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# TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Term 4, Week 9

Principal: Darren White

## Principal's Report

### Presentation Night

Our school's Presentation Night was held last night at school. Whilst it was a little chilly, it was well supported and was an opportunity for the community to join together in celebrating the school's achievements during the past year and to recognise individual students who have achieved at high levels in academic, sporting and cultural pursuits.

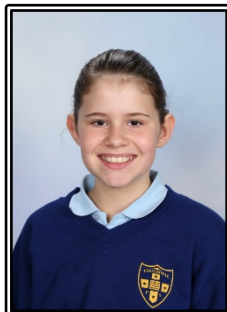
Congratulations to all of the award winners during the evening, you are most deserving of your accolades. A full list of the award winners is listed inside the *Riversider* magazine.

Thank you for all of our families in attendance complying with the COVID distancing rules and filling out the external visitor forms provided.

### School Captains 2021

Last night we announced our new school Captains for 2020. I would like to congratulate these newly elected leaders and wish them all the very best in their role as leaders of Tocumwal Public School in 2021.

Our Captains are: Heath Mansell and Molly-Mae Ruigrok, our vice captains are Alex Booth and Lilly Baron. I am certain they will do a wonderful job and will be well supported by all Year 6 students who will also be leaders of the school.



### Intensive Swimming Scheme for the infants

Our intensive swimming scheme for the infants K-2 has entered its second week. It has been running superbly other than the weather stopping us on Monday and Tuesday this week. We will be concluding on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Students have already been making notable progress. Thank you to our helpers who have been making themselves available and hopping in with the children.



## Important Dates

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November -  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Infants Swimming Program

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 6 Graduation Dinner  
Whole School Dance

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Students Last Day 2020

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Staff Last Day 2020

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
Staff Return for 2021

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
Students Return for 2021



Tarryn Wright  
Lucy Watmore  
Summer Parker  
Arlo Haley  
Charlie Wilson  
Emilia Dickins  
Lukas Jones  
Stefania Wright  
Mrs Barker

## Canteen Roster

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Laura Palmer & Corinne East



"How did it get so late so soon?  
Its night before its afternoon.  
December is here before its June.  
My goodness how the time has flown.  
How did it get so late so soon?"  
~Dr. Seuss

## Student Reports

Students' reports will be given out by your child's classroom teacher on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the end of the school day.

Your child's report describes student achievement in each of the subjects taught in all NSW schools. To prepare the reports, teachers are using a five-point scale to describe the achievement of each student in each subject area over the past two terms. All students in NSW are taught the same NSW Board of Studies syllabuses. Their achievements on these common syllabuses are now reported consistently on a five-point Board of Studies scale.

Each school is using five grades - **A-E** - or five-word descriptions - **outstanding, high, sound, basic and limited** - to summarise the five-point scale of achievement.

These grades tell you how your child is achieving in relation to the material taught in each subject for that semester. They describe the quality of the work your child has produced. They are not a pass/fail scale and do not rank your child in their class, there is no pre-determined number of students who will achieve any of the achievement levels.



## Year 6 Farewell Graduation Dinner 2020

On Monday evening, **14<sup>th</sup> December**, the Year 6 Farewell will be held offsite at the Tocumwal Golf and Bowls Club. Students in Year 6 only, their invited parents/carers are invited to sit down to a dinner prepared and provided by the Club. Students and parents should start arriving at 5:30pm so as to get a quick photo in the reception area. All families must be seated by 6pm as we have a tight schedule and the meals will be served shortly after.

Students have received their invitations and RSVP details are due now. If paying by cheque please make it out to the Tocumwal P&C Association. The preferred method is online as per the information sent home. Just a friendly reminder as this is a school event **no alcohol** will be allowed on the tables with the children. (If you would like a drink maybe stay at the bar before you return to the table.)

## School Dance 2020

The annual school dance will be held on Monday evening, **14<sup>th</sup> December** at the Tocumwal Memorial Hall. All children from Kinder to Year 6 are invited to attend the dance and are expected to be present at 7.00pm to begin. The students will be practising a variety of dances and we are looking forward to the demonstrations throughout the night.

For us to be able to hold this event this year, we are **not allowed** to have parents in attendance as we normally do due to guidelines. It will be a drop off only rule. Special consideration has been sought to have parents of Yr. 6 students only be present at the end of the evening at 8:40pm (observing physical distancing) when the photo memories will be played in front of the school group. They will be subject to strict physical distancing rules otherwise we cannot go ahead with the dance.

The dance concludes at 9pm when all children must be met by a parent or designated caregiver outside of the venue to go home. We have been strongly advised that parents do not congregate out the front of the doors of the hall. Thank you for your understanding with these safety measures.



Health

## Chickenpox

As you may be aware we have had a number of cases of Chickenpox reported to our school. Under advice from NSW Health, Chickenpox is **not** a notifiable condition and is considered as a common viral illness despite it being highly contagious. In children it causes a relatively mild illness.

Chickenpox (varicella) begins with a sudden onset of slight fever, runny nose, feeling generally unwell and a skin rash. The rash usually begins as small lumps that turn into blisters and then scabs. The rash appears over three to four days. At any one time, the lesions of the rash vary in stages of development. Symptoms usually occur two weeks after exposure to the virus.

Students who are experiencing these symptoms are not to attend school until after the scabs have crusted over (dried) and are clear of any symptoms.

## Primary Students Pool Afternoon

On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, students in classes Years 3-6 only, will be having an afternoon at the Tocumwal Swimming Pool. Classes will walk down to the pool at approximately 1pm. Students will be given supervised free time at the pool. We will be leaving the pool at 2:45pm to return for buses and pickups. Students who do not have a season pass will be expected to pay the \$3 entry fee. Please ensure your child has appropriate swimwear and a towel. A permission note is attached to this week's Newsletter to gain parental /caregiver's permission. Could you please return the slip to the front office with payment on or before Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December.

No students will be left at the pool. If you want your child to go home directly from the pool a note must be presented to your child's teacher indicating your directions, permission and your signature.



### Class Party Day / Santa's Visit

Also occurring on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December is Class Party Day. Class teachers will organise with the students in their class what they are required to bring for the class party. Also, on this day the infants will be having a special visit by Santa. Santa is looking forward to talking to all the girls and boys in our infant's classes. He might also have a little surprise for them. We sure are excited!

### Classes resume in 2021

All students in Kindergarten - Year 6 resume school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Staff only will return on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January for a staff development and professional learning.

### Merry Christmas

This will be the final Newsletter for the year. I thank you all for your readership in following the special events and articles in this Newsletter on a weekly basis. On behalf of all of the staff at Tocumwal Public School, I wish you a safe and merry Christmas and a happy COVID free new year.

Darren White



## Tocumwal Public School

### Pool Afternoon

#### FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 3-6 ONLY

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the Tocumwal Swimming Pool on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 from 1.00pm to 2.45pm. Please indicate below if your child can or cannot swim 25m in a recognised stroke unassisted.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ can / cannot swim 25m in a recognised stroke unassisted  
*(Please circle)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ can / cannot swim 25m in a recognised stroke unassisted  
*(Please circle)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ can / cannot swim 25m in a recognised stroke unassisted  
*(Please circle)*

I understand the children will be walking to the pool. Special needs of my child/ren which you should be aware (eg: allergies, etc.)

Please tick

I have enclosed \$3.00 per child to cover the entry fee or  our season ticket no. is \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please return to the office by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December



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