



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 28th October, 2015

Term 4, Week 4

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report



Hayden Returns

Last week Hayden Davis returned after competing in the NSW PSSA State Athletics Championships in Homebush Sydney. Hayden competed in the 11 Years Boys High Jump event. He competed very well and enjoyed the experience, despite feeling a little nervous, and has set his sight on getting back to Homebush next year when he is in Year 6. Keep setting the bar high Hayden, we are extremely proud of you.

Tom and Harvey –NSW State Cricket

This week, both Tom Barker and Harvey White are participating in the NSW PSSA State Cricket Championships.

They are playing over 4 days in 100 over matches each day against the best cricket players across NSW.

The Riverina Team played here at Tocumwal Recreation Reserve yesterday against North Coast.

Our students came down during the game for a little home town support and our boys got a real boost. Keep it up!



Kindergarten Orientation Visit

Next Friday 30th October, we will meet some of the new enrolments in Kindergarten for next year. Our Tiny Treasures will join us between 11:30am-1pm. Our new enrolments will be given a taste of what Kindergarten will be like next year as they engage in a variety of activities.

They will also be visiting the following Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th November. The last visit will also involve an informal meeting and morning tea for the parents of our new arrivals. We look forward to the meeting.

UNSW Spelling

Congratulations to all of our students who sat the University of NSW Spelling Assessment last term.



Students were presented with their certificates during last week's assembly. Stand outs in Year 3 were Lachlan Shepherd – Merit, Year 6 – Will Anderson, Sami-J Campbell and Rose Chamberlain who each received a Credit. Well done students on your fantastic results.

Important Dates

Wednesday 4th November
2016 Kinder Orientation
11.30-1.00pm

Wednesday 11th November
2016 Kinder Orientation
11.30-1.00pm

Wednesday 18th November
2016 Kinder Orientation
11.30-1.00pm

Wednesday 25th November
2016 Kinder Orientation
& Parent Meeting
11.30-1.00pm

Mon 30th Nov – Wed 2nd Dec
Year 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp

Wednesday 9th December
Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 15th December
Presentation Evening

Happy Birthday

Katya Eddy



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Hunter Groutsch

Primary:

Samantha Anderson-Catchpool

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Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently preparing for 2016. If you have a child to enrol or know of someone who has, please encourage them to complete and return their enrolment forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

Riversider

The *Riversider*, our school magazine, is currently being compiled by Mrs Hatty. Those families who have paid their voluntary contributions will receive a copy. Those families who have not paid (or may want more than one copy) may reserve one copy for \$15 each. Just complete the order form attached to this Newsletter and return it to the Office with payment. The print run will be limited so secure one for your family. They are full of wonderful photos of your children as well as some of their work and other reports. Don't miss out. If you are not sure whether you have paid for one with your fees, please check with the office staff.

Darren White

Toc Community Centre

Last Tuesday 22nd October, a group of excited and talented Tocumwal Public School students made their way to the Tocumwal Community Centre, where we were welcomed by some of the senior citizens and residents of the Tocumwal Lions Club Hostel.

We began with all of the students demonstrating their meditation skills to the audience, ably led by Lizzie, who led us through some relaxing breathing techniques and a few minutes of guided meditation.

Next, the Year 3 students invoked wonderful memories in everyone with a spectacular (and apparently unpolished?!!) rendition of 'So Long, Farewell...' from the 'Sound of Music'. We can't wait to see this performed in the school production this year!

Year 4/5 presented a rollicking rendition of that well-known Aussie favourite – 'Home Among the Gum Trees'. Thanks Hamish for leading us all with the words!

Rose (guitar) and Jane (tambourine) dazzled with a delightful duet of 'Riptide'. This current hit sounded great as the girls performed it in their 'own way'. Rose completed the morning with a solo rendition of 'Skinny Love' in her own unique style.

Some of our students mingled with the audience as we left, chatting and smiling. Once again, our students did us proud by enthusiastically displaying their talents, being respectful ambassadors for our school and living out our social skill of 'Service: Doing things for others'.

Kate Gowty and Cathy Lostroh

Last Week's Awards



Infants Student of the Week:
Liam Sutton



Primary Student of the Week
Jay Dickens



Playground Award:
Amalie Pate

Values Education:

Kinder:

Max McNally

Year 1:

Sam Bennett

Year 2:

Mason Hughes

Year 3:

Macey McCallum

Year 5/6:

Hayden Davis

P&C News

EGGS DONATION

We are asking for donations of eggs for the Big Breakfast this Sunday, 1st November, at the foreshore. We will be selling bacon, eggs, sausages and hash browns, please come down and support us.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Once again we are giving the Year 6 students the opportunity to purchase high quality Graduation Bears or Footballs. They are a great memento of their school years which they will treasure. The signature bear and ball concept has proven to be extremely popular amongst students over the years. Order forms were sent home with the Year 6 students today. If you would like to purchase a Graduation bear or football please return orders with payment to the office by Friday 13th November.

We are also looking for ideas for the table centrepieces and helpers to set up the Year 6 Graduation Dinner. Please let me know if you can help.

Red Gillespie

P&C President, Ph: 0419 241 135



TOCUMWAL RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE

Come along and listen to the history of the Australian Army Employment Company in Tocumwal from 194-1943.

Presented by: June Factor

on Remembrance Day Wednesday 11th November
after the Service at 11am at the Tocumwal RSL Club.



Tocumwal Loading the Train
Painting by Artist: Yosi Bergner

Canteen Roster

Friday 30th October

9am-11.30am: Laura Palmer

11.30am-2pm: Rebecca Ball

Friday 6th November

All day: Michelle Hack

Friday 13th November

All day: Leah Pate

11.30am-2pm: *Volunteer Required*

Friday 20th November

9am-11.30am: *Volunteer Required*

11.30am-2pm: Kelly

Friday 27th November

9am-11.30am: Emma Baron

11.30am-2pm: *Volunteer Required*

Friday 4th December

9am-11.30am: Laura Palmer

11.30am-2pm: Kelly

Friday 11th December

9am-11.30am: Emma Baron

11.30am-2pm: *Volunteer Required*



RIVERINA **SMILES**

Did you know you could get free children's dental treatment in Finley?

We only get one shot once our adult teeth come through from the age of usually 6 or 7, and learning how to look after them early could save your children significant problems in the future!

Did you know that at Riverina Smiles in Finley, we participate in the Child Dental Benefit Scheme?

Eligible patients between the ages of 2 and 17 will receive up to \$1000 over a 2 year period for basic general dentistry. To find out if your children are eligible, grab your Medicare number and give our office a call. Provided your limit is not reached, there will be no "Out of Pocket" expenses incurred.

The scheme will reset at the end of the year and any benefit left unused by the end of the year will be lost! Don't waste it!

Give us a call on **(03) 5883 4832** to check your eligibility and make your appointment today!

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**MINNIE BEATS
HALLOWEEN EVE PARTY
30TH OCTOBER**

**UNITING CHURCH HALL
10 HAY AVE, COBRAM**

**K-Year 2: 5.00pm-6.00pm
Year 3-Year 6: 6.30pm-8.00pm**

CRAZY FACE PAINTING-GOLD COIN
SOFT DRINK, JUICE, WATER-\$2
CHIPS-50c GLOW STICKS-\$1 EACH
ZOOOPER DOOPERS & LOLLY BAGS -\$1
COME DRESSED UP FOR HALLOWEEN

ENTRY: \$10.00

(Includes 1 Drink, 1 bag chips and 1 glow stick)

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED, BEST DANCER & GAMES

PARENTS CAN STAY WITH TEA & COFFEE FOR \$1

STRICTLY A SMOKE, DRUG, AND

ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

PARENTS MUST FILL OUT FORMS ON THE NIGHT FOR
CHILDREN WITH KNOWN ALLERGIES AND/OR DROPPING
CHILDREN OFF

Inaugural

WOMEN IN WATER

Night Out

**FREE
EVENT**

Do you want to learn more about
"How water works in our catchment"
over a glass of bubbles?

Join us for an informal and relaxed session with guest
speakers from the MDBA, Dept of Primary Industries, the
Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder & Murray
Irrigation to learn the nuts and bolts of water.

Free entry includes sparkling wine & canapes followed by dinner.

Details (Women only event):

**Canapes from 5.30pm @ Blighty Hall
Wednesday 11th November 2015**

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR CATERING @
www.womeninwater.eventbrite.com OR
hpurbrick@tahbilk.com.au**

Sponsored by Murray Irrigation & Ricegrowers Association of Australia

Canteen Roster Term 4, 2015

I am able to be placed on the Canteen Roster for Term 4, 2015.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

(Please tick)

I am willing to do: ☐ **one** ☐ **two** ☐ **three** days this term.

I am available: ☐ All Day 9am-2pm ☐ Morning 9am-11.30am ☐ Afternoon 11.30am-2pm

I am able to assist on the following dates:

☐ Friday 13th November 11.30am-2pm

☐ Friday 20th November 9am-11.30am

☐ Friday 27th November 11.30am-2pm

☐ Friday 11th December 11.30am-2pm

* Please return slip to the office as soon as possible

2015 Riversider

Family Name _____

I wish to order _____ copies of the 2015 *Riversider* magazine.

Please include \$15 per copy with your order.

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Getting off the bus...

...Do your students know how to stay safe when getting off the school bus? Students should:

- ⊗ Never cross the road in front of, or behind, the bus.

⊗ **STOP** and stay well back from the edge of the road, move on to a footpath if there is one, and wait for the bus to leave.

- ⊗ Understand that it's only safe to think about crossing once the school bus has gone and when they have a clear view of the road in both directions.

- ⊗ Never wear earphones or talk on their mobile phone when trying to cross the road. They may not notice approaching traffic.

⊗ **LOOK** and **LISTEN** when deciding to cross the road. Remind them to ask themselves 'Can I see anything coming?' and 'Can I hear anything coming?'

- ⊗ Look in all directions for approaching traffic – right and left and behind if they are crossing at an intersection.

- ⊗ Only cross where drivers have a clear view of pedestrians.

- ⊗ Understand that vehicles may be travelling at high speed and therefore take longer to stop. Students, especially younger students, may not be very good at judging the speed and distance of approaching traffic.

⊗ **THINK!** about when it is safe to cross – when the road is clear or when the traffic has stopped. There is no need to rush.

- ⊗ Understand that it's important to keep looking and listening for approaching traffic while crossing.

Waiting for the bus



- ⊗ Students must wait patiently at a bus stop. No pushing, running or playing around.
- ⊗ Students must stand well clear of the road – away from the kerb and on the footpath if there is one.
- ⊗ Students should stand well back from the kerb or the edge of the road.
- ⊗ Students should allow plenty of time to get to the bus stop.
- ⊗ If the bus is late, students should remain at the bus stop until it arrives.
- ⊗ Students should wait for the bus to stop completely before they approach it. They can use the handrail to help them on board and should take care when climbing any steps.

What Parents and Carers can do

- ⊗ Parents or carers should wait for students on the same side of the road as the bus and to meet their children at the bus stop. This reduces the risk of distracted and excited students running across the road.
- ⊗ Parents should park thoughtfully and carefully. They must keep the area around the bus stop clear so students can see any approaching traffic.