



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Ty Davis-White Kinder



Wednesday 1st April, 2015

Term 1, Week 10

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report



Sascha Swims a PB at NSW State Swimming Championships

Last week Sascha Jones travelled to Sydney to compete on the big stage at the NSW PSSA State Swimming Championships in Homebush. Sascha qualified for the Riverina team in 5 individual events. She competed in Snr Girls 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly, 100m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley. She competed against the very best swimmers in NSW and in doing so she achieved a personal best time by 2seconds in the backstroke, placing her 15th fastest in the state. We were very proud of her and her achievements again in swimming this year. An awesome effort Sascha!

Jane Makes Zone Netball Team

Jane Hatty has been selected into the Finley Zone Netball team after attending the zone trials in Finley on Monday afternoon. The coach said that Jane played extremely well and showed great versatility and sportsmanship. Jane and her team will play in Griffith for the Western Riverina Trials on Friday 24th April. Good Luck Jane.



Good Luck Tom!

We wish Tom Barker all the best as he travels to Jerilderie tomorrow, where the Eastern and Western Riverina AFL teams meet for a day of further intensive trials. If selected into the Riverina AFL team, he will then compete in the NSW PSSA AFL carnival early next term. Good Luck Tom!

Brian Taber Shield

Our school cricket team is competing in the fourth round of the Brian Taber Shield, against Denilquin South Public School, in Denilquin today. Good luck team!



Easter Hat and Bonnet Parade

Tomorrow, Thursday 2nd April, students are invited to bring or wear to school an Easter hat or bonnet. **At 2pm** (not 9:20am as stated in last week's newsletter) all participating students will parade their hat. The change in time was made to facilitate a visit by the preschoolers who couldn't make it earlier in the day. Parents and families are welcome to attend.

*Students should wear their normal school uniform.

Important Dates

Thursday 2nd April

Last Day Term 1

Easter Hat & Bonnet

Parade **2pm**

P&C Easter Raffle

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

Saturday 25th April

ANZAC Day

Wednesday 29th April

District Cross Country

Happy Birthday

Dan Barnes

Alex Booth

EASTER RAFFLE

Drawn 2nd April

Please return tickets
to the office as soon as
possible.



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Jeremy Davis

Primary:

Samantha Anderson-

Catchpool

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School Cross Country

Our annual school cross-country carnival will be held on the first Wednesday back after the holidays, Wednesday 22nd April, at the Tocumwal Recreation Reserve.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Thursday 23rd April during the morning session. Envelopes were sent home on Monday 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 can be returned to the office with payment 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 back 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 & 5, in all government and non-government schools. This program will assess the literacy and numeracy level 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.

Last Week's Awards



Infants Student of the Week:
Jake Hicks



Primary Student of the Week
Blaire Heald



Playground Award:
Samantha Anderson-Catchpool

Values Education:

Kinder:

Ashtyn Hack

Year 1:

Cody Palmer

Year 2:

Remmi Wardlaw

Year 3:

Mason Beatt

Year 4/5:

Molly Bear

Year 5/6:

Jake Wilmot

Managing Screen-Time

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older. Commonsense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: <http://bit.ly/1pBlfmk>

Books to Boost Brains

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It's also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn't found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier's Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: <http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0>

Term 1 Finishes on Thursday 2nd April.

Students will resume classes on Tuesday 21st April. All staff will be returning on the Monday for training and development activities.

Happy Holidays!

Have a safe and happy break and we look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

Darren White



P&C News

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to these few people who volunteered their valuable time to sell raffle tickets and man the stall during Election Day; Dennis Sutton, Leiann McKenzie, Faith McCallum and Maggie Booth. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to those who donated baked goods to sell at the stall.

EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter Raffle will be drawn tomorrow Thursday, 2nd April, during the Easter Hat/Bonnet Parade.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

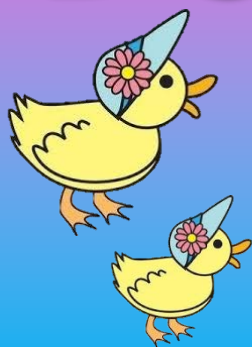
The P&C wish all families a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to your continued support next term

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

Easter Hat & Bonnet Parade

2pm tomorrow, Thursday 2nd April

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Canteen News

There will be NO CANTEEN this week.
Look out for the new menu coming in
Week 2 next term.

Tocumwal Equestrian Team

Four students will venture to Tatura during the first weekend back at school to compete at the North Eastern Interschool Equestrian Team Challenge. Tahni Dunn, Jemma Reid, Mackenzie Loughridge and Alex Laker will compete in 8 classes ranging from games, show jumping, dressage and show riding.

The competition runs over the whole weekend with the girls having an opportunity to win points for Tocumwal Public School. At the end of the competition the points are tallied and ribbons awarded to the top scoring teams.

Three of the girls will also be participating in a special musical ride on the Saturday evening. This is a three minute choreographed ride to music where the girls and horses get to dress up and strut their stuff! Good luck girls.



Community Notes

NET-SET-GO & AUSKICK 2015:

AGES 5-12yrs

Registration at 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 one hour every Friday throughout Term 2.

Contact: Melissa Herezo 0438 027 425



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our multi-sports after school program offers children the chance to try a variety of different sports including: Go-karting, Basketball, Hockey, Tennis, Soccer, Netball, Baseball, Dodge-ball, Cricket and many more games and an exciting and safe environment which guarantees you will leave with a smile.

Wednesdays from 3.10pm-4.30pm

*April 22nd, 29th

May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

25% discount per sibling

Cost: \$60 per term block or

\$10 per individual session

**Please note amended April dates. The first day of the program will be Wednesday 22nd April
NOT Wednesday 15th April.*

Booking and Payment Slips were attached to last week's Newsletter



P&C Easter Raffle



Drawn: Tomorrow, Thursday 2nd April

Please return tickets to the office by 9am Thursday 2nd April.

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Art in the Park Finley



Looking for
some family fun
during the
school holidays?

Activities include:

Painting, threading, playdough, magic sand, books and songs, Co-op walkers, Noughts and crosses, Connect 4 and more.

It's FREE !

All very welcome. Children must be supervised.
Stay and have a picnic in the park.

When is it?

10.30am to Noon.
Thursday 16 April 2015

Where is it?

Murray Street, Memorial Park Finley

Register your interest:

Sharon Soule

Intereach Family Links

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Wiggle & Giggle

Barooga



Do you have a newborn or children under 6?
**Looking to get together with other mums,
share a cuppa, stories, tips and
experiences?**

Join us to enjoy songs, rhymes and stories
with your children.

This is a fun and interactive program that helps
your child with literacy and socializing and
provides parenting information.

It is a **FREE** program

When	Tuesday	21 April 2015
		28 April
		5 May
		12 May
		19 May
		26 May

Time: 10.30am – 11.30am.

Where: Barooga Library, Golf course Road

Register your interest:

Sharon Soule

Family Links worker

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