



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 29th April, 2015

Term 2, Week 2

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

District Cross-Country

Today we have sent a team of 32 students to compete at the Finley Zone Cross-Country at Urana. The runners left our school at **8am** so they had enough time to walk the course prior to the race. Those students who finish in the top 4 places of their age group will qualify for the Riverina Regional Carnival later in the term. Good Luck to all of our runners.

Well Done Jane

Jane Hatty and her Finley Zone Netball team played in Griffith for the Western Riverina Trials last Friday 24th April. It was a super opportunity for Jane to play against some of the best netballers in the Riverina. Her team won all three of their matches. Jane played very well, demonstrating years of training and dedication to her sport.

Well done Jane on you and your team's fantastic results. We hope that next year you will once again impress the selectors when you are in Yr 6.

Aspire Me Drama Camp

Last Thursday and Friday, Angus Bouchier and Molly Bear attended a 2 day Aspire Me drama camp. They participated in some expert drama workshops over the two days which culminated in a showcase at the end of day 2. I spent some time with them on the Thursday evening as they showcased their talents. They all looked like they were enjoying themselves immensely learning from the experts and mixing with other students from surrounding schools and performing in front of an audience.

Anzac Day

Tocumwal Public School was well represented on Saturday at the 100 Year Anzac Day March and Service. The students marched respectfully and sang and listened beautifully throughout the service.



Important Dates

Thursday 7th May

Girls Softball Vs Lavington

Thursday 7th May

Mother's Day Stall

Sunday 10th May

Mother's Day

12th, 13 & 14th May

NAPLAN

From The Office

Maths Books

Next week we will send home invoices for the maths text book used by the students. The school has already incurred cost of the book on the student's behalf.

Some families have already made payment for the book with their school contribution. If you have any questions regarding this please contact the office.

Uniform

We still have some stock of the girls ponte pants. They were \$16 and are now reduced to \$8.

Be quick, limited quantities available.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to those students who celebrate their birthday this week.

Tevita Haunga 27th

Jessica Bennett 28th

Byron Bevan 28th

Kadeesha Conlan 28th

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Golf Clinic

On Monday 4th May, students in Year 5 and 6 will participate in a golf clinic which is running in conjunction with this year's CPM Southern PGA Trainee Championships.

The students are going to be receiving some individual tutoring.

We are very grateful for the golf club's invitation and the opportunity for our budding young golfers.

Girls Softball Team

Next Thursday the girls' softball team will play against Lavington PS in Albury for their first round clash of the NSW PSSA Softball Knockout. The game is expected to get underway at about 11:00am. We wish the girls and Mrs. Hatty the best of luck for the game. Family members are most welcome to come along and show their support.

Mother's Day Assembly

An open invitation is being sent out to all of our wonderful mums to attend our assembly on Friday 8th May where our students will have some Mother's Day poems just for you

Mother's Day Stall

On Thursday 7th May, at 12pm, our P&C will provide students with the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mum or that special person in their family. Gifts will range in price from \$2-\$5.

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 skills 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 before Friday 1st May. Consent forms are available here at school from your child's teacher.

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

Chase

Infants Student of the Week:



Braydie

Primary Student of the Week



Tom

Playground Award



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P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on the 13th May at 7:30pm in the school library. We would love for you to join us.

Darren White

North Eastern Interschool Equestrian Team Challenge

Over the weekend 3 members of the Tocumwal Equestrian Team, Alex Laker, Jemma Reid and Mackenzie Loughridge, travelled to Tatura to compete in the Interschool Equestrian Challenge. The challenge included 118 competitors ranging from Kindergarten up to year 12.

The competition consisted of dressage, show jumping, handy mount, games and 5 show classes. Each girl could only compete in 8 events but had to cover all disciplines as a team.

Out of 37 teams the Tocumwal team, "Tocumwal Terrors" finished a very impressive 8th overall. Gemma finished 2nd in her age group (Kinder to Year 2), Alex finished 3rd in the year 4 age group with Mackenzie coming in 4th.



P&C News

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th May @7.30pm. All welcome.

Can you help?

The P&C would like to paint the soccer goals, basketball rings and courts. If you can spare some time on the weekends or after school, please contact Red.

Charity Golf Day 2016

We are looking for new and enthusiastic parents to join the committee for the 2016 Charity Golf Day. If you are interested, please contact Red.

*Red Gillespie, P&C President,
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Community Notes

Finley Farmer's Market

The Finley Farmers Market is on again this Saturday at the Finley Lake, 8am till 12noon. It will be lots of fun, an adventure and you need to register between 10am and 11am at the children's activity area. Free gifts for all mums and children.

Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in Tocumwal

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the Roads and Maritime Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 HOUR WORKSHOP for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A pink poster for the 2015 Mother's Day Classic. The text reads: "2015 MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC WALK OR RUN FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH". Below this, it says "IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW YOU WALK OR RUN. IT JUST MATTERS WHY." There is an illustration of a diverse group of women and children walking and running. At the bottom, it lists the event details: "4km walk/run & 8km run | \$20 adult, \$10 senior/child, \$50 family TOCUMWAL - 10AM START | SUNDAY 10 MAY Register online by Wed 6 May or on event day mothersdayclassic.com.au". The poster also features logos for sponsors and partners, including me Bank, Women in Super, and various local businesses.

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1,2,3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Tocumwal



Being a parent can sometimes be very tricky! At times children act in ways that can be very frustrating.

'123 Magic and emotion coaching' is a program designed to help parents and care givers find different ways to manage their children's behavior in a positive way.

You will learn practical things that help like:

- using counting to manage difficult behavior,
- encouraging positive behavior, and
- helping children manage their emotions.

This program is helpful for parents with children that are 2 to 12 years of age.

Cost: This is a **FREE** program

When: Thursday 7 May 2015
14 May
21 May

Time: 10am – 12.30pm

Where: Multi-Purpose Room
Tocumwal Hospital, Adams Street

Sound interesting?

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