



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 9th August, 2016

Term 3, Week 4

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

School Athletics Carnival Results

Last Friday we had a fabulous sunny day hosting our Athletics Carnival. The day was full of spirit and enjoyment for all competitors. The spectators who came to view and help out were treated to some great battles on the track. We would like to congratulate all the competitors for their efforts on the day.



2016 Age Champions:

Junior Girl: Jessica Bennett
Junior Boy: Logan White
11 Years Girl: Macey White
11 Years Boy: Blair Eddy
Senior Girl: Amelia Locke and Molly Bear
Senior Boy: Hayden Davis



Winning Team: Eagles

Rosemary Reed Participation Shield: Eagles

Our sub-junior will be announced at our next assembly on Friday 19th August where we will also be handing out our ribbons.

Thank you to Miss Willoughby and Mrs Hatty for all of her organisational work behind the scenes with the support of Mrs Robinson. Also, thanks to Robbo for the superb marking of the oval. We can't miss out on a big thanks to Sonia and our canteen team for keeping up the sustenance of our athletes.

We are very fortunate to have so many interested and supportive parents and caregivers who were able to attend and help out with the day with the many tasks from cooking, catering, scoring, time keeping, judging, running events etc... many thanks for all of your help and assistance during the day. Your help and interactions are what make the carnivals so much fun for all involved.

Kinder 2017 Parent Meeting

This evening at 7:30pm we will be holding a Parent Information Session for all new and prospective Kindergarten enrolments for 2017. We will hold the parent meeting in the Kindergarten room. If you know of anyone who may be preparing to make the decision about Kindergarten could you please pass on this information.

Important Dates

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

Thursday 1st September

Book Week Activities

Friday 2nd September

Book Week Parade

Friday 23rd September

Last Day Term 3



Ava East
Tully Jones
Max McNally
Max Thorburn
Monet Vinecombe
Hastings Wainohu



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Alice Barker

Primary:

Mak Eddy

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Zone Final of Lions Public Speaking

The Zone Final of the Lion's Junior Public Speaking competition will be held this Sunday, 14th August, at the Bob Close Pavilion, Finley Showgrounds. Our representative is Patrick Bennett. Patrick won the town competition last month and will now be representing all of Tocumwal in the Year 5/6 division.

We wish Patrick all the very best as he competes against the other surrounding finalists from Berrigan, Finley, Oaklands and Deniliquin. We know he will enjoy the experience and continue to represent us very well.

UNSW Science Assessment

Students from Tocumwal Public School achieved outstanding results when they participated in the University of NSW, International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science Assessment. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with certificates of Merit, Credit and High Distinction. Students who achieved these results were: Lachlan Shepherd – Merit.

Charles Locke, Jackson Bury, Chase Hardwidge, Jake Wilmot, Braydie Wright, Angus Bouchier and Jane Hatty – Credit.
Macey White – High Distinction.

Congratulations to all of the students who sat the assessment.



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 carnival at the Finley Recreation Reserve. Students received notes on Monday regarding the day and the events they have qualified in. If you are able to assist with the carnival as a time keeper, or in another role, could you please complete the tear off slip at the bottom of the Newsletter. Students will be leaving at 8:50am so that they are ready for the first races to begin at 9:30am.

Nit Busters Day

We will be holding a Nit Busters Day on Monday, 15th August, with the assistance of local hairdressers. Attached to last week's Newsletter was additional information about the day and a parental permission slip. Please note all children will be treated the same and no child will be publicly identified. All participating children will receive a note home addressed to the parents of the children indicating whether or not lice have been found. We encourage all families to participate in the free program so we can reduce the chance of spreading lice throughout the school. Please ensure consent forms have been returned by this Friday 12th August 2016.

Premier's Spelling Bee

On Wednesday, 17th August, we will hold our School Spelling Bee in the school library. This Spelling Bee is a lead up to the Premier's Spelling Challenge, that our school will be sending students to compete in, later this term. At 9:30am the qualifying students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will participate in the Spelling Bee. We wish all of our students in the school finals good luck as they compete for a position in the Regional Finals at the end of the term.

Little Athletics Talk

Representatives from NSW Little Athletics came here today to talk to the children about their programs and how to get involved. For further information contact the Finley Little Athletics Club.

Excursions

Term 3 and 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.

University of NSW Mathematics Assessment

On Tuesday 16th August, students nominated from Years 3 to 6 will sit the University of NSW Mathematics Assessment. This test will explore the Numeracy skills. Good luck to all of our students entering.

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***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 **Years 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 was sent home last with students in Years 4-6. **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 of 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 complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

Parents & Citizens

Our P&C's next meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday 10th August, 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.

Darren White

Donate a Book

Children's Book Week –Donations Appeal

During Week 7 our students will be celebrating Children's Book Week and participating in activities relating to the books that have been short-listed for Children's Book of the Year Awards 2016.

We are inviting families to purchase a short-listed book and donate it to our Library to be used for Book Week activities. Book prices range from \$10.00 - \$20.00.

All donations are appreciated and acknowledged in the donated book.

If you would like to donate a book please choose from the selection available at the school office.

Thanks to those who have already donated. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Mariane Robinson



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Canteen Roster

Friday 12th August

9am-11.30am Zoe Watmore
11.30am-2pm Kaylene Coulson

Friday 19th August

All Day Gen Scott
9am-11.30am Jenny Good

Friday 26th August

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

Friday 2nd September

All Day Corrine East

Friday 9th September

All Day Judy Renner

Friday 16th September *Volunteer/s Required*

Friday 23rd September

All Day Laura Palmer

I still require assistance in the canteen on Friday 16th September. Please complete the return slip and return to the office if you can help.

Canteen News

I would like to say a BIG Thank You to the parents who helped out with the Athletics Carnival last Friday. It was much appreciated.

NEW ON THE MENU

Lemonade or Blackcurrant Sports Water \$2.00

RECESS SPECIALS

Cake Mix Cookies 80c
Cupcakes Large 80c Small 50c
Chicken Tenders \$1.50 Each

Sonia Cracknell, Canteen Coordinator

Community Notes

JUNIOR GOLF CLINICS – TOCUMWAL GOLF AND BOWLS CLUB

The Clinics will run over 5 consecutive Sunday mornings 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.

TOC OLYMPIC CHALLENGE

Week 5 Friday 19th August

**Please return money & forms
by Monday 22nd August or earlier**

Canteen Roster Term 3 2016

I am able to assist in the canteen on Friday, 16th September, 2016.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I am available ☐ All day 9am -2.30pm ☐ Morning 9am – 12noon ☐ Afternoon 11.30pm – 2.30pm

Tocumwal Public School

Finley Zone PSSA Athletics Carnival Helpers

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

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