



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 3rd August, 2016

Term 3, Week 3

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report



Leaders Luncheon

Student leaders of Tocumwal Public School combined with other student leaders from around the district met up today and engaged in some leadership activities at Finley High School. The day was run by Mr Troy Mott our Director of Public Schools. The children had a lovely time meeting other leaders and interacting in leadership activities.

District Education Week Awards

Today two of our very loyal and dedicated members of staff, Mrs Michelle Keleher and Christine Owen travelled to Finley to receive a District Education Week Award. This award recognises the outstanding contribution these ladies make to the children in our school and wider community. Christine and Michelle have been working and volunteering their time at Tocumwal Public School for well over 20 years. Congratulations to the both of you and a big thank you from the TPS community.

School Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 5th August, we will be hosting our Athletics Carnival at the Tocumwal Recreation Reserve. We aim to begin at 10am. 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. This will help to organise the day. Please remember to bring your lunch orders to school no later than Thursday 4th August.

We look forward to seeing you there on the day if you can make it.

Please note...

This year our infants (students in Kinder and Year 1) will come down in the morning. They will compete in the 400m, 70m and relays. They will return to school when the 8 years and older are involved in their field rotations. Sub juniors have already competed in their field events here at school during the past 2 weeks. They will have their ribbons and medals handed out at the next assembly.

Education Week Assembly

Tomorrow, Thursday 4th August at 2:15pm, we will be holding an Education Week Assembly to celebrate Education Week and our love of learning. This will involve some class displays and some presentations of certificates.

Important Dates

Monday 1st – Friday 5th

August

Education Week

Monday 1st August

UNSW English Assessment

Thursday 4th August

Book Fair

Education Week Assembly

Friday 5th August

School Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 10th August

Kinder 2017 Parent
Information Night 7.30pm

P&C Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 12th August

PSSA Zone Athletics

Monday 15th August

Nitbusters

Friday 19th August

Adidas School Fun Run T.O.C.
Tocumwal Olympic Challenge

Tues 23rd – Fri 26th August

Year 5/6 Camp



Shayla Hicks
Hunter Groutsch
Mrs Laker



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Monet Vinecombe

Primary:

Angus Bouchier

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Book Fair

We will also be holding our Book Fair in the school library tomorrow. Students have viewed the books today and will bring home a wish list containing the names of books they would like to purchase. Tomorrow, 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.

If you would like to buy and donate a book to our school library we would be most appreciative.

The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student **Yrs 4-6** 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.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

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 to provide us 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. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **19th August**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to finish and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22nd August and 21st October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at:

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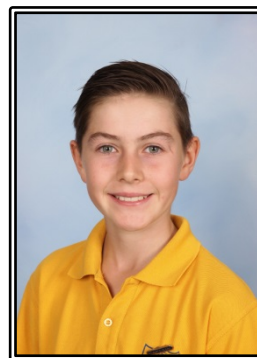
Last Week's Awards



Infants Student of the Week:
Tannah Munson



Primary Student of the Week
Jackson Bury



School Award:
Angus Bouchier

Values Education

Kinder:

Phoebe Hennebery

Year 1:

Monet Vinecombe

Year 2:

Connor Davis

Year 3/4:

Lexi Mathers

Year 4/5:

Max Conboy

Year 5/6:

Jane Hatty

Finley Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 12th August, we will be taking away a strong field of Tocumwal Public's finest athletes for the PSSA Finley Zone Athletics Carnival. Finley Public is hosting the Zone Carnival at the Finley Recreation Reserve. Students will receive notes, regarding the day and the events they have qualified in after we run our school carnival this Friday. If you are able to assist with the carnival as a time keeper or in another role for the day could you please complete and return the tear off slip at the bottom of the newsletter. Students will be leaving at 9am sharp so that they are ready for the first races to begin at 9:30am.

Excursions

Term 3 & 4 are very popular with excursions here at Tocumwal Public School. If you need to discuss any aspect of your child's excursion please make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Please keep all payments coming in as well as permission notes. Should you require financial assistance please make an appointment to contact me through the office.

Aspire Me Dance Camp

On Thursday morning, Maddison Beatt and Alexandra Laker will travel to Deniliquin to join other students from around our district to participate in a dance camp. The students will be exposed to a variety of dance styles being presented by professional dancers. The students will perform for their families on the Friday afternoon to conclude their experience. Have a great time girls!

Child Protection Education

This term our school will be teaching the Child Protection Education Unit as part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) program. Child protection education is mandatory in all schools across NSW. Permission slips were sent home last term with further information explaining what is dealt with in these units. 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 one home.

Darren White

Book Fair



Our Book Fair is tomorrow and today your child should bring home a wish list of books.

Parents will be able to purchase books from 8:30am tomorrow. Children will be visiting the Fair, with their class, in the morning session, to purchase their books.

Parents will also be able to purchase books throughout the day.

Our Education Week assembly is at 2.15pm.

The fair will be over by 3.30pm.

All books must be paid for on the day.



TOC OLYMPIC CHALLENGE



Week 5 Friday 19th August
Please return money & forms
by Monday 22nd August or earlier



Tocumwal Public School **Finley Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival Helpers**

I am able to assist with the Athletics Carnival on Friday 12th August.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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:

☐ Friday 12th August 9am-11.30am

☐ Friday 19th August

☐ Friday 2nd September

☐ Friday 9th September

☐ Friday 16th September

☐ Friday 23rd September

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.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Tocumwal Public School **Athletics Carnival Helpers**

I am able to assist with the Athletics Carnival on Friday 5th August.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Athletics Carnival

Reminder...

All orders to be in by Thursday 4th August.

Please do not pre-order Recess items. Buy on the day.

If any parents would like to donate some home baking for the Carnival it would be greatly appreciated. Also, any fruit going to waste on your fruit trees, please feel free to drop some into the Canteen. Kids love the free fruit at the end of lunch.

If you have some spare time, even 30mins, on the day to help out, I would be grateful. Feel free to pop in and see if an extra pair of hands is needed.

The following items will be available to purchase on the day

Snacks

Home Baking	from 50c
Jam Donuts	\$1.00
Jelly	\$1.00
Mousse	\$1.20
JJ's Chick/Burg	\$1.10
Vege Chips	\$1.60
Moosies	\$1.00
Icy Bars	half 40c full 80c
Assorted Lollies	from 10c

Drinks

Water	\$1.00
Flavoured Milk	
Chocolate or Strawberry	\$1.70
Milo Popper	\$1.80
Focus Water	
Blackcurrant or Raspberry	\$2.00

Hot Food (will be limited)

Bucket of Hot Chips	\$2.30
Pies	\$3.30
Sausage Rolls	\$1.70
Chicken Tender	\$1.60
Steamed Dim Sims	80c

Canteen Roster

Friday 5th August-Athletics Carnival

More volunteers required

9am-12noon	Carly Almond
11.30am-2.30pm	Kaylene Coulson

Friday 12th August

9am-11.30am	Volunteer Required
11.30am-2pm	Kaylene Coulson

Friday 26th August

9am-11.30am	Alicia Hayley
11.30am-2pm	Kaylene Colson

Community Notes

JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS

TOCUMWAL GOLF AND BOWLS CLUB

The Clinics will run over 5 consecutive Sunday morning commencing at 10am with a duration of 60 minutes. Rod Booth will be conducting the clinics with the assistance of a couple of volunteers from the Men's Golf. Clinics will commence on Sunday 14th August at a cost of \$5 per child per week. Please contact the Pro Shop on 0358 749 172 for bookings. Ages 10 and above.

FINLEY FARMERS' MARKET

This Saturday 6th August in the Finley Memorial Hall. Meet your family and friends there in comfortable surrounds for a catch up over coffee and breakfast – 8am till 12 noon'

COBRAM AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION 2016 SPRING REGISTRATION

Registrations for the Spring 2016 season are now open. The season is planned to start the week of the 22nd August 2016

Registrations are online at the [Cobram Basketball](http://CobramBasketball.com.au) website, payment of fees will be via credit card at time of registration. Registrations will close on Monday 15th August 2016 to allow time for teams and draws to be arranged.

If you have any difficulties with registration please contact Rod Armstrong via email at

jennrod@bigpond.net.au or phone 0418 148 942

Registration fees:-

\$25 for all players, plus \$40.58 BVC affiliation & insurance if you haven't already registered in 2016.

Game fees \$5 per night

Aussie Hoops

The Cobram basketball association will run an Aussie Hoops program for 5-10 year olds to learn the game. Refer to the Aussie Hoops tab on the website for details and registration