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# TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

Term 3, Week 6

Principal: Darren White

## Principal's Report

### Finley Zone Athletics Carnival

Tocumwal Public School took twenty-seven students to Finley last Friday to compete in the PSSA Riverina Zone Athletics Carnival. The behaviour and sportsmanship of all students was exceptional and we were proud of the efforts that all students put into their events. Our school was runner-up for the whole carnival with Hayden Davis and Sascha Jones as age champions and Harvey and Macey White as runner-ups.

We would like to make special mention of Penny Jones for her assistance with our time keeper role and to all the parents who came to support their children and help on the day, thank you very much.

We have ten students who have qualified in eighteen events to attend the PSSA Riverina Regional Athletics Carnival at Alexander Park in Albury on Monday, 31st August 2015.

Congratulations to: Hunter Hardwidge, Tahlia Pate, Lexie Mathers, Macey White, Blair Eddy, Hayden Davis, Sascha Jones, Harvey White, Chase Hardwidge and Jopaul Joseph.

We wish you the best of luck as you represent Tocumwal Public School and the Finley district at the next level.

Miss Willoughby.



### School Athletics Carnival

#### 2015 Age Champions:

**Sub Junior Girl:** Alice Bouchier

**Sub Junior Boy:** Logan White

**Junior Girl:** Macey White

**Junior Boy:** Blair Eddy

**11 Years Girl:** Molly Bear

**11 Years Boy:** Hayden Davis

**Senior Girl:** Sascha Jones

**Senior Boy:** Harvey White

### Book Week

This Week we are celebrating "Book Week". Tomorrow, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August, we will be reading our donated Shortlisted-Books with the students and then engaging in art activities related to the books that the students have read.

Then, on the Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August we are inviting children to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character as we have done over the past few years.

A parade will take place during the afternoon Assembly at 2:15pm. We are encouraging all students to dress up for the day.

### Important Dates

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August**  
Book Week Activities

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August**  
Book Week Parade 2.15pm

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August**  
Little Athletics Talk 2.30pm

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August**  
PSSA Riverina Athletics  
K-2 Dog Safety

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
P&C Fathers' Day Stall

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
P&C Movie Night

**Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Finley Show

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> – Fri 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
Year 5/6 Excursion

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**  
P&C Meeting

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September**  
Junior Spelling Bee in Corowa

### Happy Birthday

Patrick Bennett  
Caitlin Jeffress  
Mrs Gowty



### Mathletes of the Week:

#### **Infants:**

Heath Mansell

#### **Primary:**

Samantha Anderson-Catchpool

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## Zone Final of Public Speaking

The Zone Final of the Lion's Junior Public Speaking competition was held last Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2015 at the Bob Close Pavilion, Finley Showgrounds. Our representatives were Mackenzie Loughridge and Sascha Jones. These two wonderful speakers competed against the other surrounding towns and represented us with high quality speeches. Both girls said that they enjoyed the experience despite being a little nervous. They would recommend it to anyone who makes it that far next year. We are very proud of Sascha and Mackenzie for their outstanding efforts.

## Premier's Spelling Bee

On Friday 21st August we will hold our school spelling bee in the school library. This Spelling Bee is a lead up to the Premier's Spelling Challenge that our school will be sending students to compete in later this term.

At 9:30am the qualifying students from each Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will participate in the Spelling Bee. We wish all of our students in the school finals good luck as they compete for a position in the Regional finals at the end of the term.



## Skoolbag App

Today we are launching a parent communication app for parents and caregivers of students from our school. This app has many functions- from being able to alert parents from individual classes, or the whole school, of events that are coming up-to notifying if a bus is running late home from an excursion. It uses free push notification alerts. It will have the latest newsletter for you to view as well as having the functionality for parents to send an absentee note directly to school if your child is away. Attached to your newsletter is a guide on how to install the skoolbag app onto your smartphone-be it Apple, Android or Windows. If you get stuck, come in and see us here at school. We will be only too happy to help you install it.

Our aim is to further develop our communication between school and home.

## Excursions

Terms 3 and 4 are very popular with excursions here at Tocumwal Public School. If you need to discuss any aspect of your child's excursion please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Please keep all payments coming in as well as permission notes. Should you require financial assistance please make an appointment to contact me through the office.

## Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently preparing for 2016. If you have a child to enrol or know of someone who has, please encourage them to complete and return their enrolment forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Little Athletics Talk

Representatives from NSW Little Athletics will be here to talk to the children at 2:30pm on Wednesday 26th August.

**Darren White**

## 8 STUDENTS FLY THEIR PLANES TO SYDNEY!

In recent weeks, I have been running a paper planes competition at school. This is part of a state wide paper plane competition run by the Young Scientist organisation. There are 2 sections available – distance and airtime. In order to qualify for the distance event students had to fly their paper plane further than 12 metres measured in a straight line across from the planes first point of contact with the ground. Planes had to be folded from a single piece of paper made at a table just prior to flying.

During our school heats 8 students threw further than 12 metres automatically qualifying for the State finals to be held in Sydney at the end of next week. No students qualified for the airtime (5 seconds minimum) as there was a breeze present. Congratulations to the following students: JoPaul Joseph, Tom Barker, Will Anderson, Harvey White, Blair Eddy, Byron Bevan, Kane Wardlaw and Ethan Jeffress. This has just been run as a fun event and there is no obligation for parents to take their children to Sydney but we congratulate them on qualifying.

Mrs Beth Hatty





## Canteen Roster

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August

9am-11.30am Emma Baron

11.30am-2pm Kelly Allston

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August

9am-11.30am Leah Pate

11.30am-2pm *Volunteer Required*

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

9am-11.30am Robin Groutsch

11.30am-2pm Andrea Mansell

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

9am-11.30am Emma Baron

11.30am-2pm Michelle Hack

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September

*Volunteers Required*



## Community Notes

### FINLEY LITTLE ATHLETICS

Registration Day

5.00pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015 at the  
Finley Apex Sports & Community Centre

\$60.00 per child

\$180 for a family of 4+



Free coaching clinic to  
be held on August 26<sup>th</sup>  
with Australian Olympic  
and Commonwealth  
Games Representative  
Youcef Abdi at 4.30pm  
at the Finley Apex  
Sports and Community  
Centre (Recreation  
Reserve)

### ASTHMA RESEARCHERS

#### LOOKING FOR TEENAGERS

The National Young People and Asthma Survey highlighted that 63% of young people with asthma have poor control of their condition, with 56% feeling that their asthma limited their enjoyment of life.

In response to these findings a team at the University of Sydney are looking for 15-25 year olds to share their ideas on the development of a smart phone app which will give resources and ideas to young people with asthma to help them better manage their asthma and its related challenges.

If you have a teenager who fits this profile and you are interested in participating please contact Lorraine Smith on 02 9036 7079 or [lorraine.smith@sydney.edu.au](mailto:lorraine.smith@sydney.edu.au)

# Book Week Celebrations



Thursday 20th August  
Short-Listed Book activities

## Friday 21st August

2.15pm Book Week Parade

Students are invited to come to school  
dressed as their favourite book character



## TOCUMWAL PRESCHOOL

*We are currently taking enrolments for the  
2016 year.*

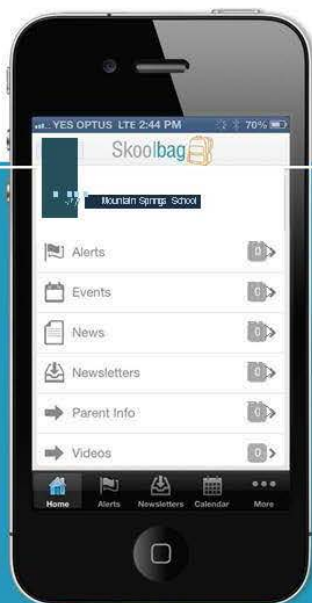
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# Skoolbag @ Tocumwal PS

Smartphone school to parent communication



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Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



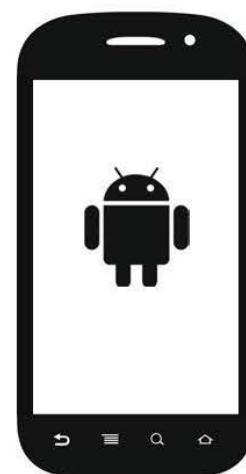
## How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

### iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type **Tocumwal** in the search.
3. If iPhone, you will see our school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps"; Tocumwal will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you Eg. if you have a child in Year 3 turn this push on. That way you will only receive alerts for your child's class and not every other class in the school. Leave off the ones you don't want.



iTunes



Google play

### Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in Tocumwal.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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