



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 4th February 2015

Term 1, Week 2

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Welcome

Welcome back to our students and families for 2015. We hope that everyone had a restful and happy Christmas / New Year period. Students in Years 1 to 6 returned last week and our new Kindergarten students started on Monday. Our student numbers are solid this year, which has allowed us to continue with our 6 classes to start the year.

Classes for 2015

Our class teachers for this year are:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Robinson

Year 2: Miss Laker

Year 4/5: Miss Willoughby

Reading Recovery/Release: Mrs Gowty

Year 1: Mrs. Gastin

Year 3: Mrs Lostroh and Mrs Gillespie

Year 5/6: Mr. White and Mrs. Hatty

Tocumwal Charity Golf Day

The Tocumwal Charity Golf Day was held on 10th January, 2015. It was a successful day with many teams entering and participating in the activities throughout the day despite the wet weather. The money raised from the day will be shared between Tocumwal Public School, Sacred Heart Primary School and the Tocumwal Pre-school. The money will be used by the P&C to improve the quality of opportunities for all children through purchases of resources and subsidies.

I would like to thank the parents and our P&C members who assisted on the day. It was a big success that has continued to grow. Many thanks to the Tocumwal Golf Club who host and market the event so professionally each year with the sponsors from around our town.

School Swimming Scheme

This year our swimming program will begin in Week 3 from Monday 9th February and conclude on Friday 20th February with the School Swimming Carnival. A permission note was sent home yesterday explaining the program and asking for helpers to assist with the Swimming Scheme and at the Swimming Carnival. If you are able to help, please complete the lower portion of the form and return to the Office by Monday, 9th February.

School Swimming Carnival

The annual School Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 20th February. Students in Years 3-6 and any students in Year 2 who are 8 years and swimmers will walk down to the Tocumwal Community Pool at 9:30am. The first event is due to start a little after 10:00am. All students in K-2 will come down to the pool at approximately 1.00pm for the afternoon session. They will have some fun novelty activities to participate in. If any parents are available to assist on this day could you please complete the slip on the reverse side of the Newsletter and send it in to the Office. Thank you

Class Meetings

Our usual class meeting opportunities will not take place until after the swimming program has been completed, unless advised by your class teacher. Stay tuned for dates and times.

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Important Dates

Friday 6th February

House Captains' & SRC

Badge Presentations

Mon 9th –Thursday 19th Feb

Intensive Swimming Program

Wednesday 11th February

P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 20th February

School Swimming Carnival

Friday 27th February

PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

Monday 9th March

Regional Swimming Carnival

Thursday 2nd April

Last Day Term 1

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday

Happy Birthday

Birthday wishes this week to:

Evelyn McCallum

Hannah Stewart

Matilda Waugh

Sienna Keith

Birthday wishes to:

Will Anderson

Alice Bouchier

Dakota Cracknell

Ty Davis

Rhyllie DeRijke

Hunter Hardwidge

Sean Lulich

Mackenzie Loughridge

Rory Shepherd

Jake Wilmot

Braydie Wright

who celebrated their birthdays in the school holidays

House Captain Elections

Last Friday students met in their house teams to elect their Captains to lead their houses in 2015. This coming Friday, 7th February, during Assembly, students will be presented with their House Captains' and Vice-Captains' badges.

Congratulations to these students:

	<u>Captains</u>	<u>Vice Captains</u>
Wombat's:	Maddison Beatt Ryan Hughes	Abby O'Connell Hayden Davis
Eagle's:	Sascha Jones Harvey White	Molly Bear Angus Bouchier
Koala's:	Taylah White Amelia Locke	Connor Crowley JoPaul Joseph

Congratulations to all of these students. We are looking forward to them showing us their leadership capabilities at the Swimming Carnival.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Elections are taking place this week for Years 1-6. Our newly elected SRC for Semester 1 will be inducted into their roles at this Friday's assembly. We hope you can join us to congratulate them and wish them all the very best as they make their pledge.

P&C Meeting

On Wednesday 11th February our P&C will hold its first official meeting for the year at 7:30pm in the School Library. All parents are most welcome to attend. We would love to see you there.

Emergency Cards

Emergency Information Cards have been sent home today. These cards provide us with up-to-date information on each child if we need to contact you. Could you please complete one card per child and return to the office as soon as possible. This year the cards are printed on yellow coloured card. Please remember to turn card over and complete the back.

Early Risers

Just a reminder that students are encouraged to not be at school any earlier than 8:45am, except for students travelling on buses. Teacher supervision does not begin until 8:50am. Any students who arrive early are to be seated and not playing with sporting equipment until the 8:50am bell is sounded.

Label everything!

Your child's belongings can get easily misplaced at school. Please label all of your child's belongings with their name. Don't forget books, pencil cases, clothing and school bags.

Absentee Notes

Attached to the Newsletter is an absentee slip to be used when your child is away from school. It is a legal requirement that any student who has been absent from school provide the school with a note from their parent or caregiver. Failure to do so may result in a visit from the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO). If you have run out of absentee slips please call in at the office for a new sheet. At the beginning of each term we will send another one home with the first Newsletter. A copy can also be found on the school website. www.tocumwal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au under the Parental Consent Forms heading.

Darren White

P&C News

The P&C welcomes all new and previous families back to school for 2015. Our first meeting for this year will be held in the school library from 7.30pm on Wednesday, 11th February. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

GOLF CHARITY DAY

Thank you to all those who volunteered their valuable time to assist with the Golf Charity Day. Your assistance contributes to the success of this fantastic fundraiser for our school.

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Keep Lunches Cool

A recent survey by the NSW Food Authority of primary school lunch boxes has found that more than 70% of students could be at a higher risk of food poisoning for failing to keep their lunches cool enough. Simply placing an ice block or frozen drink in your child's lunch box will help keep their lunch safe from harmful bacteria.

Here are more ways to minimise the risk of food poisoning:

- Buy an insulated lunch box to keep foods cold until lunchtime.
- Freeze water bottles or drinks overnight and place them in the lunch pack. The water or drinks will thaw by lunchtime, but will still be cold and will help keep the rest of the lunch cold.
- Some food is safe without a cold source this includes whole fruits, vegetables, hard cheeses, meat and fish in cans, bread, crackers, pickles and some spreads.
- Ask children to keep packed lunches out of direct sunlight and away from heat sources. A cool, dark place like a locker is best.
- If lunches are made the night before, keep them in the refrigerator overnight.

For more information on the lunch box survey and food safety tips go to: www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au

Beat the Heat

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world.

Remind your child to protect themselves from sun and heat exposure while at school by:

reducing their exposure to the sun, wherever possible
wearing broad-brimmed hats in the playground to protect the face, neck and ears, playing in shaded areas, particularly during peak times of UV levels, drinking plenty of water, using 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.

Eight Ways to get your Kids Organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school>

Tocumwal Swimming Pool



BBQ Family Night
Friday 13th February

Activities from 5-7pm

Gold Coin Entry



More information next week

Book Club

Issue 1 Book Club has been distributed today. Please return orders to the office, with payment, in a sealed envelope by Monday 16th

Community Notes

TENNIS COACHING

Cobram Lawn Tennis Club
ANZ Tennis Hot Shots | Groups | Privates | Squad training | Keystone Tennis |
www.keystonetennis.com | 0407 476 041

FINLEY FARMERS MARKET BACK TO SCHOOL MARKET

This Saturday 7th February
8am – 12pm Finley Lake
Loads of fun to be had at your local market! Join us under the rotunda at the Finley Lake (Newell Hwy) to buy fresh local produce and locally made goods to fill your fridge and those back to school lunchboxes!

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Pancake Day

Friday 13th February

Available at
Recess only



Order pancakes on usual order bags.

No pre-orders necessary.

50c Each (pikelet size)

Decide on your topping on the day from our topping bar.

Toppings include

-Butter

-Cream

-Jam

-Syrup

All other recess items
available as normal

Canteen Roster Term 1 2015

I am able to be placed on the Canteen Roster for Term 1, 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 27th February

☐ Friday 6th March

☐ Friday 13th March

☐ Friday 20th March

☐ Friday 27th March

* Please return slip to the office as soon as possible

Tocumwal Public School 2015 Annual Swimming Carnival Helpers

I am able to assist with the Annual School Swimming Carnival on Friday 20th February

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