



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 25th March, 2015

Term 1, Week 9

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

2015-2017 School Plan

We are currently finalising our 2015-2017 School Plan. As part of this process we are ensuring that our *Strategic Directions* are aligned with the recently released "Public Schools NSW – School Excellence Framework".

I am excited by our plans for the next three years at Tocumwal Public School and would like to share with you our *School Vision* and our *Strategic Directions*, both of which are a direct result of consultation across the community via surveys, parent meetings, feedback last year and this term and investigation into best practice educational research.

OUR SCHOOL VISION

Tocumwal Public School is committed to implementing a challenging, creative, supportive and robust curriculum that caters for all students, to prepare them as effective citizens of the 21st Century. We promote excellence, equity and mutual respect throughout our wider school community.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2015-2017

At Tocumwal Public School our focus is on **EVERY CHILD**

Strategic Priority 1: **Learning Culture**

Strategic Priority 2: **Quality Teaching and Leadership**

Strategic Priority 3: **Quality Relationships**

Western Riverina AFL Trials

The Western Riverina AFL trials were held at Leeton Football Oval last Thursday. Tom Barker, Hayden Davis and Harvey White all represented the Finley Zone at the carnival. The boys played games against, Deniliquin, Leeton /Griffith /Narrandera and Moulamein District teams. During the trial, selectors picked 18 players for the Western Riverina team who will compete for a position in the Riverina PSSA AFL team. All boys put in a very fine effort.

Tom Barker was our only Tocumwal Public School player to gain selection into the Western Riverina Team for the second year in a row. He will now travel to Jerilderie on Thursday, 2nd April, where the Eastern and Western Riverina teams meet for a day of further intensive trials. If selected into the Riverina team, Tom will then compete in the NSW PSSA AFL Carnival early next term. Good Luck Tom!

Anti-Bullying Day

Last Friday our SRC encouraged all students to participate in the National Anti-Bullying and Violence Day. Children wore something orange and donated a gold coin as a sign of support. The SRC sprayed students' hair during recess and lunch with colourful hairspray to really highlight the importance of the day. The funds will be donated to the Vanuatu Cyclone Pam Appeal. Well done SRC for your promotion of such an important topic.

Easter Hat and Bonnet Parade

On the last day of school for Term1, next Thursday, at 9:20am, students are invited to bring or wear to school an Easter hat or bonnet. All participating students will parade their hat.



Important Dates

Friday 27th March

Easter Service 12 noon

Saturday 28th March

P&C Election Day Stall & Raffle

Wednesday 1st April

Brian Taber Shield

Thursday 2nd April

Last Day Term 1

Friday 3rd April

Good Friday

Monday 20th April

First Day Term 2 (Staff)

Tuesday 21st April

First Day Term 2 (Students)

Wednesday 22nd April

School Cross Country

Thursday 23rd April

School Photos

Monday 27th April

Anzac Day Holiday

Wednesday 29th April

District Cross Country

Happy Birthday

Mrs Brooks

EASTER RAFFLE

Drawn 2nd April

Please bring donations to
the office
as soon as possible.



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Chelsea Hughes

Primary:

Samantha Anderson-

Catchpool

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School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 23rd April, during the morning session. Envelopes will be sent home with your child's name on them. If you don't receive one before the end of the term please advise your child's teacher or call the office. These envelopes with payment can be returned to the office at any time prior to photo day.



ANZAC Day

As happens each year, our students have been invited to take part in the ANZAC March and wreath laying ceremony on Saturday, April 25th. We are hoping that as many students as possible will make themselves available to participate in the March with other students.

Students are required to be dressed in summer school uniform and assemble at the town end of Anzac Parade. March off will be at 10:45am. The ceremony is expected to be less than 45 minutes in duration. All students present and marching on this day will be rewarded for their loyalty by having an extended recess when they return to school after the holidays.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Last year we had 80% of students attending.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015

In 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be sat by all students in Years 3 and 5 in all government and non-government schools. This program will assess the literacy and numeracy levels of students in Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the agreed national benchmarks of student achievement.

The tests will be conducted across Australia in Term 2 on the same days for all students according to the following timetable:

Tuesday 12th May – Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.

Wednesday 13th May – Reading test

Thursday 14th May – Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern; Chance and Data; Measurement and Space)

Friday 15th May – A make-up day is scheduled for students who missed a section of the test or were absent on a particular day.

Access to special provisions and exemption from the tests must be discussed with me and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from the tests. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent or carer consent form. Consent forms are available here at school.

Additional information for parents about the National Assessment Program can be found on this website: <http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html>

Please make an appointment to see me if you would like further information about your child's participation in the National Assessment Program.

Easter Service

This Friday, 27th April, we will celebrate our annual Easter Service. The service will begin at 12:00pm. All families are welcome to attend our special service. The service will be held in the Catholic Church in Charlotte St, Tocumwal. Our students will walk to and from the Church.

Last Week's Awards



Infants Student of the Week:
Nikita Phillips



Primary Student of the Week
Harvey White



Playground Award:
Brock Bear

Values Education:

Kinder:

Chase Brunskill

Year 1:

Logan White

Year 2:

Alice Bouchier

Year 3:

Keely Peters

Year 4/5:

Macey White

Year 5/6:

Samantha Anderson-
Catchpool

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Change of Routine

If your child is not going home the usual way they do every other day, eg. bus, walking or getting picked up, could you please contact the school (phone or letter preferably the front office) so we can ensure your child is reminded of what they are to do. We are more than happy to do this. Especially our infants, who sometimes can get a little confused.

Also, if you happen to have an extra person turn up at your home please make sure you send them on their way home or contact the child's parents. As sometimes children have been known to arrange their play dates without parental permission. It doesn't happen very often, but it can cause distress if parents don't know where their children are.

Dogs in the Playground

We love having animals visit our school but if you are bringing an animal to school for News or Show and Tell would you please make a previous arrangement with your child's teacher.

As we must safeguard all our students we would appreciate it if you **would not bring your dogs into the playground**, especially during drop off and pick up times when there are many children moving around. Thank you.



Safetytown Website – A Road Safety Education Program

This innovative website reinforces the road safety messages that children are learning at school. It provides practical strategies to help families learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The seven key road safety messages cover pedestrian safety, car passenger safety, bus passenger safety and safety on wheels (bicycles, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades). For further details, visit <https://www.safetytown.com.au>

Back by popular demand

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx>

Darren White

P&C News

URGENT HELP NEEDED!!!

ELECTION DAY HELPERS/DONATIONS

We are still looking for some volunteers to help sell raffle tickets and man the produce stall at the Election on Saturday, 28th March. Please fill out the attached slip if you are able to assist. We need two volunteers for each shift.

We would also like some donations of baked goods to sell at the produce stall (please include a list of ingredients for baked goods). Please contact Red if you can help.

We are also asking for donations of Easter items for our Election and Easter raffle which will be drawn on Thursday, 2nd April. Don't forget to vote!

IGA DOCKETS

Remember to bring your IGA dockets in to the office.

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

Canteen Roster

Friday 27th March

9am-11.30am Leah Pate
11.30am-2pm Michelle Hack

SRC News

Thank you to everyone who wore orange and supported our Anti Bullying Day last Friday. We raised \$92.90 which will be donated to the Vanuatu Cyclone Appeal.

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Canteen Specials

Recess

Hot Cross Buns with Fruit \$1.00

Lunch

Pizza Roundas \$2.80

(Oven baked rolls with a pizza centre)

*This Friday will be the last Canteen for Term 1



Community Notes

NET-SET-GO & AUSKICK 2015:

AGES 5-12yrs

Registration the Tocumwal Football Netball Club grounds 4pm, Friday, 24th April.

Cost: NET-SET-GO \$55 AUSKICK \$65

Please pay on registration night

Both will begin at 4.30pm and will run for 1 hour every Friday throughout Term 2.

Contact: Melissa Herezo 0438 027 425



P&C Easter Raffle

Drawn: Next Thursday 2nd April

Please bring donations to the office as soon as possible



P&C Election Day Raffle & Produce Stall Helpers

I am able to help with the Election Day Raffle and Produce Stall from ☐ 8am-12pm or ☐ 12pm-4pm (please tick)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

**Please return to the office as soon as possible*

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).



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