What an awesome 60th Education Week it was!
The SCLC Performing Arts Festival, held in auditorium at Eden Marine High School, continued to impress with an amazing array of talent from across the Bega Valley. Towamba Public School’s hooping to Happy was a huge hit and, I’m proudly quoting from the front page of the Magnet here: “…nearly brought the house down”. I totally agree with reporter, Amanda Stroud’s, comment that, “Krista Dodsworth and Louise Hopson, who directed this bright, fun, uplifting performance deserve high praise, as do the wonderful Towamba Public School children. They were stupendous.” Congratulations! ☺ The dedication, practice, rehearsal and talent of the combined choir and their teachers all paid off handsomely on the night. Our students took pride of place in the centre of the front page photo of the Magnet. You did it! You were wonderful! You are wonderful! I’m so proud of you and so proud you stuck with it.

Our Education Week Lunch on Friday was such a lovely, “Towamba”, reason for students, teachers, and families to gather together at a shared table. Carefully prepared by our KindyStart - 6 collection of clever, culinary creators the meal came together perfectly in a relaxing and friendly atmosphere. As she always does, Nancy worked diligently in the background. Not only did she do all the shopping and order the cake, she also organised the kitchen, supervised the pasta and ricotta making, and did most of the washing up! You are a gem Nancy – thank you. And thank you to all the parents and relatives who helped to make the day a special one ☻

Our planned excursion to Sydney for 3-6 has been met with great excitement and anticipation by the students – it’s certainly got the “WOW!” factor. To help with fundraising for this and the Stage 3 excursion to Jindabyne next term, there will be two cake raffles running for the rest of the year – beginning next week. Each Thursday, a student from Stage 2 will be asked to bring along a cake followed by Stage 3 on Fridays. That’s TWO chances a week to win a yummy cake!!!!

A roster will be sent home tomorrow.

Kathryn Davis
Principal
ICAS Tests  Liam and Mabel will be sitting the last of the elective ICAS Tests (Maths) run by the University of NSW on Tuesday next week.

School Radio
Well done to Mabel, Annalyse and Alicia for the radio show this week, and thank you to volunteer presenter Rod. Only 4 weeks until the next one– Liam and Saxon. Start thinking now about what you can talk about or present in the show.

Stage 3 Jindabyne Excursion Term 4
Dates for your calendar: Wednesday 5 November-Friday 7 November at Jindabyne Sport & Rec Camp. Students in years 5 & 6 from Towamba, Wyndham, Bemboka, Candelo, Tanja and Wolumla.

Interschool Ski Competition
Mabel represented our little school out there on the ski slopes with all the much bigger schools in the Interschool Snowsports Competition last week at Perisher. Mabel competed in the Alpine Skiing and SkierX events, doing extremely well and just missing out on going on to the State level of competitive snowsports.

Well done Mabel! Well done Rachel too for your team manager role and the amazing Towamba Ski Team jumper design!

Education Week luncheon
It was a wonderful feast of food and a lovely coming together of students, parents, extended family, and staff. The food was delicious and once again another Towamba feast to remember. Well done to the juicers of hundreds of oranges, the students who rolled out all the pasta, chopped all the onions and salad, and shook the cream to make the butter for the garlic bread! See the attached photo page for some pictures of the day. Photos are also available on the school website and some on the school facebook page.

SCLC
Students received their certificates at the luncheon on Friday, and Ms Hopson a bunch of flowers. Don’t forget that you can order your copy of the DVD of the night– see order form on the back page.
**P&C Cake Stall**
Sat 23 August

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**Year 6 KLA Days at Eden Marine High School**

The start of the transition to high school for our Year 6 students will be later this month with the KLA Days at EMHS on the Tuesdays and Wednesdays of Weeks 6 & 7. Students have been split to attend on different days, with Liam & Mabel getting the ball rolling on Tuesday 20 August, Alicia and Saxon on the following Tuesday 26 August, and Drew and Annalyse on Wednesday 27 August.

These days introduce the students to the high school, and they have the opportunity to experience a few of the different subjects— and it is the range of subjects and the way you change classes that makes high school so different and exciting! Travel is by the usual high school bus. Please contact us if you need more information.

More details are on the attached permission note—please return by Tuesday next week.

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**Bournda Science Day Monday 1 September**

Students in Years 3-6 will be travelling to Bournda Environmental Education Centre on Monday 1 September for a special Science day. Students will undertake a range of experiments in Bournda’s new science lab. Students will develop a hypothesis and undertake a range of experiments to test that hypothesis before coming to a conclusion. Laboratory activities will be complimented by fieldwork tasks. There will also be additional activities on the day.

More information and a permission note will be attached to a future newsletter.

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**Grow your own oysters program Term 4**

Towamba primary class (3-6) is very lucky to be one of only two schools participating in the inaugural SCMD-C-led Grow your own Oysters Program.

This fun hands-on program will involve two visits at the school from oyster farmers and then two excursions out to oyster farms in the local area. Our students will be visiting Broadwater Oysters at Pambula Lake.

Costs are covered by the South East Local Land Services.

The program will be run at the start of Term 4—in weeks 1 and 4, with the visits here on the Tuesdays and the excursions out on the Thursdays of those weeks.

Then the following week it is the Stage 3 Jindabyne Excursion too!

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**P&C News**

**P&C Meeting Term 3**

Minutes for the meeting last week are attached. Congratulations and thank you to Rachel for taking on the role of secretary.

**New Lunch Order prices**

Buying your lunch at Towamba on a Friday is still a lot cheaper than buying out at the shops. We are lucky to enjoy special prices on our Wild Ryes’ pies and pasties, and the P&C just need to increase prices a little to cover other increasing lunch costs. Most items have increased by just 50c, with the milks and juices slightly increasing and now the same price to simplify.

The new prices, starting NEXT Friday (not tomorrow) are:

- Pies & Vege Pasties $3
- Sausage roll $2.50
- Pizza $2
- Juice $1.50
- Milk $1.50

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**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

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Community News

Get fit and have fun!

**Zumba Exercise sessions**
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.

**Plant Identification Workshop**
As part of the Sapphire Coast Science Festival, the CMN is running an Introduction to Plant Identification with botanist Paul McPherson on **Wednesday 20 August** from 9.15-12.30 in Bega.
This will be a hands-on introduction to the use of botanical keys, online databases, herbaria and other tools to identify local native plants and to quickly identify the main plant families.
Plant samples, printed and online resources, microscopes and hand lenses will be provided for use at the workshop.
Cost: Free, with morning tea provided.
For information and bookings for a whole range of other Science Festival events from 13-23 August, visit the Atlas of Life in the Coastal Wilderness website at [www.alcw.org.au](http://www.alcw.org.au) and click on their 'Events' tab.

**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: __________

**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:____________________