



TOCUMWAL PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Work Together For Good

Wednesday 19th March 2025 Term 1, Week 8

Principal: Darren White



HOW2Learn
Term 1 Week 8
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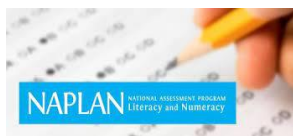


- Selecting the most important facts (and not wasting time on insignificant things) for learning
- Taking time to think, allowing new ideas to settle.

Principal's Report

NAPLAN

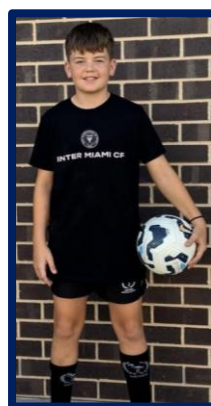
NAPLAN testing is over for another year for our students in Yrs 3 & 5. We congratulate their efforts in concentrating and completing their tests to be best of their abilities. We will receive student results next term



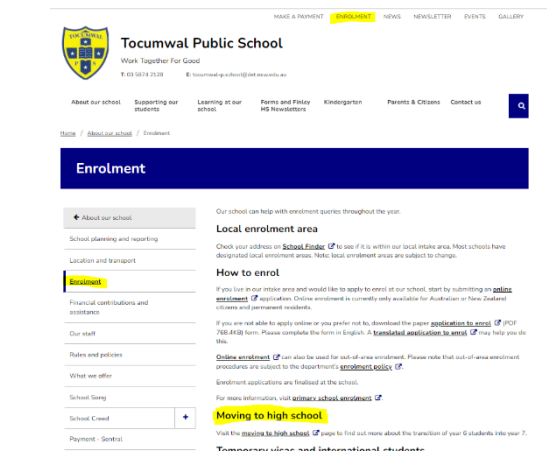
Boys Riverina Soccer Trials

We wish Angus Kruizinga all the best next week as he represents the combined Finley and surrounds Zone Soccer team at the Riverina Trials.

These trials bring together all of the zones across the Riverina for an intense day of games between all teams. They will play at least 3 games. From here the selectors will pick individuals to play in the "Possibles and Probables" sides (only 22 players). After this game they will name the Riverina Team. The Riverina Team will play in the NSW State PSSA Soccer Carnival. We wish the Angus all the best for the trials.



Moving into Year 7 in a NSW Government School in 2026



Parents of Year 6 students are asked to complete the online Expression of Interest form from 11th March 2025. To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2026, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7. The year 6 to 7 transition process can be completed by parents and carers online. There are two key

steps to complete the enrolment process, Expression of interest and Enrolment Application. You'll first need to complete an expression of interest form. Expressions of Interest for year 7 open in March and close in April.

Important Dates
12 th - 21 st March 5, 2025 NAPLAN
Thur 20 th March Harmony Day Students wear orange coloured clothing
Fri 21 st March Assembly 2:45
Fri 11 th April End of Term 1
Mon 28 th April Term 2 commences. Pupil Free day
Tue 29 th April Pupil Free Day
Wed 30 th April Students return Term 2

Assembly this week 2:45pm



Adelise Flury
Luca Bulk
Ivy Farrell



Mathletes of the Week:
Infants
Maise Clarke
Primary
Elayna Ring

During this time, you can find the online Expression of Interest form on the Tocomwal Public School website under Enrolment and then Moving to High School. When completing the Expression of Interest, you'll need to supply the student details, parent carer details, and list your intended high school.

By entering your home address, the details of your local high school will appear. There are also additional options. If you are considering an out of area high school. You can generally expect to receive an enrolment offer between June and September.

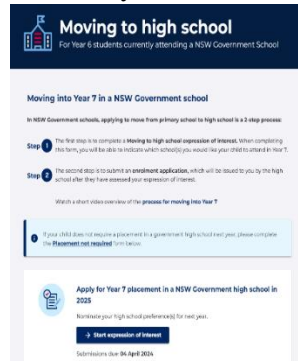
The second step you must take, is to accept the enrolment offer. You do this by submitting an online enrolment application. This needs to be done within 14 days of receiving the offer.

After submitting an online enrolment application, you will see an on-screen confirmation. This will also be sent to you by email. The high school may contact you to confirm which documents you will need to present at the school to finalise your application.

The last day to submit online EOIs is Friday 28th March. Paper copies need to be returned to our office by 28 March 2025. For parents/carers who are not able to complete an application online, a paper EOI form can be collected from the school office.

If placement is **not required**, please complete the online form link.

<https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/year7/no-placement?schoolCode=3225>



School Fees

A few weeks ago, attached to the newsletter was the **2025** School Fee contribution form. This also considers the cost of textbooks and consumables. It also has the option to buy a *Riversider* (School Magazine 2025) at a reduced price at the start of the year. It would be appreciated if you could return the form to the school office with your payment promptly.

We thank you in advance for your contribution.

Managing screen-time

Helping kids find the right balance between activities, homework and screen time is a challenge that only gets harder as they grow older.

Common sense Media has lots of useful resources to help – from movie and game ratings to articles like this one on setting screen time limits that are realistic enough that your children will actually follow them. Read the article here: <http://bit.ly/1pBIfmk>

Books to boost brains

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It's also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!).

SENTRAL Parent Portal

Tocomwal 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 21 st March	Mark and Jess Shaw
Friday 28 th March	Sarah Piner
Friday 4 th April	Lauren Haynes
Friday 11 th April	Kelly Baldwin
End of Term 1	

REMEMBER:

No Volunteers = No canteen.



Emergency contact cards please complete **BOTH sides and return to the office.**

Voluntary Contributions can be paid:

- in person at the office.
- through the parent portal.

You can request the contributions and optional *Riversider* magazine to be added to your portal for payment through there.

Stage 2 (Yrs 3 /4) & Stage 3 (Yrs 5/6) Camp fees are now available for full or part payment through **Sentral Parent portal. Payments can be made at the office.**

Club Tocomwal colouring in competition is to be returned to Club Tocomwal by 5th April.

Wearing Riverina Apparel to School

It is wonderful that our students experience the highs of representing their zone at Riverina Regional carnivals and events. It is a great opportunity to buy some merchandise from the clothing stands etc... However, these articles of clothing (including shorts, shirts and jumpers) are not the school uniform and **should not** be worn to school in the place of the school uniform.

The only time a student may wear Riverina apparel to school will be **the next school day** immediately after they attend the Riverina event. At no other time is it to replace school uniform.

NB. The only exception is that Riverina socks may be worn at any time.

For those students who have recently swam at the Riverina Carnival last Monday may wear their items on this Friday 21st March if they like.

Update your details

Have you moved, got a new email address or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises. Blue cards have recently been sent home (some times twice), please complete these and return to the office asap.

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.

Visitor Check in procedures

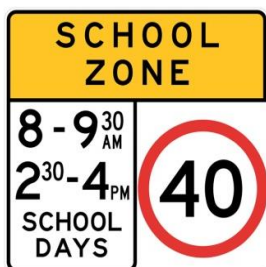
The NSW Gov and NSW Dept of Ed now require all visitors to check in daily using the new QR code that is in the front office. It is for contact tracing and WWCC purposes. If you don't have a Services NSW app on your smart phone you will be required to sign in using the iPad in the foyer that has been 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.



Dogs in the Playground

We love having animals visit our school but if you are bringing an animal to school for News or Show and Tell would you please make a previous arrangement with your child's teacher.

As we must safeguard all our students we would appreciate it if you would not bring your dogs into the playground, especially during drop off and pick up times when there are many children moving around. Thank you.



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.

Email: tocumwal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or visit our website: www.tocumwal-p.school.nsw.gov.au

Phone: (03) 58 742 128

Fax: (03) 58 742 281

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



IGA Dockets

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to send in their IGA docket 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



Assembly this week 2:45pm

Darren White
Principal

'Junk Yard' Loose Parts Playground!



Introducing the 'Junk Yard' Loose Parts Playground!

We are excited to introduce our new loose parts playground, the 'Junk Yard'! This innovative play space will provide children with endless opportunities for creativity, problem-solving, and imaginative play.



What is Loose Parts Play?

Loose parts play involves materials that can be moved, manipulated, constructed, rearranged, taken apart, put together, carried, combined, lined up, or used alone. Unlike traditional playground equipment, these items do not have a predetermined purpose; instead, children decide how they will use them. This type of play encourages creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration.

<p>Loose parts include natural objects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stones • Flowers • Seeds • Sticks • Shells • Pine cones • Logs • Bamboo poles • Tree stumps • Branches/twigs • Bark pieces • Wooden planks and offcuts • Large stones or bricks 	<p>They can also include synthetic and repurposed materials like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ropes • Buckets and baskets • Pots and pans • Fabric and tarps • Building materials and tools • Scrap materials • Pallets - wooden or plastic • Wooden crates • Cardboard tubes (from carpet rolls or postal tubes) • PVC pipes and connectors • Milk crates • Old tyres - car and tractor • Rope and bungee cords 	<p>Or household and industrial materials like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PVC pipes and fittings • Metal tins (smooth edges) • Cable spools/reels • Old gutters • Lattice panels • Mesh screens • Rubber mats
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The possibilities are endless! Loose parts provide children with the freedom to create their own play experiences, fostering independence and problem-solving skills—just like many of us experienced in our own childhoods.

How Can You Help?

To make the 'Junk Yard' a reality, we need your help! We are looking for donations of suitable loose parts to enrich this play space. If you have any of the items listed above or other interesting objects that could be used in creative play, we would greatly appreciate your contributions.

Where to Get More Information

If you have any questions or would like to donate items, please feel free to speak with our infant teachers. Your support in collecting and providing these materials will help create an engaging and dynamic play environment for our children.

Thank you for helping us bring the 'Junk Yard' to life!



Email: tocumwal-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: (03) 58 742

COBRAM JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

JUNIORS

6-12

**SATURDAY
MORNINGS**
FROM 8AM

**MAY 3 -
AUGUST 16**

PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU



REGISTRATION
OPEN NOW

EMAIL
COBRAM.JSA@GMAIL.COM



Cobram Junior Soccer Association

FOR INFORMATION

FACEBOOK.COM/COBRAMJUNIOBSOCCERASSOCIATION



HARMONY *day*

EVERYONE BELONGS

Thursday, 20th March 2025

Students will be involved in classroom activities and a whole school celebration in the afternoon.

Students can wear orange coloured or cultural inspired clothing.



JUNIOR FOOTBALL TRAINING TUESDAYS

4THS (U14'S) 5:30PM

3RDS (U17'S) 5:30PM

THURSDAYS

5THS (U11'S) 5:30PM

4THS (U14'S) 5:30PM

3RDS (U17'S) 5:30PM

**NEW PLAYERS
WELCOME. THERE IS
STILL TIME TO SIGN UP
FOR SEASON 2025**



TOCUMWAL
FOOTBALL NETBALL
CLUB

Barooga
arc

\$15 PER
SESSION

KIDS FUN & FIT

STARTING 11 MARCH

ENGAGING AND FUN

DANCE, YOGA, BALANCE

ENHANCED WELLBEING

IMPROVED MOTOR SKILLS

FOR AGES 2 TO 10

To register: <http://baroogaarc.perfectmind.com/>