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TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 16th March 2016

Term 1, Week 8

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Darren White

Western Riverina AFL Trials

We wish Hayden Davis, Chase Hardwidge, Blair Eddy and Braydie Wright all the best of 'footballers luck' as they join the rest of the Finley District AFL team to play in the Western Zone AFL trials on Thursday March 19th in Leeton NSW. The Finley District team will play against other Western Riverina districts throughout the day. At the end of the day a Western Riverina Team will be selected to attend a further selection trial against the Eastern Riverina team. From here students will be selected to play in the Riverina AFL team to compete in the NSW PSSA State AFL Carnival.

Anti-Bullying Day/Crazy Hair Day

On Friday 18th March our SRC will be encouraging all students to participate in the National Anti-Bullying and Violence Day. Children are encouraged to wear something orange as a sign of support. Students may wear plain clothes if they bring a gold coin donation. The SRC members will collect the coins in the morning.



The SRC have combined this day with Crazy Hair Day. Children will be able to come to school wearing a crazy hair style or have their hair spray painted at school by the SRC under the watchful eye of Mrs Gastin our SRC coordinator.

Definition-Bullying is REPEATED verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Cyberbullying refers to bullying that is carried out through information and communication technologies.



Easter Hat/Bonnet Parade and Raffle

On Thursday 24th March at 9:20am students are invited to bring or wear to school an Easter hat or bonnet. All participating students will parade their hat in front of the school in the assembly area.

We will not be having an assembly during the parade.

We will draw the P&C Easter Egg raffle after the parade.

Important Dates

Friday 18th March

Easter Service
SRC Anti Bullying and
Crazy Hair Day
NO ASSEMBLY

Thursday 24th March

Easter Hat Parade 9.20am
P&C Easter Raffle Drawn

Friday 25th March

Good Friday

Monday 28th March

Easter Monday

Wednesday 30th March

Year 6 Forensic Day

Friday 1st April

P&C Movie Night

Wednesday 6th April

P&C Meeting 7pm

Friday 8th April

Last Day Term 1

Monday 25th April

ANZAC Day

Tuesday 26th April

Staff Return for Term 2

Wednesday 27th April

Students Return for Term 2

Happy Birthday



Jake Hicks
Logan White
Nikita Phillips
Tomy Mulholland



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Monet Vinecombe

Primary:

Tully Jones

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Infants and Primary Movie Night

On Friday, 1st April we will be holding a Movie Night. We will be running an infant's (K-2) movie in the Kindergarten classroom and a movie for primary students (Yrs. 3-6) in the library. The entry fee of \$5 will include supper and a drink. Other items will be made available at the canteen during intermission if children are still peckish. The movie will begin at **6 pm** sharp and will be finished for parents to collect their children at **8 pm**. Students attending are expected to arrive from 5:30pm so they can fit their supper in before the movie starts. Please don't come late as it only disturbs those who are watching the movie. Hope to see you there. Tell your friends. All welcome, bring the family. **No children** are allowed in the playground during Movie Night. They must stay up in the assembly area before moving into the classroom or library. NB. High School Students are welcome if they do not talk or play with mobile phones.

School Fees

Attached to the Newsletter in week 4 was the 2016 School Fee Contribution Form. This also takes into account the cost of the Maths text book and consumables. It would be appreciated if you could return the form to the school office with your payment promptly. Thank you to those families who have returned their forms with payment.

School Photos-Change of Date

Please be advised that the date for school photos has changed. The new date will be Term 2 Friday 6th May.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

In 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be sat for all students in Years 3 & 5 in all government and non-government schools. This program will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the agreed national benchmarks of student achievement.

The tests will be conducted across Australia in Term 2 on the same days for all students according to the following timetable:

Tuesday 10th May – Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.

Wednesday 11th May – Reading test

Thursday 12th May – Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and space)

Friday 13th May – A make-up day is scheduled for students who missed a section of the test or were absent on a particular day.

Access to special provisions and exemption from the tests must be discussed with me, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from the tests. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent or carer consent form. Consent forms are available here at school.

Additional information for parents about the National Assessment Program can be found on this website:

<http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html>

Please make an appointment to see me if you would like further information about your child's participation in the National Assessment Program.

Last Week's Awards



Infants Student of the Week:
Lilly Clarke



Primary Student of the Week
Samantha Anderson-Catchpool



School Award:
Tahni Dunne

Values Education:

Kinder:

Charlie Gatty

Year 1:

Lucy Watmore

Year 2:

Nikita Phillips

Year 3/4:

Katya Eddy

Year 4/5:

Keely Peters

Year 5/6:

Millie Locke

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Change of Routine

If your child is not going home the usual way, eg: bus, walking or getting picked up, could you please contact the school by phone or letter to their teacher 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.

SRC Report

This Friday, 18th March, the SRC will be having a fun day at school. It will be a combined Crazy Hair Day and an Anti-Bullying Day. Students are asked to wear something orange (the colour for Anti-Bullying Day) and have a crazy hair style. The SRC are going to spray people's hair at Recess.

Each child is asked to bring a gold coin donation to support the Leukaemia Foundation.

Thank you,
Mrs Gastin

New!

Library Bags are now available to purchase from the school office @ \$6.40 each.

P&C Easter Raffle

Drawn Thursday 24th March

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

Raffle tickets were sent home last week

Please return them to the office by Monday 21st March

We are asking each family to please donate an Easter Egg for the Raffle.

Thank you to those who have already donated.



Canteen Roster

Friday 18th March

9am-12pm

Laura Palmer

11.30am-2.30pm

Niely Baron

Friday 1st April

All Day

Leiann McKenzie

Friday 8th April

9am-12pm

Emma Baron

11.30am-2.30pm

Nanna Bibby



P&C Bulb Drive

Please return orders with payment to the office by Friday 8th April



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P&C News

EASTER RAFFLE

Easter Raffle tickets were sent home last week with the school Newsletter. Please return them by next Monday 21st March. Could all Easter egg donations be dropped in to the office by Monday as well. Thank you to all those who have already donated.

BULB DRIVE

Bulb Drive forms were also sent home with last week's Newsletter. Please return orders to the office with payment by Monday 4th April. Bulbs ordered should be at school for collection early in Term 2.

CANTEEN COODINATOR

Our new Canteen Coordinator for Term 2 is Sonia Cracknell. Thank you for putting your hand up for this position otherwise we would not have canteen next term. We will be looking for helpers again next term so if you are able to spare an hour or two it would be greatly appreciated.

MOVIE NIGHT

The Movie Night will be held on Friday 1st April from 5.30pm. \$5.00 entry includes a sausage and drink. There will also be goodies for sale during a short break. All children are to arrive at 5.30pm for the movie to start at 6pm. There will be a break halfway through the movie and children are able to buy lollies etc. from the canteen. Pick up at 8pm. No child will be permitted to leave without a parent/guardian.

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

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.

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Notice to receive Newsletter via Email or Hard Copy

Family Name:

Student Name: Class:

Student Name: Class:

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).



Email address:

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to Year 5 and year 6!

We have had such an amazing response to our Chocolate Fundraiser and wish to thank our amazing students, families and community for getting behind such a worthwhile program. We ordered 80 boxes and I am happy to report we are down to our last few boxes.

This fundraising is aimed at assisting students to pay for their camp that will be happening in Term 3 (*more information to come at a later date*).

Please do not worry if you wanted more boxes or haven't had the opportunity to get some. As demand for chocolates has been high I will give the students another opportunity to order more chocolates in Term 2.

This way we space out our selling and are more likely to be productive with sales.

Thank you again for your continued support for our students and school activities, it is greatly appreciated.



Community Notes

TOCUMWAL RODEO

Easter Sunday 27th March 2016

Tocumwal Pony Club Grounds

Gates Open 4pm, Rodeo Starts 6pm

Adults: \$25 U/18: \$20 U/6: Free

Aged Pensioners: \$10.00

Family: \$60 (2 adults & 2xU/18)

VIP Pass: \$150 (Booking to Michelle prior to event)

- * No BYO Alcohol
- * Bring your own chair
- * Bar, Amusements, Food & Merchandise Available
- * Strictly no dogs allowed
- * Stock Contractor: McPhee Rodeo Company

For More Information Please Contact

Michelle: 0417 523 495

Gerard: 0429 852 573



MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 26th April

7.30pm at the Finley Recreation Reserve

Open to all ages from Year 6 – Senior Citizens with special emphasis on adolescents and parent/carers

Guest Speakers Include:

Mrs Cheryl Bester (Clinical Psychologist)

Mr Greg Fraser (Mental Health Nurse with 50 years' experience & instigator of Nolan House Albury)

Mr Garrick Bridges (Nursing Unit Manager at Karinya, Albury Private Hospital)

Sam Little (Author & Survivor)

Tania Maxwell (Early Intervention)

Dr Alam Yoosuf (GP-Finley)

Gold Coin Entry – Proceeds to Beyond Blue

Light Supper Provided

Information: Lee McLennan 0432 629 589

Dean Russell: 0422 311 483







Berrigan Children's Centre

'Bare Root' Tree Drive



The Berrigan Children's Centre is conducting a 'Bare Root' Tree Drive as a fundraiser. Funds raised from the tree drive will go towards maintenance of the Centre. All trees are being supplied by Fleming's Nurseries Pty Ltd.

Orders must be placed at the Berrigan Children's Centre by Friday 1st April, 2016.

Order forms are available from the Berrigan Children's Centre at 17-19 Stewart Street, Berrigan. Please call into the Centre to collect an order form and a copy of Fleming's Top 10 Trees booklet. For further information phone 03 5885 2324 or email bcca@bigpond.com.

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Monitoring your child online

You can monitor and supervise your child's use of the internet in several ways:

Talk with all family members about internet access. Monitoring works best if you can have calm and frank discussions with your child about his internet activities.

Keep your desktop computer in a family area, or make sure your child uses tablets, phones and hand-held devices where you can see her. If possible, avoid online activity in a study or bedroom. This helps you keep an eye on how long your child is online as well as what websites she's visiting.

Turn off all internet-accessing devices at night, including mobile phones, and keep portable devices in a common family space.

Together with your child, set up some simple and fair rules about internet use. For example, set a reasonable limit on your child's screen time. Discuss how these rules apply outside your home – for example, at the local library. When your child follows the rules, give him lots of positive feedback.

Let your child know that social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram don't allow children aged under 13 years to set up accounts. You can direct your child to more age-appropriate sites such as Moshi Monsters or Club Penguin instead.

Check the websites your child has been visiting by using the History tab in your browser.



Canteen Roster Term 2 2016

I am able to be placed on the Canteen Roster for Term 2, 2016.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I am willing to do ☐ one ☐ two ☐ three days this term (please tick)

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 29th April

☐ Friday 6th May

☐ Friday 13th May

☐ Friday 20th May

☐ Friday 27th May

☐ Friday 3rd June

☐ Friday 10th June

☐ Friday 17th June

☐ Friday 24th June

☐ Friday 1st July

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