



# TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Work Together For Good

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Term 4, Week 3

Principal: Darren White



**HOW2Learn**  
Term 4 Week 3  
Making Links



- Connecting learning (classroom and social) to self, the world and texts  
(*Reciprocal Reading, FOCUS on Reading*)

## Important Dates

**Thur 31<sup>st</sup> October**  
Kinder Orientation 9:45 - 11:45

**Tue 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
Finley High School taster day

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> November**  
School Production – 7:00pm  
Memorial Hall Tocumwal

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
P&C AGM  
7:30pm School Library

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
Production USB's due in

**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Tocumwal Public School  
Presentation evening

**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Finley High School  
Orientation Day

## Principal's Report

### Special Persons Day

On Thursday, TPS celebrated Special Person Day, a wonderful day that highlights the love and connection we share with those closest to us. While Grandparents Day is officially marked on the last Sunday in October, we were so fortunate to welcome so many incredible special people into our school today.



The school was buzzing with joy, as friends and family travelled from near and far to share a special lunch with their beloved TPS students. The SRC truly outdid themselves, organising an amazing afternoon filled with a variety of games spread across the playground, bringing smiles and laughter to everyone.



A fabulous assortment of slices, cakes, and biscuits made for a delightful afternoon tea, thanks to the generous contributions of our wonderful parents.

A huge thank you to the SRC and Miss Lewis for their hard work in organising this heartwarming event, and to all the families and friends who helped make it extra special. It was a day filled with big smiles, warm hugs, and cherished memories. See photo collage within Newsletter.

### School Production

Mark your calendars! Our amazing annual school production is coming up on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November! It's a night filled with talent, creativity, and fun, where our students get to shine on stage. You won't want to miss this incredible event, so be sure to save the date. We can't wait to see you there!



### Recording of the School Production



A Video placed onto a school Logo USB of the dress rehearsal performance will be produced and will be available for \$10 a copy (includes USB) CASH ONLY sales. Please complete the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return with payment to the office by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. No late orders will be taken after this time. Thank you.

Tocumwal Town Pool Opens on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Special membership prices apply for getting your season pass on this date only. Volunteers are required for the Kiosk, 2.5hr shifts – without someone in the kiosk, the pool cannot open! Call Anne on 0428 128 363



Addison Desailly  
Taylor Findlay-Biss  
Poppy Almond

**Assembly this week: 2:45pm**

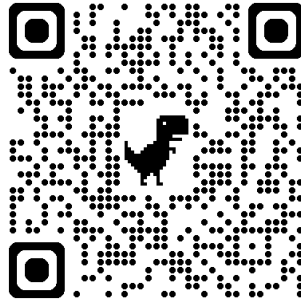
## The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.



Completing 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 5-10 minutes to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 25/9/24 and 8/11/24. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.



Please type the link into your browser and press enter and it will take you straight to the survey or scan the QR code.

Link: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/tocps>

## Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently preparing for 2024. If you have a child to enrol or know of someone who has, please encourage them to come along and pick up an enrolment form or fill out an online application found at:

<https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=3225>



## Riversider

The Riversider will once again be printed in colour. Those families who have paid for it with their voluntary contributions will receive a colour copy. Those families who have not paid may reserve a coloured copy for \$25 each. Just complete the order form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the office with payment to confirm a printed colour copy. The print run will be limited so secure one for your family. They are full of wonderful photos of your children as well as some of their work and other reports. Don't miss out.

## Canteen Roster

### Term 3

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Kylie Flury
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Courtney Blakelock
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Corrine East
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Sarah Crawford
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Bec Cork
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Courtney Blakelock
End of Term 4	

REMEMBER:

***No Volunteers = No canteen.***

### P&C AGM

The P&C Committee will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm in the School Library. All positions will be declared open, and all members of the school community are invited to attend.

## From the Office

- Just a reminder: if you haven't started paying for the school camp yet, now's the time to get on it! With only 2 weeks until the camp, you'll need to make weekly payments of about \$280. You can make your payments through Sentral or drop them off at the office.
- If you have outstanding payment amounts in sentral, for eg uniforms please take a moment to settle those. Your prompt attention is appreciated.
- Yr 1 Concert costume contributions can be made to the office, cash only please.



## Student Absences

If your child has been absent from school or is going to be absent you can notify the school via the Sentral parent portal. This can be accessed via the home screen when you have logged into the app.

## No Hat No Play!

In Term 4, we have a No Hat Play in the Shade policy for all students expecting to play in the playground. Please ensure that your child has a suitable broad brimmed hat for the start of the term. Hats with the school emblem are on sale at the school office. They are very practical and look quite smart. All kindergarten students should have been given one as a welcome gift from the P&C. If your

child is new to kindergarten and hasn't received their hat yet, call in to the office and see one of the lovely ladies in the office who will be able to assist you.



## Student Attendance



The NSW Department of Education expects students to attend school no less than 90% of the time. This allows for the occasional illness that can occur from time to time. If your child attendance comes in to question the school will contact you first via a phone call or a letter. If your child's attendance still does not improve without a valid reason, then the Home School Liaison Officer will make contact and an improvement program will be initiated to improve your child's attendance.

<https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy>

## Label Everything!

Your child's belongings can get easily misplaced at school. Please label all your child's belongings with their name. Do not forget books, pencil cases, clothing and school bags.

## IGA Dockets

The P&C have a letterbox at the front gate near the office for community members to drop off their IGA Dockets. Children can still drop them off at the office if they wish.



## Assembly at 2:45pm

## Darren White.

### Canteen Roster Term 4 2024

I can be placed on the Canteen Roster for Term 4 2024.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to do  one  two  three days this term (please tick)

Please tick **ALL** dates you are available in Term 1 to assist with rostering.

**You will only be rostered for as many days as indicated above.**

- Friday 25th October       Friday 22nd November  
 Friday 1st November       Friday 15th November       Friday 13th December  
 Friday 6th December

Email: [tocumwal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tocumwal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or visit our website: [www.tocumwal-p.school.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tocumwal-p.school.nsw.gov.au)

Phone: (03) 58 742 128

Fax: (03) 58 742 281

## **Lego Group Program: Building More Than Just Blocks!**

At Tocumwal Public School, the "Lego Group" program has been a fantastic success throughout the year, offering students a unique, hands-on experience. Over a 4-week period, students engage in a 20-minute session each week, working together to build Lego masterpieces. In these sessions, students take on specific roles—**Supplier, Engineer, or Builder**—encouraging teamwork and communication. Every student will have the opportunity to participate in the Lego Group at some stage during their time at TPS.

### **Benefits of the Lego Group Program:**

- **Fosters Collaboration:** Students learn to depend on one another's strengths, enhancing teamwork and cooperation.
- **Enhances Communication Skills:** Each role requires clear and effective communication to achieve success in building the project.
- **Develops Critical Thinking and Creativity:** Students face design challenges that spark innovative thinking and problem-solving in a fun, practical way.
- **Boosts Confidence:** Students build self-esteem by taking ownership of their role and seeing the final creation come together.
- **Supports Fine Motor Skills:** Handling Lego pieces improves dexterity and hand-eye coordination, especially beneficial for younger students.
- **Incorporates Emotional Regulation:** The program also helps students develop emotional regulation by teaching them to manage frustration, stay focused, and communicate respectfully when things don't go as planned. They practice patience and perseverance, which are key life skills.

The Lego Group builds not only amazing structures but also essential skills in teamwork, leadership, emotional regulation, and creativity!



### **School Performance USB Order Form**

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the School Performance USB at a cost of \$10 per copy. **CASH SALES ONLY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please return orders with payment to the school office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### ***2024 Riverside Magazine***

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the 2024 *Riverside Magazine*.

Please include **\$25** per copy with your order

# Special Person Day



Email: [tocumwal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:tocumwal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or visit our website: [www.tocumwal-p.school.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tocumwal-p.school.nsw.gov.au)

Phone: (03) 58 742 128


Fax: (03) 58 742 281

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO ASSIST WITH THE KIOSK.

SHIFTS ARE OF 2.5HRS

**NO KIOSK ATTENDANT  
(VOLUNTEER), NO POOL OPEN**

CALL ANNE ON 0428 128 363

 CLUB TOCUMWAL

# SUNDAY FAMILY FUNDAY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD 11:30AM - 3:30PM

*Come along and enjoy a fun afternoon with family and friends at Club Tocumwal's Lawn Bowls Greens! Make your own team and challenge your friends to a game or try your hand at a singles game with our current club champ! Tocumwal Club coaches will be on hand to assist all guests.*



BOWLS EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE. BBQ SAUSAGE SIZZLE PROVIDED FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION. TAKE AWAY ALCOHOL AVAILABLE. BYO CHAIRS, PICNIC MATS ETC. PLEASE WEAR FLUORESCENT GREEN

## Tocumwal Swimming Pool Opening

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Join today and save...

**\$20 off Family tickets**

— only when you join on the 9<sup>th</sup> November

**\$10 off Single tickets**

— only when you join on the 9<sup>th</sup> November

# Get up to \$500 for education costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months,  
and **ANZ will match it up to \$500.**

To be eligible, you need to meet these requirements:



18+  
18 years  
or older



A regular  
income  
(you or your  
partner)



Attend  
free online  
financial  
education  
workshops



Are studying  
yourself or  
have a child  
at school, or  
starting next  
year



Current  
**Health Care**  
or **Pensioner**  
**Concession**  
**Card**

Saverplus.org.au

1300 610 355



Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in partnership with The Smith Family and Berry Street. It is funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

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## AIR FORCE CADETS

# The Air Force Cadets are now RECRUITING!

FROM 01 OCTOBER 2024  
TO 31 MARCH 2025

APPLY ONLINE

[airforcecadets.gov.au](http://airforcecadets.gov.au)

@airforcecadets

**The Australian Air Force Cadets No. 419 Squadron in Shepparton are now recruiting for their 2025 intake. There will be an information evening in Shepparton on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 24 .**

If you're between 12 - 15 (must be in high school and turning 13 in 2025) and have an interest in aviation, drones, STEM, leadership and personal development, fieldcraft, a career in the Australian Defence Force, or just want to make new friends, we're keen to have you join our ranks. You'll learn many new skills and have a lot of fun along the way.

We are sponsored by the Royal Australian Air Force and you will have the opportunity to fly and visit Defence Bases in Victoria, and so much more

**To register to attend the information evening or for more information email:**

[co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au](mailto:co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au)

Expressions of interest to join can be completed at:

[www.airforcecadets.gov.au/how-to-join](http://www.airforcecadets.gov.au/how-to-join)



Proudly hosted by the  
Tocumwal Community Development Committee

## REGISTRATION FORM

20 Rod & Reel Combo Giveaways\*  
& 4 to be won on the day

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 1st ~ 8am - 12pm**  
(Cod Opening)

### SAUSAGE SIZZLE ALL MORNING

Free for kids & gold coin donation for adults

*Limited amount of free bait & tackle available on the day*

3 ways to register:

1. Fill in this form & take to Joey at Hook'd On The Murray Tackle Shop (41-43 Deniliquin Street, Tocumwal)
2. On the day 8am-845am on the Foreshore at the old boat ramp
3. For our out-of-town friends, please email [tcadc2714@gmail.com](mailto:tcadc2714@gmail.com)

One entry form per child. Please return by 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This is a family fun day and is NOT a fishing competition.  
Close Adult Supervision Required at all times  
Life Jackets Not Supplied  
Please Bring Your Own Fishing Gear & Bait (A limited amount of free bait & tackle will be available on the morning)

December 1st is the official Cod Opening season so there will be plenty of people & boats about.



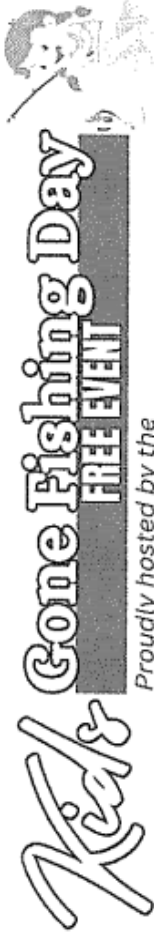
JOIN THE FACEBOOK EVENT FOR SCHEDULE, MORE INFO & UPDATES

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

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