



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 3rd February 2016

Term 1, Week 2

Principal: Darren White

Welcome

Welcome back to our students and families for 2016. We hope that everyone had a restful and happy Christmas / New Year period. Students in Years 1 to 6 returned last week and our new kindergarten students' started today. Our student numbers are solid this year, which has allowed us to continue with our 6 classes to start the year.

Classes for 2016

Our class teachers for this year are:

Kindergarten - Mrs. Robinson

Year 1 - Mrs. Gastin

Year 2 - Miss Laker

Year 3/4 - Mrs Lostroh & Mrs Gillespie

Year 4/5 - Mrs. Hatty

Year 5/6 - Miss Willoughby

This year I will be non-teaching as our school has been reclassified. I am looking forward to this change as it means I will be able to focus more of my time leading and managing our wonderful school.

School Swimming Scheme Changes

This year, due to our increased numbers and department recommendations our swimming program structure has changed from our traditional whole school program to a focus on Years 2-6. This will allow more room in our pool for our swimmers rather than the congestion we had been experiencing.

We will begin in week 3 on Monday 8th Feb and conclude on Friday 19th Feb with the school swimming carnival. A permission note was sent home yesterday explaining the program and asking for helpers to assist with the swimming scheme and at the swimming carnival. If you are able to help, please complete the form and return to the office by Monday 8th February.

NB. Our infants (5-7 year olds) will not be participating in the Carnival or swimming scheme this year as in the past. They will have their own swimming program towards the end of the year.

School Swimming Carnival

The annual School Swimming Carnival will take place on Friday 19th February. Students in Years 3-6, including any students in Year 2 that are 8 years and swimmers, will walk down to the Tocumwal Community Pool at 9:30am. The first event is due to start a little after 10:00am.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Elections are taking place this week for Years 1-6. Our newly elected SRC for semester 1 will be inducted into their roles at this Friday's assembly. We hope you can join us to congratulate them and wish them all the very best as they make their pledge.

Class Meetings

Our class teachers have sent out invitations for parents to meet their child's teacher. If you can't make it and would like to still catch up, please get in contact with your child's teacher to make another time.

Important Dates

Friday 5th February

SRC Badge Presentations

Mon 8th - Thurs 18th Feb

Intensive Swimming Program

Wednesday 17th February

P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 19th February

School Swimming Carnival

Friday 26th February

Zone Swimming Carnival

Happy Birthday



-Hunter Hardwidge
Ty Davis-White
Sienna Keith
Evelyn McCallum
Hannah Stewart

Alice Bouchier
Dakota Cracknell
Rhyllie DeRijcke
Mackenzie Loughrid~~~
Rory Wills
Jake Wilmot
Braydie Wright
*Who celebrated the
Birthdays in the Sch
Holidays*



Book Club

Issue 1 Book Club
has been
distributed today.
Please return
orders to the
office, with
payment, in a
sealed envelope
by Monday 15th
February.

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House Captain Elections

Last Friday, students met in their house teams to elect their Captains to lead their Houses in 2016. This coming Friday 5th February, during assembly at 2:30pm, students will be presented with their House Captains and Vice-Captains badges.

Congratulations to these students:

Wombat's Captains: Maddison Beatt and Braydie Wright

Vice Captains: Abby O'Connell and Costa Gillespie

Eagle's Captains: Jane Hatty and Patrick Bennett

Vice-Captains: Macey White and Jake Wilmot

Koala's Captains: Charlie Mulholland and Chase Hardwidge

Vice-Captains: Lizzie Locke and Blake Spicer

We are looking forward to them showing us their leadership capabilities at the Swimming Carnival.

Skoolbag App

Last year we launched a parent communication app for parents and caregivers of students from our school. This app has many functions. We are able to 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 is a 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. We will be only too happy to help you install it.

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

P&C Meeting

On Wednesday, 17th February, our P&C will hold its first official meeting for the year at 7:30pm in the School Library. All parents are most welcome to attend. We would love to see you there.

Head Lice

A case of head lice has been reported to the school already. As a health measure could you please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Your child need not stay home from school once treatment for the problem has begun. We recommend that you speak to a pharmacist about the best way to treat your child's hair.

Update your details

Have you moved, got a new email address or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

Early Risers

Just a reminder that students are encouraged not to be at school any earlier than 8:45am, except for students travelling on buses. Teacher supervision does not begin until 8:50am. Any students who arrive early are to be seated under the COLA and not playing with sporting equipment until the 8:50am bell is sounded.

Absentee Notes

Attached to the newsletter is an absentee slip to be used when your child is absent from school. It is a legal requirement that any student that has been absent from school provide the school with a note from their parent or caregiver. Failure to do so may result in a visit from the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO). If you have run out of absentee slips please call in at the office for a new sheet. At the beginning of each term we will send one home with the first newsletter. A copy can also be found on the school website. www.tocumwal-p.schools.nsw.edu.au under the parental consent forms heading. NB. Don't forget you can fill out an absentee form on the Tocumwal Skoolbag App and send it through electronically. It is very easy to do.

Label everything!

Your child's belongings can be 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

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Keep Lunches Cool

A recent survey by the NSW Food Authority of primary school lunch boxes has found that more than 70% of students could be at a higher risk of food poisoning for failing to keep their lunches cool enough. Simply placing an ice block or frozen drink in your child's lunch box will help keep their lunch safe from harmful bacteria.

Here are more ways to minimise the risk of food poisoning:

- Buy an insulated lunch box to keep foods cold until lunchtime.
- Freeze water bottles or drinks overnight and place them in the lunch pack. The water or drinks will thaw by lunchtime, but will still be cold and will help keep the rest of the lunch cold.
- Some food is safe without a cold source. This includes whole fruits, vegetables, hard cheeses, meat and fish in cans, bread, crackers, pickles and some spreads.
- Ask children to keep packed lunches out of direct sunlight and away from heat sources. A cool, dark place like a locker is best.
- If lunches are made the night before, keep them in the refrigerator overnight.

For more information on the lunch box survey and food safety tips go to: www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au

Eight Ways to get your Kids Organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday's half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/eight-great-ways-to-get-your-kids-organised-for-school>

Beat the Heat

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Remind your child to protect themselves from sun and heat exposure while at school by:

- reducing their exposure to the sun, wherever possible
- wearing broad-brimmed hats in the playground to protect the face, neck and ears
- playing in shaded areas, particularly during peak times of UV levels
- drinking plenty of water using 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.

MRS ROBINSON'S 'TINY TREASURES'



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P&C News

Welcome to 2016 for new and existing families!
The P&C will hold its first meeting for 2016 on Wednesday 17th February at 7.30pm in the School Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. We love to hear new and exciting ideas to raise money for our awesome school.

Canteen will commence this Friday 5th February. We are still looking for a Canteen Coordinator for 2016. If you are interested or you know of someone who would like to take on this role please let me know. Jax Wright has kindly offered to fill this position for Term 1.

Hope to see some new faces at our meetings in 2016!

Nicole Jones, P&C President, Ph: 0458 504 795

Community Notes

FINLEY FARMERS' MARKET

This Saturday the Finley Farmers' Market will be back at the Finley Lake and are happy to let you know that they will be hosting a back to school theme; so come along to check it out, enjoy the surrounds, the great bacon and egg rolls and have a catch up with the community.

BAROOGA SPORTIES

8 WEEK TERM 1 SWIMMING LESSONS

Enrolments are open for Term 1 Swimming Lessons, Infant, Pre-School and School Age.
Commencing Saturday, January 30th.
Phone 58734644 for your booking.



Canteen Roster Term 1 2016

I am able to be placed on the Canteen Roster for Term 1, 2016.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I am available: ☐ All Day 9am-2.30pm ☐ Morning 9am-12 noon ☐ Afternoon 11.30am-2.30pm

I am able to assist on the following dates:

☐ Friday 12th February

☐ Friday 19th February

☐ Friday 26th February

☐ Friday 4th March

☐ Friday 11th March

☐ Friday 18th March

☐ Friday 1st April

☐ Friday 8th April

* Please return slip to the office as soon as possible



Tocumwal Public School **2016 Annual Swimming Carnival Helpers**

I am able to assist with the Annual School Swimming Carnival on Friday 19th February

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AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Tocumwal

Our multi - sports after School program offers children the chance to try a variety of different sports these include :Go-karting, Basketball, Hockey, Tennis , Soccer, Netball, Baseball, dodge ball, Cricket and many more games and exciting and safe environment which guarantees you will leave with a smile.

DATES: WEDNESDAY

FEB 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

MAR 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

APRIL 6th

TIME: 3.10pm to 4.30pm



AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

BOOKING & PAYMENT SLIP

Payment to be made by cheque OR cash and returned with booking slip to the school office. Cheque made payable to 'SKILLZONE'

\$15 DISCOUNT PER SIBLING

COST \$ 65 Term block book

\$ 10 Individual session

Name:.....

Address:.....

Age:.....

Phone:.....(mobile).....

Email:.....

Medical information:.....

ADAM GATCUM 0400 615 145

skillzone.adamgatum@gmail.com

SKILLZONE will not be liable for any injury or damage whilst participating in sessions. All coaches are fully qualified and first aid trained. SKILLZONE will endeavour to offer the safest environment for all participants

Parents / Guardian sign

Parental supervision not required but is always welcomed.

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