



# TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Work Together For Good

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Term 4, Week 6

Principal: Darren White



**HOW2Learn**  
Term 4 Week 6  
Reasoning



- Being able to effectively explain understanding
- verbalising their reasoning
- Demonstrating an understanding that there may be more than one way/one answer
- Thinking more about the why and how
- Asking questions, generating hypotheses, gathering data, predicting what will happen, and observing consequences.
- Classifying, comparing, and contrasting, (for example, as in dominoes, Lotto, and other matching and sorting games).

## Important Dates

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

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
Infant Swim Scheme  
Commences

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

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

**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Tocumwal Public School  
Presentation evening  
7:15pm

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

**Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
School Captain 2025  
speeches. 9:30am

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup> December**  
Graduation Dinner

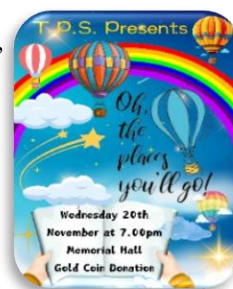
## Principal's Report

### School Production Tonight

Our amazing annual school production is on tonight Wednesday, 20th November! It's a night filled with talent, creativity, and fun, where our students get to shine on stage. You will not want to miss this incredible event. We cannot wait to see you there! Students need to be **dropped off at school at 6:15pm** and go straight to their classrooms to get dressed. They will then walk down to the hall at 6:45pm. The show will then start promptly at 7pm.

Make sure you are there early to get a good vantage point. Seating will be provided. Doors open at 6:30pm.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.



### 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). 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.

### Last week of Kinder 2025 Transition

Our new enrolments for kindergarten 2025 have had their 3<sup>rd</sup> visit already. They will come for their final visit tomorrow. Each week we are getting to know them a little better. They are fitting in so well. Our kinder teacher Miss Spinelli and their current kinder buddies have loved their visits. We can't wait to see them full time next year.



Ryka Martin



**Mathletes of the Week:**

Infants

**George Blakelock**

Primary

**Elayna Ring**

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## School Captain 2025 Elections

On **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**, during a special morning Assembly at **9:30am**, we will be hearing from the leaders of our school for 2025 as they present their school captain speeches. The speeches are usually of high quality and are listened to attentively. After the speeches, pupils will return to their classes to vote for the students they believe will make the best possible Captains for 2025.

The school captains for 2025 will be announced on Presentation evening later in the day.



## Presentation Evening 2024

Our school's Presentation evening will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** at 7:15pm on the school oval. Presentation evening is an opportunity to 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.

## Intensive Swimming Scheme for the infants



Our intensive swimming Scheme for the infants K-2 is soon to begin. It will go for two weeks from 25<sup>th</sup> November- 6<sup>th</sup> December. A note has been uploaded on the Sentral Parent app or is available from the office for families with students in K-2 explaining how the program will run. Please ensure all children bring their swimmers and a towel each day.

There will be a parent helper's note on the reverse side to indicate your availability to assist during the fortnight.

For those parents who already have a WWCC number please provide. If not, we will send home an additional form for a Working With Children Check declaration to fill out. We hope you will be able to help and watch the children progress.

## Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently preparing for 2025. 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>

## Canteen Roster

### Term 3

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	Volunteer required
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Courtney Blakelock
End of Term 4	

REMEMBER:

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

TPS P&C are running a raffle at the school production.

There are some amazing prizes on offer, generously donated by local businesses.

Tickets are \$1 each on the door. Be sure to bring some spare change to get some tickets and support our P&C Committee.



## From the Office

- Please pay outstanding camp fees now! 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.
- **Book Club Issue 8 due Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

## Year 7 Orientation at Finley High School

Year 6 students will travel to Finley High School (FHS) on Tuesday 3rd December for their Orientation Day. Students are reminded to wear their sports uniform and to take a hat, water bottle, packed recess and lunch or money to purchase food and refreshments from the canteen.

Pencil cases / pens are also needed on the day. We thank Baldwin's Bus

Services for providing return transport from pick up locations around town.



## Year 6 Farewell Graduation Dinner 2024

On Tuesday evening, **10<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 will receive their invitations and RSVP details shortly. If paying by cheque please make it out to the Tocumwal P&C Association.

## School Dance 2024

We will again be hosting the school dance. It will be held on Tuesday evening, **10<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 have been practising a variety of dances and we are looking forward to the demonstrations throughout the night.

Parents are always most welcome to stay to watch their children participate in the dancing. There is plenty of seating if you choose to stay. The dance concludes at 9pm when all children must be met by a parent or designated caregiver to go home. Children attending must have proper shoes suitable for dancing so that blisters don't spoil their night. Children will also be required to bring their own drink bottle. They can refill with water at the venue.

## Christmas Service

On Friday, 22nd November, 12pm, our Scripture teachers have organised a special Christmas service for our school and community. We have been invited to the **Catholic Church** for the service. All families and visitors are welcome and encouraged to join us for this special occasion.



## 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. Do not miss out.

## Outstanding Excursion Payments

If you have not finalised your payments from your child's excursion earlier in the year. Could you please make your payments promptly? This needs to be attended to as the school is finalising our finances for the end of the year and are carrying some family's debt into the new school financial year which is not desirable.

We appreciate your efforts in making this one of your priorities. If you are not sure, call in and see our friendly office staff.

## 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 No Play 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 has not 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.

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## 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 into 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.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS....**  
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

*Give your child every chance to succeed...*      **Every day counts!**



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



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*School success starts with attendance*

## 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.**

HOSTED BY BAROOGA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



# COME & TRY WOMENS FOOTY



### Ever wanted to try aussie rules football?

There's no obligation to play and the event is free! So come along! Bring a friend! Play some fun football activities while learning the basics of kicking, handballing and marking! Followed by a sausage sizzle! Ages 10 & above welcome!

### WHAT TO BRING...

- RUNNERS
- WATER BOTTLE
- HAT & SUNSCREEN



Date:

Saturday - 23rd November



Time:

9:45 - 11:30 AM

HELD @ BAROOGA RECREATION RESERVE

### ANY QUESTIONS

0437183657 - Toby Parish

baroogawomensafl@gmail.com

### EXPRESSIONS OF

### INTEREST

GIRLS AGED 10-14



U14S GIRLS 2025



# SKILLZONE SOCCER SPECIFIC CAMPS

Looking for a fun and Developmental soccer experience?

Join us at Skillzone for our Soccer Specific Holiday Camps. Led by our Head Coach Adam Gatcum, this camp offers soccer training and games in a positive and engaging environment. Perfect for players of all skill levels, this camp is designed to help you improve your soccer skills, make new friends, and have a blast on the field. Don't miss out on this unforgettable soccer experience! Our days will also include our incredible inflatable soccer pitch!



6TH JAN - 24TH JAN

- ☑ Skills & ball mastery
- ☑ Inflatable soccer pitch
- ☑ Prizes & Giveaways
- ☑ Fun games & tournaments

### COBRAM CAMP

Apex Reserve Cobram  
6-12 years old  
9 AM - 3 PM  
Free drop off from 8am  
Free late pick up til 4 pm

6th, 8th, 10th, 13th, 15th,  
17th, 20th, 22nd, 24th  
January  
Cost : \$50.00 per date

Registration Link  
[www.skillzonesports.com](http://www.skillzonesports.com)

### VARRAWONGA CAMP

Yarrowonga P-12  
meet at ECA Centre  
6-12 years old  
9 AM - 3 PM  
Free drop off from 8am

7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st,  
23rd January  
Cost \$50.00 per date

### More Information

0400 615 145 admin@skillzonesports.com



# YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS

## 2025

If you have a child in Year 6 and would like to enrol at FHS for Year 7, 2025 please enrol your child via our website under the enrolment tab. If you do not have access to a computer please call into our office and pick up a paper enrolment form.

Finley High School



ENROL NOW

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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**JANUARY**  
**14-16 & 21-23**



# BUSH NIPPERS

LIFESAVING  
AT THE RIVER



To register, go to:

<https://baroogaarc.com.au/bushnipper/>

Location: Thompsons Beach, Cobram



# LAWN BOWLS

Stage 3: Represent Your School

This is a golden opportunity to learn a new sporting skill and represent your school in the inaugural NSW 'Inter-Schools' Primary Bowls Competition - Trials in August 2025.

OPEN TO ... ALL GOVERNMENT, INDEPENDENT AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

To get started ... visit your local bowling club  
Accredited 'Bowls Australia' coaches, providing assistance in developing students' skills, achieving success and having fun - in this - fantastic outdoors sport.

- Training is free.
- Equipment is free.
- Team with your friends.
- Playing in school colours.
- No more - 'weekend' Registration Fees.
- Played in our high schools as an 'inter-school' event.

A SPORT WHERE EVERYONE CAN PLAY

email: [letsplaybowls@gmail.com](mailto:letsplaybowls@gmail.com)



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