



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 4th November 2015

Term 4, Week 5

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Tom and Harvey - NSW State Cricket



Last week Tom Barker and Harvey White participated in the NSW PSSA State Cricket Championships. They played over four days in 100 over matches against the best cricket Players across NSW.

The Riverina Team played at Tocumwal Recreation Reserve for their last game and had a wonderful victory.

Again, our students came down during the game for a little home town support. The boys had a fabulous time learning and honing their skills as well as meeting other students from across NSW.

They are pictured here with esteemed umpire and Murray Valley Hall of Fame inductee, Mr Arthur Owen. Well done boys on your awesome achievements.

Kindergarten Orientation Visit

Today, Wednesday 30th October, we met some of the new enrolments for Kindergarten next year. Our 'Tiny Treasures' joined us between 11:30am-1pm. Our new enrolments were given a taste of what Kindergarten will be like next year as they engaged in a variety of activities.

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

UNSW English

Congratulations to all of our students who sat the University of NSW English Assessment last term. Students were presented with their certificates during last week's assembly. Stand outs were: Year 3; Hunter Hardwidge -Distinction, Year 4, Lizzie Locke - Merit, Year 5, Jane Hatty- Credit and Year 6, Will Anderson, Sascha Jones and Rose Chamberlain Credits.

Well done students on your fantastic results.



Important Dates

Wednesday 11th November

2016 Kinder Orientation
11.30-1.00pm
Remembrance Day

Wednesday 18th November

2016 Kinder Orientation
11.30-1.00pm

Thursday 19th November

School Production

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

Lizzie Locke
Hunter Mathers
Will O'Connell
Blake Spicer
Harrison Tainton
Macey White



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Hunter Groutsch

Primary:

Samantha Anderson-Catchpool

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School Production

On the evening of Thursday 19th November at 7pm, our students in K-6 will be performing a production called 'A night at the Tocsars' at the Memorial Hall in Tocumwal. This will involve all students in the school who have started practising this term. The children seem really excited about it as it slowly comes together to showcase some of our students' amazing talents.

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

Whooping Cough Information for Schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for [information for childcare and schools about whooping cough](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/childcareandschools/aboutwhoopingcough/).

Last Week's Awards



Infants Student of the Week:
Bayden Gowty



Primary Student of the Week
Brayden Taylor



Playground Award:
James Cottee

Values Education:

Kinder:

Ebony Orzegowski

Year 1:

Elyssa Scott

Year 2:

Charlie Locke

Year 3:

Hunter Hardwidge

Year 4/5:

Dan Barnes

Year 5/6:

Braydie Wright

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P&C News

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 last Wednesday. 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



Transition to High School for Students attending Finley High school in 2016 & their Parents/Caregivers

Wednesday 18th November 2015

6:00pm – 7:00pm

FHS Library

Parents/Caregivers;

- supporting your child at High School
- creating independence
- encourage problem solving & resilience
- understanding how Finley High School works with your family

Future Year 7 Students;

- team building activities
- healthy friendships
- issues that may occur & how you can deal with them
- interact with students from different towns

SUPPER PROVIDED

For more information and to RSVP contact;
FHS Student Support Officer Jodi Brown or
2016 Year Advisor Brittany Scott- 03 58831344

Community Notes

TOCUMWAL SWIMMING POOL

Tocumwal Swimming Pool is due to open in the middle of November. But we need your help! We have a paid lifeguard, but we need helpers in the kiosk to sell snacks and to collect entry fees. We do not expect the lifeguard to do this because they may not be able to see what is happening in the pool while they are serving ice-creams etc. The kiosk is not a difficult workplace, but for the safety of pool users, we need someone to be there. If you can help out, please phone Jill Barnett at the Pharmacy 58742082 or after hours 58742086. Please let me know as soon as possible if you can help as the roster needs to be drawn up in time to give people enough warning of their allocated times.

TOCUMWAL SWIMMING POOL WORKING BEE

10am Saturday 7th November 2015.

Any questions contact Anne: 0428 128 363

SHANE ATKINSON NURSE AUDIOMETRIST

Will attend Tocumwal Community Health Centre
Tuesday 1st December 2015

Tuesday 12th January 2016

Any concerns about speech, learning or behaviour, please ring Tocumwal Hospital to make an appointment for your child to have a hearing test on 03 5874 2166. Enquiries contact Tocumwal Hospital and leave a message for Nurse Audiometrist.

PORTSEA SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP 2016

Berrigan Shire Council has 15 allotted spaces for the Portsea Camp. Applications can be obtained at the Council office and must be returned with a \$250.00 deposit by Friday 27th November, 2015.

Camp dates: 11th January – 17th January 2016

Cost per child: \$327.00 the children must be a minimum of 9 years and a maximum of 12 years of age.

For further information please contact the Council office on 03 5888 5100

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.

Canteen Roster

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*



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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