



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 31st August, 2016

Term 3, Week 7

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

Book Week Celebrations

This Week we are celebrating "Book Week". Tomorrow, Thursday 1st September, we will be reading donated Short-Listed books with the students and then engaging in art activities related to the books that the students have read. Then on the Friday, 2nd September, we are inviting children to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character as we have done over the past few years.

A parade will take place during the afternoon Assembly at 2:15pm. We are encouraging all students to dress up for the day.

Riverina PSSA Athletics Carnival-Postponed

The Riverina PSSA Athletics Carnival has been postponed due to the wet weather predicted for Albury over the coming days. The new date for the Carnival is Friday, 16th September.

NAPLAN

Every child in Years 3 and 5 who sat the National Literacy and Numeracy Assessments back in May this year will receive their report on Friday showing his or her results against key national information. Student results have been reported against six achievement bands: the National Average, the Middle 60 per cent of Australian students and the National Minimum Standards.

Students in the same year level across Australia were tested on the same items in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

The National Literacy and Numeracy tests will provide useful information for teachers and schools on individual student performance on a national basis. From this information, teachers and schools will know how well their students are performing, and will be able to identify areas of strength and where further assistance may be required.

Year 5/6 Excursion

Our intrepid Year 5 and 6 students have returned from their Ship Wreck Coast experience and Camp Coorimungle Excursion. Students were away from 9th - 12th September. The campers travelled along the Great Ocean Road and witnessed many famous Australian landmarks including, the 12 Apostles (or what's left of them), Loch Ard Gorge, London Bridge and the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum.

On site at the camp the children experienced the high ropes, the giant swing, canoeing, flying fox and the very popular, very muddy and cold commando course just to name a few. The children stepped up and got out of their comfort zones for many of the activities. Well done children! A big thank you to our organising teachers Mrs Hatty and Miss Willoughby for preparing such a wonderful experience for the children. Also many thanks to our three dads, Phil Palmer, Rob Locke and Dennis Sutton for supporting the teachers and students during the trip and getting your hands dirty like the rest of us.

Important Dates

Thursday 1st September
Book Week Activities

Friday 2nd September
Book Week Parade

Wednesday 14th September
P&C Meeting 7.30pm
in the school library

Friday 16th September
Riverina PSSA Athletics Carnival
in Albury

Friday 23rd September
Last Day Term 3

Monday 10th October
First Day Term 4
Students and Staff return



Mikayla Lawrence
Lexi Mathers
Ruby Stevens

Book Club
Issue 6 due 9am
Monday 5th
September



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Hunter Groutsch

Primary:

Samantha Anderson-
Catchpool

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Excursions

Terms 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 their 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.

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.

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.

Practical tips for kids dealing with an online bully

- Tell the bully in simple terms to leave you alone. Tell them not to contact you again. Log off immediately and stay offline for at least 24 hours.
- Do not reply to any future mail from the bully. Do not reply to taunts, emails or gossip written about you. By ignoring taunts, you take the power away from the harasser and refuse to play their game. You are now in charge.
- Never give your password or logon details to anyone, even your best friends. It's really easy for someone to log on to your Facebook, Bebo or MySpace site and post any kind of rubbish if they know your password.
- Stay out of chat rooms where you don't feel comfortable.
- Keep all harassing emails (and any replies you've made) as evidence.
- If you feel you are in physical danger or if the bully has made physical threats against you, tell your parents immediately and they can decide if it's appropriate to contact authorities.

How much screen time?

'Screen time' used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex. Find out more: <http://bit.ly/QFlqyz>

Darren White

P&C News

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 14th September, at 7.30pm in the school library. We can't wait to see you there!

A big thank you to Fiona Vinecombe and Carly Almond who attended the Family Fun Afternoon meeting last week. We now have heaps of great ideas to follow up. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information about this.



Last Friday the children in Year 3 and 4 were invited to visit the local library as part of Book Week celebrations. Before we went we completed an amazing colouring in sheet, which showed lots of characters from stories that we had read. At the library Beck helped us to make a snappy piranha, which was a character from the book *Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas*. At the end of our visit Tully Jones and Tahliia Pate were announced winners of the colouring in contest. They were very lucky to be able to choose a book to keep.

Thanks to Beck from the library for organising our visit.

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Friday 2nd September

2.15pm Book Week Parade

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Canteen News

Well only a few more weeks till the end of term. What does this mean?? A change in seasons means a change in menu. A NEW Summer Menu is in the works for term 4 2016 and term 1 of 2017. Feel free to drop any ideas into the suggestion box at the office. This means all hot food (pies, sausage rolls, donuts etc.) will not be on the Summer Menu.

I would also like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the Mums that have come in to help out. We have had a great run with helpers so far so hopefully it keeps up for the remainder of the year. Great to see so many new faces. Couldn't do it without you, your helping hands are appreciated.

I still require assistance in the canteen on Friday 16th September. Please let me know if you can help.

Sonia Cracknell, Canteen Coordinator

RECESS SPECIALS

Large Cupcakes 80c
Small Cupcakes 50c
Choc Chip Biscuits 80c
M&M Biscuits 80c
Confetti Biscuits 80c
Jam Drops 80c

Canteen Roster

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



Community Notes

SPORTIES HEALTH & FITNESS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Monday 26th September – Friday 30th September

CHILDREN AGED 6-12YRS

Cost: Half day- \$15.00 Full day-\$20.00

Thai Boxing Clinic, Crafty Creations, Cooking, Nessie the pool monster and much more

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 48hrs prior to the day, as supplies need to be purchased.

Please call 58734644

TERM 4 SWIMMING LESSONS

Commencing Monday 10th October

We offer: 8 week terms, Heated indoor pool, friendly qualified teachers, basic water familiarisation, stroke development, squad training, Adult Lessons, Monday-Thursday for School Age, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday Mornings for Infants and Pre-School Children.

Contact: 5873 4644 or gym@sporties.com.au

FINLEY FARMERS' MARKET

Finley Farmers' Market will be celebrating Fathers' Day this Saturday from 8am to 12noon at their market in Railway Park, Endeavour Street Finley. Get a 'last minute gift' for the man in your family or you can make a gift at the craft/ kiddies stall. Looking forward to seeing you all there, perhaps having a delicious bacon and egg roll with your dad. 8am to 12 noon.

RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL

SITHFAB002 Responsible Service of Alcohol Delivered by Yarrawonga Neighbourhood House (RTO 21765) and conducted using the NSW Liquor Licensing guidelines.

Course Code: SITHFAB002

Date: Monday 19th September 2016

Duration: 9.30am – 4.00pm

Cost: \$170

Location: Cobram Community House, Punt Road, Cobram.

Contact: Cobram Community House, 5872 2224

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YEAR 5/6 CAMP COORIEMUNGLE EXCURSION

