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TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

13th November 2017

Newsletter



I am continually in awe of the amazing teachers we have at Tacoma PS. Using the last two weeks as an example, your children have had the opportunity to: attend a three day adventure excursion; participate in swimming school; prepare for future leadership roles within the school; entertain their grandparents for lunch; attend the local high schools for transition support; compete against other local schools in a chess competition; welcome our Happy Spirits for 2018; perform in the school choir at assembly; work in the green team to sell our home grown produce and represent our school at the local Remembrance Day ceremony. These activities show the depth and variety of extra curricular activities our teachers provide to ensure your children receive the broadest education possible. Reflecting on this, I am also aware the next 5 weeks will be even busier, I suggest you hold on to your hat and enjoy the journey to end of 2017!

Hunter Region Primary Mathematics Award -

Congratulation to Luke who was a awarded a distinction in the recent competition, this is an amazing achievement. Congratulations also to Linley, Zachary, Summer, James L, Bree, Lucy, James R, John, Brodie and Charli who received certificates of merit.

New turf - Our new Ngara Barayi (listen to earth) garden was given a huge boost last week when we were given new turf to replace the

Diary Dates

16 November

K-2 excursion Wyong HS

17 November

TPS Chess Competition

23 November

2018 Leadership Team Speeches

24 November

BIDHAL

28 November

Orientation Day Wyong High

1 December

Ngara Assembly of Excellence

4 December

Presentation Day 9.30-12

5 December

Orientation Day Wadalba

8 December

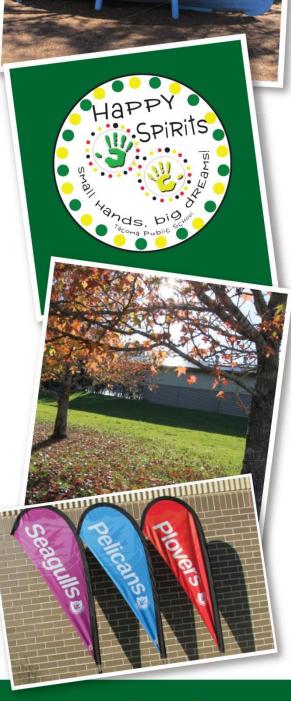
Year 6 RAW Challenge Combined Scripture Assembly

Parent Helper Morning Tea

2016 TERM DATES 10 Oct - 20 Dec

2017 TERM DATES

27 Jan - 07 Apr 24 Apr - 30 Jun 17 Jul - 22 Sep



bare dirt sections. On behalf of Tacoma PS I would like to say a huge thank you to Zac and Maddy's grandparents for this very generous donation. It has really made our garden area look finished.

P&C Meeting - Just a reminder we have our final meeting for 2017 this Thursday night. It will commence in the staff room at 7pm. We hope you can join us.

I hope you have a sensational week!

Jeanette Dillon

Principal Awards

June, Mathew, Adam, Trinity, Maddy & Lucas



Merit Awards

Banal-Mr Kirk

Faamanu, Sophie, Arham & Tamsyn

Gulang-Mrs Fletcher

Dakota, Renata, William & Cameron

Balba-Mrs Andrews

Tamara, Hayden, Liam & Luke

Waagir-Mr Farquhar

Mena, Jordyn, Maison & Cam

Gundang-Mrs Kable

Soha, Grace, Tanika & Taylor

Murgu—Mrs Mercieca

Blake Brandyn, Blake & Tyreece

Garawa—Mr McFarlane

Bryce, Tristan, John & Kym

Badhu-Ms Frost

June, Amy, Hollie & Zac

2018 Leadership Team Speeches

Students who have nominated and met the nomination criteria for school and/or house captain will be presenting a speech as to why he/she should be voted in to represent Tacoma Public School as a school leader in 2018. The students need to be prepared to present their speech to the school in the hall on <u>Thursday 23rd</u> **November at 11:30am**. (Please note: original note to

nominees' parents had Friday for school captain speeches. It has been changed to Thursday as our Kids Matter Day is Friday). Parents are welcome to attend the assembly to watch their child's speech.

After the assembly, students in years K-5 and staff will vote for students to represent the school as a member of the Leadership Team. The leaders selected will be announced at the School's Presentation Day Ceremony in Week 9.

The house captain speeches will be presented on **the same day (Thursday) at 2:30pm** in classrooms in front of the house groups only. Parents are also invited to attend these speeches.

All nominated students need to present a 1 minute speech. The students are not permitted to use props/aides while presenting their speech.

Our school captain nominees have also designed campaign posters that will be displayed in the COLA for everyone to see!!

Good luck to all of our nominees.

Mr McFarlane

CHESS



Last Thursday our chess team attended the Central Coast Primary School One Day Chess Teams Tournament at Wyong Leagues Club. There were around 20 teams in attendance and we had four entered in total. Our students played really well and represented Tacoma admirably. I would like to thank all the parents who helped transport students to and from the venue and Mr Gary Losh for his ongoing support of chess at Tacoma Public School.

Jo Stuckey

Chess Coordinator

Uniform Shop—new hours

The uniform shop is now open on Monday and Friday 8.30-9am.

Rememberance Day—Wyong RSL



Thankyou to all who came and participated.

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

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).

Stage 2 Camp- Great Aussie Bush Camp- Karuah

On Monday the 30th October, Stage 2 students set off for the Great Aussie Bush Camp, Karuah. We had a jam packed few days away filled with lots of challenging and fun outdoor activities. The students were challenged to try new things and work together in teams to problem solve and achieve success. We had some fantastic instructors; Nathan and Jay showed us the ropes and taught us about the importance of getting out of our "comfort zones". We attempted activities such as the high ropes obstacle course, the staple climb, canoeing and of course we couldn't leave camp without attempting the Giant Swing! (Even Mrs Mercieca had a go)!

We shared some stories and toasted marshmallows around the campfire; we danced, sung and played some really fun games in the County Fair hall. Students needed to take ownership of a stall and try to persuade their friends to shop at their stalls, the group who made the most money at the end won! We had fun selling cakes, making milkshakes, sumo wrestling and even face painting.

During our time at the Great Aussie Bush Camp students had a ball, they spent time with friends and even took the opportunity to build new friendships and more importantly make ever lasting memories.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the students for being so respectful and well behaved during the whole time we were away. The camp instructors mentioned how well-mannered and respectful the students of Tacoma were. I would also like to thank Mr Mac for along and also Mrs Kable for planning and organising an amazing school camp! THANK YOU!

Mrs Mercieca

Swim School 2017







Attendance



Road Safety







Drivers slow down and passengers always check before getting out of a vehicle

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.

If there is an emergency and you are going to be late picking your child up after school please inform the office during school hours.



Quote of the Week

"Success is not how high you have climbed,
but how you make a positive difference to the world."

Roy T. Bennett



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