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# TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015

Term 4, Week 9

Principal: Darren White

## Principal's Report

### Year 6 Farewell Graduation Dinner & Dance

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, the Year 6 Farewell will be held at the Tocumwal Bowling Club. Students in Year 6, their invited parents/carers and Year 5 students are invited to 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 from about 5:30pm onwards.

Payment per adult is \$22.00 and must accompany parent/carers acceptance.

Students are covered by the P&C.

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

On 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 that 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.

### Parent Survey

Attached to your Newsletter this week is a survey being 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 name) on the returned survey. Thank you in advance for your time and thoughts.

## Important Dates

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Service

**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

Happy Birthday

Abby O'Connell  
Harvey White



### Mathletes of the Week:

**Infants:**

Hunter Groutsch

**Primary:**

Jordan Lange

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## Amendment to Last Week's Newsletter

The Playground Award for Week 7 should have been Alice Bouchier not Alice Barker as reported in last week's Newsletter. Our apologies to Alice Bouchier.

## 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.

## Year 7 Orientation Information

On Thursday 3rd December, our Year 6 students who will be attending Finley High School in 2016 have been invited to attend their orientation session. The day will commence with students meeting at the Finley High School hall at 8:50am and will conclude at 3.15pm. Students will catch the bus to and from the high school on this day using Baldwin's buses at your nearest location. On orientation day book packs will be available on the day to purchase from the school for a cost of \$50. These are designed to ease the transition into high school and are recommended for students, however they are not compulsory. If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact Finley High School.

## Welcome Back

Over the next two weeks we have Indiana Stratton, one of our ex-students returning from Melbourne to do her Year 9 work experience program. Indi has settled in nicely to the Kinder class and is enjoying herself. We know she will have a great time here during her visit.



## Last Week's Awards



*Infants Student of the Week:*  
Mikayla Lawrence



*Primary Student of the Week*  
JoPaul Joseph



*Playground Award:*  
Darcee Stephens

### Values Education:

#### **Kinder:**

Summer Parker

#### **Year 1:**

Hastings Wainohu

#### **Year 2:**

Bayden Gowty

#### **Year 3:**

Kane Wardlaw

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

Asha Campbell

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

Sami-J Campbell

## Christmas Service

On Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm, our Scripture teachers have organised a special Christmas service for our school and community. We have been invited to the **Presbyterian Hall** for the service. All families and visitors are welcome and encouraged to join us for this special occasion.

## School Spectacular 2015

Last week, Amelia Locke and Jane Hatty travelled to Sydney. They participated in a drama workshop with the Australian Theatre for Young People; a dance workshop with the Sydney Dance Company; a Sydney Opera House tour; a visit to NSW Art Gallery to see the 'Art Adventure Tour Exhibition' the 2015 night performance of School Spectacular. The girls had a fabulous time and were very impressed with the show.

## 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.

## 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.

**Darren White**

## P&C News

### 2016 COMMITTEE

President: Nicole Jones, Secretary: Jane Bouchier.

The following positions still need to be filled: Treasurer, Vice-President and Canteen Coordinator. If you are interested in one of these positions please contact Red Gillespie or a committee Member.

### GOLF CHARITY DAY HAMPER RAFFLE

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.

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We are looking for some volunteers to help with the Year 6 Graduation from 9am-11.30am at the Tocumwal Bowles Club on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Please let me know if you can help.

### 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.

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

## 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!



## Canteen Roster

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

9am-11.30am: Laura Palmer

11.30am-2pm: Kim Sutton

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

9am-11.30am: Emma Baron

11.30am-2pm: Jane Bouchier



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## Community Notes

### **AUTISM SPECTRUM AUSTRALIA ASPECT NSW FREE WORKSHOP**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December , 4-6pm  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 9.30am-11am  
Uniting Church Hall,  
Cr Coree and Wollamai Streets Finley 2713.  
All families and professionals welcome.  
Booking required.  
RSVP:03 5888 5188 or 0407 503 902

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

Christmas Eve: 7.30pm at Finley  
Christmas Day: 8.30am at Tocumwal

### **FINLEY FARMERS' MARKET**

Santa is on his way to the Finley Farmers' Market this Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. While he is at the market there will be a candy cane scramble, lots of activities for the young ones including Christmas craft activities. Fairy floss and slushies are on sale too, as well as specially flavoured milk! Lots of Christmas gifts and decorations will be available at the market on the shores of Finley Lake 8am to 12noon.



## **Year 6 Orientation Day** **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** **8.50am-3.15pm**

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## 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 **School Performance DVD Order Form**



I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the School Performance DVD at a cost of \$5 per copy.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please return orders with payment to the school office by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

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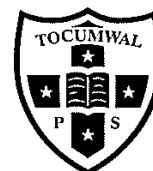
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# Tocumwal Public School

## PARENT SURVEY-2015



As part of our school's self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of the parents and caregivers on aspects of the **School Culture** at Tocumwal Public School. This is to help identify what the school does well and what areas it can improve on.

Your assistance in answering the questions as completely and accurately as possible is appreciated and will greatly assist our analysis of the school's operation. All responses will be treated confidentially.

If you are unable to answer any question, please leave all boxes blank for that question.

Tocumwal PS Self-Evaluation Team

For each statement please indicate with a tick (✓) the answer which comes closest to expressing your opinions and observations.

	SCHOOL CULTURE	Strongly Agree	Agree	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1.	The school has an understanding about the families and community in which it serves.					
2.	School leaders have a positive influence on the school culture.					
3.	The school often praises and rewards individuals who are successful.					
4.	The students are the school's main concern.					
5.	Parents support what is happening at the school.					
6.	I am proud of my child's school.					
7.	The school encourages new students and their families to be involved in school activities.					
8.	The school appreciates having my child as a student.					
9.	The school encourages students to achieve their best.					
10.	The school encourages my child to learn.					
11.	The school caters for the learning needs of my child.					
12.	The school looks for ways to improve what it does.					

Please write down three things the school does well:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Please write down three things we can improve on:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your assistance  
Please return surveys to the office by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015