



# TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Work Together For Good

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Term 4, Week 8

Principal: Darren White



**HOW2Learn**  
Term 4 Week 8  
Imagining



- Demonstrating imagination and creativity in learning
- Uniqueness in learning/creations

## Principal's Report

### Presentation Evening 2024.

Our school's Presentation evening was held last night at the Town Memorial Hall. It was well supported and was an opportunity for the community to join 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 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.



### School Captains 2025

Last night we announced our new school Captains for 2025. 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 2025.

Our Captains are Lily Baldwin and Charlie Wilson, our vice captains are Maya Daggett and Joel Harrison. 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.



## Important Dates

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

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Yr 3-6 Pool afternoon

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Class Parties / Infants Santa visit

**Last day of Term 4**  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – last student day for 2024



Tom Farrell  
Austin Watt  
Evelyn Crawford  
Braxton Cork  
Natalie Nyhuis  
Aussit Mehmet

Mr White



### Mathletes of the Week:

Infants  
**Maverick Lankester**  
Primary  
**Mila Saraikin**



## Intensive Swimming Scheme for the infants

Our intensive swimming Scheme for the infants K-2 has entered its second week. The children are making terrific progress with the help of our awesome parent helpers and teachers support. It will conclude on Friday. Please ensure all children bring their swimmers and a towel each day.



## Good Luck to our Cricketers

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December we will be sending 3 cricketers off to Wagga to trail for the Girls Riverina Cricket Team for 2025. Skye Chellew, Kobi Jones and Zoe Johnson will be testing their skills against the best girls in the Riverina. We wish them all the very best knowing that they will each give 100%.



## Year 7 Orientation at Finley High School

Our Year 6 students travelled to Finley High School (FHS) on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for their Orientation Day. Students had a wonderful day meeting their new teachers and making new friends. We thank Baldwin's Bus Services for providing return transport from pick up locations around town.



## Canteen Roster

### Term 3

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Sarah Crawford
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Bec Cork
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Daniel Clarke
End of Term 4	

REMEMBER:

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



We are so grateful for the incredible efforts of our P&C group, whose tireless fundraising initiatives provide our students with valuable opportunities, such as camp subsidies and essential classroom items, including laptops and headphones.

We are reaching out to ask for your support! We need a couple of hours of your time to help sell raffle tickets. Every ticket sold contributes to enhancing our students' educational experiences.

## 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.

## 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 payable 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.



## 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 Reports

Students' reports will be given out by your child's classroom teacher on Friday 13th December at the end of the school day. These reports will also be available through the Sentral parent portal.



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 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.

## Primary Students Pool Afternoon

On Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, students in classes Yrs 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 included in this week's Newsletter to gain parental /caregiver's permission. Could you please return the slip to the front office with cash payment on or before Monday, 16<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.



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## Class Party Day / Santa's Visit

Also occurring on Wednesday 18th 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!



## Kindergarten Enrolments

We are currently finalising our kinder enrolments 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>



## Tocumwal Town Christmas Carols

All our students and families have been invited to join in the celebrations on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December down at the foreshore for a sing along. This will be an organised event by the Tocumwal Foreshore Committee to bring the community together and enjoy singing some well-known Christmas Carols and listen to some entertainment. It is set to start at 7pm. Grab a chair and come along.

## 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.



## 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>

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

*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 @ 2:45pm

Darren White.



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## Students in Yr. 3 – Yr 6 Pool Afternoon

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Caregiver) give permission for my child / children to attend the Tocumwal Swimming Pool on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Please indicate your child's swimming ability.

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr : \_\_\_\_\_ weak / strong : swimmer (please circle)

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I have enclosed \$3.00 for pool entry on the day, alternatively, my season pass number is: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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The Tocumwal Ambulance Steering Committee & Berrigan Shire Council invites you to a further

## PUBLIC MEETING

NSW Ambulance will be here again to provide information, answer any questions and speak to those people interested in becoming part a local **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

**When:** Wednesday 4 December at 7:00pm  
**Where:** Tocumwal Football & Netball Club Room, Morris St, Tocumwal  
A light supper will be provided after the meeting  
**RSVP:** Friday 29 November 2024 (for catering/hall set up)  
**Email:** [ambo4toc@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ambo4toc@berriganshire.nsw.gov.au) or **Phone:** 03 5888 5100



# 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.



## ENROL NOW

Finley  
High School






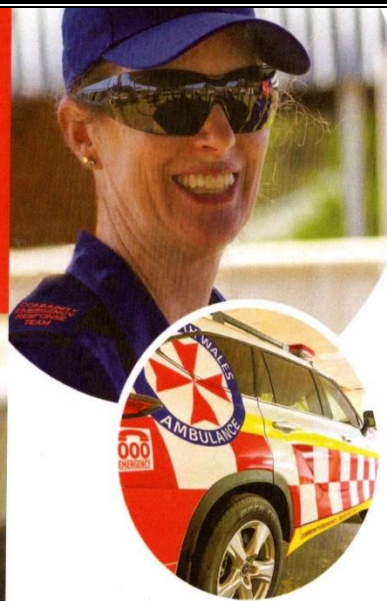
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To become a NSW Ambulance Clinical Volunteer you are:

- ✓ 18 years of age or older
- ✓ Interested in health care
- ✓ Wanting an opportunity to give back to your community and make a real difference in peoples lives
- ✓ Residing or substantially working in the identified location with availability to attend training and respond to incidents
- ✓ Able to meet health, vaccination and police check requirements

NSW Ambulance Clinical Volunteers are provided with Nationally accredited induction training followed by monthly training, conferences and field exercises.

Clinical Volunteers receive ongoing mentoring from local paramedics and operational management, wellbeing support as well as personal protective equipment, uniform and a NSW Ambulance response vehicle.



For more information email

[AMBULANCE-ClinicalVolunteers@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:AMBULANCE-ClinicalVolunteers@health.nsw.gov.au)



## FHS P&C UNIFORM OPEN DAYS

**2024 - Term 4**

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER &  
MONDAY 16th DECEMBER  
3.30pm - 6.30pm

**2025 - Term 1**

FRIDAY 31st JANUARY &  
MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY  
12pm - 3pm

**2025 - Term 1**

TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY &  
WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY  
10am - 1pm

## All Welcome

AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
**TRY - BUY - ORDER**

For students Year 6 - Year 12

LOCATED AT THE  
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ENTRY VIA HALL CAR PARK

For all enquiries contact  
FHS Canteen - 0473946683  
PLEASE NOTE - this phone will not  
be monitored during  
school holidays

The School Uniform Shop is run by the Finley High School P&C Association.  
This is the only official uniform outlet for Finley High School.

All proceeds from uniform sales assist in supporting our students & school.

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