This is School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week, a time to specifically acknowledge the vital work done by our non-teaching staff – schools simply wouldn’t be able to function without them.

This year’s theme is, “Stepping Up to the Challenge”. Every day of the school year, SAS Staff face new challenges in the running of our public schools and the provision of quality education to our students. They are constantly adapting to change to ensure that schools across the state run smoothly and that students, teachers and principals are supported. On behalf of the students, staff and community, I want to say a huge “Thank You” to Nancy Blindell, Kim Reddy, Amber Gardaya, Ruth Hamilton, Steve Macey and Lucy Macey for their commitment, diligence, professionalism and dedication to Towamba Public School.

2015 will see the implementation of a new 3 Year Plan for every school in NSW. The new format it will be taking is designed to develop a partnership approach which supports community consultation for strategic decision making, ensuring the educational priorities of the school reflect the goals and learning needs of students, staff and parents. Organisational success occurs when, ‘everyone in the organisation can say why we do what we do – the purpose.’ (I have attached: ‘The new school plan: A walkthrough’, for your information).

In consultation with staff, students and community, I am developing a collaborative vision statement for Towamba Public School. Starting with this newsletter, and continuing on a regular basis until mid-way through next term, I am inviting everyone to engage in meaningful conversations around the future legacy the school community would like to be remembered for. Building upon a collective moral imperative for all community members to contribute effectively will ensure a powerful coalition which represents the voice of students, staff, parents and community to establish a shared commitment.

There is a consultation sheet attached to this newsletter to enable you to have direct input into the planning process – please contribute and share in the school’s future. Please return at your earliest convenience.

Kathryn Davis, Principal

Attached to this newsletter:
- School Vision Input form
- School Plan overview
Sydney Excursion Friday 5 December
Thank you to the families bringing in their deposits or full payments so quickly– it is a great gauge of the enthusiasm for this very special day out!

Payment of a minimum $20 deposit per child due by Friday 12 September.
The student fare for this excursion is highly subsidised, and unfortunately we will be unable to offer additional financial assistance unless we are successful in gaining additional support from our grant submissions.

Full permission notes, medical info and other information will be sent home soon for this action packed unique experience.

Cake Raffles
Raffles are going well, raising funds for the Sydney Excursion and Jindabyne excursion.
Rosters –tomorrow:
Friday 5 Sept: Sam
Next week:
Thurs 11 Sept: Louise
Fri 12 Sept: Jack
Following week:
Thurs 18 Sept: Grace
Fri 19 Sept: Mabel

TICKETS
$1
or 3 for $2

Funds raised so far

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Last week’s winners:
Thursday cake: Michael
Friday cake: Ms Ferris

Jindabyne Excursion 5-7 November
This camp, involving Stage 3 students from Towamba, Wyndham, Wolumla, Candelo, Bemboka and Tanja, alternates each year between Jindabyne and Canberra, so students get to attend both camps in the years they are in Stage 3.
The full cost of the camp ($300) has been subsidised by the school to $180 per student.

Thank you to the families for their deposits or full payments.
The balance for «Company Name» of «ZIP Code» needs to be finalised by October 27

Additional notes with the itinerary, medical and permission note as well as a list of ‘what to bring’ to each student will be distributed soon.

Grow Your Own Oysters program  Term 4
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. All costs are covered by the South East Local Land Services.

As the Oyster Program begins in the first week back next term, and it would be appreciated if permission notes (as attached last week on the newsletter) are returned before the end of term.

Bournda Science Day
A great day at Bournda– did you hear our radio show about it?
End of Term Assembly  
**Friday 19 September**
Join us on the last day of term—slightly different format this time— we will start with the BBQ at 1pm. After enjoying a relaxed lunch and wander through the classrooms, join us for the End of Term assembly, starting in the MPR at **1.45pm**

- Magpie Nests and other awards
- Student music performances
- Term 3 slideshow

P&C will be running a BBQ lunch beforehand at a very reasonable cost—$2 for a sausage sandwich with accompaniments, plus a drink (cordial or tea/coffee). Fruit drink poppers will also be available for $1 each. Come along to share the term’s events with the students and a great chance to catch up with everyone and relax before the school holidays start!

**Garden Spring Blitz**

Parents are invited to come along to our Garden Spring Blitz on Thursday 23 October next term.

Dan Bakker- Bournda EEC staff member, experienced gardener and certified Permaculturalist is returning to our school to co-ordinate the blitz and get our garden all ready for action!

Volunteers to help on regular days in the garden would also be greatly appreciated. Come along and join in the enthusiasm in the garden this Spring!

More information about the Garden Blitz closer to the time—hope you can join in the fun!

**P&C News**

### New Lunch Order prices
- Pies & Vege Pasties $3
- Sausage roll $2.50
- Pizza $2
- Juice $1.50
- Milk $1.50

### Term 3 Lunch roster
- Friday 5 September—Maryanne
- Friday 12 September—Di
- Friday 19 September—BBQ

### P&C BBQ

P&C will be running a sausage sizzle **before** the assembly on the last day of term.

For just **$2** you can get a sausage sandwich (plus onion, coleslaw etc) and a drink (cordial or tea/coffee). Fruit drink poppers also available for $1. Helpers for the BBQ would be much appreciated—call Rachel on 6496 7046.

### Community News

**Bega Athletics Club Registration Days**
The 2014/15 Little Athletics season, which runs from October to March, is about to commence. Little Athletics is all about family, fun and fitness. Athletes develop basic running, jumping and throwing skills by participating in highly active training sessions and are eligible to compete in Little Athletics ACT carnivals.

Children who are 7 – 16 years of age are welcome to join the Bega Athletics Club.

Registration days will be held on Thursday September 11 and 18, 5 – 6pm, Bega Athletics Field, Bega St.

Please visit the website or email for more information. [www.bvlac.org](http://www.bvlac.org)  email - info.bvlac@gmail.com
Towamba Sportsground Handball Option
Towamba Progress is gathering opinions on whether a proposed handball court (an appropriately sized concrete slab) up at the Towamba Hall playground area would be well used in the community.

☐ I think a handball court/slab would be well used if constructed at the Hall playground area
☐ I would probably play on the proposed court regularly on weekends/after school

Name:________________________ Age:_______ Date:____________

Grow your own oysters—Excursion permission note
I give permission for ______________________ to participate in the Grow your own Oysters Program, including excursions to Pambula Lake on Thursday 9 and 30 October.

☐ I understand that the excursion travel will be by bus, and that at the oyster farm students will be exploring the estuary by boat (wearing life jackets) to see various cultivation methods.
☐ To the best of my knowledge, he/she has no medical condition, disability or injury which puts him/her at risk in participating in the excursion activity.
☐ In the event of illness or injury, I authorise the seeking of such medical assistance on my behalf that my child may require.

Other notes:________________________________________________________________________

Parent name:________________________ Signature________________________ Date:____________

Zumba Exercise
Mondays & Thursdays, 5-6.30pm in the MPR, free
For more information call Amber on 6496 7196 or Lisa on 6496 7292.

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:___________________

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