



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 24th February 2016

Term 1, Week 5

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

School Swimming Carnival

Last Friday we held our annual school swimming carnival. Many thanks to the parents, staff and helpers who assisted on the day with the many jobs including time keeping. A big thanks to Mrs Robinson, Mrs Hatty, Miss Willoughby and Penny Jones who were doing the sums and lead up work behind the scene. Your help was greatly appreciated. A special thank you also to the P&C team for providing refreshments and the pool committee for their yummy sausages.

This year's overall winning team was: **Wombats**

Rosemary Reed Participation Shield: **Eagles**

Age Champions for 2016: Jnr Boy- Jackson Bury, Jnr Girl-Rhyllie DeRijcke, 11Yrs Boy- Mason Beatt, 11Yrs Girl- Macey White, Snr Boy- Braydie Wright, Snr Girl- Amelia Locke. Congratulations to our swimming Champions and all students for your efforts during the Carnival. During the Carnival we had a massive four school records broken! Jackson Bury managed to break three of them and Logan White the other one. A wonderful result for the swimmers and very entertaining for the onlookers throughout the day.



District Swimming Carnival

On Friday 26th February we will have 27 students who have qualified to represent Tocumwal Public School at the Finley Zone Swimming Carnival to be held at the Cobram Swimming Pool.

The children will be catching a bus to the pool at 9:00am and return in time to meet connecting buses by 3:00pm. We will be hosting the 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. Please return permission notes and payment to the office by Friday 26th February.

Clean Up Australia

On Friday, 26th February, our students will participate in Clean up Australia Day 2016. Each class will look after a section of the school or go further afield in the community to do our little bit to take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our prized Australian environment. So bring your gloves and tongs and a bag to help out.

Important Dates

Friday 26th February
Zone Swimming Carnival
Clean Up Australia Day

Wednesday 2nd March
Brian Taber Shield

Monday 7th March
Regional Swimming Carnival

Friday 18th March
Easter Service

Friday 25th March
Good Friday

Monday 28th March
Easter Monday

Friday 8th April
Last Day Term 1

Happy Birthday



Hallie Burke
Brock Bear
Jackson Bury
Hayden Keith
Tom White
Darcee Stevens
Samantha Anderson-Catchpool



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Hunter Groutsch

Primary:

Tully Jones

From the Office...

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

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Riverina Cricket Trials

On Monday Chase Hardwidge and Angus Bouchier headed over to Deniliquin to trial for the Riverina PSSA Boys Cricket Team.

During the session the selectors chose 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 in later in the year. Angus Bouchier caught the eye of the selectors and has been invited back next week. Unfortunately Chase missed out despite putting in a solid performance.

Congratulations Angus and Good Luck at the next level. We hope you can make the squad.

Brian Taber Shield

Next Wednesday 2nd March, 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 school at 9am and return back to school before 3pm. We wish the team the best of luck. The date was changed due to extreme weather forecast this week.

Asthma and updated Health Care Plans

If your child has been identified by a doctor as having severe asthma, they should supply you with an Asthma Health Care Plan for your child. This must also include an emergency response plan. If this is the case could you please bring a copy in to school. This will help us identify your child and follow the correct procedures in the case of an emergency.

If your child's doctor has supplied you with a Health Care Plan for other health issues with your child could you please send this in so we can update our records.

School Fees

Attached to the Week 3 Newsletter 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 14 March and 8 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 were sent home with students last week. 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.

Change of Routine

If your child is not going home the usual way they do every other day, eg. bus, walking or getting picked up, could you please contact the school (phone or letter) so we can ensure your child is reminded of what they are to do. We are more than happy to do this. Especially our infants, who sometimes can get a little confused. Also, if you happen to have an extra person turn up at your home please make sure you send them on their way home or contact the child's parents. As sometimes children have been known to arrange their play dates without parental permission. It doesn't happen very often, but it can cause distress if parents don't know where their children are.

Darren White

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To help Tocumwal Public School participate in the annual Clean up Australia Day, it has been decided that this Friday we are going to tidy up our school and around Tocumwal. We are asking children to bring a hat, gloves and a plastic bag on Friday.

Those students attending the Zone Carnival will miss out this time.

K/1/2 will tidy inside the school grounds, Year 3/4 will clean up outside the school grounds, Year 4/5 will clean up the foreshore and Year 5/6 will clean up the footy grounds.

Thankyou, Mrs Gastin

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:

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I wish receive a hard copy Newsletter.

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



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Canteen Roster

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

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COBRAM AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

2016 AUTUMN REGISTRATION

Season starts 29 February 2016

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

If you have any enquiries or require assistance please
contact Rod Armstrong on 0418 148 942

Interested in becoming a referee?

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

DANIEL MORCOMBE FOUNDATION INC DINNER FOR DANIEL

6.30pm Saturday 5th March

Club Mulwala, 271 Melbourne Street Mulwala
Two Course Dinner & 3 Hour Beer, Wine & Soft
Drink Package.

Semi-Formal Dress with a Touch of Red

Tickets \$100 each. Tables of 8 & 16 Available
Special Guests: Bruce and Denise Morcombe,
Andrew Wishart and Sally Chatfield Band from
The X Factor and featuring Sam Newman from
the Footy Show.

For more Information or to book
contact Prue 0417427308

Community Notes

TOCUMWAL U14 FOOTBALL

Training will commence on Thursday 25th
February 2016, at 5:30pm

Club Signup (Junior and Senior), will be on
Thursday 3rd March at 5:00pm

For More details, contact Debbie Garlic on
0409 000 049

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SOUTHERN SPORTS ACADEMY'S NETBALL TID CAMP

19th-22nd April 2016

Equex Centre, Wagga Wagga

We are excited to announce that former NSW
Swifts player, Jackie Murphy, will host our Junior
Netball Camp this year and will be joined by a
panel of experienced coaches including Southern
Sports Academy Coaching staff, special guest
coaches and Southern Sports Academy athletes.

This year players between the ages of 7 and 10
will be attending on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday
20th April, while the players aged between 11 and
14 will attend on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd.

The annual Junior Netball Camp has become a
crucial event for the identification of the best
young talent in the Southern part of the state who
may be eligible to join the Academy squad.

This year we will be adding a day of training for
aspiring umpires.

Application forms are available at the office. The
form is also available on the Academy's website
(www.ssa-nsw.org.au). The form can also be filled
in online at <http://bit.ly/24baduD>.

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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Helping Children who find it hard to make friends

If your child finds it hard to make friends, you can be more active in helping her. You could look for extracurricular activities – for example, sports, dance or art classes – to give your child opportunities to meet children with similar interests.

Sometimes reminders about what to do might help too. For example, you could encourage your child to introduce himself when he meets new children – ‘Hello, I’m Kai. What’s your name?’

You might need to be active in setting up playdates for your child. For example, on the way home from an activity ask your child if there’s anyone she’d like to invite. At the next class, help her to invite her friend.

Another idea is to ask your child whether he’s interested in the games other children are playing at school. He might be keen to play soccer, but unsure about the rules. If he doesn’t like the games that they’re playing, you could suggest that he starts a game that he does like by asking some classmates to play it with him.

Other ways to support friendships

Some schools have a buddy system, where the younger students have an older student as their buddy for the year. If your child needs help finding her friends or isn’t sure of what to play, she could try asking her older buddy for help.

Many schools have other great ways of helping children find someone to play with, so it’s worth asking your child’s teacher if you think your child needs some help.

If your child has special needs, he might also need extra help with his friendships. You could try making friends with other parents and getting together after school at a playground. Give the other parents and children some ideas on how to include your child. For example, ‘Bill loves watching people play soccer. He can throw the ball in and be the scorer’.