



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

16th October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all very excited to be back at school for the most fantastic term of all! We have so many great events coming your way, I can't stress enough the importance of reading the newsletter and having School Stream on your phone to make sure you don't miss a thing. To help you we have included a copy of the term calendar with this newsletter, maybe place it on your fridge or in a handy spot so you can refer to it throughout the term.

Swimming Scheme - Each year we target our Year 2 students for the two week program. This is a fantastic opportunity for all students regardless of their current swimming ability, particular as summer is approaching. If you would like your child to attend but are having difficulty with the finances please contact the school office as we can provide financial support. There are still a number of places available for this year's swimming scheme.

School Staffing - This is a particularly busy time of year for all staff as we have the opportunity to participate in a number of external professional learning courses. Please be assured in the absence of your child's normal class teacher the casual teacher will conduct lessons in line with what the class teacher would normally be doing.

Students leaving in 2017 - We will shortly commence organisation for classes in 2018. If you are aware your children will not be attending next year please let your child's

Diary Dates

17 October

McDonalds Year 6
Fundraiser

19 October

P&C Meeting—Staff Room

23 Oct—3 Nov

Year 2 Swimming Scheme

30 Oct—1 Nov

Stage 2 Aussie Bush Camp

10 November

Remembrance Day
Assembly: Tacoma Choir
Performance

17 November

TPS Chess Competition

28 November

Wyong High Orientation

5 December

Wadalba Orientation Day

15 December

Students last day

2016 TERM DATES

10 Oct - 20 Dec

2017 TERM DATES

27 Jan - 07 Apr

24 Apr - 30 Jun

17 Jul - 22 Sep



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teacher know or contact the office.

ICAS Competitions - Congratulations to the following students who received outstanding results in the recent competitions. In the English competition Jazz was awarded a Distinction, Linley was awarded a Credit and James was awarded a Certificate of Merit. In the Mathematics Linley and Matilda were awarded Credits and Tommy was awarded a Certificate of Merit.

Selective High school applications - The form "Intention to apply for a selective high school in 2018" was sent home with current Year 5 students last week. Please note applications are only accepted online. The website closes Monday 13 November 2017. If you need support or have any questions in regard to the application process please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Stuckey or the school office.

Finally, our next P&C meeting will be held this Thursday at 7pm in the staffroom. At this meeting I will be presenting our school NAPLAN results for 2017.

I hope you have a sensational week!

Jeanette Dillon

Merit Awards

Banal—Mr Kirk

Matthew, Jack, Doha & Sienna

Gulang—Mrs Fletcher

Rebel & Eliza

Balba—Mrs Andrews

Abby, Adam, India & Hayden

Waagir—Mr Farquhar

Thomas, Brock, Jazz & Melinda

Gundang—Mrs Kable

Harry & Kiana

Murgu—Mrs Mercieca

Thomas, Linzee, Maddison & Matilda

Garawa—Mr McFarlane

Noah, Bryce

Badhu—Ms Frost

Sumaiya & Lucy



Online Payment

There is a delay between when payments are made and when we receive notification of them. If you are making your payment online they must be paid by the original due date on the permission note. Late payments made online may result in your child not being included in an activity or excursion.

Tacoma Connect



Join us for a coffee and a chat at Tacoma Connect this Friday morning at 9.15 outside the hall. Everyone is welcome!

Green Team

Spring is here! We are very busy in the gardens watering, fertilising and of course harvesting our fresh veggies and herbs on Friday!



Come along to this Friday's assembly and buy a bag of fresh garden produce for \$1 a bag.

Please join the green team for some fun in the gardens every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at lunchtime (1.30-2pm).

Kindergarten Enrolments

We are still accepting local enrolments for 2018. If you know anyone with a child starting school next year tell them to contact us as soon as possible.

School Swimming Scheme— Year 2

Places are still available for the School Swimming Scheme. We are only offering places to students in Year 2. ONLY 30 PLACES AVAILABLE!! Swimming lessons will be held in weeks 3 & 4 (23/10/17 to 3/11/17). Part payments can be made. Please contact us if you are experiencing financial difficulties as we have some student assistance available.

Bus Travellers—Important Information

Busways have advised us that ALL students must carry their student Opal Card whenever they travel on the bus to or from school and should 'tap on' and 'tap off' on each journey. This is the only way Busways can keep track of how many students are using the bus

each day. If the numbers are too low we risk the bus company cancelling some services as they may be seen to be uneconomical and not used enough. If your child's Opal Card is lost or no longer working could you please arrange a new card as soon as possible.

Additionally, please discuss appropriate bus travel behaviour with your child and stress the importance of sitting down whilst the bus is moving as well as talking (rather than shouting) whilst on the bus.

Jo Stuckey

Student Transport Scheme

If your child is going from Year 2 to Year 3 and you currently have an opal card, you need to re-apply for 2018.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should be advised to go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>. You can update details/make application for next year's entitlement.



Year 6 Fundraiser

A note to let you know it is time again for our Year 6 fundraising night at Wadalba McDonalds. On Tuesday 17th October. McDonalds will donate 10% of takings between 6pm-7pm back to Tacoma for our Year 6 end of year activities and traditional gift to the school. This is always a fun family night as the Year 6 students will be running a raffle and a 'Lucky 100 Number' draw for great cash prizes AND....you have a night off the cooking! Everyone is invited to come along and support our students. We hope to see you all there!! Lock it in!!

Wyong Swim Club

Free trial available at Wyong Pool Friday nights from 6pm. Anyone from 4 yrs and over.

Prices are: 7 and under free and 8 and over—\$95 per. (Family discounts apply). Non swimmer \$30. Contact swimmerWyong.swimming.org.au



Remembrance Day Service Wyong RSL

Please join our at the Remembrance Day Service at Wyong RSL on Saturday 11th November 2017. We will meet prior to 10.40am in the Wyong RSL car park.

Bunnings Tuggerah—Halloween 31st October 5-7pm



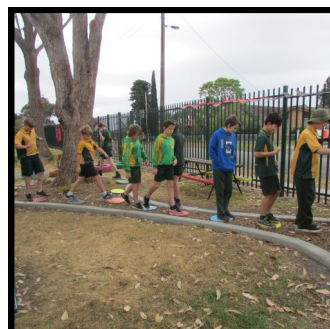
Come along in fancy dress, Kids disco with light show, trick or treat, Halloween craft and games, face painting, balloon artist and light refreshments. To book ring 4350 1900 or visit www.bunnings.com.au/tuggerah

Values Assembly Recipients—Care

Congratulations to the students who received the "Care" Values Certificate at last Friday's assembly.



It's great to see everyone using our new outdoor learning area. Thank you to Mrs Sturt, Mrs Shaw and Mr Doran for all their hard work.



Attendance

Don't forget your note or call the school.

For the benefit of all children, parents or carers should ensure their child attends school regularly. Any absence from school should be explained within seven days of the absence.

Regular attendance combined with a positive attitude means...

GOOD RESULTS. Attend Everyday!



Road Safety



Parking safely will help to keep young children safe - even if it means walking further to the school gate.

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.



Your Child's Medical Needs

Information about allergies, asthma, diabetes and medical procedures in the last 12 months helps us support your child's health and wellbeing. Please provide relevant information to the school.

Please note: Information you provide will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Quote of the Week

“Things turn out best for the people who make the best out of the way things turn out.”

Art Linkletter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Sophie,
Charli &
Faamanu**



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