



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 18th February 2015

Term 1, Week 4

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

School Swimming

Our swimming program is well and truly into its second week. It's been amazing to see the progress our students have been making. Parental assistance has been great, especially with the infants. Thank you for your support of this important program. Also, thank you to Mrs. Robinson who has been coordinating this program.

School Swimming Carnival

The annual School Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday, 20th February. Students in Years 3-6 including any students in Years 1 and 2 that have been identified as able to swim 25m will be leaving the school to 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 12:45pm for the afternoon session. They will have some fun novelty activities to participate in. Infants will go home in their swimmers after returning to school as time will be limited to get changed. 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 front office. Thank you

If any students are leaving straight from the pool to go home after the carnival, they will need to take their bags to the pool and provide their class teacher with a note stating where they are to go and with whom. **No students will be allowed to walk home or go with another child's family unless they have written permission or parents have made verbal consent with a teacher.**

There will be **NO CANTEEN** at school on the Friday for K-2. **K-2 children will need to bring their own Recess and Lunch.**

For those students attending the carnival for the whole day a sausage sizzle will be available as well as some drinks and other treats for purchasing.

We have been advised from the pool committee that all parents and supporters are expected to make a gold coin donation upon entry to the pool. Please offer this on entry to the pool.

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 front office. Thank you.

Please note that the baby pool will be out of bounds during the carnival for all pre-schoolers and toddlers. Entry in the baby pool will only be by the students in K-2 when accompanied by their teachers. Sorry if this causes any inconvenience.

District Swimming Carnival

Friday, 27th February, we will have a number of students who will have qualified to represent Tocumwal Public School at the Finley Zone Swimming Carnival at the Cobram Swimming Pool.

The children will be catching a bus to the pool leaving at 9:15am and returning to school to meet connecting buses by 3:00pm. Tocumwal Public School will be hosting the carnival this year. We would love for any parents to come forward and assist on the day as part of the Tocumwal Public School team as a time keeper

Important Dates

Mon 16th –Thursday 19th Feb
Intensive Swimming Program

Friday 20th February
School Swimming Carnival
Clean Up Australia Day

Friday 27th February
PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

Monday 9th March
Regional Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 11th March
P&C Meeting

Friday 13th March
P&C Movie Night

Thursday 2nd April
Last Day Term 1

Friday 3rd April
Good Friday

Happy Birthday

Tom Barker
Hallie Burke
Mrs Keleher

From the office...

Please finalise
Swimming payments
and remember to return
Emergency Information
Cards to the office as
soon as possible.



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Will O'Connell

Primary:

Samantha Anderson-Catchpool

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NEW School Website

Our school updated its school website yesterday. It now looks different and is much easier to manage. It has access to information about our school and documents that our school has published. The calendar will ensure you don't miss out on important dates and the Newsletter will be uploaded each Wednesday should you like to read the electronic coloured format. We will be adding to it each week with new photos and other relevant information for your family eg. Canteen menus as well as absentee forms for you to print.

Just google Tocumwal Public School or type in the address: www.tocumwal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Class Meetings

Our usual class meeting opportunities have been taking place over the last few weeks for Years 1-6. Remaining class meeting dates are: Year 1-Wednesday 18th February 3:30pm and Year 3-Thursday 19th February 3:30pm. These meetings will take place in the children's classrooms. If you happened to miss your child's class meeting and want to see your child's teacher please call in to make an appointment. Our teachers are more than happy to catch up with you. Please note that Kindergarten will meet later in the term after they have settled in and are ready for Home Readers to start.

P&C Meeting

Our P&C held its first official meeting for the year last Wednesday, 11th February, in the School Library. The meeting was well supported and many ideas shared.

School Fees

Attached to the Newsletter last week was the 2015 School Fee Contribution Form. This also takes into account the cost of the Maths text book and consumables. It would be appreciated if you could return the form to the school office with your payment promptly.

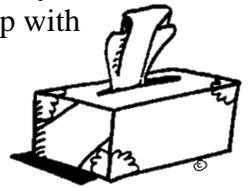


Clean Up Australia

On Friday, 27th February, our students will participate in Clean up Australia Day 2015. Each class will look after a section of the school or go further afield in the community to do our little bit to take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our prized Australian environment. So bring your gloves and tongs and a bag to help out.

Tissues

Each year as we enter into the cooler months, we find the demand on our tissue resources very high. Each year we ask each class member to supply a box of tissues to the class to help with the drawbacks of the winter months. Many students have already started bringing in their class tissues and we thank them for their promptness. Students are to hand their box of tissues to their own class teacher.



Speed Limits in School Zones

School zones are installed to reduce traffic speed near schools during the times indicated in the school zone sign. School zones are identified by signs which are displayed on both approaches to the school and show the speed limit and the times during which it applies.

School zones are generally permitted on roads adjacent to schools where there is significant school related activity on and beside the road.

Speed limits which apply include: 40km/h on roads where the existing limit is 50km/h.

Darren White.

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Canteen Roster

Fri 27th Feb	9am-11.30am	Tracey Perryman
	11.30am-2pm	Melissa Jones
Fri 6th Mar	9am-11.30am	Kylie Hicks
	11.30am-2pm	Kim Sutton
Fri 13th Mar	9am-11.30am	Emma Baron
	11.30am-2pm	Zoe Watmore
Fri 20th Mar	9am-11.30am	Laura Palmer
	11.30am-2pm	Bec Ball
Fri 27th Mar	9am-11.30am	Leah Pate
	11.30am-2pm	Volunteer Required

All shifts have now been filled except for the afternoon shift on Friday 27th March. Please let Nanna Bibby or Jacquie Wright know if you can help.

Newsletter - Email or Hard Copy



Please find attached a return slip for parents to indicate how they would prefer to receive their Newsletters this year.

If you would like to receive your Newsletter via email please indicate on the slip and return it to the office as soon as possible. Emailed Newsletters should be received around 3-3.10pm on Wednesday afternoons.

Students will continue to bring home a hard copy of the Newsletter until the end of Term 1. After that the Newsletters will be distributed as stated on the return slip.

If you do not return the slip, we will assume that you wish to receive a hard copy of the Newsletter.

P&C News

SWIMMING CARNIVAL BBQ

We need some volunteers to assist with the BBQ during the Swimming Carnival next Friday 20th February. We would also like donations of home baked goods to sell to the students on the day. Please let me or a committee member know if you can help.

CHARITY GOLF DAY

Thanks again to everyone who helped out on the day. This year we raised \$5,000.00.

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

Lost Property/2nd Hand Uniforms

Dear Parents,

Due to the HUGE amount of unclaimed items☹ and unnamed clothing☹, the lost property basket will be emptied *every fortnight* (the even weeks) and at the *end of each term*.

Any named items will be returned to owners. ALL UNNAMED property will be washed and sent to the 'Hunters Haven' Opportunity Shop (a wonderful local business who return funds to our community).

The lovely ladies who volunteer there have set up a rack of used, good quality, second hand uniforms that are available to purchase at a nominal price.

****Check it out before you buy a new item of clothing!****

School Attendance

Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?

By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If your child has to be away from school for any reason, please either tell your child's teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early, you will need to go to the office to sign your child in or out.

If you're having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child's teacher.

For your obligations under the school attendance guidelines, please go to:

www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/PD20050259.shtml

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Canteen News

Please remember to use appropriate bags for canteen orders as anything else causes problems for our wonderful volunteers. Also, please remember to keep Recess and Lunch orders in separate bags.



Community Notes

The Tocumwal Community will be holding a meeting for the proposed **Long Day Care Service** to be built in Tocumwal on Wednesday 25th February at the Tocumwal Pre School at 7.00pm

All young families and Tocumwal community members are encouraged to come along to this meeting to be involved in the formation of a long day care management committee. Proposals, visions and fundraising will be discussed at this meeting.

It is our town, our future!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak to Aileen Phelan from Tocumwal Rotary Club or Jessica Williams (Director of Tocumwal Pre School)

Notice to receive Newsletter via Email or Hard Copy

Family Name:

Student Name: Class:

Student Name: Class:

Student Name: Class:

☐ I wish receive a hard copy Newsletter.

☐ I wish to receive my Newsletter by email (please provide email address).



Email address:

****Please return 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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