Mini Murmur

Week 2 Term 1
5 February 2015

Coming Events
Fri 13 Feb FSC Small Schools Swimming Carnival
Mon 16 Feb Responsible Pet Ownership visit
Fri 20 Feb Zone Swimming Carnival
Thurs 26 Mar Taikoz drumming workshop
Sat 28 March NSW election voting at Towamba School
Thurs 2 April Last day of Term 1

See page 2 for some more 2015 dates to pop in your calendar

SCHOOL NEWS

Swimming carnival Results
Well done Towamba students for getting in and having a go in all the races on a beautiful blue sunny day at the pool this week. Results are as below, with a page of photos attached and more on the website. Thank you so much to the parents who shared the day with us and helped out too. Students who will be representing Towamba at the Far South Coast Small Schools Carnival next Friday will find a permission note attached. Please return as soon as possible.

Results
10 years girls 50m Freestyle
1st: Uluka
Junior Girls 50m Breaststroke
1st: Uluka
Junior Girls 50m Backstroke
1st: Louise
10 years Boys 25m Freestyle
1st: Ezekiel
11 years Boys 25m Freestyle
1st: Michael
11 Years Boys 50m Freestyle
1st: Ty
11 Years Boys 50m Breaststroke
1st: George
11 Years Boys 50m Backstroke
1st: Jasper

11 Years Boys 50m Breaststroke
1st: Jack 2nd: George

Junior Girls 50m Breaststroke
1st: Uluka

Junior Girls 50m Backstroke
1st: Louise 2nd: Grace 3rd: Uluka

10 years Boys 25m Freestyle
1st: Ezekiel 2nd: James

11 years Boys 25m Freestyle
1st: Michael

11 Years Boys 50m Freestyle
1st: Ty 2nd: Jasper

Senior Boys 50m Freestyle
1st: George

Senior Boys 50m Breaststroke
1st: George 2nd: Jack

Senior Boys 50m Backstroke
1st: Jack

Open Boys 200m Medley
1st: George 2nd: Ty 3rd: Jack

Towamba Swim team for FSCSS Carnival 13/2/15
- Uluka
- Louise
- Grace, Jack, George
- Ty & Jasper
- Sam

Please find attached the Permission note for the next Swimming Carnival.

Notes yet to come in for

Attached:
- Emergency Contacts update
- End of Day updates
- School Banking kit
- FSCSS Swimming Carnival (if applicable)
**Scripture**
Mr Brian Dixon will be volunteering his time again to visit us on a fortnightly basis for Scripture, starting next week.
A reminder that if you do not wish your student to participate, we need a written note from you each year.

**Updates**
Thank you to those returning the pink Permission to Publish notes that went home attached to last week’s newsletter. We look forward to receiving all returns. Please contact the office if you need a new copy.
More updates are attached to this newsletter—please read through the Emergency Contact page and return even if no amendments are required.
Updating our end of day permissions is also attached. Please return as soon as possible.

**Playgroup**
every Tuesday 9.30am In the MPR. Recommencing: this Tuesday 10 February
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.

**Some more dates for your calendar**

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**School Banking**
School Banking will recommence next week, every Tuesday.
Attached is the 2015 School Banking incentives for the information of our existing student bankers.
There is also a school banking information pack attached containing more information and what to do if any other students wish to participate in the School Banking program at Towamba School.

**SCHOOL BANKING— TUESDAYS at school— hand in your bank book when you get to school in the morning.**

**Tools for School**
Don’t forget as per last week’s newsletter, students in Years 3-6 classroom are expected to provide their own pencil case with the following school items.

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

Student workbooks are arriving soon!
Taiko Workshop

Later this term students will be participating in a Taiko Interactive workshop at our school. Taiko means drum in Japanese and is great exercise as well as making music. It is a simple and energetic activity that all ages can enjoy.

In the Taiko workshop, scheduled for Thursday 26 March, students will be learning about taiko, Japanese greetings, counting in Japanese and more. This hands-on workshop includes the students playing the taiko drums and is an excellent introduction to Japanese culture. There will be a small fee of $6 for each student, with the school covering the rest of the cost for this incursion. More information in a few weeks.

P&C News

P&C Meeting

We welcome any parents or community members who would like to join the P&C— a group that supports the students of our school and facilitates many excursions and activities for our kids.

Our first meeting will also include an Annual General Meeting, and at this stage is probably going to be on Tuesday 24 February at 2pm.

Mr Claxton is looking forward to attending and sharing his plans and visions for Towamba School this year and in the future. Come along and make yourself known.

Stay tuned for confirmation of the date and times, as accommodating most people and office holders has been difficult this year!

Steph Skelton maintains a P&C email list and if you would like to be added to that to stay in the loop, send her an email on steph_skelton@hotmail.com.

Friday Lunch roster

Thank you so much to Paul, Karen, Sherrie and Kathryn Cooper for getting in so fast with their offers— we now have Term 1 completely covered – by week 1 of the term!

It is greatly appreciated if lunch orders are submitted on a paper bag with the student name and order, accompanied by the correct money if possible.

For more information please call Lisa on 6496 7292
**Community News**

**STAGEFLIGHT DRAMA SCHOOL**
Drama classes for young people and adults at Pambula Town Hall, Quondola St Pambula.

**Primary Beginners** 8 to 12 years 9.00-10.30am on Saturdays 7/14/21 Feb and 7 March

Advanced classes for those with previous drama training/experience:

**Primary Continuers** 9 to 12 years 4.00 - 5.15pm Tuesdays starting 3 Feb for 8 weeks

**Secondary Continuers** 12 years and up 5.15pm - 6.30pm Tuesdays starting 3 Feb for 8 weeks

Cost: $100 per term

**Adults** - daytime class for adults to start soon - contact us to express your interest.

See [www.stageflight.com.au](http://www.stageflight.com.au) or call 6495 7435

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**Shoalcoast South East NSW Women’s Legal Service**

**Community Development Project**

**Free Legal Advice Clinics for Women in BEGA**

The Women’s Resource Centre is supporting Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre to provide free legal advice clinics for women in the Shire.

The South East NSW Women’s Legal Service provides the assistance through the Shoalcoast Community Legal Centre, a not-for profit, community managed free legal service. The program is available to women in the Bega Valley Shire and can offer advice in most non-commercial areas of law. The clinics have been running for some time, but a pilot program promoting the service has just commenced to encourage more women to access the service, and Skype appointments will now be available from the Women’s Resource Centre. Additionally Shoalcoast is looking for partnership venues with technology in Bermagui, Merimbula and Eden.

New Community Development Worker in Bega is Gabrielle Powell. The service will greatly benefit women in need of legal assistance to access free advice. “You can meet with a solicitor over the phone, by Skype, or face to face” she said. “The Skype appointments will be done from WRC office so people don’t need any computer equipment or IT skills, it’s all set up and I will be there to help you connect and so on. It’s a great service so we want to make sure that anyone who is in need of it can access it.”

For more information contact Gabrielle Powell Ph 64921367 0427 806 033

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**Talk of Towamba**

Have you seen the new community newsletter – the Talk of Towamba?

This great new initiative, being distributed monthly, will keep everyone abreast of Towamba Valley events and happenings. The first events coming up is the pouring of the handball slab and the BBQ up at the Hall next weekend. Look out for your copy in the mailbox!