**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Parent morning tea**

Come and join us for the first of our regular morning teas at the school- a relaxed social gathering to be held about twice a term, in the MultiPurpose Room.

Tuesday 17 March will be our first morning tea.

Bring a plate of something to share, tea and coffee will be supplied

All parents and carers are welcome. Parents with younger children might also join in with the playgroup if they wish.

**Homework**

Students in the Primary class have now been provided with homework books and bags. Homework will go out on Monday and be collected the following Monday for marking. While homework is not a mandatory requirement in NSW Public Schools I would like all students to complete the set tasks as it helps to set up study patterns which are a necessary component of high school.

The homework set to students will encompass three main elements being;

- Reading
- Comprehension
- Maths

Students will also be required to complete 3 classroom presentations per term for development and assessment within the ‘speaking and listening’ strand for literacy. All students have been provided with a list of topic choices and should choose three from the list. Class time will also be allocated to complete the presentations.

Regards,

Peter

**Notes yet to come in for**

**Attached:**
- P&C agenda
- Attendance flyer
**Updates**

Please return any outstanding updates ASAP so our records for 2015 can be updated. Please see the box on the front page to see if we are still waiting on yours.

**Scripture**

Mr Brian Dixon visited us last week for the first of our fortnightly Scripture classes. A reminder that if you do not wish your student to participate, we need a written note from you each year.

**Playgroup**

Plans were made this week for the year’s activities at Playgroup at Towamba. Regular events will include a movement/skills session to music, and other planned craft activities. Liz from Campbell Page will now be joining us only every two weeks due to funding changes—but playgroup meets every Tuesday regardless.

Meet in the MPR at 9.30am for a play, chat and a relaxing morning at playgroup.

**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.

**FSC Small Schools Swimming Carnival**

Well done to our Towamba swim team for their participation in the Far South Coast Small Schools Swimming Carnival at Candelo last Friday.

Ms Hopson was very proud of the attitude shown by these students and though a small representation of our school, it was great to be there.

Thanks too to Jo, Kerry and Ian for their assistance on the day.

**KindyStart**

KindyStart 2015 will commence next Friday 27 February.

We know of two that will be joining the K12 class as our KindyStart 2015 students. If you of someone you know is interested please contact the school for an information leaflet, and a registration form. KindyStart kids must be 4 years or older.

KindyStart shirts are available for $15 each, and each student is given a school hat as well, which stays at school. Come and join us on a Friday!

**Attendance**

Please find attached a parent information sheet about attendance requirements at school. Parents are reminded that the school needs to be informed of the reason for any absence within 7 days, ideally by written note or email, or by using the slip on the back page of the newsletter each week.

We are trying to keep on top of attendance at our school, and some families will find attached a letter generated by our admin program regarding the absences that are still unjustified. Please return to the office.
National Young Leaders Day

Mr Claxton is making arrangements to travel with our two Year 6 boys Sam and Lachlan to Sydney next month for the Halogen Foundation Young Leaders Day.

Students from Bemboka are also attending and travel and accommodation plans are underway.

It is a wonderful opportunity to join with thousands of other senior primary students from around the state to listen to keynote speakers, experience multimedia presentations and interactive learning sessions designed to develop strong leadership values among young Australians.

P&C News

P&C Meeting

The P&C AGM and Term 1 meeting is to be held at 2pm next Tuesday 24th Feb.

There is not a lot on the agenda so far, mostly just formalities for the start of year. See attached sheet.

Mr Claxton will be joining us with his ideas and visions for the school and how the P&C can be involved. Additions to the agenda can be done on the day.

$1 annual membership is due at the AGM.

The P&C welcomes any parents or community members who would like to join us - a group that supports the students of our school and facilitates many excursions and activities both financially and with other support.

The end of term BBQ is a regular event too, coinciding with the end of term assembly. The term assemblies showcase the term’s activities and student achievements, as well as providing a performance opportunity for the students.

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

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

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**Pambula Hockey**

With the 2015 Hockey Season approaching, the Pambula Hockey club is looking for past, present and first time players to register with our club for a fun filled season. We encourage first time players to come along and learn skills, meet new friends and be encouraged by our existing members.

If you are interested in playing or have an enquires, please don’t hesitate to contact Teleesha Heyhorn by emailing; **pambula_thunder@hotmail.com** or phone; 0474653760, or Brenda Wyse on 0428660544

**Towamba handball**

It is great to see the handball court in good use already. The weather has delayed some of the hand painting. If you are playing—check that any paint you see is dry.

Towamba kids might like to work out an after school handball competition—plan it, run it, and record the results. There are some new colourful handballs donated by the Progress Association that can be won as prizes!

Talk to Vicki if you want to know more if you want to just pass on the results of the competition.

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**Early Bird tickets are now on sale**

(until 13 March)

- **Adult** $50
- **Concession** $40 (Student/ Pensioner)
- **Family** $120 (Two adults plus one or more 12-18 year-olds)
- **Children** under 12 FREE with a paying adult.

http://www.candelovillagefestival.org/tickets-1/

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**Coast Road Clothing, Pambula**

For the information of our families: the shop is closed temporarily from 2 March to 23 March.

Previously Towamba uniform items were available on order, taking 1-3 weeks, but shortly they are planning to build up the stock in the shop to reduce waiting times.

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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:____________________