



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday, 10th June 2015

Term 2, Week 8

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Riverina Cross-Country Carnival

Next Thursday 11th June, three of our students: Tom Barker, Blair Eddy and Jackson Bury will be travelling to Gundagai to compete in the Riverina Regional Cross Country Carnival. It will be a wonderful experience for the boys who will be representing the Finley Zone. It brings together the best Cross Country runners in the Riverina. So competition will be high as they race for a spot in the Riverina Team to compete at the NSW State Cross-Country Championships at Eastern Creek, Sydney early next term. We wish Tom, Blair and Jackson all the very best.



Tony Locket Shield and NSW PSSA Netball

Last Friday we took our Netball and Football teams over to the Deniliquin Rams Oval/Courts to compete in the NSW PSSA Knockouts in their respective sports. Our teams performed admirably by being great sports and playing at their best in all games. Well done to the boys and girls who represented our school with such wonderful spirit and fairness.

Student Reports

Students in Kindergarten-Year 6 will have their student reports handed out on Friday 19th June, 2015. If any parents are requiring additional copies to pass on to another parent not living with your family could you please notify the school so we can prepare additional copies of your child's report.

School-Based Assessment and Reporting in Kindergarten to Year 6

Your child's achievement and progress in class is assessed by their teacher(s). Teachers use a variety of ways to assess their students including observing their work in class and looking closely at the work they produce. They make assessments of their students' progress throughout the year. Teachers will also make judgements twice a year of each student's achievement compared with the expectations described in each key learning area (KLA). In Years 1-6, their judgements are made on a 5 point achievement scale, using A-E or the word descriptors; *Outstanding, High, Sound, Limited* and *Basic*.

Parent Interviews

For those parents who are seeking an interview with their child's classroom teacher, a form has been sent home today which will show the availability of your child's teacher for interviews during the week starting 22nd June. Please mark in the time/s that you require and return it to school as soon as possible to attain your interview time. You will be notified via a return slip being sent home to confirm your interview.

Important Dates

Wednesday 10th June
P&C Meeting 7.30pm

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Thursday 11th June
Riverina Cross Country

Friday 12th June
Lions Club Public Speaking
9.30am

Tuesday 16th June
UNSW Spelling

Thursday 18th June
Lions Public Speaking
Town Final

Friday 19th June
P&C Movie Night

Friday 26th June
School NAIDOC Day
Last Day Term 2

Happy Birthday

Mason Beatt
Connor Davis
Jordan Lange
Mrs Gastin



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Charlie Locke

Primary:

Samantha Anderson-
Catchpool

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Lions Club Public Speaking Competition

On Friday 12th June at 9:30am, our students in Years 3 to 6 will be meeting in the library to watch the school finals of the Lions Club Public speaking Competition. Leading up to the finals, students in Years 3 to 6 participated in in-class competitions and were selected to compete in the Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 categories. Representatives from the Tocumwal Lions Club will be adjudicating the competition and selecting an eventual winner to compete at the club level at their next meeting. All interested parents are welcome to be part of the audience. Good luck to all competitors.

University of NSW Spelling Test

Next Tuesday, 16th June, students in Years 4 and 6 as well as those self-nominated students from Years 3 and 5 will sit the UNSW Spelling Assessment. It will assess and report students' skills at spelling words in four different contexts: dictation, proofreading, error correction and applying rules and conventions.

The words tested range from frequently-used/common words with simple spelling patterns to less frequently-used/less common and technical words with difficult or unusual spelling patterns. These words can be organised under four types of spelling knowledge:

- visual - using memory of the visual features of a word
- phonological - using sound-letter relationships
- morphological - using parts of words to build word families
- etymological - using word origins and derivations.

Good Luck to all students' involved.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability, just like the past 3 years.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here:

<http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy>.

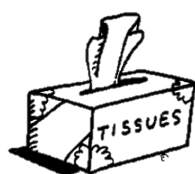
If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection please contact the school before the end of Term 2, 2015. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website: <http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact the school.

Infants and Primary Movie Night

On Friday, 19th June we will be holding a Movie Night. We will be running an infant's (K-2) movie in the Kindergarten classroom and a movie for primary students (Years 3-6) in the library. The entry fee of \$5 will include supper and a drink. Other items will be made available at the canteen during intermission if children are still peckish. The movie will begin at **6 pm** sharp and will be finished in time for parents to collect their children at **8 pm**. Students attending are expected to arrive from 5:30pm so they can fit their supper in before the movie starts. Please don't come late as it only disturbs those who are watching the movie. Hope to see you there. Tell your friends. All welcome, bring the family. **No children** are allowed in the playground during Movie Night. They must stay up in the assembly area before moving into the classroom or library. NB. High School Students are welcome if they do not talk or play with mobile phones.



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.

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Year 2 Visit Pre-School

During this term Year 2 have been working on a Reader's Theatre performance based around the play, the 3 Billy Goats Gruff. They were split into three groups and each had to learn a different character's lines. The children worked on reading with fluency and speaking clearly. As a conclusion they visited the Tocumwal Pre-School to preform their play. After they performed their act they then spent some time reading to a pre-school buddy.



Year 5/6 Helpers

Year 2 would like to thank the students in years 5/6 who have been coming in during our maths groups to help run some activities. It has been great to see the older children mentoring their younger school mates.



P&C News

P&C MEETING

Our next meeting will be held this evening, Wednesday, 10th June at 7.30pm. All welcome.

MOVIE NIGHT

Save the date for the next P&C Movie Night. Friday, 19th June. More details to come.

*Red Gillespie,
P&C President Ph: 0419241135*

Term 2 Canteen Roster

Friday 12th June

All Day Jane Bouchier

Friday 19th June

All Day Kim Sutton

Friday 26th June

9am-11.30am Emma Baron
11.30am-2pm Rebecca Ball

Community Notes



No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)

The No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) provides low-income earners with access to credit, without the burden of interest charges. NILS provides an alternative form of credit, rather than emergency relief. Loans are primarily for the purchase of significant household items and whitegoods.

For more information regarding eligibility and the application process, please drop into an Intereach office or call 03 5890 5200. No Interest Loans are available for people living in the Deniliquin, Berrigan, Jerilderie, Murray, Conargo and Wakool Shires.

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NEW TAIPEI CITY 2016
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S GAMES

50th



The 50th International Children's Games for children aged 12 years to 15 years of age will be held from 11th- 16th July 2016, in New Taipei City, Taiwan.

In 2016 ICG, there will be 9 sports including athletics, swimming, tennis, taekwondo, table tennis, basketball, soccer, volleyball and handball.

Sporting Clubs, Service Clubs and parents are invited to learn more about this once in a life time opportunity. Eligible athletes must live in or attend school in the Berrigan Shire.

Where: Finley Returned Services Club

When: Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Time: 6.15 pm – 7.15 pm



For More Information Contact Berrigan Shire Youth Development Committee – Jo Ruffin
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