



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

27th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

In over thirty years of teaching I have never felt so connected to a community as I did last Friday at our Bidhal Wadhay Badhang Day. For those of you who couldn't attend, following are the highlights: Kiana spoke beautifully with the Welcome to Country; Gavi Duncan played his didgeridoo as part of the smoking ceremony; the Foini and Roy families provided morning tea for the entire school community; our canteen cooked up a storm and treated us with a taste of traditional Samoan food; our federal parliamentarian Mrs Emma McBride visited and was amazed by our garden; our school leaders June, Amy, Molly, Maddy, Trinity, Nathan, Sumaiya and Adam displayed outstanding leadership when running the day's activities; the teachers lead the children in the singing of the school song and finally our Samoan families entertained us with an amazing dance display. The feeling in the hall at the end of the day was electrifying, for me it will be a day I will always remember. Thank you to everyone who helped in the creation of our beautiful garden and the inaugural Bidhal Wadhay Badhang, I have no doubt it will become a day we look forward to each and every year, from now on.

Presentation Day - Just a reminder our Presentation day is next Monday in the school hall at 9:30am. This is a very special day for us as we acknowledge the students and their achievements in 2017. At the end of the Ceremony we will be announcing our school leaders for 2018. I hope you can join us.

End of year activities - There are many things happening in the last three weeks of the year. Please check your school calendar for all details. We will also be sending our School

Diary Dates

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

11 December

Reports home

12 December

Year 6 Farewell

13 December

Tacoma's Got Talent Gold Coin Donation

15 December

Kinder Graduation

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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Stream reminders, so if you haven't downloaded the app, could I suggest you do so.

2018 Classes - As the year draws to an end, we are beginning preparations for 2018. If your child will not be attending Tacoma PS next year please let the class teacher or office staff know. Also, if you have specific requests for your child in regard to their class in 2018 please speak with staff. A great deal of time is dedicated to forming classes, please know this is done with the best interest of students' in mind.

Student Reports - Our Semester Two student report will be sent home with students next Monday afternoon. If after reading the report you have any concerns or would like anything clarified please don't hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment to speak with someone.

Last day of school - Please note the last day for students to attend is Friday 15 December. The school will be non operational on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December. No staff will be in attendance on these days.

I hope you have a sensational week!

Jeanette Dillon

Merit Awards

Banal—Mr Kirk

Lyla, Kye, Emily & Pippa

Gulang—Mrs Fletcher

Kynan, Lucas, John & Bella

Balba—Mrs Andrews

Logan, Issabelle, Lucas & Brianna

Waagir—Mr Farquhar

Zali, Hannah, Lakiah & Iachlan

Gundang—Mrs Kable

Aleisha, Tiana, Amarli & Carlo

Murgu—Mrs Mercieca

James, Katrina, Madelyn & Thomas

Garawa—Mr McFarlane

Jasmine, Ella, Jay & Charlie

Badhu—Ms Frost

Brodie, Luke, Daniel & Bree



Wyong High School Orientation Day Year 7 2018

Tuesday 28th November 2017 9am-2pm

Student Banking

All prizes need to be ordered by Friday 1 December (this Friday) to have them delivered this year. Any ordered after this date will not be delivered until next year.



The Volunteers Morning Tea will be held

on Friday 8 December in the staffroom. Invitations were sent home for those fantastic people who volunteer at our school. If yours didn't make it home please contact the office for another copy. Please RSVP to the office by Tuesday 5 December. Thank you

Uniform Shop—new hours

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

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!



Bunnings Tuggerah Christmas Fun

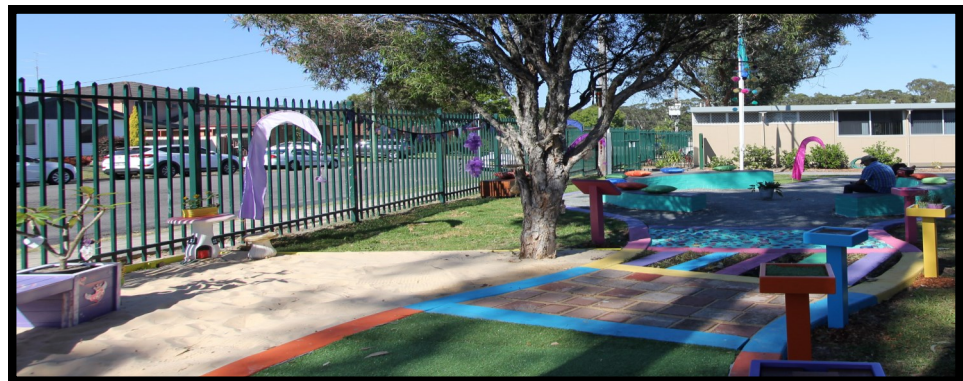
Cooking demo Saturday 2nd December, Christmas Family night Thursday 8th December 6-8pm., Saturday 9th Outdoor lighting demo, and every Saturday and Sunday during December 11-1 kids craft sessions. Lots of Christmas activities to enjoy :)

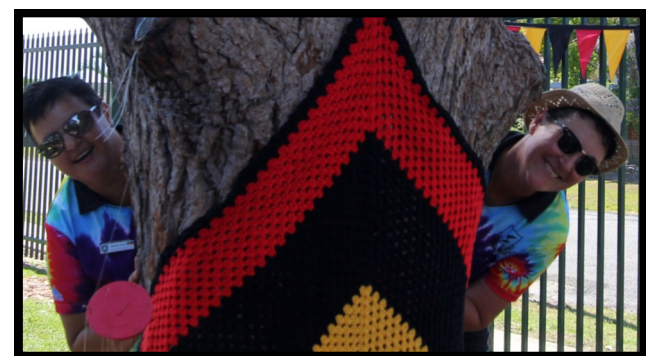
Department of Education Sun Protection Strategies

Coming into summer please remember to find the shade as much as possible between 11am and 3pm and bring your school hats with you to school.



Bidhal Wadhayi Badhang





Attendance



If a student is to be absent, it is best for the parents to notify the school. When your child is absent from school, don't forget to send in a note on their return to school.

This note should explain the reason for the child's absence, the date (s) of the absence and should be signed and dated by a Parent or Guardian.

Road Safety



A bicycle or scooter rider must always give way to other pedestrians when riding along a footpath. Always wear a helmet and keep your eyes and ears alert for people and cars.

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.

If you have any concerns or questions please let us know or make an appointment with the class teacher, an executive staff member or the Principal. The school newsletter and website are great sources of information and may just hold the answers you need.



Quote of the Week

“Stand up for what is right
regardless of who is
committing the wrong”

Suzy Kassen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Katrina, Mackenzie,
Kyan, Tyler, Cee J,
Indiana, Dylan,
Sumaiya, India,
Charlotte, Kiana,
Lucas and Kadyn**



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