



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 20th July 2016

Term 3, Week 1

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Welcome back to school for Term 3. I hope everyone had a safe and restful break. Term 3 looks very busy, as is normal for this time of the year. We have many great learning and performance based opportunities for the students, which will well and truly keep them active and engaged during the term.

I would like to thank Mrs Laker for taking over as relieving Principal during the last three weeks of Term 2 as I took some long service leave. Mrs Laker was up to the challenge and did a wonderful job taking care of the school in my absence with the support of all staff members.

Bluearth

Yesterday was the start of our Bluearth program. The Bluearth Foundation is a national not-for-profit organisation whose focus is to create and maintain student well-being through physical activity. The Bluearth approach utilises movement, motivation and learning to support, encourage, enable and challenge active living. It not only teaches children the enjoyment and fun of being physically active in a non-competitive environment, it draws on their feelings, reactions and thoughts and draws key developmental learning back into the classroom settings and into their lives.

The Bluearth Foundation has a longstanding commitment to evidence-based practice and continuous improvement. Evaluation of the program has clearly demonstrated a positive impact on:

Students' Physical health,
Academic performance, Behaviour,
Self-perception, and Resilience.

The Foundation has also found that implementing the program has benefits for teachers including:

Improved relationships with students, Increasing their ability to develop strategies to use movement to enhance learning, and making them more confident in their delivery of physical activity.

As part of the program the Bluearth coaches will train teachers from our school in the key elements of the program so that it can continue to be implemented within the school and the benefits are sustained.

It is expected that the long term benefits of the program will be improved physical and mental health outcomes for our students as they grow into adulthood and become active members of the broader community.

We will see our coaches each fortnight, where they will direct the lessons and activities. On the in between weeks our teachers will reinforce the program and be the coaches. It was a very positive start to the program listening to the feedback from students and staff. We hope we will be able to provide an opportunity for parents to join in for a session during the term.

Thank you to Mrs Gowty for coordinating this program and for the generosity of our community members in Rotary and Tocumwal Farmers Market for sponsoring the program to allow it to run in our school.



Important Dates

Wednesday 20th July

Author Visit Year 4 – 6

P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Monday 1st – Friday 5th August

Education Week

Tuesday 4th August

Book Fair

Friday 5th August

School Athletics Carnival

Friday 12th August

Adidas School Fun Run T.O.C.

Tocumwal Olympic Challenge

Friday 19th August

PSSA Zone Athletics

Happy Birthday



Heath Mansell

Brayden Taylor

Jeremy Davis

Ashton Hack

Henry Farrow

Jasmine Good

Bayden Gowty

Matthew Hack

Adelaide Haley

Adrienne Jones

Elyssa Scott

Adina Van Rysewyk

Mrs Hatty

Mrs Owen



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Amalie Pate

Primary:

Samantha Anderson-

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Author Visit-Thanks Jessica

Students in Years 3-6 were given a real treat this morning when they visited the Tocumwal Town Library to meet popular children's authors and publishing professionals Jane Goodwin and Davina Bell on tour as they launch their new picture book "Hattie Helps Out". Students were given a lesson on how a book gets from being inside someone's mind to the book store. Looking at all of the processes involved along the way. Jane and Davina provided students with tips to overcome challenges and filled them with enthusiasm for writing and newfound confidence in their own ideas, and in themselves as writers.

This unique opportunity was made possible by one of our students in Year 4, Jessica Bennett, replying online to the authors after reading one of their books. The authors were so inspired by Jessica's comments and own story that they just had to visit Tocumwal and the surrounding areas as part of their tour.

School Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 5th August, we will be hosting our Athletics Carnival at the Tocumwal Recreation Reserve. We aim to begin at 9:45am with all students participating in the March Past. We will then be moving onto our regular events for the day. We will run our field events at the oval on the day and, as usual, need some essential parental assistance. If you can assist on the day as a timer / marshal or assistant, could you please notify the school via the tear off slip at the bottom of your Newsletter as this will help to organise the day. Your help is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there on the day if you can make it.

Book Fair

On Thursday 4th August, we will be holding a Book Fair in our school library. The day before, Wednesday 3rd August, students will be given the opportunity to visit the school library that will be set up with displays of new books. Students will view the books then take home a wish list containing the names of books they would like to purchase. On the Thursday, each class will be given time to buy their selected books and start enjoying them. A percentage of book sales are donated back to the school as books for our library. Thank you to those families who have been able to support this worthy promotion.

NAIDOC DAY

On the last day of Term 2 we celebrated NAIDOC Day. Students from Sacred Heart Primary joined us during this day of celebration. Miss Willoughby organised a host of activities that involved cooking, weaving, painting, traditional indigenous games and storytelling. We also worked on a future garden and path in the Year 6 area with the help of Mrs Bec Loughridge and Mrs Gretchen Thorburn. It is a work in progress that will be a wonderful sensory area.

It was a fabulous day. We thank Miss Willoughby for her hard work and preparation and the Year 6 students who lead the groups through the activities.

We also thank our parents who were able to come in and assist during the day and be a part of our schools celebrations.



Elmore Equestrian Club Barastoc Interschool Qualifier

During the school holidays, Alex Laker and Mackenzie Loughridge travelled to Elmore Equestrian Park to compete in the Interschool Qualifier. The two girls competed with other riders in their age group in a range of disciplines including: handy mount, dressage, show riding, games and show jumping. The teams ranged from Primary students up to University level. They had a wonderful time representing our school. The Tocumwal team finished 8th overall. Great effort girls!

University of NSW English Assessment

On Tuesday 2nd August, students nominated from Years 3-6 will be provided with the opportunity to sit the University of NSW English Assessment. This test will explore the literacy skills involving reading, comprehension, punctuation, grammar and spelling. Good luck to all of our students entering.

Child Protection Education

This year our school will again be teaching Child Protection Education as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) program. Child Protection Education is mandatory in all schools across NSW. A permission slip and further information explaining more about what is dealt with in these units was sent home last term. If you haven't done so already, please sign and return to the school office so that class lessons can go ahead. If you require another form please contact the office and we can send another form home.

Absentee Notes

Attached to the newsletter this week is an absentee slip. Simply fill in the appropriate details and send the slip in to the 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.

Label everything!

Your child's belongings can get 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.

Parents & Citizens

Our P&C are meeting, tonight, Wednesday 20th July at 7:30pm in the school library. We are always happy to see new and familiar faces and you will be made to feel most welcome.

Sign in book

Just a friendly reminder for any volunteers who come on to the school grounds to assist a class throughout the day, be it for maths or reading groups etc... You are required to sign the sign in book located in the office foyer. We appreciate your understanding. This is an OH&S requirement for all schools.

Darren White

Canteen Roster Term 3 2016

I am able to be placed on the Canteen Roster for Term 3, 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 – 12noon ☐ Afternoon 11.30pm – 2.30pm

I am able to assist on the following dates:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 22 nd July 11.30am-2.30pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 29 th July |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 5 th August – Athletics Carnival | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 12 th August |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 19 th August | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 26 th August 11.30am-2.30pm |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 2 nd September | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 9 th September |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 16 th September | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday 23 rd September |

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Head Lice (Nits)

We have been advised of a case of head lice at school already!!

Please check your child's hair daily and treat if necessary before returning to school.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETREAT IN 7 DAYS.

Head lice are extremely contagious. Early treatment is recommended to kill head lice and their eggs and to limit school and family contamination.

95% of lice are transmitted through close head to head contact and by sharing objects such as hats, hair brushes, head bands, pillows and towels.

Ensure that you and your household is protected from head lice by taking the necessary preventative steps to keep head lice away;

Below are 4 crucial steps to keep our school head lice free:

- Avoid sharing clothing, especially hats, ribbons, head bands and helmets
- Discourage children from playing with each other's hair
- Don't share brushes, combs, towels and pillows
- Keep long hair plaited or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other kids

These tips will help limit the outbreak of head lice at school

Canteen Roster

Friday 22nd July

9am-12noon

11.30am-2.30pm

Alicia Haley

Volunteer Required



Canteen News

This Term there will only be warm milo and soup available at Recess. The soup will change every week.

On Friday 5th August (Athletics Carnival) only pre-ordered Meal Deals will be available. A note will be sent home next week.

I will also require helpers for the canteen on this day please complete slip below and return to school as soon as possible if you can help.

RECESS SPECIALS

Cookies 80c

Cupcakes small 50c large 80c

Brownies 80c

Cup of Soup \$1.00

Warm Milo \$1.00

Sonia Cracknell, Canteen Coordinator

Tocumwal Public School 2015 Athletics Carnival CANTEEN Helpers

I am able to assist in the Canteen at the 2015 Athletics Carnival on Friday 5th August.

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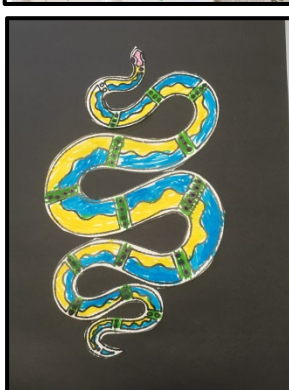
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Elmore Equestrian Interschool July 2016

