



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 17th August, 2016

Term 3, Week 5

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Finley Zone Athletics Carnival

Tocumwal Public School took 31 students to Finley last Friday to compete in the PSSA Riverina Zone Athletics Carnival. The behaviour and sportsmanship of all students was exceptional and I was proud of the efforts that all students put into their events.

Our school was runner-up for the whole carnival with Hayden Davis and Macey White being awarded age champions.

I would like to make special mention to all of our wonderful parents for their assistance with the many duties and coming to support their children, thank you very much.

Notes will be distributed to those students who qualified for the PSSA Riverina Regional Athletics Carnival at Alexander Park in Albury on Friday 2nd September, 2016.

We wish you the best of luck as you represent Tocumwal Public School and the Finley district PSSA at the next level.



Olympian Visits School



Yesterday we were lucky enough to have Olympian, Dean Pullar, come to our school and address our students. Dean, a Cobram local, won an Olympic bronze medal at the Sydney Olympics back in 2000. Dean was competing in the men's 3meter synchronised pairs at the time. Dean spent the time talking about how he started out as a 6

year old and the many sacrifices and tribulations along the way. He highlighted the fact that he never gave up hope of being an Olympian. All of the children were able to have a close up look at his medal that he brought along. It was fabulous to have Dean here at school this week in the lead up to our very own Tocumwal Olympic Challenge (TOC) occurring on Friday. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Gillespie for arranging the visit.

Important Dates

Friday 19th August

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

Tues 23rd – Fri 26th August
Year 5/6 Camp

Wednesday 24th August

P&C Meeting 3.15pm
RE: Family Fun Afternoon

Wednesday 31st August

P&C Fathers' Day Stall

Thursday 1st September

Book Week Activities

Friday 2nd September

Book Week Parade
Riverina Athletics Carnival

Friday 23rd September

Last Day Term 3



Patrick Bennett
Caitlin Jeffress
Mrs Gowty



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Alex Booth

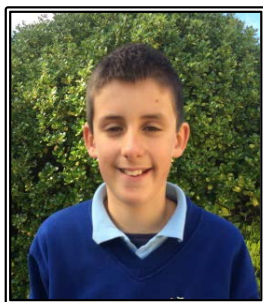
Primary:

Angus Bouchier

Email: tocumwal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or visit our website: www.tocumwal-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Phone: (03) 58 742 128

Fax: (03) 58 742 281



Zone Final of Public Speaking

The Zone Final of the Lion's Junior Public Speaking competition was held last Sunday at the Bob Close Pavilion, Finley Showgrounds. Patrick Bennett represented all of Tocumwal in the Year 5/6 division.

Patrick competed against the other surrounding finalists from Berrigan, Finley, Oaklands and Deniliquin and did extremely well, as we expected. He enjoyed the experience despite being a little nervous. Patrick said he would recommend it to anyone who makes it that far next year.

We are very proud of Patrick for his outstanding effort.

Nit Busters Day

We held our Nit Busters Day on Monday with the assistance of local hairdressers, Jade from Lush and Rebecca from Rusties. This was a very successful program with the help of our P&C representatives. Thank you to those families who were able to let their children participate in the program. We will be hopefully running it again in term 4 this year.

Premier's Spelling Bee

Qualifying students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 participated in the school Spelling Bee in the school library today. In a tight final, Alice Bouchier won the Junior section with a "spell off" required to find second place.

Lachlan Shepherd was second, however, as he is leaving the school he will not be able to attend the final so another 'spell off' was needed.

After another four rounds, Will O'Connell defeated Lincoln McCallum

to take the second position at the Regional Finals. The senior section was a more straight forward affair with Byron Bevan and Max Conboy winning through after Round 3. All four students will represent the school at the Regional Finals at Corowa Public School on Thursday 22nd September. Congratulations to those students who reached the finals today and we wish the school representatives good luck.

Junior finalists: Alice Bouchier, Abby Jeffress, Dylan Schwan, Lachlan Shepherd, Lexi Mathers, Lincoln McCallum, Tahlia Pate and Will O'Connell.

Senior finalists: Adina Van Rysewyk, Antonio Baron, Asha Campbell, Byron Bevan, Charly Mulholland, Dakota Cracknell, Mackenzie Loughridge, Max Conboy and Patrick Bennett.

Thank you Mrs Hatty for coordinating this once again.



Excursions

Terms 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.

Thank You

A big thank you to Craig Stewart who this week has helped our school out by concreting in our netball pole near the handball court as well as concreting a ramp for the sports shed that will help get the high jump mats in and out easier. We are very grateful for the members of our school community who contribute so much to our school on a regular basis in so many ways.

Email: tocumwal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or visit our website: www.tocumwal-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Phone: (03) 58 742 128

Fax: (03) 58 742 281

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 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>

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently preparing for 2017. If you have a child to enrol or know of someone who has, please encourage them to complete and return their enrolment forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

Darren White



Your P&C Needs You!

The Tocumwal P&C would like to thank Nicole Jones for all her time and effort as President and committee member.

Unfortunately Nicole can no longer fill this position so we are looking for a new president. Anyone interested in being President, or in becoming involved in any way, can contact Vanessa Bury (Vice President) on 0459 082 060.

Family Fun Afternoon

In Term 4 the P&C, staff and students of Tocumwal Public School are planning to run a Family Fun Afternoon (mini-fete) as a fundraiser for our fantastic school. A meeting about this event will be held on **Wednesday 24th August at 3.15pm** in the library. Please come along and bring any ideas or suggestions.

It would be great to have input from as many families as possible.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Donate a Book

Children's Book Week –Donations Appeal

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



Email: tocumwal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or visit our website: www.tocumwal-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Phone: (03) 58 742 128

Fax: (03) 58 742 281



It's happening this Friday 19th August 2016!

All parents and family members are welcome to come along and view the Tocumwal's Olympic Challenge starting at 9.10am with an opening ceremony.

Our closing ceremony will be at 11am, in time for recess.

Please bring fundraising money to the office ASAP.

Thank you for all of your support!

Laura Willoughby
T.O.C./Adidas Fun Run Organiser

FATHERS' DAY STALL

Wednesday 31st August
Prices range from \$1.00 - \$7.00

Canteen Roster

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 as soon as possible if you can help.

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. Ages 10 and above. Please contact the Pro Shop on 0358 749 172 for bookings.

FINLEY LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

REGISTRATION NIGHT U4 – U17

5.30pm – 7.00pm Friday 19th August
New Members are welcome to a 2 week "Come and Try" trial period.

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

Email: tocumwal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or visit our website: www.tocumwal-p.school.nsw.edu.au

Phone: (03) 58 742 128

Fax: (03) 58 742 281