**Mini Murmur**

**Week 3 Term 3**
**31 July 2014**

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Education Week Luncheon tomorrow**

Come and celebrate 60 years of Education Week with our inaugural luncheon tomorrow!

Tickets are now on sale for $5 per student or adult—all parents and community members are invited too.

The menu includes garlic bread, home made lasagne and salad, a special celebration cake, plus freshly squeezed orange juice. The students have been preparing the meals and dishes ready for tomorrow.

**Please note:**
No lunch orders on Friday as instead we have the Education Week Luncheon.

**SCLC Performing Arts Festival**

Thank you to all the students participating in both the school item and the combined choir at the magnificent Performing Arts Festival on Tuesday night. It was a fabulous event and a privilege to be part of it. There are many fantastic photos on the Eden Magnet website.

Thank you to Louise for working with Krista to choreograph the piece and for designing and managing costumes and practices.

Thank you to Krista Dodsworth for sharing her awe-some hooping skills and providing a lot of fun as well as fitness.

Thank you to our parents for enabling your children to be part of this by driving them to rehearsals and concert night etc. Well done everyone!

Don’t forget you can order a DVD of the night—see the back page.

**Notes yet to come in for**

**Attached:**
ICAS Tests
Liam and Mabel sat the English ICAS Tests run by the University of NSW this week, with the last elective test being Maths on Tuesday 12 August. Certificates and results are presented as they are returned to school, with an accompanying comprehensive feedback report. Students also are in the running for the West Scholarship, a locally run scholarship offered to students from this area based on their results in the English and Maths ICAS competitions. The West Scholarship is worth over $200 a year for each year of high school.
Each year we offer our school families the opportunity to participate in these elective tests, with the school paying the entry cost. Look out for the offer next year!

School Radio
Coming up next week on Tuesday 6 August. Students who need to start preparing a show are Annalyse and Lachlan. Volunteer presenter picking up the students and supervising in the radio room is Rod. We are very grateful to the Towamba Valley Radio volunteers for their assistance and support of the school radio program.

Science Week Trivia Night
Towamba staff and parents are hoping to get together a table (or two!) of 8 (or two!) for the Science Trivia Night coming up next month. More details have been linked to the school facebook page where you can indicate if you would like to be involved—or just call the office on 6496 7159. The Trivia Night theme is Food for Thought– Science feeding the world.
Date is Friday 22 August and cost is just $5. BYO drinks and nibblies.

Eden Marine High School
It was wonderful to see many past Towamba students from all years gracing the stage at the recent Eden Marine High School Semester 1 Awards Ceremony, as well as being part of the musical items on the day.

Interschool Ski Competition
Towamba is also being promoted by the involvement of Mabel in the Interschool Ski Competition currently on at the skifields. Mabel competed in both the Alpine and SkierX events yesterday and to our knowledge it is the first time that a student from Towamba has competed in this competition.
We look forward to hearing about her experience, plus that of Rachel– the school team manager! It was great to see the start lists of names from all sorts of schools (including private schools) from Canberra, Jindabyne and the mountain areas– and Towamba is in there too!

Exciting Excursion News!
Plans are underway to organise an amazing Term 4 excursion for our primary students, hopefully the beginning of a special event to happen every 4 years.
The proposal is for the students in Years 3,4,5,6 to have the unique opportunity of flying to Sydney, travelling by train and ferry to Taronga Zoo, and visiting iconic locations such as the Opera House, Harbour Bridge and more– all in a long day trip, reducing the need and cost for accommodation.
There will be financial support from the P&C and the school to make the cost of this amazing experience achievable for our families. More information soon!
P&C News

P&C Meeting Term 3
There were a few parents present for the meeting on Tuesday this week to hear about the Departments classification change for our school. Minutes of the meeting will be distributed soon.

Friday Lunch Orders
A reminder that there are no lunch orders this week, because there is the Education Week luncheon.
Tickets are $5.
Come and enjoy having food cooked for you!

P&C Calendar Saturday 23 August
Don’t forget that P&C are running a cake stall at the Towamba Carnival just next month, and we will be looking for cake donations to sell with tea and coffee, plus volunteers to help run the stall on the day, and evening.

Community News

Get fit and have fun!

Zumba Exercise classes
Now Mondays and Thursdays!
5-6.30pm in the MPR No charge
For more information Amber on 6496 7196 or Lisa on 6496 7292.

Towamba Playgroup
The playgroup meets every Tuesday from 9.30am in the Towamba School MPR.
Bring a piece of fruit for your child and a coin towards tea/coffee/milk. A fun and social morning.

Ultimate Frisbee
Shake off the cold with some beach fun.
Come play casual beach frisbee with the South Coast Ultimate Frisbee crew.
Where: Tathra Beach
When: Every Sunday afternoon - Start time 2.30pm

Term 3 Lunch roster
Friday 8 August—Sherrie B
Friday 15 August—Paul
Friday 22 August—Steph
Friday 29 August—Karen
Friday 5 September—Maryanne
Friday 12 September—Di
Friday 19 September—BBQ or Sherrie

SCLC Photos sourced from Eden Magnet Online/Fairfax Media
More online
Invitation to Participate in Survey: Land, People and Weeds: Natural Resource Management in Changing Rural Communities

This is an invitation to participate in our survey on weeds and weed management in South Coast NSW. The survey is conducted by researchers of the Australian Centre for Cultural Environmental Research (AUSCCER) at the University of Wollongong with project funding from the Australian Research Council. This survey is part of a broader research project looking at people’s values, attitudes, and behaviours towards weeds and weed management.

The survey and related project information may also help local community, farmer-based and government organisations (e.g. Landcare, South East Local Land Services, Farmers Network) identify the types of assistance programs most needed and how best to deliver them.

Further information about the survey and research project is provided in the survey.

If you wish for any further information please contact:
Shaun McKielean (if in Bega Valley) by email sm065@uowmail.edu.au or phone 0402 428 023 or Natalia Adan (if in Shoalhaven) nataliaa@uow.edu.au or phone 0412 651 221

Thank you for your interest in the study.

The survey has 48 questions and takes about half an hour to complete. See below for the link to the survey.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/southcoastweeds

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**DVD ORDER** : SCLC Performing Arts Festival

CHILD’S NAME: ________________________________________

I would like to purchase …_________ copies of the DVD @ $10 per copy.  
I have enclosed $ ____________ for the DVDs.

Signed: _________________________________ Date: __________

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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:____________________