



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 17th February 2016

Term 1, Week 4

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

School Swimming Scheme

Our swimming program is well and truly into its second week. It's been amazing to see the progress our students have been making. Parental assistance has been great. Thank you for your support of this important program and to all of our dedicated parent helpers. Also, thank you to Miss Willoughby who has been coordinating this program.

School Swimming Carnival

The annual School Swimming Carnival will take place this Friday 19th February. Students in Years 3-6 (who are swimming), including any students in Year 2 who are 8 years old 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.

If any students are leaving straight from the pool to go home after the Carnival, they will need to take their bags to the pool and provide their class teacher with a note stating where they are to go and with whom. **No students will be allowed to walk home or go with another child's family unless they have written permission or parents have made verbal consent with a teacher.**

For those students attending the carnival for the whole day, a sausage sizzle (\$2 each) will be available as well as some drinks and other treats for purchasing during the recess and lunch breaks.

We have been advised from the pool committee that all parents and supporters are expected to make a gold coin donation upon entry to the pool. Please offer this on entry to the pool.

If any parents are available to assist on this day could you please complete the slip on the reverse side of the Newsletter and send it in to the front office. Thank you.

Please note that the baby pool will be out of bounds during the Carnival for all pre-schoolers and toddlers until the life guard opens it during the recess and lunch breaks. This is because the Life Guard will be supervising over the Carnival. Sorry if this causes any inconvenience.

Riverina Cricket Trials

We wish Chase Hardwidge and Angus Bouchier the best of luck when they head to Deniliquin on Monday to trial for the Riverina PSSA Boys Cricket Team. The standard is usually very high and the day will be a real test for all attending. During the day the selectors will pick a number of players to attend a further selection trial the following week with players from all over the Riverina. The successful players will play off in the NSW PSSA State Cricket Championships later in the year. Good luck boys!



Important Dates

Mon 8th - Thurs 18th Feb
Intensive Swimming Program

Wednesday 17th February
P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 19th February
School Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 24th February
Brian Taber Shield

Friday 26th February
Zone Swimming Carnival

Monday 7th March
Regional Swimming Carnival

Friday 25th March
Good Friday

Monday 28th March
Easter Monday

Friday 8th April
Last Day Term 1

Happy Birthday



Malcom Apps
Mrs Robinson
Mrs Keleher

From the Office...
For those who are yet to pay for swimming, please do so as soon as possible.

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District Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 26th February, students who have qualified to represent Tocumwal Public School will compete at the Finley Zone Swimming Carnival at the Cobram Swimming Pool.

The children will be catching a bus to the pool at 9:00am and returning to school to meet connecting buses by 3:00pm. Tocumwal Public School will be hosting the Zone Carnival this year. We would love for any parents to come forward and assist on the day as part of the Tocumwal Public School team as a time keeper.

Brian Taber Shield

Next Wednesday, our boy's cricket team will play in the first round of the Brian Taber Shield against a combined Jerilderie and Berrigan side in Jerilderie at Monash Park. The bus will leave the school at 9am and return to school before 3pm. We wish the team the best of luck.

School Fees

Attached to the Newsletter last week was the 2016 School Fee contribution form. This also takes into account the cost of the Maths and Spelling text books and consumables. It would be appreciated if you could return the form to the school office with your payment promptly. We thank you in advance for your contribution.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

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

The survey is a great opportunity for our students in **Years 4-6** to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14th March and 8th April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey are being sent home with students today. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Friday 26 February**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

P&C Meeting Tonight

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for tonight, Wednesday, 17th February, 7:30pm in the school library. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Darren White

Reading with your child at home

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that these are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/en/home-work-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-with-your-child-at-home>

P&C News

The P&C will hold its first meeting for 2016 tonight 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.

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.

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

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Canteen Roster

Friday 19th February

9am-12pm Tracey Perryman
11.30am-2.30pm Margaret Rumble

Friday 26th February

9am-12pm Laura Palmer
11.30am-2.30pm Helen Beer

Friday 4th March

All Day Kim Sutton

Friday 11th March

9am-12pm Emma Baron
11.30am-2.30pm Nanna Bibby

Friday 18th March

9am-12pm Laura Palmer
11.30am-2.30pm Niely Baron

Friday 1st April

All Day Leianne McKenzie

Friday 8th April

9am-12pm Emma Baron
11.30am-2.30pm Nanna Bibby



Newsletter - Email or Hard Copy



Please find below a return slip for parents to indicate how they would prefer to receive their Newsletters this year.

If you would like to receive your Newsletter via email please indicate on the slip and return it to the office as soon as possible. Emailed Newsletters should be received around 3-3.10pm on Wednesday afternoons.

Students will continue to bring home a hard copy of the Newsletter until the end of Term 1. After that the Newsletters will be distributed as stated on the return slip.

Notice to receive Newsletter via Email or Hard Copy

Family Name:

Student Name: Class:

Student Name: Class:

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☐ I wish receive a hard copy Newsletter.

☐ I wish to receive my Newsletter by email (please provide email address).

Email address:



****Please return 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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Community Notes

COBRAM AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION 2016 AUTUMN REGISTRATION Season Starts 29th February 2016

All registrations online via Cobram Basketball website, all registrations close Wednesday 24th February 2016.

If you have any queries or require assistance please contact Rod Armstrong on 1418 148 942

Interested in becoming a referee?

Please contact Fiona McKay on 0419 591 593 about our hands on coaching program and gaining your qualifications.



Interested in playing SOCCER?



SOCCER preseason activities coming to FINLEY

Melbourne City Soccer Clinic

Melbourne City will be running a **Free** Soccer clinic on Sat 27th Feb at the Finley High School Oval. Ages (4-9): 9am-10:30am Ages (10-14) 11am-12:30pm. If your child would like to take part in the clinic please send an email with the following details:

Name, DOB, contact no, and if any medical issues to: mwane31@gmail.com

MiniRoos Kick-Off

MiniRoos Kick-Off is a 6 wk. program for boys and girls aged 4-9*. It uses short, game-based sessions to introduce newcomers to soccer in a fun and inclusive way, whilst also providing good preseason preparation for those who have already played before.

Starting: Saturday 5th March (9am-10am)

Venue: Finley High School

Cost: \$50 – This covers 6 sessions and a participant pack (including a ball)

http://www.miniroos.com.au/program-finder/?search_value=Finley

*Note; Children aged 10-14 interested in the program email expressions of interest to mwane31@gmail.com

Grassroots Soccer Certificate

Parents - Would you like to help? (Yes...but I'm not confident and don't know how) Come and learn the basic rules and how to organise FUN soccer exercises to help our kids build a love for the game. This will be run for **free** by the Football Federation of Victoria at Cobram on Thursday 25th Feb @ 6:30pm. To register go to:

<https://education-ffa.sportingpulse.com/event.asp?ID=13470&EIDMC=9101251>

Cobram Junior Soccer Association

Do you want to play soccer for the 2016 season? CJSA provides a fun and safe environment for boys and girls ages U6-U14 to enjoy playing the world game each Saturday. The season begins Sat 30 April. Registrations will begin shortly online.

Don't miss out!

For updates on any of the above activities go to the Cobram Junior Soccer Association Facebook page or the CJSA website: http://www.foxsportspulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?client=1-9375-0-0-0

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