



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

19 November 2018

Yaama! Week 6 already! So much to do, so little time.

Swimming has wrapped up and what a great time everyone had. Thank you to Mr Kirk for all your hard work and taking the plunge into the pool to help our kids learn an important life skill. Thank you to Mrs Longuet, Mrs White & Mrs Sturt for your invaluable help. We couldn't do it without you! Again, I was lucky enough to visit the pool on pyjama day and see the fantastic improvements everyone had made. Well done to you all.

Simran and Dylan represented our school with pride at the Remembrance Day service at Wyong RSL. Thank you Mrs Andrews for all your organisation on the day of our captains and the flowers. Thanks also to Mrs Sturt, Mrs Critt and our school families for coming along. It is great that our school continues to be involved and share our respect with the community.

On Tuesday, I attended the principal conference at Forrester's Beach. It was a great day meeting other local principals and discussing our new finance system, attending workshops on NDIS, work health and safety and school planning. All were informative with the shared goal of improving learning outcomes for our students.

This week our staff have been involved in improving our wellbeing and the wellbeing of others through the spirit of giving. Did you know that giving to others does amazing things like reducing your blood pressure and improving your sleep? Practicing random

Diary Dates

20 November

Happy Spirits playgroup

22, 29 November

Happy Spirits Kinder
Orientation

22 November

P&C Meeting 7pm

23 November

Grandparents Day

4 December

High School Orientation
Day

10 December

Presentation Day

17 December—NEW DATE

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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acts of kindness, volunteering time, or simply saying 'thank-you' all work wonders for your well-being. Thank you everyone for a great week.

You may have noticed the trees near our canteen have come down in preparation for our COLA extension. This area will eventually be a fantastic addition to our school to keep us cool and out of the rain. We will also be extending the area covering the ramp near the library (yippee no more downpours) and then the resurfacing of the COLA will take place. It won't happen overnight but it will happen!!

Charlotte and Madison joined me in my office for afternoon tea last week. We had a great yarn as we enjoyed raspberry tea and biscuits. They shared their thoughts on the good things about our school and their ideas to make things better. I am looking forward to many more of these with our students.

Happy spirits is into its fourth week this week with our new Kinders staying for recess with their buddies. Thank you to Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Andrews for all your organisation to ensure our little happy spirits enjoy their time at our school. Thank you also to the buddies for being sensible role models and a kind first friend. While this has all been happening, the parents and I have enjoyed our reading together workshops. It has been great meeting you all and we welcome you and your families to paradise.

Forms have gone home for the students wishing to nominate for a leadership position next year. This includes our school captains and house captains. Children have been working on their posters to display in our assembly area and will be introduced to the school at our morning assemblies. Speeches will take place on the 29th. Good luck to everyone for taking this brave step. We will have a hard choice at voting time.

We have a new process in place for our afternoon bus lines. Children will now line up in the library. This will be a lot cooler on those hot days and out of the weather on the wet days. If for any reason, you need to pick up your child from bus lines, that is where we will be.

Grandparent's Day is coming up on Friday the 23rd. Please join us as we celebrate the special people in our lives. 12:30pm start in the classrooms, then stay for a picnic lunch and assembly. We have some exciting performances at assembly to look forward to. Everyone is welcome.

Please note for the safety of your child, we are trialling a new procedure. If you are picking your child up early, please go straight to the office, not the classroom. The office will ring the classroom for your child's teacher to send them down. Teachers will not release children until this process is followed. This will be a quicker and safer procedure for all involved. Thank you for your understanding in this important matter.



Have a great week everyone. Live the life you dream of!

Mandy

Nangami Janaiwee ~ dream with me

Principals Awards

Week 3: Logan, Thomas, Bree, Ashton, Brodie, Lily, Koby, Ethan, Charlie, Amarli, Sarah, Blessing & Lucy



Week 4: Riley, Sophia, Liam & Curtis

Week 5: Harlow, Mark, Chloe, Elijah, Kiyah, Sebastian, Lyla, Simran & Dylan

Merit Awards

Banal—Mrs Andrews (K)

Chelsea, Conner, Holly & Princeton

Gulang—Mrs Fletcher (K)

Liam, Cooper, Paige & Harlow

Bamayi—Mrs Mercieca (Year 1)

Jack, Samuel, Lana & Ailisia

Garawa—Mrs Nicholson (Years 1 & 2)

Sienna, Kaleb, Nopah & Brianna

Badhu—Mr Kirk (Years 2 & 3)

Hannah, Brayden, Mikael & Seth

Murgu—Mr Farquhar (Years 3 & 4)

Brandyn, Chase, Thomas & Zali

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

Cohen, Soha, Jacqui & Sam

Waagir—Mr McFarlane (Year 5)

Tiana, Thomas, Sienna & Declan

Balba—Mr Tedd (Year 6)

Mackenzie, Daniel, Tristan & Simmy



Year 6 Farewell—Date change

Due to a booking mix up at the venue end, the Year 6 Farewell will now be held on Monday 17th December (the night before the original date).



Venue—Wyong Golf Club

Time—5.30pm—9pm

I am sorry about this change. If your child is unable to make this new date can you please let me know ASAP.

Jo Stuckey

Assistant Principal

Happy Spirits

We have a lot happening for our 2019 kinder students. Happy Spirits playgroup is on Tuesdays in the hall from 10am-11am



Happy Spirits Orientation continues on Thursday 22 November. Thursday 29 November from 9.30am-11am is our information morning for parents/caregivers.

Absences from school

Just a reminder that if you have replied to the SMS you receive when your child is absent you no longer need to write a note or ring the school. The only exception is if you need to provide a Doctors Certificate. If you are going on holidays please provide a note beforehand or send an SMS to **0417 436 337**. (this number only receives text messages).



reminder

Please contact the office before 2.45pm (unless in the case of an emergency) so we can find your child and let the teacher know. They are not always in their classrooms and calls made to the school close to 3pm make it very difficult to get the messages to the teachers.

Ticks

Please be aware it is tick season. There are a variety of ticks and they can be found in long grass, bush areas and even in your backyards. A tick bite is usually harmless, but sometimes it can cause an allergic reaction or maybe serious illness. If you have a tick bite, it is very important to remove the tick as soon as possible.



Parking Near Bin

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



Outbreak of nits

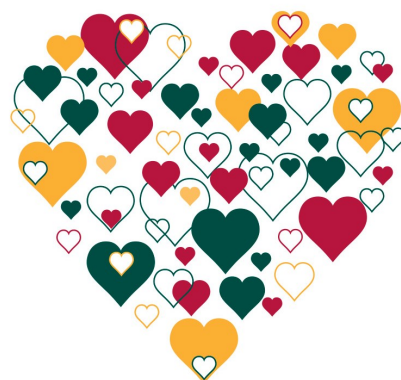
Please be vigilant checking your child's hair as we have had quite a few cases of nits throughout the school. Please read the notes we send home regarding treatment and notify the office if you find them in your child's hair.



23rd November

12.30-3pm

We hope you can join us!



School Swim Scheme

Bubble! Splish! Splash! What a wonderful two weeks we have had going to Toukley Pool every day in our cozzies. I have had a most enjoyable time jumping in the pool for the swimming lessons and getting to wear my boardies and thongs to school every day has been a real novelty.

The Department of Education swimming teachers really put their heart into their job and make the lessons a fun filled learning experience for the kids. It is really rewarding watching their confidence grow as they learn an essential life skill. Our little Tacomians represented our school fantastically and we have had a great time making friends with our swimming partner school Tuggerwong PS. Swimming awards will be handed out at Friday's assembly.

I think the best way to sum up the whole experience is with some quotes from the swimmers themselves. India O'Bryan: "We had a great time learning back-scutt and putting on life jackets." Renata Dawson: "We got to swim in our pyjamas!" Noah Gaggin: "I did four full laps of survival backstroke."



Bamayi & Garawa working together

This term Bamayi and Garawa students have been working together to get cooking in the kitchen!! Students have been enjoying putting their Masterchef hats on and creating some delicious homemade food! So far, the students have made some delicious Moroccan couscous, handmade pasta, stir fry and yummy corn fritters. The students have worked well together in groups and are enjoying trying all of the delicious variety of new foods being introduced. We look forward to our weekly cooking lessons together and are eager to continue trying new recipes. Check out some of our students enjoying cooking!!



Attendance

If your child is absent from school, arriving after the bell or leaving early.

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please respond to the SMS we send out. If not, please send a note to the class teacher explaining the reason for the absence when your child returns to school. If they will be away for more than two days please ring the school.

If your child arrives in the morning after the bell has rung please go to the office and sign your child in. If you are picking your child up from school early please go to the office to sign them out. We will ring the class teacher and your child will be sent down to the office. For safety reasons no child is allowed to leave the class or playground early without a parent /carer coming to the office.

Road Safety

For all students on wheels -

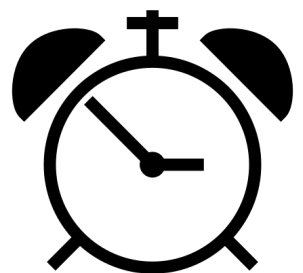


a bicycle or scooter rider must always give way to other pedestrians when riding along a footpath.



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 before the bell goes. Your child will stay in close proximity to the office until you arrive. They will also need to inform a staff member before they leave.



BIRTHDAY!

Ashton, William, Katrina, Mackenzie, Kyan,
Tyler, Cee J, Dylan, Indiana, India and Charlotte



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