



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 26th October, 2016

Term 4, Week 3

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Infants Excursion to the Port of Echuca

Last Thursday, Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2, travelled to the Port of Echuca. The children were given a tour of the Port with an experienced presenter who provided many entertaining stories about the importance of the river port in Australia and how it was operated during its busy times. The children and their leaders also had time to explore the areas of the port which included a ride on a horse and cart down the main street. A real highlight was the cruise upon the 'Pride of the Murray' Paddle steamer in the swollen river.

The children got a chance to steer the vessel as it meandered along the Mighty Murray.

The day was capped off with a play in the park at Moama where there were enough swings, and alike, for over 60 children at the one time.

Thank you to Mrs Gastin, our excursion organiser, also our teachers and parent helpers who assisted.



NSW State Cricket Championships

We wish Macey White the best of cricketing luck as she travels to Sydney this weekend to participate in the NSW PSSA State Cricket Championships in Sydney. The championships are held over 4 days with up to 8 games being played by Macey. Her Riverina team will play against the best primary aged students from public, catholic and independent schools across NSW who have made this representative level of cricket. We wish Macey and her team well next week and we look forward to hearing of her experience when she returns.

Kindergarten Orientation Visit

Next Thursday, 3rd November, we will meet some of the new enrolments in Kindergarten for next year. Our Tiny Treasures will join us between 11:30am and 1.00pm. Our new enrolments will be given a taste of what Kindergarten will be like next year as they engage in a variety of activities.

They will also be visiting the following Thursdays 10th and 24th November. The last visit will also involve an informal parent meeting and morning tea for the parents of our new arrivals. We look forward to the meeting.

Important Dates

Thursday 3rd November
2017 Kinder Transition

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

Thursday 10th November
2017 Kinder Transition

Friday 25th November
Christmas Service
P&C Family Fun Day

Wednesday 7th December
Year 6 Farewell & School Dance

Tuesday 13th December
Presentation Night

Friday 16th December
Class Party Day &
Pool Afternoon
Students' Last Day 2016

Tuesday 20th December
Staff Last Day 2016



Lachie Booth
Katya Eddy



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Hunter Groutsch

Primary:

Issy Bennett

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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.

External Validation

Throughout this year we have been preparing for our schools participation in the external validation process. This is where each school on a 5 year cycle prepares a submission to be presented to a panel for review. This submission assesses how our school is aligning itself and its practices with the School Excellence Framework. The Framework is based on a review of national and international practice at the system, school and classroom level, including the National School Improvement Tool developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research.

Next Thursday a panel will meet with myself and go through our schools submission to discuss aspects of our findings in order to provide a validation for our decisions of where we have placed ourselves on the framework. It has been a very worthwhile process and has led to improvements in some of our practices and provided our school with future directions to consider.

Free Dental Check Up

A note has been sent home today indicating that Dr George Thomas (Dentist), who operates out of the Rao Medical Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays, has kindly offered his services to the children of Tocumwal Public School. During weeks 5 and 6 (8th -17th November) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dr Thomas has scheduled visits to do a free dental check-up/ assessment on all students at our school. This will occur on-site within the school between 2pm and 3pm. Parents of students who require a follow-up after the initial visit will be contacted directly by the surgery to make any necessary arrangements. Parents may choose to **opt out** this initial free dental assessment by filling out the slip on the bottom of the note sent home today and returning to office by this **Friday, 4th November, 2016**.

This is not compulsory as I am aware many families already have their own personal family dentist.

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, please call in to the office and see Alison Brooks who will be able to assist you.

Riversider

The *Riversider*, our school magazine, is currently being compiled by Mrs Hatty. Those families who have paid their voluntary contributions will receive a copy. Those families who have not paid (or may want more than one copy) may reserve a copy for \$15 each. Just complete the order form attached to this Newsletter and return it to the office with payment. The print run will be limited so secure one for your family. They are full of wonderful photos of your children as well as some of their work and other reports. Don't miss out. If you are not sure whether you have paid for one with your fees, please check with the office staff.

Darren White

Last Week's Awards



Infants Student of the Week:
Lilly Baron



Primary Student of the Week
Ethan Jeffress



School Award:
Lizzy Locke

Values Education

Kinder:

Max Thorburn

Year 1:

Lucy Watmore

Year 2:

Chloe McKenzie

Year 3/4:

Evelyn McCallum

Year 4/5:

Caitlin Jeffress

Year 5/6:

Blake Spicer-Wilson

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P&C News

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held in the school library on **Wednesday, 2nd November at 7.30pm**. Please come along if you are interested in a position on the committee, or even if you would just like to know what is happening at the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

BIG BREKKY

The P&C will be making bacon and egg rolls at the Big Brekky this Sunday. Please call Vanessa Bury (0459 082 060) if you are able to come and help. Donations of eggs would be gratefully received!

PLAQUES

We will soon be making our final order for plaques for this year. If you are interested in purchasing a plaque, please return the attached order form, with payment, to the office by Friday 2nd December. The cost of the plaque is \$40.00. They are 20cmx5.5cm in size and are silver with black lettering.

Tocumwal Family Dental Care

Healthy Teeth Healthy life

Our Services

General Dental checkups	crowns
Wisdom Teeth Extractions	Dentures
Childrens Dentistry	Braces
Teeth Whitening	Gum Treatment
Replacement of missing teeth	Implants

EMERGENCY DENTAL CARE

Tuesday & Thursdays

To make an appointment please contact
Vikki

Rao Medical Center
11 Morris Street
Tocumwal
Ph: (03) 58742177



*Free Dental Treatment for eligible children under 17 years.

Canteen Roster

Friday 28 th October	All Day: Laura Palmer
Friday 4 th November	All Day: Carly Almond
Friday 11 th November	All Day: Kim Sutton
Friday 18 th November	All Day: Laura Palmer
Friday 25 th November	All Day: Gen Scott
Friday 2 nd December	9-11.30am: Jenny Good 11.30-2pm: Gayle Boorn
Friday 9 th December	All Day: Laura Palmer
Friday 16 th December	Volunteer/s Required

Canteen News

I only need to fill one more date on the canteen roster for this term, Friday, 16th December. Please return the slip attached if you are able to assist.

Halloween is near 🐱💀👻 so this week's spooky recess specials will have a Halloween theme.

RECESS SPECIALS

Spooky Cupcakes from 50c - 80c
Slimy Cauldron (Jelly n Snakes) \$1.00
Zombie Mousse \$1.20

TOCUMWAL PRESCHOOL ANNUAL HALLOWEEN DISCO Friday 4th November 2016



Juniors (Preschool - Year 2) 5-6pm
Seniors (Year 3-6) 6.30-8pm

Come for a Spookily Good Time
Dancing & Prizes

\$5.00 entry

Soft Drinks \$2.00, Juice \$1.00,
Scary Snacks 50c, Glow Sticks \$2.00

Sausage Sizzle available for dinner

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YEAR 3/4 SWAN HILL EXCURSION ONLY 14 DAYS TO GO!

Children need to be at school at 7.45am on Wednesday 9th November. The Bus will leave at 8.00am. Please finalise payments by Friday 4th November.

P&C Buy a Plaque Fundraiser

The Tocumwal Public School P&C are offering families, both past and present and local businesses the opportunity to buy a plaque with their family/business name engraved on it. The plaques will be placed on the administration building brick wall beside the stairs leading down to the oval. The cost of the plaque is \$40. This is an ongoing fundraiser. The plaques are 20cm x 5.5cm in size and will be silver with black lettering.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I wish to order _____ plaques (\$40.00 each). I would like the following written on them

Plaque 1 _____

Plaque 2 _____

Plaque 3 _____

*Please return slip with payment to the school office.

2016 Riversider

Family Name _____

I wish to order _____ copies of the 2016 *Riversider* magazine.

Please include \$15 per copy with your order.

Canteen Roster Term 4 2016

I am able to assist in the Canteen on Friday 16th December

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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

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Tocumwal Public School P&C presents

**FAMILY
FUNDAY**

Friday 25th November

Tocumwal

Public

School Oval

JUMPING CASTLES

FAIRY FLOSS

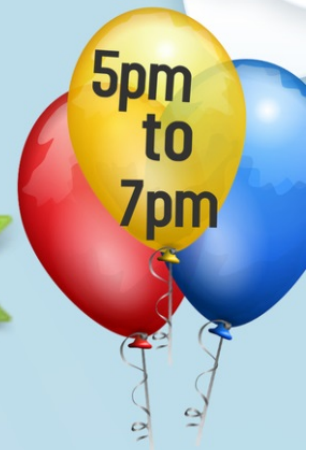
CLASS STALLS

COLD DRINKS

FACE PAINTING

BBQ

plus more.....





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