



Work Together For Good

TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 27th February 2019

Term 1, Week 5

Principal: Darren White

Principal's Report

District Swimming Carnival

We have 25 students who have qualified to represent Tocumwal Public School at the Finley Zone Swimming Carnival this Friday, 1st March, at the Cobram Swimming Pool.

The children will be catching a bus to the pool leaving at 8:45am and returning to school to meet connecting buses by 3:00pm.

Tocumwal Public School will be hosting the carnival this year. We would love for any parents to come forward and assist on the day as part of the Tocumwal Public School team as a time keeper.

Well Done Logan and Liam- Riverina Cricket Trials



Logan White and Liam Sutton travelled to Deniliquin on Monday for the next stage of the Riverina PSSA Boys Cricket Team selection trials. Players attended from all over the Riverina. It was a full on day with games being played including extended net sessions to come up with the final squad of 24 boys. This squad will train over winter before the final cut is made in September. Despite both boys putting in a great showing, only Logan was successful in making the squad of 24. Both boys however had an enjoyable day competing against the Riverina's best cricketers. It was a wonderful experience for them. Well done!

Western Riverina AFL Trials

On Wednesday afternoon, 6th March, a number of students from Years 5 and 6 will be trying out for the Finley Zone AFL team to play in the Western Zone AFL trials on March 21st in Leeton. The students will be put through their paces at the Berrigan Football oval. They will need to display the fundamentals of kicking, bouncing, handballing, tackling and shepherding as part of the trials. At the end of the session they will find out if they will be selected into the team. Good Luck to all of those boys trying out for the team.

Brian Taber Shield

Next week, our boy's cricket team will play in the first round of the Brian Taber Shield against Finley Public School at the Finley Recreation Reserve. We wish the team the best of luck.

School Fees

Attached to the Week 3 Newsletter was the 2019 School Fee Contribution form. This also takes into account the cost of text books and consumables. It also has the option to buy a Riversider (School Magazine 2019) at a reduced price at the start of the year. It would be appreciated if you could return the form to the school office with your payment promptly. We thank you in advance for your contribution.

Important Dates

Friday 1st March
Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 8th March
Nitbusters
P&C Meeting 3.30pm

Wednesday 13th March
Regional Swimming Carnival

Thursday 21st March
Harmony Day

Friday 5th April
School Photos

Friday 12th April
Last Day Term 1

ASSEMBLY

No Assembly this week



Kobey Bear
Brett Bird

Taylor Waldron
Lily Thorburn



Mathletes of the Week:

Infants:

Sasha Jones

Primary:

Alex Booth

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Nitbusters Day- Friday 8th March 2019

We will be running our first Nitbusters Day on Friday 8th March 2019 with a follow up day in Term 3.

NITBUSTERS is a joint project between NSW Health, NSW Department of Education & Training, Federation of School Councils and the Federation of P&C Associations. The project aims to educate schools, children and parents about head lice and how to remove them.

Each child needs a signed Parent Consent Form before they can be screened. No child can participate without a signed consent form, nor penalised in any way for not participating, though every child is encouraged to participate. Parents/guardians and/or children can withdraw from the screening at any time. Those children not participating can learn how to remove lice and eggs and identify them.

On **Nitbusters Day**, each child will have their hair inspected to determine if there is an active infestation. Hairdressers will wear gloves to undertake the screening. No treatment will be performed at school. Upon completion, the child's hair will be combed and tidied.

A confidential note will be sent home to all parents indicating whether lice or nits were detected on your children or not. If your child is identified as having nits they will be sent home with a complimentary packet of products for treatment in the privacy of home. All parents/guardians, regardless of whether their children participated in the program, will receive an information sheet on how to treat for headlice.

Please return the consent form attached to this information sheet to school on or before Friday 8th March 2019.

Skoolbag App

Skoolbag is our parent communication app for parents and caregivers of students from our school. This app has many functions from being able to alert parents from individual classes or the whole school of events that are coming up or to notify if the bus is running late home from an excursion. It uses free push notification alerts. It will have the latest newsletter for you to view as well as having the functionality for parents to send an absentee note directly to school if your child is away. If you get stuck come in and see us here at school we will be only too happy to help you install it. Our aim is to further develop our communication between school and home.

Reminder

If your child is absent from school just fill out an absentee form on the Tocumwal skoolbag App and send it through electronically. It is very easy to do.

Change of Routine- Especially bus travel

If your child is not going home the usual way they do every other day, e.g. bus, walking or getting picked up, could you please contact the school (phone or letter) so we can ensure your child is reminded of what they are to do. We are more than happy to assist with this if we are made aware of the changes. Especially our infants, who sometimes can get a little confused. If it is bus related you must contact the bus company- Baldwin's Buses on 03 5874 3355 otherwise they may refuse to take your child on the bus without prior permission being granted.

Also, if you happen to have an extra person turn up at your home please make sure you send them on their way home or contact the child's parents. As sometimes children have been known to arrange their play dates without parental permission. It doesn't happen very often, but it can cause distress if parents don't know where their children are.

Darren White

Special Religious Education Program (SRE)

SRE will be starting on Friday 8th March for Infants and Friday 15th March for Primary students.

A note was sent home with the Week 3 Newsletter asking which program you would prefer your child/ren to attend. Please complete the return slip and return to the office as soon as possible to help with the organisation of this program. Please return the slip even if you do not wish your child to attend.

Canteen Roster

Term 1

Friday 1st Mar	All Day:	Ellen Tainton
Friday 8th Mar	All Day:	Laura Palmer
Friday 15th Mar	9am-12pm: 11.30pm-2.30pm	Michelle Su Alicia Haley
Friday 22nd Mar	All Day:	Katrina Chellew
Friday 29th Mar	All Day:	Corinne East
Friday 5th Apr	All Day:	Laura Palmer
Friday 12th Apr	All Day:	Leonie Dawes

Gardening Club News

On Monday Tocumwal Public School's Gardening Club had its first meeting. We had an overwhelming initial response with around 52 members giving it a try. Together we re-potted 30 bottlebrush trees into larger pots.

Starting next week the group will be divided into two groups; Monday Gardening Group and Wednesday Gardening Group. Today all groups combined together to plant some flowers in the school's tractor tyre garden beds.

The children, in their groups, will have a week on watering can duty on a rostered basis.

Big thanks to some awesome parents and children that have already made generous donations to garden club. They are so appreciated.

Just a reminder that Garden Club is collecting aluminium cans and plastic drink bottles to raise money to go towards buying supplies. Leave them in the boxes behind the greenhouse please.

Thanks,

Mrs Gastin



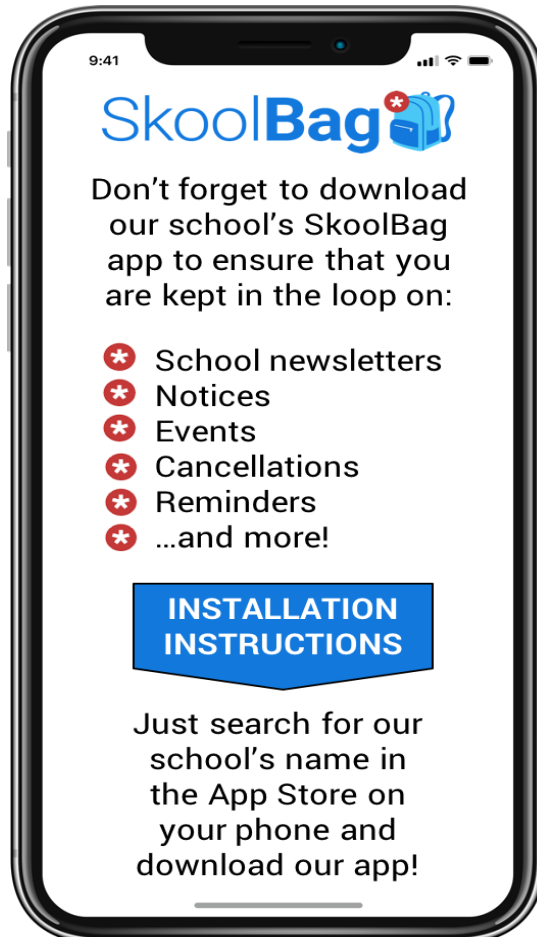
Canteen News

The canteen will be open this Friday. Honey joys will be available as a part of the home baking for 90c each. There will be **no blizzards** available this week.

Maggi Booth, P&C President



Bayden Gowty and Sienna Keith
2019 winners of the Anne Logie Most Improved award for swimming



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