



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 2nd November, 2016

Term 4, Week 4

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Premier's Spelling Bee

We wish Alice Bouchier all the very best when she competes in the State Final next week in Sydney. We are extremely proud of your efforts.

Kindergarten Orientation Visit

Tomorrow, 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.

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.

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.

Year 3/4 Swan Hill Excursion

Next Wednesday, 9th November, students in Year 3 and 4 will be travelling to Swan Hill for their three day excursion. Please remember to be at school by 7.45am. The bus will be departing at 8.00am sharp. All payments must be finalised by this Friday 4th November. Should you require financial assistance please make an appointment to contact me through the office.

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



Lizzy Locke
Hunter Mathers
Will O'Connell
Blake Spicer-Wilson
Harrison Tainton
Macey White

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Free Dental Check Up

A note was sent home last week 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** of 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.

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

P&C News

P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held in the school library tonight, **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.

Swim & Survive Lessons

Tocumwal Swimming Pool 2:15-5:15pm Mon 9th to Thurs 19th January 2017

Preschool: \$50 not including pool entry. Lesson length 30 minutes for a 9 day program or 35 minutes for an eight day program.

School Age: \$70 not including pool entry. A sibling discount rate of \$50 is available for any additional school-age children enrolled in the same program. Lesson length 40 minutes for a 9 day program or 45 minutes for an eight day program.

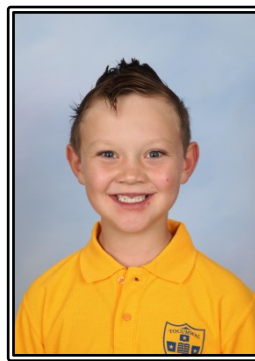
Phone: 131302

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Information pamphlets are available at the school office

Last Week's Awards



Infants Student of the Week:
Dylan McCallum



Primary Student of the Week
Kadeesha Conlan



School Award:
Talia Baron

Values Education

Kinder:

Lachie Booth

Year 1:

Adrienne Jones

Year 3/4:

Abby Jeffress

Year 4/5:

Hunter Mathers

Year 5/6:

Byron Bevan