Hello everyone and welcome back for 2015. Hopefully everyone had a restful break and are ready to dive in to the new school year. Thank you for making me feel so welcome as the new Principal, I am extremely excited for what lays ahead. After having only spent one day with the students I can already see that we have an outstanding group of kids at Towamba and together we will achieve great things.

Staffing

I would like to take the chance to introduce our staff for this year as I am sure you are interested in whose hands we are placing the extraordinarily important role of nurturing your child’s education and future. As the school has been reclassified we have had to make some necessary changes, but have endeavoured to keep our staffing consistent and of the highest professional standard. On K/1/2 we have Nicci Grant working on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with Louise Hopson taking the class on Tuesday and Both Lucy Macey and Peter Claxton sharing the class on Monday. In our Year 3/4/5/6 class we have Peter Claxton working Monday to Wednesday and Louise Hopson working Thursday and Friday. As a staff we have spent a great deal of time developing the schools educational programs as a team to ensure that our curriculum from K-6 is consistent, meaningful, of the highest quality and accessible for all students.

School Leaders

This year we have four extraordinarily capable and talented young men who will take on the responsibility of being our school leaders. These young men are Sam Lachlan Jack and George who will be our student representatives in all areas of our school and community.

Educational Programs

Our daily programs place a high level of priority on both literacy and numeracy as the foundation of high quality education. On top of this we are developing units of work in line with the Australian curriculum for both science and the newly introduced history syllabus. To this end we will be following a continuum (or thread) of learning under the title of ‘Think Global, Act Local’. This philosophy will underpin all of our specific lesson plans in science and history, while also being connected to literacy, numeracy, creative arts and PDHPE. This year will also see the reintroduction of extracurricular programs focussing on the vegetable garden, woodwork and cooking. Development of these programs is currently under way and we will keep you informed as to when they will begin. It is envisioned that parental assistance will be required, which will give us the opportunity to make connections between the community and the school.

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Attached to this newsletter: 
- Towamba Wyndham Tanja Swimming Carnival Note
- Swimming carnival program
- Permission to Publish Update

Dates for your diary

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LUNCH ORDERS
Roster on Friday - Lisa

- Meat pie  $3.00
- Cheese/Bacon pie  $3.00
- Vege pastie  $3.00
- Sausage Roll  $2.50
- Mini Pizza  $2.00
- Juice  $1.50
- Milk  $1.50

Please write your order on a paper bag with the (correct if possible) money enclosed.

Notes to come in yet for «State»
- «ZIP Code»
Swimming Carnivals

Life is never dull at schools and we thought we would pass on some of the hectic pace to parents early! With this in mind we will be holding our annual Small Schools Swimming Carnival next Tuesday, February 3rd, 2015 at Candelo Pool. Please see the attached note and return it to the school ASAP. As the carnival is a whole school event, attendance is compulsory as there will be no supervision at the school available. Students should turn up to school by usual means on Tuesday and will then return back to Towamba PS in the afternoon before 3pm. The following week will then see the Far South Coast Small Schools Swimming Carnival being held on Friday, February 13th.

School supplies

In order that all students are able to remain engaged in class-based activities at all times Towamba PS will have a supply of stationary including textbooks and general workbooks available. We would request however that students in the Year 3-6 class provide their own pencil case which includes the following items;

- Lead pencil
- Blue pen
- Red pen
- Coloured pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Textas (optional)
- 30cm ruler
- Glue stick

We appreciate that these items can be expensive and easily lost, requiring replacement at regular intervals, however at this stage of student development we would like to encourage children to take responsibility for their possessions as well as their learning and we will strive to ensure that losses are kept to a minimum.

This year we have also purchased a number of educational programs to enhance student learning including those which are computer based and also classroom textbooks. When students receive their books it would be extremely helpful if they could be covered at home in order to keep them in good order.

Please always feel free to either contact or come to the school with any concerns, suggestions or support, whenever you feel the need and please remember that all of our parents are valuable members of our school community. We are all in this together and will always put the needs of our students first.

 Regards,

Peter Claxton

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Swimming carnivals

Our first carnival is our smaller practice run— combined with Wyndham and Tanja, schools at Candelo Pool, designed to give every student a go in the pool in the various races. We encourage all students (if they are turning 8 or older this year) to have a go— it is an inclusive and welcoming carnival. We greatly appreciate the assistance of parents on the day for tasks such as timekeeping etc, and it is a great chance to catch up with everyone again at the start of the school year. Bus seats are also very limited.

The school is also sharing a bus charter with Wyndham school to provide a transport option for those without parents attending. The bus charter is at a cost, and seats are limited so get your permission slip in as soon as possible. Activities are planned for the younger students, as the whole school is expected to attend.

The permission note for the first carnival should be returned ASAP— preferably by tomorrow— even if it is the note without any money— so that we can plan.

The following week ( Friday 13th) is the Far South Coast Small Schools Swimming Carnival, also at Candelo Pool. From the first carnival we will be selecting the students who will be swimming for the Towamba team at the second carnival. Parent transport will be required for this second carnival. More information soon to those selected swimmers.
**Staffing schedule**

We look forward to a great year, with a lot of familiar faces. Nancy will be in the office every day except Wednesdays usually.

If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Mr Claxton, please call Nancy to make an arrangement. Scheduling for Thursday/Friday is preferred when Mr Claxton is off class doing school planning and other requirements of the role of Principal.

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**Updates for Consent notes**

Attached is a new format Permission to Publish Note. Please complete for your child or children so that we can abide by your preferences when including photos in various newsletters and website galleries etc.

New Kindy students will also find attached a General Permissions note to cover walking excursions out of the schoolgrounds to the Hall, river or other close location under teacher supervision.

**Playgroup**

Playgroup every Tuesday 9.30am in the MPR. Recommencing: on Tuesday

Come join with other parents with young children for a play, chat and a relaxing morning. Liz from Campbell Page will be rejoining us on the 17th February.

If you haven’t come before or know of someone with younger children— invite them along— it’s a relaxed and casual morning, in the Multipurpose Room at school.

**P&C News**

**Lunch Orders**

We are looking for parent volunteers for the lunches on Fridays again this term. It is an easy task and a good way to spend some time at your child’s school. Assistance given to anyone unsure.

Send in your available dates and the number of times you are willing to help out. Some people volunteer more than once but once a term is fine!

See the return slip on the back page or call Lisa on 6496 7292

**P&C Meeting**

Welcome to a new school year at Towamba School. We look forward to working with our new principal Peter Claxton to enhance the school experience for our kids while they are at Towamba School.

Our first meeting will be sometime in Week 4 probably, and will also include an Annual General Meeting.

Stay tuned for more information on dates and times. If you have preferences please let Rachel know on 6496 7046 or Steph on steph_skelton@hotmail.com. We are thinking of an afternoon timeslot in Week 4.

**Towamba Handball Court**

The P&C also contributed $150 over the summer holidays towards the construction of the new handball court up at Towamba Sportsground. See more info over the page.

**P&C Raffle**

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the ticket sellers. The P&C made nearly $550 with our Christmas raffle.
Community News

WOLUMLA FOOTBALL CLUB 2015

A few things of note:
- All coaching positions are open. Please apply to Luke Adams if you are interested in coaching.
- Registration Day 15th Feb, 11:30am at the Rec Grounds. Kick around for all ages, free sausage sizzle and the chance to win your membership fee back!
- Online registrations will be open soon. Head to www.myfootballclub.com
- It is time to get as many players as we can to join our club! We need to know how many teams to nominate for the 2015 season so it is important that you register or at least show your intention to register. Start chasing up your friends NOW!

Ladies will now train on Thursday nights

- WANTED Person/s to open canteen on home game days

Fore more information: Annette Grant
whyworry.grant@bigpond.com 64942003

Handball court up at the hall

A great new facility is being created for the young people of Towamba with the creation of a handball court at the sportsground.

The slab is being poured on Tuesday 10 Feb 7-9am.

Why not collect something special that can be mounted in the concrete around the edge— a special stone or shell or glass bead etc. There is also an idea for stencilled handprints around the edge with initials so you can be part of it all.

For more information contact Vicki on 6496 7313

LUNCH ORDER ROSTER

Yes I am happy to volunteer to do ____ days on the lunches roster this term.

Below are my available days.

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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: ________________