



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 26th August, 2015

Term 3, Week 7

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Regional Athletics Carnival

We have ten students who have qualified for the Riverina Regional Athletics Carnival to be held in Albury on Monday 31st August. We wish Hunter Hardwidge, Tahlia Pate, Lexie Mathers, and Macey White. Blair Eddy, Hayden Davis, Sascha Jones, Harvey White, Chase Hardwidge and JoPaul Joseph the best of athletes luck when they represent our school and the Finley District Team.



Book Week

Last week we celebrated 'Book Week'. On Thursday we read our newly acquired donated shortlisted books. The students then engaged in art activities related to the books.

On Friday the children came to school dressed up as their favourite book character and paraded during the afternoon Assembly. Well done to all of our students for getting into the Book Week activities. We have attached some photos to the Newsletter of our children dressed up in their costumes.



Premier's Spelling Bee

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

Students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 participated in the Spelling Bee. Our final results were: Winner of the Year 3/4 section - Lachlan Shepherd with Macey White runner-up. Winner of the Year 5/6 section - Sami-J Campbell, with runner-up Rose Chamberlain. These successful students will compete in the Regional finals at the end of the term. We wish them the best of luck.

Important Dates

Monday 31st August
PSSA Riverina Athletics
K-2 Dog Safety

Thursday 3rd September
P&C Fathers' Day Stall

Friday 4th September
P&C Movie Night

Sunday 6th September
Finley Show

Tues 8th – Fri 11th September
Year 5/6 Excursion

Wednesday 9th September
P&C Meeting

Thursday 10th September
Junior Spelling Bee in Corowa

Wednesday 16th September
Senior Spelling Bee

Friday 18th September
Fun Run "Toc Tuff Tracks"
Last Day Term 3

Happy Birthday

Mikayla Lawrence
Macey McCallum
Ruby Stephens



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Liam Sutton

Primary:

Asha Campbell

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NAPLAN

Every child in Year 3 and 5 who sat the National Literacy and Numeracy Assessments back in May this year will receive their report on Friday. This will show his or her results against key national information. Student results have been reported against six achievement bands, the national average, the middle 60 per cent of Australian students and the national minimum standards.

Students in the same year level across Australia were tested on the same items in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

The national literacy and numeracy tests will provide useful information for teachers and schools about individual student performance on a national basis. From this information, teachers and schools will know how well their students are performing, and will be able to identify areas of strength and where further assistance may be required.

Skoolbag App

Last week we launched a parent communication app for parents and caregivers of students from our school. This app has many functions. It can alert parents from individual classes (or the whole school) of events that are coming up or to notify if the 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 again this week is an updated 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 and we will be only too happy to help you install it.

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

Excursions

Term 3 & 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.

Year 5/6 Excursion

All permission notes and money for this terms excursion to Canberra for students in Years 5 and 6 **need** to be returned by this **Friday 28th August 2015** as requested in the Excursion notes that were sent home at the beginning of the term.

Final numbers need to be submitted in order for us to secure bookings and accommodation.

If you need to arrange payment options please see come to the office and arrange with the office staff. Please don't leave it until the last few days.

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

This afternoon, representatives from NSW Little Athletics came to talk to the children at 2:30pm. This involved Australian Olympian Youcef Abdi who competes in the 3000m steeplechase and is vying for a spot in the 2016 Olympic Team for Rio de Janeiro. All children have been invited to get involved in the Little Athletics program.

Last Week's Awards



Infants Student of the Week:
Connor Davies



Primary Student of the Week
Millie Locke



Playground Award:
Chloe Mackenzie

Values Education:

Kinder:

Tannah Munson

Year 1:

Gemma Reid

Year 2:

Ivy Schwan

Year 3:

Lachlan Shepherd

Year 4/5:

Mackenzie Loughridge

Year 5/6:

Tom Barker

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Father's Day Stall

On Thursday next week, 3rd September, our fabulous P&C have organised a Father's Day Stall. Students will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift for their special Dad, or relatives. Gifts prices will range from \$1 - \$5.

Infants and Primary Movie Night

Next Friday, 4th September we will be holding a Movie Night. We will be running an infants (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.

Label Everything!

Your child's belongings can get easily misplaced at school. Please label all of your child's belongings with their name. Don't forget books, pencil cases, clothing and school bags.

Darren White

Canteen Roster

Friday 28th August

9am-11.30am Leah Pate

11.30am-2pm Volunteer Required

Friday 4th September

9am-11.30am Robin Groutsch

11.30am-2pm Andrea Mansell

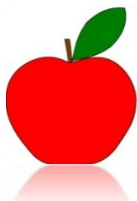
Friday 11th September

9am-11.30am Emma Baron

11.30am-2pm Michelle Hack

Friday 18th September

Volunteers Required



TOCUMWAL PRESCHOOL

*We are currently taking
enrolments for the 2016 year.
Please contact the preschool on
0358743241, to make an
appointment.*



Community Notes

98th Annual Finley Show

Sunday 6th September. Gates open from 6am.

Laura Geitz Netball Clinic

Wednesday 9th September \$90/person (Non-refundable fee)

Strictly limited numbers at each session

Registrations close Monday 31st August 2015

Open to all ages, 2 x 1 hour clinics from 4pm

DNA Courts, Memorial Park Drive, Deniliquin

Non-Participants welcome to come and catch a glimpse of this superstar!

Registration forms available from:

Bennett's Intersports Deniliquin

Download from the DNA Facebook page

DNA Clubrooms Saturday 11.00am-3.00pm

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF FINLEY, TOCUMWAL, & JERILDERIE

Is offering the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on November 1st. Participants for First Holy Communion must be of Year 4 school age and older and for Confirmation must be Year 6 school age and older. Please contact the Parish office at 42 Pinnuck Street Finley 03 5883 1262, or Reverend Stephen Davis on 0429 845 525.

REXPO (for the love of dogs)

Community weekend will be held from 13th-15th November 2015.

There will be exhibitions, markets, parades, movies, music, trivia night, charity fun walk, mutt (mud) run, all ages will be able to enjoy buskers and the waggles a local musical group.

Supported by the Finley chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture Inc. and Berrigan Shire

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2015 Book Week Celebrations



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Thank you to all the parents and community for getting behind Tocumwal PS Skoolbag app. With 56 app download in the past week we are excited to extend our communication about our wonderful school and keep families up-to-date with school events.

If you have not downloaded our Tocumwal PS app yet please follow the directions at the bottom of this page.

This week we wish to ensure each app has the correct settings for alerts you wish to receive.

Once your app is downloaded, click on the more button on the bottom menu bar, select Setup Push Notifications and touch the classes you wish to receive alerts from.



Skoolbag

Complete communication solution

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
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 by tapping the on/off switch.

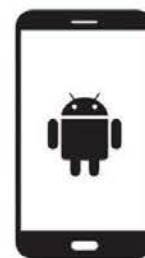


For Android users:

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 your school name, using suburb name will help.
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).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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 by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.



For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
 2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
 3. Install the Skoolbag app
 4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
 5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
 6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
 7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.
- Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.

