



TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Work Together For Good

Wednesday 26th February 2025 Term 1, Week 5

Principal: Darren White



HOW2Learn
Term 1 Week 5
Meta-learning



- Selecting strategies for learning that are effective for themselves
- Understanding how and why they need to manage distractions to learn best
- Understanding and using a mindset effective for growing and learning
- Demonstrating an understanding for how their brain works and using this to help with learning

Understanding and utilising their preferred learning styles

Principal's Report

School Swimming Carnival 2025

Last Friday we held our annual school swimming carnival. Many thanks to the parents, staff, ex-students and helpers who assisted on the day with the many jobs including time keeping. A big thanks to Mrs Hatty who was doing the sums and lead up work behind the scenes. Your help was greatly appreciated. A special thank you also to the P&C team and their helpers for providing refreshments and a delicious BBQ. Big thank you to the Randall Family from Haynes Butchery for their most generous donation of the meat. The parent relay was full of fun as usual. The super dads took home the trophy again this year. Another big thank you to Geoff and Kerryn Edwards for their help as stroke judges. Finally, to Anne for life guarding and having the pool ready to go looking impressive as always.

We experienced an incredible day of racing, teamwork, and school spirit! A huge congratulations to Wombats on taking out the overall win at this year's Swimming Carnival! Eagles followed closely in second place, with Koalas rounding out the podium.

The participation and sportsmanship from all students were outstanding—well done to everyone who competed and cheered on their teams!

Age Champions for 2025 are:

Junior Girl – Eden Saraikin, Runner-Up – Macy Saraikin

Junior Boy – Billy Farrell, Runner-Up – Ross Grieves

11 Years Girl – Ivy Farrell, Runner-Up – Mila Saraikin

11 Years Boy – Ben Walsh, Runner-Up – Patrick Taylor

Senior Girl – Maya Daggett,

Runner-Up – Lily Baldwin

Senior Boy – Joel Harrison,

Runner-Up – Angus Kruizinga

A special congratulations to Wombats for also winning the Rosemary Reed Participation Shield—a true testament to their team spirit and dedication!

Congratulations to our swimming Champions and all students for your efforts during the carnival.

We will be aiming to hand out ribbons for all students at the assembly on Friday 7th March.

A results page has been attached to the newsletter.



Important Dates

Fri 28th February
Zone Swimming Carnival

Fri 28th February
NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

4th-6th March
Life Education Van –
Healthy Harrold

Mon 10th March
Riverina Swimming
Carnival

Fri 11th April
End of Term 1

No Assembly this week

Emergency Contact Card –
Please complete both sides
and return to the school
office



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Individual Champs and winning House Captains



Zone Swimming Carnival

On Friday, 28th February, students who have qualified to represent Tocumwal Public School will compete at the Finley Zone Swimming Carnival to be held at the Cobram Swimming Pool. The school bus will be leaving at 8:45am so that we are ready for the first race that begins at 9:30am. Students will return by bus to school by 3pm. A note for those students who have qualified was sent home on Monday with more information about the day.



Life Education Visit

Next week we will have a visit from "Healthy Harold" and the Life Education presenters. Life Education has been empowering children and young people to make safer and healthier choices through education for 40 years. They are Australia's largest preventative health organisation, endeavouring to empower children to live a safe and healthy life through education. By placing preventive education at the core of their work, they instil in children the confidence to make safer and healthier choices now and in the future.



SENTRAL Parent Portal

Tocumwal Public School is continuing to build upon the **Central Parent Portal**, designed to help you monitor your child's school journey simply and efficiently. Sentral is a web-based software solution that manages school administration and student data, with remarkable success. The **Parent Portal** is used to keep you connected to your child's education. Each family has been issued with 1 access key which is unique and sole use. If you would like to add additional users with an alternate email address, please contact Ms. Neal (monique.neal@det.nsw.edu.au), who will be able to generate additional keys for your family.



Canteen Roster

Term 1

Friday 28 th February	Eloise Harris
Friday 7 th March	Lauren Haynes
Friday 14 th March	Karli Gambold
Friday 21 st March	Mark and Jess Shaw
Friday 28 th March	Sarah Piner
Friday 4 th April	Lauren Haynes
Friday 11 th April	Volunteer Required
End of Term 1	

REMEMBER:

No Volunteers = No canteen.

Stage 2 Camp fees are now on the Sentral Parent Portal. Full or Part payments can be made at any time either in person, or through the app.



Emergency contact cards have been sent home today – please complete **BOTH sides and return to the office.**

Classroom Award System –HOW2Learn

Throughout the year, students are introduced to the dispositions of: Reflectiveness, Reciprocity, Self-regulation, Responsibility and Resourcefulness. Each of these dispositions have habits that support the development and understandings of the dispositions. Each fortnight students will study a different habit and our award system will reward those students that are displaying these habits. Students will be presented with an award in class that they will paste into their own award sheet. When a student fills their page with ten awards, they will be recognised at our whole school assembly by being presented with a HOW2Learn Merit Certificate by the school principal.



National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2024

In 2025 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held for all students in Years 3 & 5 in all government and non-government schools. This program will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in Australian schools. The tests will occur between 12th-21st March.

The results of the tests will provide valuable information to schools about what each student can do. This will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the agreed national benchmarks of student achievement. The tests will include a: Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test, Reading test and a Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and space). **Access to special provisions and exemption from the tests must be discussed with me, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from the tests. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent or carer consent form. Consent forms are available here at school.**



Please make an appointment to see me if you would like further information about your child's participation in the National Assessment Program.

Beat the Heat

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Remind your child to protect themselves from sun and heat exposure while at school by:

- reducing their exposure to the sun, wherever possible wearing broad-brimmed hats in the playground to protect the face, neck and ears.
- playing in shaded areas, particularly during peak times of UV levels
- drinking plenty of water using 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.

Update your details

Have you moved, got a new email address or changed phone numbers? Today your child/ren will be bringing home Emergency Contact Card (Blue card – **please remember to fill out both sides**). Please complete 1 for each child and return to the office.

Early Risers

Just a reminder that students are encouraged not to be at school any earlier than 8:45am, except for students travelling on buses. Teacher supervision does not begin until 8:50am. Any students who arrive early are to be seated and not playing with sporting equipment until the 8:50am bell is sounded.

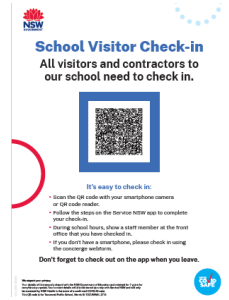
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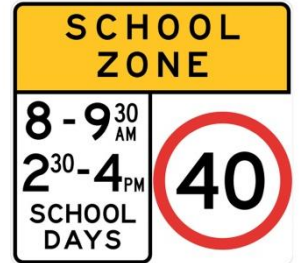
Visitor Check in procedures

The NSW Gov and NSW Dept of Ed now require all visitors to check in daily using the new QR code that is in the front office. It is for contact tracing and WWCC purposes. If you don't have a Services NSW app on your smart phone you will be required to sign in using the iPad in the foyer that has been set up specifically for this purpose. Parents who attending an event such as a parent meeting or Canteen are required to check in. Parents **are not required** to check in for the purposes of dropping off or picking up their children or buying uniforms.



Speed limits in school zones

School zones are installed to reduce traffic speed near schools during the times indicated in the school zone sign. School zones are identified by signs which are displayed on both approaches to the school and show the speed limit and the times during which it applies. School zones are generally permitted on roads adjacent to schools where there is significant school related activity on and beside the road. Speed limits which apply include: 40km/h on roads where the existing limit is 50km/h.



No Hat No Play!



In Term 1, 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 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 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.

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!**



IGA Dockets

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to send in their IGA dockets regularly. We appreciate every single one. If possible, can they come in flat not rolled up please as it makes it harder to count each total value of each docket. Please don't cut off the bottom section of the docket as they become invalid. Thank you



NO Assembly this week

**Darren White
Principal**



ONLINE REGISTRATION IS LIVE

OUR NETBALL CONNECT ONLINE PORTAL IS NOW LIVE!

REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS A TEAM TODAY

REGISTER NOW

cdjnanetball.com

www.registration.netballconnect.com/login



Finley High School OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 5th March
4pm - 6pm
BBQ Area

ALL WELCOME
Community Members -
Primary Students - Families

Information Sessions
Interactive Activities
Guided Tours
Meet the Staff



Finley High School - 03 58831344



Do you have a health care card? You could be eligible for Saver Plus.

For every dollar you save, you'll get a dollar from ANZ to spend on educational costs, up to \$500.

To join, you need to meet all of these requirements:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

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COMMUNITY FAIR MARKET 2025
SUNDAY 9TH OF MARCH
9am - 1pm
BAROOGA COMMUNITY HALL
BANKER ST

PARTNERING WITH THE BAROOGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

MARKET STALLS, HANDMADE PRODUCTS, FOOD STALLS, CHILDRENS GAMES AND SO MUCH MORE...

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**TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
2025 Swimming Carnival Results**

Event	1st	Time	2nd	3rd
Boys All Age Championship 100m	Angus Kruizinga	1:37.94	Joel Harrison	Ben Walsh
Girls All Age Championship 100m	Ivy Farrell	1:25.50	Maya Daggett	Lily Baldwin
8 years Boys Freestyle 50m	Jimmy Crawford	54.41	Harvey Matters	Darcy Wilson
8 years Girls Freestyle 50m	Lillian Piner	1:17.03		
9 years Boys Freestyle 50m	Billy Farrell	48.15	Thomas Braybon	Noah Grieves
9 years Girls Freestyle 50m	Eden Saraikin	55.91	Macy Saraikin	Porsha Bird
10 years Boys Freestyle 50m	Ross Grieves	47.03	Max White	
10 years Girls Freestyle 50m	Spencer Burke	1:03.44		
11 years Boys Freestyle 50m	Patrick Taylor	42.53	Ben Walsh	Jack Petersen
11 years Girls Freestyle 50m	Ivy Farrell	38.06	Mila Saraikin	Whilloe Braybon
12 years Boys Freestyle 50m	Angus Kruizinga	41.38	Joel Harrison	Charlie Wilson
12 years Girls Freestyle 50m	Maya Daggett	36.69	Lily Baldwin	Lily Grieves
8 years Boys Freestyle 25m	Austin Gambold	33.22	Theo Flanagan	Angus Randall
8 years Girls Freestyle 25m	Georgia Walsh	31.85	Florence Blakelock	Maisie Clarke
9 years Boys Freestyle 25m	Maverick Lankester	27.81	Juda Crawford	Ollie Haynes
9 years Girls Freestyle 25m				
10 years Boys Freestyle 25m	Braxton Cork	25.28	Boyd Brown-Shroot	Jack Simpson
10 years Girls Freestyle 25m	Samantha Flanagan	37.53		
11 years Boys Freestyle 25m	Ashton Griffs	27.12	Isaac Crighton	Lukas Jones
11 years Girls Freestyle 25m	Rose Blackburn	23.78	Emilia Dickins	
12 years Boys Freestyle 25m				
12 years Girls Freestyle 25m	Tilly Stephens	19.40	Nina Crawford	Mia McKenzie
Junior Boys Breaststroke 50m	Billy Farrell	1:03.16	Ross Grieves	Max White
Junior Girls Breaststroke 50m	Eden Saraikin	1:16.91	Porsha Bird	
11 years Boys Breaststroke 50m	Ben Walsh	1:03.28	Patrick Taylor	Brett Bird
11 years Girls Breaststroke 50m	Ivy Farrell	50.90	Mila Saraikin	Whilloe Braybon
Senior Boys Breaststroke 50m	Angus Kruizinga	1:00.59	Joel Harrison	Charlie Wilson
Senior Girls Breaststroke 50m	Maya Daggett	50.94	Lily Baldwin	Summer Taylor
Junior Boys Breaststroke 25m	Thomas Braybon	36.71	Tom Farrell	Theo Flanagan
Junior Girls Breaststroke 25m	Macy Saraikin	37.37	Spencer Burke	Georgia Walsh
11 years Boys Breaststroke 25m	Jack Petersen	32.10	Archie Bozzola	Isaac Crighton
11 years Girls Breaststroke 25m	Chevelle Lankester	41.00		
Senior Boys Breaststroke 25m	Austin Watt	34.25	Sam Borg	Parker Boaden
Senior Girls Breaststroke 25m	Lily Grieves	29.37	Nina Crawford	
Junior Boys Backstroke 50m	Billy Farrell	55.43	Ross Grieves	Jimmy Crawford
Junior Girls Backstroke 50m	Macy Saraikin	1:07.31	Eden Saraikin	
11 years Boys Backstroke 50m	Ben Walsh	58.56	Brett Bird	Archie Bozzola
11 years Girls Backstroke 50m	Ivy Farrell	47.90	Mila Saraikin	Whilloe Braybon
Senior Boys Backstroke 50m	Angus Kruizinga	56.10	Joel Harrison	Charlie Wilson
Senior Girls Backstroke 50m	Maya Daggett	44.75	Lily Baldwin	Tess Groutsch
Junior Boys Backstroke 25m	Max White	30.19	Thomas Braybon	Harvey Matters
Junior Girls Backstroke 25m	Porsha Bird	37.87	Florence Blakelock	
11 years Boys Backstroke 25m	Patrick Taylor	25.22	Jack Petersen	Lukas Jones
11 years Girls Backstroke 25m	Rose Blackburn	30.82		
Senior Boys Backstroke 25m	Henry Tuck	28.62	Sam Borg	Ashton Taylor
Senior Girls Backstroke 25m				
Junior Boys Butterfly 50m	Billy Farrell	1:05.87		
Junior Girls Butterfly 50m				
11 years Boys Butterfly 50m				
11 years Girls Butterfly 50m	Ivy Farrell	50.07	Mila Saraikin	Kobi Jones
Senior Boys Butterfly 50m	Joel Harrison	56.87		
Senior Girls Butterfly 50m	Maya Daggett	49.97	Lily Baldwin	
Junior Boys Butterfly 25m				
Junior Girls Butterfly 25m	Eden Saraikin	34.48		
11 years Boys Butterfly 25m	Patrick Taylor	26.44	Brett Bird	
11 years Girls Butterfly 25m	Whilloe Braybon	25.03	Phoebe Chappell	
Senior Boys Butterfly 25m	Angus Kruizinga	29.00	Charlie Wilson	
Senior Girls Butterfly 25m				
Junior Boys Individual Medley 100m	Billy Farrell	2:09.09		
Junior Girls Individual Medley 100m	Eden Saraikin	2:42.38		
Senior Boys Individual Medley 100m	Ben Walsh	2:04.59	Angus Kruizinga	Charlie Wilson
Senior Girls Individual Medley 100m	Whilloe Braybon	1:58.02	Kobi Jones	
Junior Boys Individual Medley 200m				
Junior Girls Individual Medley 200m				
Senior Boys Individual Medley 200m	Joel Harrison	4:35.90		
Senior Girls Individual Medley 200m	Ivy Farrell	3:40.32	Maya Daggett	Lily Baldwin
Junior Boys Relay	Eagles	1:44.97	Wombats	Koalas
Junior Girls Relay	Wombats	2:06.62	Koalas	Eagles
Senior Boys Relay	Eagles	1:23.65	Koalas	Wombats
Senior Girls Relay	Eagles	1:17.62	Wombats	Koalas

**** indicates new record**

Junior Boy Champion: Billy Farrell

11 years Boy Champion: Ben Walsh

Senior Boy Champion: Joel Harrison

CHAMPION HOUSE: Wombats

Junior Girl Champion: Eden Saraikin

11 years Girls Champion: Ivy Farrell

Senior Girl Champion: Maya Daggett

ROSEMARY REED PARTICIPATION SHIELD: Wombats