information on the Art and Writing Day coming up on Monday 26 May.
Please complete the attached permission note and return to school. Please note transport is to be arranged between the families of the students attending.

Movie Making Camp
We also have some students attending the movie making camp organised by Tanja School. The student group will take an.ipad and learn some creative movie making skills in Mimosa Rocks National Park. The school is covering the cost of this, and judging by last year it will be a wonderful experience.
Hula Hooping

It was a great start this week, with students working on their own individual hoops with Krista, and seeing some hoop action. Krista will be visiting every Wednesday for the rest of the term. We have asked each school family for a $10 contribution towards the Hula Hoop workshops. See the box on the front page to keep up to date with your payments and permissions. More pics on the website.

Musica Viva performers

Jacana 27 May

Have you heard the contemporary Aussie sound? Did you even know we had one? This dynamic quartet of piano, viola, clarinet and cello will take students through the urban, coastal, and outback landscapes of Australia. Jacana uses music from contemporary Brisbane composers Nigel Sabin, Sarah Hopkins and Andrew Schultz to evoke distinct periods of Australian history inspired by jazz, classical, and contemporary styles. From modern city life to indigenous culture, Sounds of the Australian Spirit showcases various instrumental techniques to help students really 'see' the music. Jacana uses music to paint a picture of contemporary Australia and show how music informs other subjects like culture and history. Parents and Community members welcome too!

Life Education Tuesday 27 May

Wyndham students are joining us for the day on the 27th, with a full day planned! As well as the performances from Jacana, we have the Life Ed bus here, with students from Towamba and Wyndham joining for the following sessions. Permission note attached to this newsletter. Please return promptly.

Students will also be brushing up on some athletics skills on this day too.

Playgroup

It was a fantastic day to have the first playgroup on Tuesday this week. It’s a nice relaxed morning for parents or grandparents to have a chat and enjoy the autumn sun, while the kids enjoy some social time. Liz Huggett from Campbell Page is facilitating the group to get things started. It was great to see the younger students happily playing in the MPR and on the grass. Kindy start kids and their parent/carer are very welcome to join in playgroup too. Every Tuesday from 9.30am.

Kindy start

Last Friday we welcomed the first of our Kindy Start students, who should all feel very proud of the way they settled in to their first day of 'big school!' Our focus is on supporting communication and language (including early literacy and numeracy) as well as social and emotional learning. Last week in the classroom we experimented with paint, practiced reading names, learned about bats and cooked perfect purple playdough! We also enjoyed a music and movement lesson with Anna. Kindy Start takes a playful approach to learning and we hope our four year olds will enjoy becoming part of Towamba School. We look forward to Jayda joining us too.
Celebrate National Families Week coming up later this month with Bega Valley Shire Council

Who’s Who
If you want to see your Councillors and managers as adorable little cherubs, see the attached entry form, name the babies and get down to the Zingel Place front counter to enter the competition.

It’s a fundraiser for a local charity (yet to be named), and entry is by gold coin donation. The winner with the highest score will walk away with a Samsung digital smart camera.

My Family is Awesome
A kids only photo comp which involves arming your little ones with a camera and asking them to take lots of photos that explains why their family is awesome! Prizes up for grabs are a Sports Cam (like a Go Pro), an iPod Nano and some family movie passes for the Picture Showman in Merimbula.
**Kids, social media and privacy**

Regardless of your child’s age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- A quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
- More than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram.
- Young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family’s privacy settings and discuss online security. You’ll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at [www.ipc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au)

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**Hula Hoop Skills Term 2**

I give my permission for my child/ren to be involved in the Hula Hoop workshop and weekly sessions with Krista Dodsworth starting Wednesday 7 May.

- Enclosed please find $10 PER FAMILY
- I have paid online. Receipt number: __________
- I would like assistance with this cost

Family name:________________________________________

Parent signed:__________________________

- Enclosed please find $10 PER FAMILY

- Only 2 spots left!!
  - Friday 6 June
  - Friday 27 June

Or call Lisa 6496 7292

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**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 16 May – Sherri
- Friday 23 May – Karen
- Friday 30 May – Paul
- Friday 20 June – Karen

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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:______________