



# TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Newsletter



Yaama! Two more great weeks have sped by. So much to tell you in such a little column.

I have been wanting to truly thank you all for your generous donations to our farmers. In the holiday's Mrs Sturt and I travelled out west for our Tacoma farmer's run. We headed to Jeralderie (down past Wagga Wagga) then headed out to a beautiful little place called Trangie (an hour past Dubbo). We chose Trangie as our destination because they have been one of the worst hit areas of the drought and because our community has connections with that area. I had relatives there and holidayed there when I was young. Mrs Fletcher, Grace and Mackenzie come from Nyngan, Grammy (Eli & Sienna's nan) came from Narromine, both close by to Trangie. Kyan's family are from there too! I know there are lots more of you with connections out there too. We had the time of our lives! We met some fantastic people along the way, doing it tough without rain but you were able to put a smile on their face with your generosity. A special mention to Shane from the Trangie hotel for his hospitality and eagerness to help us in anyway. When we walked into the hotel, there was a lovely surprise. On the wall, in pride of place was a framed photo of my uncle with a poem about his life! It was so lovely, it felt like home. Shane gave us a rundown of the town, introduced us around, and we talked about beautiful Tacoma for him to share with his community. He arranged our accommodation for the night and even rang to make sure we arrived home

### Diary Dates

#### 5-9 November

School Swim Scheme

#### 6, 13, 20 November

Happy Spirits playgroup

#### 8, 15, 22, 29 November

Happy Spirits Kinder  
Orientation

#### 11 November

Remembrance Day

#### 22 November

P&C Meeting 7pm

#### 23 November

Grandparents Day

#### 10 December

Presentation Day

#### 18 December

Year 6 Farewell

### 2018 TERM DATES

15th Oct - 21st Dec

### 2019 TERM DATES

29th Jan - 12th April

29th April - 5th July

22nd July - 27th Sept

14th Oct - 20th Dec

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safely. The Trangie community were so grateful for your thoughts and donations. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

We had an exciting badge, chocolate and sunflower ceremony at our morning assembly last week. We were celebrating and thanking some amazing people.

Welcome to Miss Tuff, Mrs Fraser and Mr Walker who will be with us this term. Thank you to Mrs Andrews for her ongoing commitment to our school and for her dedication as Assistant Principal while Mrs Stuckey was on leave. And of course, welcome back to Mrs Stuckey & Mrs Fletcher. We are a very lucky school to have such fantastic staff.

A H-U-G-E CONGRATULATIONS to Blessing & Lucy for making it to State. Sport gives you an amazing opportunity to not only compete but to make friends with others, to gain experience and sportsmanship and to enjoy what life has to offer. I am sure we will see you at the Olympics one day. Congratulations to you both for your amazing effort. We are so proud of you!

A huge thank you to Mr McFarlane & Mrs Sturt for all your efforts at our 5/6 camp in Bathurst. What a great time we had! We saw how electricity was made, we tried to find our fortunes in the goldfields, enjoyed the scenic railway at Katoomba and the famous Three Sisters. The kids all had a great time and so did we! Check out the camp flyer Mr McFarlane attached to this newsletter.

Our swimming scheme is in full swing. I have been lucky enough to go out to the pool and see how it is all going. Thank you to Mr Kirk, Mrs Longuet, Mrs Sturt and Mrs White for your commitment to helping our kids gain an important life skill. You may all be coming back a little tired but I know you are all enjoying pool time and have already made some great improvements. I can't wait to pop in again and see the excitement and rewards of your efforts.

Last week we celebrated outdoor learning day. This was a fantastic opportunity to enjoy some time outside and strengthen our wellbeing and mental health. Learning outdoors has powerful impacts, behaviour improves, whole classes are excited to learn and kids who feel overwhelmed by the curriculum often thrive outdoors. I know everyone enjoyed this time, bidhal (celebrating) our beautiful barayi (earth) – teachers too!

I have been in touch with the council and the RMS about

new crossing flags, new kiss and drop signage, and about some of our parking issues, especially our lack of disabled parking. I will let you know how that all goes (the new crossing flags will be here next week). Discussions are continuing regarding the purchase of an outdoor fitness track and the resurfacing and extension of our COLA.

If you have been at assembly lately you may have noticed a few little changes to our script. It has been revamped to hopefully make it run a little smoother and quicker, making it more enjoyable for everyone (especially in the heat). I have a few more secret surprises up my sleeve so sit back and relax and see how many you notice. Have a great week everyone.

Live the life you dream of!

Mandy

Nangami Janaiwee ~ dream with me

#### **Principals Awards**

Finn, Diesel & Jessie

#### **Merit Awards**

##### **Banal—Mrs Andrews (K)**

Sommer-Lee, Kaden, Joshua & Jessica

##### **Gulang—Mrs Fletcher (K)**

Malakkai, Kaley, Bentley & Eric

##### **Bamayi—Mrs Mercieca (Year 1)**

Benjamin, Faamanu, Tyler & Misty

##### **Garawa—Mrs Nicholson (Years 1 & 2)**

Liam, Madison, Cameron & Laura

##### **Badhu—Mr Kirk (Years 2 & 3)**

Lucas, Lachlan, Diesel & Isabella

##### **Murgu—Mr Farquhar (Years 3 & 4)**

Tamara, Emilia, Lucas & Ava

##### **Gundang—Mrs Kable (Years 4 & 5) Curtis & Michael**

Curtis & Michael

##### **Waagir—Mr McFarlane (Year 5)**

Zac & Sarah

##### **Balba—Mr Tedd (Year 6)**

Jay, Blake, Luke & Linley





## Remembrance Day Ceremony

We will commemorate Remembrance Day on Friday 9 November at 10.45 in the Hall. Parents and Friends are welcome to join us.

You are also welcome at the Wyong RSL Service on Sunday at 10.30.

## Selective High School Entry in Year 7 2020

Year 5 students wishing to apply for selective high school placements in Year 7 close on the 12th November 2018. Apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

## Parking Near Bin

**Please note—our rubbish bin is now collected on Tuesdays. Please do not park in front of the bin on Tuesday before 10am.**

## Happy Spirits

We have a lot of happening for our 2019 kinder students. Happy Spirits playgroup is on Tuesdays in the hall from 10am-11am. Happy Spirits Orientation continues on Thursdays 8, 15 and 22nd November. Thursday November 29th from 9.30am-11am is our information morning for parents/carers.



## Australian Spirit Family Fun Day

Support veterans and their families Saturday 10th November 10am-4pm at The Entertainment Grounds Gosford—jousting, tank, helicopter, chariots, food, music and so much more. This is an alcohol free community event.

## Year 6 Spider Fundraiser

Starting in Week 4, Year 6 will be having a spider stall set up during recess time. We have a bunch of amazing soft drinks and ice-cream for all of our students to enjoy!

Each spider will cost \$2, and all money made from this stall will go towards funding the Year 6 end of year celebrations!

## McDonalds Year 6 Fundraiser

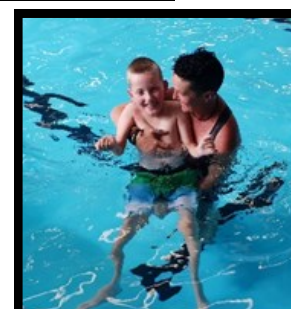
I just want to congratulate all of the Year 6 students who promoted and attended the Year 6 fundraiser night at Wadalba McDonalds! The kids had a great night, and there were many spooky costumes worn by students and adults alike! From both the proceeds of the food bought, as well as the raffle that was promoted by the Year 6 students, we were able to raise a whopping \$410!! Everyone in Balba would also like to thank the Tacoma School community for coming and supporting our fundraiser, without all of the amazing people that came out to support us, we would not have had such a successful night! What an excellent achievement for our school community!

Thankyou,  
Mr Walker



## Swim School

The students are having a great time and learning great life skills.





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## Grandparent's Day

Will now be held on

**23rd November**

**12.30-3pm**

**We hope you can  
join us!**



## Attendance

# Attendance at School

If a child misses an average of nine days per term, (that's less than one day a week) during their primary school years, they would have missed a whole year of learning by the time they reach Year 7. To give your child the best chance for success at school and in life you need to send them every day!

***It's Cool to be in School***

## Road Safety



***STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK***

before crossing the road.

Cross at a crossing or with an adult.



**Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.**

If you see a potential hazard when visiting our school,  
please let the office know.

It is the responsibility of everyone to keep each other safe.

In the event of an injury,

**First Aid** is located in the administration building.





# Happy Birthday!

Tayah, Amarli, Sibulele, Luke, Lily, Zachary & Bella



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