



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 2nd September, 2015

Term 3, Week 8

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Regional Athletics Carnival

We congratulate the efforts of the 9 students who competed at the Regional PSSA Athletics Carnival in Albury on Monday: Hunter Hardwidge, Tahlia Pate, Macey White, Blair Eddy, Hayden Davis, Sascha Jones, Harvey White, Chase Hardwidge and JoPaul Joseph. All athletes performed their very best against the Riverina's elite. We were very impressed by the children's results, some only narrowly missing out in qualifying for the state carnival.

A stand out performance was Hayden Davis who finished third in the 11yrs Boys High Jump which qualified him for the NSW PSSA State Championships in Sydney next term. A truly spectacular effort and result.



Hayden Davis
3rd Year 11 Boys High Jump



Tocumwal Public School
Regional Athletics Representatives

Premier's Spelling Bee



We wish Lachlan Shepherd and Macey White all the very best for the Regional Final of the Premier's Spelling Bee being held in Corowa next Thursday.

The eventual winners will go on to compete in the State finals in Sydney next term. Give it all you've got.

Father's Day Stall

This Thursday, 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 Dad or relatives during school hours. Gifts prices will range from \$1 - \$5.

Important Dates

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-Postponed

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

Monday 5th October
NSW Labour Day

Tuesday 6th October
First Day Term 4

Friday 16th October
Spring Round Robin - Berrigan

Wednesday 21st October
Music Viva

Mon 30th Nov – Wed 2nd Dec
Year 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp

MATHLETICS
Inspiring Better Results

Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:
Hunter Groutsch
Primary:
Hayden Keith

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Infants and Primary Movie Night

This 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.



Skoolbag App

As you may have heard by now, 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 a busy time for 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 should have been to be returned by last **Friday 28th August 2015** unless you have made arrangements with me.

If you need to arrange payment options please contact 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.

Darren White

Last Week's Awards



Infants Student of the Week:
Tully Jones



Primary Student of the Week
Molly Bear



Playground Award:
Maksym Eddy

Values Education:

Kinder:

Molly-Mae Ruigrok

Year 1:

Hastings Wainohu

Year 2:

Tully Jones

Year 3:

Braden Taylor

Year 4/5:

Caitlin Jeffress

Year 5/6:

Ryan Hughes

Finley Farmers' Market at the Finley Lake

This Saturday 5th September

Demonstrations on how to make a scarecrow will feature at this market (10 and 11.30am).

While you are at the market don't forget to register for our scarecrow making competition which is being held at our October market.

Entry fee of \$15 applies.

4 prizes valued at \$100 each

The first 20 people to register for the competition will receive a jump-start kit for their scarecrow.

You can also register online by messaging us on facebook or emailing ingrid.archibald@gmail.com

YOUR SCARECROW MUST HAVE A LOCAL THEME

Local themes can include anything deemed to be local to this area.

Examples of themes are farming, school, business, sporting or community themes – let your imagination run wild)

SCARECROW-MAKING FUN FOR ALL

- * **FAMILIES/FRIENDS** * **INDIVIDUAL ADULTS**
- * **INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN** * **SCHOOLS**
- * **COMMUNITY GROUP** * **SPORTING GROUP**
- * **BUSINESS** * **RETAIL SHOPS**
- * **STALLHOLDERS**



Holiday Tennis Program Games & Activity Afternoon

Tocumwal

Tuesday 29th & Thursday 30th September

Program includes Hot Shots, Technique, Tactics, Match & Game Play & FUN!

#Spaces are limited, ages are a guide only.

RED BALL 4 – 8 years

45 min class - \$30 for the 2 days

ORANGE BALL 8 – 10 years

1 hour class - \$40 for the 2 days

GREEN / YELLOW BALL 11 years and above

1 hour class - \$40 for the 2 days

Private lessons available on request and depend on availability

Clinic will be run from 9am

GAMES & ACTIVITY AFTERNOON

This is for anyone who would like to play some fun games & get active. Modified tennis games and other sports.

1pm to 3pm - \$40 for the 2 days

Discount available for those who book both programs

For bookings phone or email Jamie

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Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any 'Cosmic Light Beam Torches' their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a 'Cosmic Light Beam Torch' are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

Canteen Roster

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



We still need volunteers to help out on Friday 18th September. Please contact the office if you can assist.

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

COBRAM JUNIOR TENNIS

Saturday Morning Competition:

Registration for junior tennis will take place at the tennis club on the following days:

Monday 14th September 2015 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Wednesday 16th September 2015 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Competition starts on Saturday 10th October.

Enquiries to Christine on 0457 797 076

Kids, Grab your Dad or Pa and come along to the Big Lego and Construction Extravaganza.

Where: Uniting Church Hall

Corner of Coree & Wollami Streets Finley

When: Tuesday 15th September

Time: Anytime from 6pm – 7.30pm

RSVP: 10th September

Call Marg 5885 188 or Diane 5888 5189

View or Lego display

Build your own masterpiece

Wander outside and grab a sausage

Buy or pre-order Lego products

Buy tickets for \$1 and guess the number of Lego pieces to win a Lego prize



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Skoolbag

Smartphone school to parent communication

Thank you very much to all families and community members who have downloaded the Tocumwal Skoolbag app and are more up-to-date with TPS's events.

All teachers have successfully sent a push notification to their parents/family members who have selected their class under the more options and set-up push notifications (see below for more help). If you did not receive a notification from your child's teacher please revisit the steps below and ensure you have selected all relevant classes for your children. We aim to have more class based information being sent via Skoolbag as the weeks progress.

This year we plan on utilising the amazing features of Skoolbag and improving our environmental footprint by updating our newsletter lists and reducing the amount of paper we output each week.

As you continue to explore and utilise Tocumwal PS Skoolbag app be aware of its weekly updated newsletters, class reminders, school alerts, ease of sending an absentee form and so much more.

Absentee Forms – Please be aware that a signature MUST be placed onto the eform before it is submitted otherwise it is not valid.

If you require any assistance with your app please feel free to come and talk to someone at the school.



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.

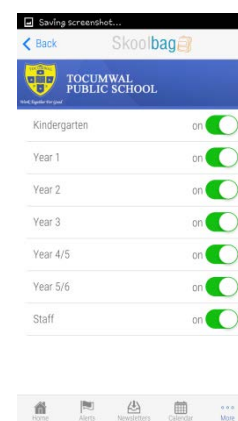
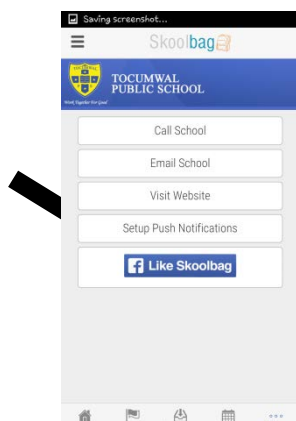
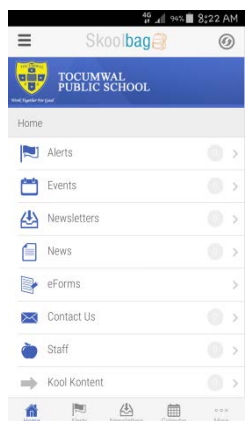


Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

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.



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TOCUMWAL TOUGH TRACKS

Tocumwal Tough Tracks- Adidas Fun Run

Big congratulations to all those students and families that have got behind the TTT Fun Run and are fundraising amazing amounts for our fantastic school!

We currently have 50% of our students with online accounts with 42% of them utilising the amazing online fundraising links. It has made it easy for people from all around the world to donate and support your children reach their goals. Please feel free to keep updating your online goals as you continue to raise money over the next three weeks.

As you reach the end of your fundraising journey start to collect your coin/note donations and your sponsorship forms (even if you did not raise any money or it was all raised online) and begin to bring them into the lovely ladies in our school office. **You must include your sponsorship form with your coin/note donations as this is needed to order your child's prize with the back page filled out.** Please note prizes will not be arriving until Term 4. Our Fun Run will be held on the **18th September 2015 between 11.30am and 1pm** down at the Tocumwal Recreation Reserve/Pong Club. Any parents/family/community members who would love to give a hand on one of our activities can you please fill in and return the slip to the office ASAP.

Students can start thinking about their outfits they wish to wear to the fun run. Please keep in mind these outfits/shoes/accessories will get muddy/wet/dirty all in the name of fitness and fundraising. Please do not send any outfit that cannot meet the rigours of our fun run.

Thank you,

Laura Willoughby

Tocumwal Tough Tracks- Adidas Fun Run Parent Helper Form

I will be able to help at the schools Fun Run being held on the last day Term 3, 18th September 2015 from 11.30am until 1pm.

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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