



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 27th April 2016

Term 2, Week 1

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Welcome back for the start of Term 2. We hope everyone had a nice, relaxing break. This term looks very busy for all of the students and staff as well. Make the most of every opportunity and do your very best!

Everyone swims a PB at NSW State Swimming Champs



During the last week of school last term, Logan White - Year 2, Jackson Bury - Year 4 and Macey White - Year 5 all travelled to Sydney to compete in the NSW PSSA State Swimming Championships held in Sydney's Homebush Olympic Pool.

It was an amazing experience for our children to compete at such a high level and it is one they will never forget. All students achieved their personal best swimming times in their events. Congratulations on your fantastic efforts.

ANZAC Day March

It was an impressive sight to see the students representing Tocumwal Public School in their uniforms at the ANZAC Day march and ceremony on Monday. In total, we had over 90 students marching and participating.

Thank you to those students and families who made the special effort to march and sing on ANZAC Day.

Each student who marched or showed their support on horseback will receive an extended recess break back at school as a reward for their commitment.



School Photos

School photos will be taken on Friday 6th May during the morning session. Envelopes will be sent home with your child's name on them. These envelopes, with payment, can be returned to the office at any time prior to photo day. Students will need to wear their **Friday sports uniform** as per any normal Friday.

Important Dates

Tuesday 26th April

Staff Return for Term 2

Wednesday 27th April

Students Return for Term 2

Friday 6th May

School Photos

Tuesday 10th May

NAPLAN – Language/Writing

Wednesday 11th May

NAPLAN – Reading

Thursday 12th May

NAPLAN - Numeracy

Friday 13th May

School Cross-Country

Friday 20th May

Zone Cross-Country - Urana

Friday 10th June

Winter Round Robin-Mulwala

Monday 13th June

Queen's Birthday

Thursday 16th June

Riverina Cross-Country

Happy Birthday



Molly Bear

Byron Bevan

Amelia Locke

Alana Sutton

Abby Jeffress

Mrs Maley

Robbo

Lathan Jeffress

Jessica Bennett

Chase Brunskill

Knox Hamilton

Kadeesha Conlan

Book Club Issue 3

Due: 9am

Friday 6th May

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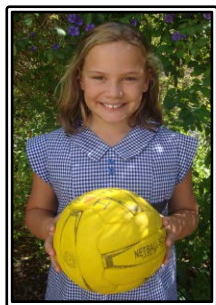
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School Cross Country

Our annual School Cross Country Carnival will be held next Friday, 13th April.

The children will walk over to the Recreation Reserve at 11:40am. The first race will be infants and is expected to begin at 11:50am. The children will walk the course earlier in the morning after Assembly so that the track is fresh in their minds.

During the races, we will require some parent volunteers to be at specific check points around the course. The races should be over in about an hour. We would appreciate any help out on the course that we could get. If you have a hand-held UHF that we would be able to borrow could you please bring it along so we can maintain contact with our checkpoints. Please let us know if you can assist. We have 10 check points that need to be manned. Please fill out the helpers' form at the bottom of the Newsletter.



Good Luck Jane and Abby at Netball trials

Jane Hatty and Abby O'Connell have both been selected into the Finley Zone Netball team after attending the zone trials late last term. Jane, Abby and their team will play in Griffith in the Western Riverina Trials on Friday 29th April. It is a super opportunity for Jane and Abby to play against some of the best netballers in the Riverina and we know they will make the most of their experience. Good Luck Girls!

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

In 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held 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.

Absentee Notes

Attached to the newsletter this week is a slip for parents to fill in when your child has been absent from school. Simply fill in the appropriate details and send the slip into school to your child's classroom teacher. It is a requirement by law that all students under 15 attend school each day. All absences need to be explained so that the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) is satisfied that there is a legitimate reason for a child's absence. Any unexplained absences that show a consistent pattern will be investigated by the HSLO.

The other and much easier way, is to submit it using the **Tocumwal Public School skoolbag app**. It goes directly to school from your smartphone!

Darren White

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KEEPING UP TO DATE WITH SCHOOL NEWS

Our Skoolbag app is updated weekly with upcoming school events, school newsletters and other important community announcements. Please make sure you are checking it regularly.

Key points to remember when using Skoolbag:

- The app will only notify you of an event if it is sent as an alert! This is why you must regularly check Skoolbag to keep up to date with other information that is added as events or newsletters.
- Every time any teacher adds an alert for their specific class it will only notify those people who have added that class under 'Push Notifications'. Even though you may not get the alert you will still be able to read it in the alerts.
- When first installing Skoolbag if you did not nominate that you would like to receive Push Notifications from the app you will not receive any of the alerts, regardless if you have nominated your class. Go into App resetting and select to receive push notifications.

If you require any assistance with your Skoolbag app please feel free to talk to Miss Willoughby or Mr White. We would like to continue to utilise this fabulous communicative tool to keep our school community informed.

Canteen Roster

Friday 29th April

All Day: Laura Palmer
All Day: Toni Webb

Friday 6th May

9am-12pm Emma Baron
11.30am-2.30pm Volunteer Required

Friday 13th May

9am-12pm Carly Almond
11.30am-2.30pm Volunteer Required

Friday 20th May

9am-12pm Volunteer Required
11.30am-2.30pm Volunteer Required

Friday 27th May

Volunteers Required

Friday 3rd June

9am-12pm Emma Baron
11.30am-2.30pm Volunteer Required

Friday 10th June

9am-12pm Emma Baron
11.30am-2.30pm Volunteer Required

Friday 17th June

9am-12pm Carly Almond
11.30am-2.30pm Volunteer Required

Canteen News

Welcome back for Term 2. The new Canteen Menu has been sent home today. This is the winter menu for Term 2 and 3. There will be specials during the term so keep an eye out in the Newsletters. I have put 'Meal Deals' on the menu. Just select the \$5 or \$4 and option 1, 2 or 3. Please ensure Recess and Lunch orders are on separate bags. Much appreciated.

Sonia Cracknell, Canteen Coordinator Ph: 0404502585

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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 6 th May (11.30am-2pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 20 th May (11.30am-2pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 27 th May | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 10 th June (11.30am-2pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 13 th June (11.30am-2pm) | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 17 th June (11.30am-2pm) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 1 st July | |

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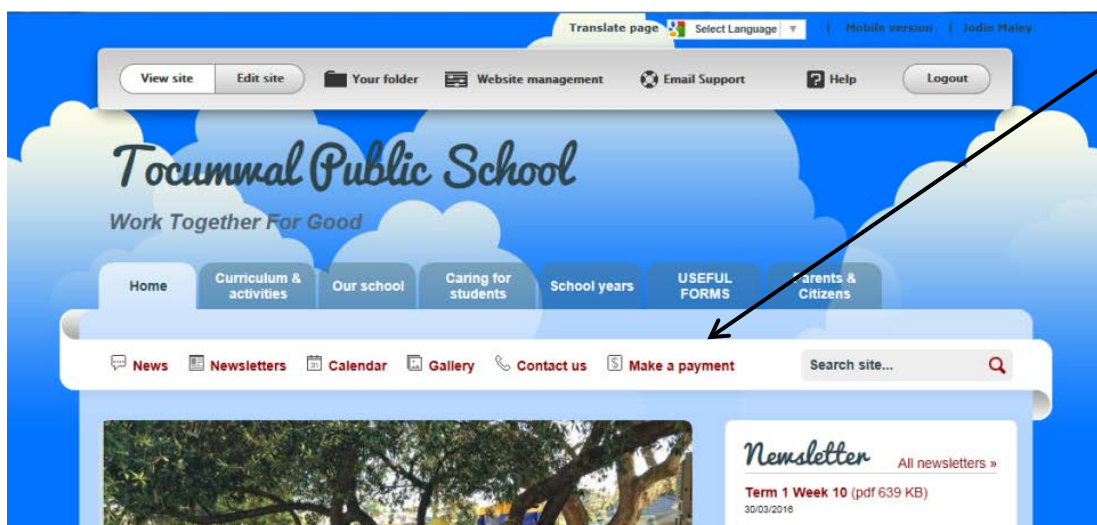
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Make Online Payments from Wednesday 4th May

Log onto School website at: www.tocumwal-p.school.nsw.edu.au and follow the prompts.

From Wednesday 4th May parents will be able to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment



What expenses can be paid online?

Voluntary School Contributions, Subject Contributions, Excursions, Sport, Creative and Practical Arts and Sales to Students. There is also a category called 'Other' this to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter: the students name, class and reference number OR the students name and date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. *There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.*

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.



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North Eastern Equestrian Interschool Challenge

During the first weekend of the Term 1 holidays, three of our students travelled to Tatura to compete at the North Eastern Interschool Challenge. Jemma Reid, Mackenzie Loughridge and Alexandra Laker all took part in the two day event. There were over 140 competitors that made up 31 teams from both primary and secondary schools.

During the weekend the team competed in dressage, show jumping, handy mount (obstacle course), games and showing events. The girls all represented Tocumwal Public School beautifully.

On Saturday night Alex and Mackenzie rode in a musical ride in the indoor arena. The competition was open to primary and secondary teams. They were the first to compete and did a wonderful job, placing 4th overall. Our team, 'Tocumwal Terrors', finished 12th out of the 31 teams with Jemma two points off winning her age group. Alex finished 3rd overall in her category, with Mackenzie finishing 7th.

Alex and Mackenzie will be venturing to Scots College in Albury in a few weeks to compete at the interschool competition. This event is open to Year 4 students and above. We wish them all the very best.



Community Notes

AUSSIE HOOPS JUNIOR BASKETBALL PROGRAM

Cobram Basketball Association is running Aussie Hoops, the official junior game development program for 5-10 year olds who are keen to learn and participate in basketball.

It begins on Tuesday 3rd of May 2016 at the Cobram Stadium and runs for 8 weeks.

Sessions start at 5.00pm and finish by 6.00pm.

To register go to <http://www.aussiehoops.com.au/find-a-program/> enter 3644 into the postcode search and then click on register.

Cost is \$60 per participant and each recipient receives a backpack with basketball and reversible singlet.

For further information contact
Rod McLeod 0428 711 333.

BLIGHTY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Oddball and the Penguins

Saturday 30th April at Blighty Hall

Open: 5.30pm Entry: \$5.00 Family: \$25

Free kids sausage sizzle. Hamburgers \$5

Canteen: Popcorn, lollies, hot chocolate, tea and cake.

BYO: Blankets, pillows, beanbags

RSVP: 29th April 2016 Facebook Event Page Blighty

Movie Night 2016, Blighty Public School P&C

Lou Hanmer: 0428250929

MOTHERS' DAY HIGH TEA

2.30pm Sunday 8th May

Savernake School of Arts Hall, Riverina Hwy, Savernake

With local guest author and speaker Andrea Palmer and Poets Mary Dowling and Audrey Duncan.

Cost: \$35pp to be made at time of reservation

Everyone welcome, booking essential.

RSVP: 1st May to Christine Gorman

(02) 60359134 or 0429445583

marengopark@bigpond.com



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Tocumwal Public School 2016 Annual School Cross-Country Carnival Helpers

I am able to assist with the Annual School Cross Country Carnival on Friday, 13th May, 2016.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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School Readiness Information Session

**Is my child ready for school?
What can I do to help them?
What do they need to know before starting school?**

**Guest speaker Paediatric Occupational Therapist
Susan Martin**

“ Practical tips for parents “

When and Where

Monday 2nd May	Urana Shire Council	9.30 start
	Jerilderie Civic Center	1.30 start
Tuesday 3rd May	Barooga Sporties for Tocumwal and Barooga families	9.30 start
Wednesday 4th May	Berrigan Sporties	9.30 start
	Finley RS	1.30 start

RSVP

Berrigan Shire Early Childhood Intervention: 03 95888 5188

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