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# TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Term 4, Week 10

Principal: Darren White

## Principal's Report

### Year 6 Farewell, Graduation Dinner & Dance

The Year 6 Farewell will be held at the Tocumwal Bowling Club this evening. Students in Year 6, their invited parents/carers and Year 5 students will sit down to a dinner prepared and provided by the Bowling Club personnel. It is expected that those students and invited guests who have accepted their invitations begin arriving at 5:30pm.

The dinner is followed by a school dance. All children from Kinder to Year 4 are also invited to attend the dance and are expected to be present at 7.00pm to begin.

**Please DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 7PM as the doors will be closed and there will be no supervision.** The students have been practising a variety of dances and we are looking forward to the demonstrations throughout the night. Parents are always most welcome to stay to watch their children participate in the dancing. There is plenty of seating if you choose to stay.

The dance concludes at 9pm when all children must be met by a parent or designated caregiver to go home.

### School Captain 2016 Elections

This Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, during a special **afternoon** Assembly at **2pm**, we will be hearing from the leaders of our school for 2016 as they present their School Captain speeches. The speeches are usually of high quality and are listened to attentively. After the speeches, pupils will return to their classes to vote for the students they believe will make the best possible Captains for 2016.

The school Captains for 2016 will be announced on Presentation Night on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### Presentation Night

Our school's Presentation Night will be held on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**, at school, beginning promptly at **6pm**. Presentation Night is an opportunity for the community to join with us in celebrating the school's achievements during the past year and to recognise individual students who have achieved at high levels in academic, sporting and cultural pursuits.

Some seating will be available however families are encouraged to bring your own comfortable chairs. The evening usually goes for approximately 1hour.



### Class Party Day / Santa's Visit

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December is Class Party Day. Class teachers will organise with the students in their class what they are required to bring for the class party.

Also on this day we will be having a special visit by Santa. Santa is looking forward to talking to all the girls and boys in our K-2 classes. He might also have a little surprise for them. We sure are excited!

## Important Dates

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Year 6 Farewell  
& School Dance

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

2016 School Captains  
Speeches 2.00pm

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Appreciation Morning Tea

### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Presentation Evening

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Students' Last Day 2015  
Class Party Day &  
Pool Afternoon

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Staff Last Day 2015

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Golf Charity Day

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Australia Day

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Staff Development Day

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Year 1-6 First Day 2016

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Kinder First Day 2016

## Happy Birthday



Talia Baron  
Issy Bennett  
Lucy Watmore  
Tarryn Wright  
Maddison Beat  
Summer Parker



### Mathletes of the Week:

#### Infants:

Will O'Connell

#### Primary:

Samantha Anderson-Catchpool



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## Parent Survey

Attached to your Newsletter last week was a survey sent out to all families in our school to help with the data collection required for us to complete our Annual School Report for 2015. Each year we send home a survey based around our school culture. It is essential for us to have as many surveys returned as possible to capture an accurate snapshot of our school.

It is hoped that all surveys be returned by Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2015. The surveys are confidential and anonymous. I thank you in advance for your expected feedback.

As an added incentive, all returned surveys will earn your child **100** House points. Please write your child's House Team (not student's name) on the returned survey. Thank you in advance for your time and thoughts.

## Helpers Morning Tea

Pupils and staff of Tocumwal Public School sincerely thank all parents/ carers who have made a contribution to our school in 2015. Your contributions not only include helping in classrooms but also at swimming lessons, carnivals, excursions, canteen, P&C and various fund raising activities to name a few. We therefore wish to extend an invitation to you all to attend an appreciation morning tea at 11am on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the school library. To assist with catering could you please fill out the slip attached to the newsletter if you are able to attend. We are looking forward to celebrating our success with you.

## Mufti Day

On the last day of school this year, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, children are permitted to wear plain clothes. Please make sure your child has the appropriate footwear to walk to the pool and back as well as a hat and suitable sun safe clothing.

## Pool Afternoon

On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, students in all classes will be having an afternoon at the Tocumwal Swimming Pool. Classes will walk down to the pool at approximately 1pm. Students will be given supervised free time at the pool. We will be leaving the pool at 2:45pm to return for buses and pickups. Students who do not have a season pass will be expected to pay the \$3 entry fee. Please ensure your child has appropriate swimwear and a towel. A permission note is attached to this week's Newsletter to gain parental /caregiver's permission. Children will be given a coloured wristband which represents their movement throughout the pool depending on identified abilities. Please talk to your child/ren about keeping to their area for their own safety. Could you please return the attached slip to the front office with payment on or before Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December.

No students will be left at the pool. If you want your child to go home directly from the pool a note must be presented to your child's teacher indicating your directions, permission and your signature.

## Outstanding Excursion Payments

If you have not finalised your payments from your child's recent excursion, could you please make your payments promptly? This needs to be attended to as the school is finalising our finances for the end of the year and are carrying some families debt into the new school financial year which is not desirable.

We appreciate your efforts in making this one of your priorities.

If you are not sure call in and see our friendly office staff.

## Last Week's Awards



*Infants Student of the Week:*  
Issy Bennett



*Primary Students of the Week*  
Maksym Eddy & Blake Spicer



*Playground Award:*  
Asha Campbell

### Values Education:

#### **Kinder:**

Heath Mansell

#### **Year 1:**

Jake Hicks

#### **Year 2:**

Sienna Keith

#### **Year 3:**

Hayden Keith

#### **Year 4/5:**

Alex Laker

#### **Year 5/6:**

JoPaul Joseph

## Student Reports

Students' reports will be given out by your child's classroom teacher on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> December after Presentation Evening has concluded and on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at the end of the school day.

Your child's report describes student achievement in each of the subjects taught in all NSW schools. To prepare the reports, teachers are using a five point scale to describe the achievement of each student in each subject area over the past two terms. All students in NSW are taught the same NSW Board of Studies syllabuses. Their achievements on these common syllabuses are now reported consistently on a five point Board of Studies scale. Each school is using five grades - **A-E** - or five word descriptions - **outstanding, high, sound, basic and limited** - to summarise the five point scale of achievement.

These grades tell you how your child is achieving in relation to the material taught in each subject for that semester. They describe the quality of the work your child has produced. They are not a pass/fail scale and do not rank your child in their class, there is no pre-determined number of students who will achieve any of the achievement levels.

If you are leaving to go on holidays prior to the last day of school and need your child's report, please let your child's teacher know and we will have it available to pick up earlier.

## Classes Resume in 2016

Students in Year 1- Year 6 resume school on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Kindergarten will commence on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 at staggered times. Staff only will return on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January for a staff development day.

## Merry Christmas

This will be the final Newsletter for the year. I thank you all for your readership in following the special events and articles in this Newsletter on a weekly basis. On behalf of all of the staff at Tocumwal Public School, I wish you a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



**Darren White**

## **P&C News**

### **2 THINGS TO REMEMBER OVER THE HOLIDAYS!!**

Carols and Charity Golf Day.

#### **GOLF CHARITY DAY**

We urgently need more volunteers to help out with the Charity Golf Day on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2016. A roster is attached to the Newsletter. Please fill out and return to the office as possible.

We have also been asked to provide a 'House and Garden' hamper for the Golf Charity Day raffle. We are asking families to please donate suitable items to fill the hamper. Please bring donations to the office as soon as possible.

#### **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

The Tocumwal Public School will be cooking a BBQ and selling drinks at Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please let me know if you can assist.

#### **CANTEEN COORDINATOR**

We are still looking for a Canteen Coordinator for next year. Please let me know if you would be interested in taking on this role. It would be really good if we could fill this position before the end of year.

#### **IGA RECEIPTES**

Please bring IGA receipts in to school by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December to be counted.

#### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all families who have helped the P&C over the past year. We would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

*Red Gillespie, P&C President, Ph: 0419 241 135*

## Canteen Roster

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

9am-11.30am: Emma Baron

11.30am-2pm: Jane Bouchier



## Library News

Library borrowing has finished for 2015. Please return all books to the Library as soon as possible. Search high and low for those misplaced books.

Look in the bookshelf, under your bed, in your sock drawer, schoolbag or desk.

You might find some readers too!



## Santa is coming to Town

Santa will be driving around the streets of Tocumwal in the Fire Truck on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December



## Helpers Morning Tea

11am Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the Appreciation Morning Tea on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in the school library.



\*Please RSVP by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Tocumwal Public School

## Pool Afternoon

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the Tocumwal Swimming Pool on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 from 12.30pm and 2.45pm. Please indicate below if your child can or cannot swim 25m in a recognised stroke unassisted.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ can / cannot swim 25m in a recognised stroke unassisted  
(Please circle)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ can / cannot swim 25m in a recognised stroke unassisted  
(Please circle)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ can / cannot swim 25m in a recognised stroke unassisted  
(Please circle)

I understand the children will be walking to the pool. Special needs of my child/ren which you should be aware (eg: allergies, etc.)

Please tick

☐ I have enclosed \$3.00 per child to cover the entry fee or ☐ our season ticket no. is \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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### **Tips for a stress free Christmas Day**

Don't put children to bed too early on the evening before the celebration - they will not get more sleep but will probably lie awake. Put them to bed at the usual time and have a relaxing story to help settle them.

Injuries happen because everyone is busy and there may be no-one to supervise the children, eg in pools, or with new toys such as a bike that children don't have skills for yet.

Try new toys/equipment with supervision - riding new bikes, skateboards etc., without enough skill causes many injuries.

Have back-ups for emergencies - spare toy batteries, a video the children enjoy.

Excitement is part of a celebration - if it seems to be getting too much step in and offer an activity to focus their thoughts, eg a quiet-ish game.

Plan ahead for your celebrations so that you are not trying to do too many things at once. A celebration with two families is sometimes better spread over two days rather than all crammed into one.

### **Celebrating Christmas after Separation**

In the years after a family separation a celebration can be distressing. Things which were part of the day before the separation need to be changed. For some of the day many members of the family will not be able to be with the people they most care about. The celebration can trigger again the grief and anger felt about a separation.

If possible arrange for the children to spend some time on the day with each of their parents and their families, but remember that too much travelling can tip the balance from excitement into overstimulation and tears.

You need to plan so the children have a turn with each parent and their relatives - so children and parents and grandparents don't miss out. Some families tell their children that separated families are lucky because their celebration lasts longer. They spread it out over 2 days, each taking turns on who has the celebration on the actual day.

If you are on your own for all or part of the day, plan ahead for what you will do, don't wait to be asked - take the initiative and ask someone else who is on their own to share with you.

Children will enjoy the day more if they know that their parents are taking care of themselves. Try to arrange time with close friends if you cannot be with your children. Spend as much time taking care of yourself on the day as you do for the children and all of you are likely to enjoy the day more.

Don't overdo presents to make up to the children. You cannot put the family back together (which is often the thing they want more than any present) so don't fall for the trap of trying to compensate with gifts.

### **Community Notes**

#### **ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS**

Christmas Eve: 7.30pm at Finley

Christmas Day: 8.30am at Tocumwal

#### **FINLEY HIGH SCHOOL**

##### **YEAR 7 CAMP - PAYMENT REMINDER**

Notes and Deposits are now overdue. The remaining payment needs to be arranged before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016. Payment can be made via the school website or in person at the pay office.

Brittany Scott

Year 7 Advisor 2016



### **Australian Government Mobile Service Centre**



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**child support**

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

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# Jobs for Charity Golf Day

## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016

<b>JOBS</b>	<b>TIME &amp; DAY</b>	<b>NAME</b>
Transfer auction items and raffle items to main room	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> 7.30am – 9am	1. Tracey Stewart 2. Nicole Jones 3. Faith McCallum
Place Sponsor banners on course	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b> 3pm – 5pm	1. 2.
Be in a golf team (juniors can enter)	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	1. 2. 3. 4.
Help with registration of golfers	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10.30am – 12 noon	1. 2.
Sell raffle tickets	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10.30am – 12.30pm	1. Laura Palmer 2.
Cook BBQ or serve for early lunch	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10.30am – 12 noon	1. 2.
Drink carts (must have NSW RSA)	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10.30am – 4pm	1. 2.
Competition and drinks, food, station out on course	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> 10.30am – 4pm	1. 2. 3. 4.
Set dinner tables	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> 12.30pm – 2pm	1. 2.
Help pack up chairs, gazebos and tables	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> 5.30pm – 6.30pm	1. Nicole Jones 2. Gen Scott 3. Tracey Stewart 4. Jane Bouchier
Sell raffle tickets and greet dinner guests	<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b> 5.30pm – 7.30pm	1. 2.

Everyone is most welcome to bid on auction items, buy raffle tickets or bid on silent auction if in the club house.

Please provide name and phone number (capital letters)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring the family for a fun night out. You just might just go home with a prize!

**ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE A HOUSE OR GARDEN ITEM FOR THE HAMPER**  
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**WEEK 3** 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th

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