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TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 12th October, 2016

Term 4, Week 1

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

School Production a Big Hit

On the evening of Thursday 22nd September, our outstanding students took to the stage to provide the audience with many laughs and enjoyment as TPS presented our school Production called BTN "Your Australia". Congratulations to all of our talented students for your fantastic efforts. It was very obvious that they really enjoyed performing for an audience including their families in much better weather conditions than last year.

A special thanks to Nicole Laker for providing direction for this performance and to Kate Gowty and Beth Hatty who also put in a large amount of their own time to produce such a superb performance.

A DVD of the Wednesday's dress rehearsal performance has been produced and is available for \$5 a copy. Please complete the slip attached and return with payment to the office by **Monday 24th October**. No late orders will be taken after this time. Thank you.



NSW PSSA State Athletics Championships

We wish Macey White, Year 5, all the very best as she travels to Sydney next week, to compete in the 11yrs Girls 200m running event, which she qualified in after the recent Regional PSSA Athletics Carnival last term. She has been training hard over the holidays and is looking forward to performing at her best.



Excursions

Term 4 is 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 2017. 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.

Important Dates

Friday 21st October
Spring Round Robin

Thursday 3rd November
2017 Kinder Transition

Wed 9th – Fri 11th November
Year 3/4 Swan Hill Excursion

Thursday 10th November
2017 Kinder Transition

Tuesday 13th December
Presentation Night

From the office...

Please finalise payments for the Year 5/6 Excursion as soon as possible.

Book Club-Issue 8
Due: 9am Monday
24th October



Raymond Sutton
Willa Campbell
Phoebe Hennebery
Mrs Lostroh



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Hunter Groutsch

Primary:

Samantha Anderson-
Catchpool

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Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Champion.



Alice Bouchier walked away with a big smile and a bag of goodies after she won the Year 3/4 division of the Regional Final of the Premier's Spelling Bee held in Corowa on the last Thursday of Term 3. This final brought together the best spellers from around the region to compete for the mantle of top speller in the Riverina. Alice has now qualified for the State finals in Sydney in Week 5. Congratulations Alice for your outstanding achievement. We are extremely proud of your efforts. Keep up the practice!

Big congratulations also to Will O'Connell, Max Conboy and Antonio Baron who also represented our school on the day, progressed through the rounds and did themselves, their families and our school proud.

Photo: Alice and her Mum, Jane, pose for a "winners are grinners" photo after the event.

Spring Round Robin

On Friday, 21st October, from 10am and 2pm, students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in a district sporting gala day at the Berrigan Recreation Reserve. Students will be competing in a variety of sports including community tennis, 4 wicket cricket, 10, 50, 100 and t-ball. The day will involve mixing with other school children within our district and having a fun day. We are hoping to have some parental support with the teams on the day. If you are able to assist could you please complete the Spring Round Robin slip and return it to the school office. We love to have our parents involved with the teams and we desperately need to have one adult with every team. The bus will be leaving at approximately 9:00am and you are welcome to hop on with us.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Over the next few weeks, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be open until 21st October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated. You are welcome to use the school computers if you are having trouble accessing one.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Just type in the link below into your address bar and it will take you straight in.

Survey login: <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/tocumwal2714>

No Hat No Play!

In Term 4, we have a No Hat No Play policy for all students expecting to play in the playground. Please ensure that your child has a suitable broad brimmed hat for the start of the term. Hats with the school emblem are on sale at the school office for \$11. They are very practical and look quite smart. All kindergarten students should have been given one as a welcome gift from the P&C. If your child is new to Kindergarten and hasn't received their hat yet, call in to the office and see Alison Brooks who will be able to assist you.

Infants and Primary Movie Night

On Friday, 21st October 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.

Darren White

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Head Lice (Nits)

We have already been advised of a case of head lice at school!
Please remember to check your child's hair daily and treat if necessary before coming to school.

Please remember to retreat after 7 days to break the cycle.

The Facts

Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Treatment

- daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. **There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.**

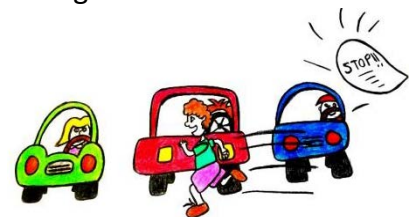
- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

Be Safe When Picking Up Your Child!

Just a reminder of our routines for collecting children from the Boyd Street (formerly Tuppal Street) entrance of the school. Many of our Kinder and Year 1 children are collected from this gate.

To ensure their safety, please be aware of small children moving through the cars.

With many four wheel drives parked along the street, you sometimes cannot see the children and we prefer that an adult actually collects them from the gate. If a child is unaccompanied, they need to make sure the teacher on duty takes them to their car, or is aware of where they are walking as they leave the school grounds. Children should walk along the fence line in front of the cars, rather than between or behind cars. Please reinforce the safety aspects with your child and if you have a relative collecting your child, who may not be aware of the routine, make sure they understand our safety concerns and ask them to come to the gate too.



SRC News

The SRC is excited to announce that next week we are going to have a sandpit sculpting competition. For a gold coin donation you and some friends can 'hire' a square of the sandpit to create your own 'masterpiece'.

We will be running this Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at lunch time.

The money raised will go towards buying some extra sand to top up the school sandpit. We hope the weather is kind and that everyone can come and have some fun.

Mrs Gaston.

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K/1/2 News

Just a reminder that the K/1/2 school excursion is happening on Thursday 20th October (Week 2).
Reminder notes will be sent home this week.
We are heading over to Echuca to have some fun.
We will be leaving at 8.00am sharp and returning around 5.00pm.

Mrs Gastin, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Laker

Canteen News

Please find attached a copy of the new Summer Menu. Once again I will require parent helpers on Fridays to assist in the Canteen. Please complete and return the attached slip to the office as soon as possible if you are able to assist.

I urgently need a volunteer to assist in the canteen this Friday 14th October. Please let me know if you can help.
Sonia Cracknell, Canteen Coordinator

Tocumwal Public School **2016 Spring Round Robin Helpers**

I am able to assist with the Spring Round Robin on Friday 21st October, 2016.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

**Please return slip to the office as soon as possible*

School Performance DVD Order Form

I wish to order _____ copies of the School Performance DVD at a cost of \$5 per copy.

Name _____ Amount enclosed _____



**Please return orders with payment to the school office by Monday 24th October.*

Canteen Roster Term 4 2016

I am able to be placed on the Canteen Roster for Term 4, 2016.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I am willing to do ☐ one ☐ two ☐ three days this term (please tick)

I am available ☐ All day 9am -2.30pm ☐ Morning 9am – 12noon ☐ Afternoon 11.30pm – 2.30pm

I am able to assist on the following dates:

☐ Friday 14th October (URGENT!!)

☐ Friday 21st October

☐ Friday 28th October

☐ Friday 4th November

☐ Friday 11th November

☐ Friday 18th November

☐ Friday 25th November

☐ Friday 2nd December

☐ Friday 9th December

☐ Friday 16th December

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SUMMER MENU 2016

RECESS

Jelly	Sml 50c	Lrg \$1.00
Fruit & Jelly	60c	\$1.20
Strawberry Mousse	60c	\$1.20
Yoghurt & Berries	60c	\$1.50
Fresh Fruit Salad		\$1.50
Quick Crunch Salad (Carrot, celery, cucumber sticks)		\$1.50
Choc Chip Cookies		80c
Fun Buns		\$1.30
JJ's (Chicken, Burger, Salt & Vinegar, Pizza)		\$1.20
Red Rock Chips		\$1.30
DRINKS		
Juice		\$1.50
Water		\$1.00
Play Water (Lemonade or Blackcurrant)		\$2.00
Flavoured Milk (Choc or Strawberry)		\$1.80

LUNCH

WRAPS	Half \$3.00	Full \$5.00
Chicken, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber & Mayo		
Ham, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Cucumber & Mayo		
BURGERS	Small	Large
Chicken Burger		
Cheese, Lettuce Tomato	\$3.00	\$4.50
Chicken & Cheese Burger		
Cheese & Mayo	\$2.50	\$4.00
SANDWICHES & ROLLS		
Chicken & Salad		\$4.50
Chicken & Cheese	\$3.00	\$3.20
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$3.20	\$3.50
Ham & Salad		\$4.50
Ham & Cheese	\$2.80	\$3.20
Ham, Cheese & Tomato		\$3.20
SALAD TUBS (Roast Chicken, Ham or Plain)		
Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Cucumber & Carrot		\$4.50

AFTER LUNCH

TREATS

Assorted Lollies	Spend up to	\$2.00
JJ's		\$1.20
Moosies		\$1.00
Zooper Doopers		60c
Sour Zooper Doopers		60c
Icy Bars	½ 40c	Full 80c
Juicies (Lemonade or Tropical)		\$2.00

PLEASE NOTE:

RECESS & LUNCH ORDERS TO BE WRITTEN ON SEPARATE BAGS. THIS SAVES A LOT OF TIME REWRITING. THANK YOU

FRESH ROAST CHICKEN WILL BE USED FOR ALL WRAPS, ROLLS, SANDWICHES AND TUBS

WARNING: Food may contain traces of nuts, dairy, and other intolerable ingredients.