Welcome back to Term 3 - I hope that everyone had another great holiday break (pun intended ;-) )

Computers Down! For the first three days of this week all staff and students were unable to access the internet or networked printers because Telstra modem-router “died”. This was not a simple fix and involved (as you can imagine) numerous phones calls to track down the problem. Finally, on Wednesday at about 5pm (thanks Louise and Nicci for staying on) a Telstra technician and was able to rectify the issue. Thanks to teachers and staff for working around the issue and ensuring the smooth continuation of learning. Unfortunately, a consequence of the technology blackout has been that students were unable to access any of their Spelling City tasks set for this week and won’t be able to be tested tomorrow as usual. I have decided the fair thing to do, especially in view of the fact that they will be performing on Tuesday night at the SCLC concert, is to ask the students to repeat last week’s spelling for Homework this week and then take the test on Friday.

Education Week Next week is Education Week and schools across the state will be celebrating the event. This is a special year because Education Week also celebrates its sixtieth anniversary and we’ve decided to mark the occasion by inviting all parents and community members to join students and staff in the MPR for a special luncheon. Please contact the office for further information.

National Gonski Week Next week has also been designated as ‘National Gonski Week’ which is supportive of the need to continue the action that will see a fairer funding model established for the foreseeable future. It’s gratifying to see the Premier and NSW Minister for Education have taken a strong stance on the need for ‘Gonski’ and their confirmation that NSW will honour its commitment to increased funding of schools based on student need.

SCLC Performing Arts Concert Congratulations to all the 3-6 students on their wonderful Performing Arts Festival rehearsal on Tuesday – you were a hit! All your hard work has paid off and I can’t wait to see you all up on stage on Tuesday night. My personal thanks and appreciation goes also to the talented Louise Hopson – Towamba PS is so lucky to have your expertise and commitment to excellence.

School Reclassification Due to decreasing student numbers, my PP5 position has been placed on review this year. In the holidays I received notification from the Department of Education and Communities (DEC) that, “The February 2014 actual enrolment at Towamba Public School is below the level necessary to maintain its current classification and executive entitlement and there is inadequate indication the enrolments will increase sufficiently in the near future to warrant retention of the current entitlement. Accordingly, for 2015, your position of Primary Principal (Level) 5 (PP5) has been abolished and a PP6 has been established. The school has been reclassified as 6.”

So, I am very sad to say, this will be my last year at TPS as I will be moved to another PP5 school as a “nominated transfer”. I am still trying to come to terms with the fact that I will no longer be a part of this wonderful community. I have asked this issue to be placed on the P&C agenda for next week’s meeting on Tuesday morning and I would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend so that the situation and the implications for the school are clear.

Kathryn Davis
SCLC Performing Arts Festival

Tickets Have you got yours? Tickets are $10, each family are allocated two. Some extras are available—at this stage we have one extra ticket available—may be more if some families do not want their two.

DVD Orders Orders can be made now for the DVD being made of the concert nights. DVDs are $10. Use the order form on the back page.

Concert Night Tuesday

Students need to be there by 6.30pm. Please proceed to the gym and see Louise Hopson on arrival. Students/parents must also see Louise before leaving.

Please arrive wearing your red collared school shirt, and black pants.

Girls please wear your hair in a side ponytail on the left hand side, below the ear.

Bring drink bottle and snacks, and something quiet to look at while you wait (eg book or quiet game) and something to sit on.

The performance will hopefully be streamed into the gym so that students can watch the performances as they appear on stage while they wait backstage.

Have a wonderful show and as they say in show business—break a leg!

Education Week Luncheon

Tickets are now on sale for $5.

We invite all parents and community members to join us in celebrating Education Week with a shared luncheon.

Students and staff will be preparing the food ready for everyone to enjoy on Friday 1 August. Everyone who wants to eat will need a ticket—including students. There will be no lunch orders that day but $5 will get you a lovely meal!

The luncheon will include garlic bread/cheese muffins, home made lasagne and salad, the celebration cake, plus freshly squeezed orange juice.

Tickets available now from the office.

Towamba beanies

These cold mornings are a reminder to dig out the polarfleece Towamba beanie to wear to school.

New beanies are available at $5.50 each from the school office.

Athletics Carnival

All the best to Uluka and Hayden for the Zone Athletics Carnival at Bega tomorrow.

Mr Rob Edwards will be the teacher in charge of the students in the FSC Small Schools team. Please report to him on arrival, and also inform him before you leave. To find him look for other students from Wyndham, Candelo, Wolumla, Bemboka and Tanja. Have fun and do your best!

Towamba Playgroup—proudly supported by Towamba School

Just to advise there will be no playgroup next Tuesday as the P&C meeting is on.

We will be back in action Tue 5th at 9.30—bring whatever craft you want to do.

We are weaving and knitting and having fun—be there or be square.

Cheers Liz

School Radio

Coming up again soon on Tuesday 6 August. Students who need to start preparing a show are Annalyse and Lachlan. Volunteer presenter will be Maureen.
P&C News

Term 3 Meeting
Next Tuesday 29 August
Agenda attached. Kathryn Davis presenting Principal report.

Saturday 23 August: P&C are running a cake stall at the Towamba Carnival and will be looking for cake donations to sell with tea and coffee, plus volunteers to help run the stall on the day.

Friday Lunch Orders
There has been a wonderful response and the roster is full!
Well done everyone!

Community News

fLiNG Physical Theatre presents GAME ON
an exciting new show created by YfLiNG Company & Community performers.
Sat 26th July 4pm & 6pm and Sun 27th July 4pm at Bega Indoor Stadium
TIX: www.trybooking.com/94061 or on the door
Don't miss this playful production, rug up and get ready to GAME ON!
**All Term III classes resume this Monday 21st July for info visit www.flingphysicaltheatre.com.au

2014 Book Week Competitions Bega Valley Shire Council Library
See the attached page for a range of ways you can be involved in Book Week competitions.
Templates are attached for kindy and younger agegroups, more available at the office on request.

Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page.
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.

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**HOOPING PRACTICE**

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**TICKETS: SCLC Performing Arts Festival**  Tuesday 29 July 2014

**CHILD’S NAME:** ______________________________

- I would like to purchase the 2 tickets allocated to my family – cost $20.
- I would like to purchase 1 ticket – cost $10.
- I would like ________ extra tickets if they become available for Tuesday night.

I enclose $...........................................

Signed: _________________________________  Date: ______________

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**DVD ORDER : SCLC Performing Arts Festival**

**CHILD’S NAME:** ______________________________  **CLASS:** ______________

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:____________________