



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

17 December 2019

Yaama! Welcome to week 10!

Can you believe we are in Week 10? Three days of school left for our students and only nine more days until Christmas! Wow! Time has flown this term and what a fantastic term it has been. I've been asked to keep this short but you know me.....so proud of so many things, and I just have to share.

I had the most wonderful time hosting a High Tea for Year 6 and sharing their memories from Tacoma. The countdown is definitely on for them as their last few days of primary school roll around. I know they are feeling so many emotions, happy, sad, excited, scared..... I wish them all the best for High School and to enjoy what school and life has to offer. I can't wait to hear all about the path you follow, but first things first, bring on the Year 6 farewell tonight! I can't wait.....a little excited here too.

Congratulations to our reading reward people. I had a great time in the library with you all last week. Computers and craft, what a lovely way to finish a year of good, solid, home reading. Well done to all of you I know some of you were at the reward days every term. You are superstars!! Keep up that reading over the holidays.

Congratulations to Curtis, Amarli, Kaley, Tamsyn & Marley who received awards at the annual Ngara Assembly of Excellence held at Wyong High School in Week 9. Also to Hannah, Kiana, Tamsyn & Kaley who sang beautifully in the Ngara Choir on the day. Well done to you all. I am so proud of you!

Diary Dates

18 December

Tacoma's Got Talent

19 December

Students last Day

Kindergarten

Graduation 1.30pm

Year 6 Arch 2.30pm

20-21 December

Staff Development Day

29 January

Staff Development Day

30 January

Year 1-6 Student return

30 Jan—1 Feb

Best Start Appointment

4 February

Kindergarten Student
commence

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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Have you noticed our beautiful mural? The AMAZING Ian has done an outstanding job of bringing our green shed to life with our beautiful sunflower mural. I bet you can't guess the words we are adding to finish it off? You can see the mural all the way from Braithwaite and just about any part of the playground. It certainly brightens our day. Have you also noticed he has also put on the backs of our directional signs? There are lots more things in store, more signs, quotes, a toilet revamp, an outdoor noticeboard, the Ngara Barayi path completed....the list goes on (psssss, and something very, very special and close to my heart will be happening on each classroom). By the time I'm finished, you will walk through the playground, feeling a sense of calm and belonging and just general happiness in our amazing school.

And now to our presentation day. What an ABSOLUTE highlight of the term it was to celebrate our A-M-A-Z-I-N-G Tacoma students, staff and our SUPERHERO SLSO's. So many people have commented on how lovely it was to hear the whole school singing to our SLSO's. Well done Tacoma (especially when you weren't even prepared!) Speaking of singing, I can't forget our wonderful Gudi Bargans for your medley performance, of Aboriginal artists, some in Aboriginal language. Thank you for your commitment to learning these songs and to Mr Kirk for his commitment in keeping the dream alive.

Thank you to all our staff who looked wonderful on the day and supported the idea of our new staff shirts. I cannot thank you parents enough for the wonderful, POSITIVE comments in regard to our presentation day. I am so glad you can all see the vision and your support this term for all we do has been so touching. Not only did you all love it, David Harris LOVED it! As you can imagine, he has been to hundreds of presentations and is Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Education and he said in his speech that "Tacoma was leading the way in Aboriginal Education" I received this from David to include in our newsletter. "Congratulations to Tacoma PS for their fantastic commitment to Aboriginal culture. As Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs I was very impressed with the staff uniforms and this was then complimented by one of the most memorable Acknowledgment of Country I have seen. Not only was it presented in language but also signed by one of the students. Very impressive. Congratulations to both students on an incredible job. Thank you to all of the

staff, community and students for the work you are doing so successfully" WOW!! WOW!! WOW!! Tacoma, you can't get much better than that! My heart truly thanks you.

A big thank you to Curtis and Amarli for their magnificent Acknowledgement of Country. Curtis made a commitment earlier in the term to learn and deliver the acknowledgement and he stuck with that dream and has delivered it, with pride, on a few occasions now. Amarli also had a goal of sharing the acknowledgement in sign language. Wow!! With some very hard work from Amarli, Mrs Sturt & Amy that dream became a reality. Congratulations to you both. We are all very proud of you. So many of you received an award on the day, in this newsletter you will find a list of all our award winners (that's why I need to keep this short.....ooops).

IMAGINE if you missed another highlight. Imagine if you missed Pam Ives singing. Imagine, imagine, imagine..... Wow Pam, we are so lucky to have you in our community and in our lives. Your voice, your presence and the message in your song had us all mesmerised. You could hear a pin drop. Pam Ives, you are an AMAZING, INSPIRING WOMAN!

Congratulations to our new leaders for 2019. Pelican Captains – Amarli and James, Seagull Captains – Ethan & Blake, Plover Captains - Koby and Sarah and our School Captains – Imogen and Charlie. What a fantastic group to lead our school next year! We can't wait! I have updated the honour boards with all of your names, yippee and all of our major award winners are on there too (as well as an update from previous years). I know how important this board is to you all and I wanted you to go into the holidays with pride, knowing your name is now etched in Tacoma history!

OK, so three days to go, and three big days coming up. Movie day today, reports home today and the Year 6 farewell tonight. Tuesday is TACOMA'S GOT TALENT, don't miss it. Wednesday is our Kindergarten graduation and our Year 6 arch. So much to do, so little time. Finish strong Tacoma!

As I sign off from the big chair for the last time, I would like to thank Debbie Byrnes, our office SUPERSTAR! Thank you for all the extra you do and for making our school run so smoothly. What a great term we have had, sharing the dreams, and keeping things a surprise for the kids (which I love). Thank you for your commitment to Tacoma. Lastly, I would again, like to thank YOU, the

community for supporting me and my crazy dreams. I have so loved leading Tacoma and strengthening our connection. Thank you, thank you, thank you beautiful people. There is nowhere better than paradise!

Have a great week everyone, a love filled Christmas and a wonderful break.

Live the life you dream of!

Mandy Shaw

Nangami Janaiwee ~ dream with me

Merit Awards

Banal—Mrs Andrews

Hunter, Marley, Partrick & Addison

Gulang—Mrs Fletcher

Ruby, Kaley, Zachery & Steven

Bamayi—Mrs Mercieca

Dakota, John, Sophie & Pippa

Garawa—Mrs Nicholson

Lincon, William, Issabelle & Jaxon

Badhu—Mr Kirk

Brayden, Ben, Cameron & Sibulele

Murgu—Mr Farquhar

Thomas, Hannah, Jessie & Kiana

Gundang—Mrs Kable

Jarod, Kirstie, Cameron & Thandiwe

Waagir—Mr McFarlane

Blake & Joel, Alannah & Cooper

Balba—Mr Tedd

Simran, Dylan, Shailey & Brodie

Presentation Day Awards

Banal

Academic Excellence—Abigail & Ethan

Consistent Effort—Addison & Izaac

Citizenship—Kaden



Gulang

Academic Excellence—Kiyah Stolzenburg

Most Improved—Rocco

Consistent Effort—Elijah & Sophia

Citizenship—Kyah

Bamayi

Academic Excellence—Lyla & Samuel

Consistent Effort—Doha

Most Improved—Beau

Citizenship—Kayleb

Garawa

Academic Excellence—Tamsyn, Lyla & Noah

Consistent Effort—Madison

Citizenship—Jaxon

Badhu

Academic Excellence—Summer & Lucas

Consistent Effort—Diesel

Most Improved—Lachlan

Citizenship—Inida

Murgu

Academic Excellence—Melinda & Maddison

Consistent Effort—Emilia

Most Improved—Cameron

Citizenship—Ava

Gundang

Academic Excellence—Thomas & Matilda

Consistent Effort—Caleb slaon

Most Improved—Sam Wishart

Citizenship—Imogen Moffett

Waagir

Academic Excellence—Summer, Indiah & Charlie

Most Improved—Sienna

Citizenship—Sarah

Balba

Academic Excellence—James, James & Zachary

Most Improved—Summer Black

Citizenship—Bree

Dux—Linley

CAPA Award—Ethan

Science & Technology Award—Jazz

School Citizenship—Simran

2018 School Captains

Pelicans House Captains

Plovers House Captains

Seagulls House Captains

Kids Matter—Happy Spirits

Banal—Sydney

Gulang—Sebastian

Bamayi—Dakota

Garawa—Riley

Badhu—India

Murgu—Tayah

Gundang—Kye

Waagir—Koby

Balba—Balba

Swimming Champions

Junior Boy—Harry

Junior Girl—Ava

Senior Boy—James

Senior Girl—Linley

Athletics Champions

Junior Boy—Harry

Junior Girl—Grace



Senior Boy—Koby

Senior Girl—Lucy

Cross Country Champions

Junior Boy—Harry

Junior Girl—Grace

Senior Boy—Koby

Senior Girl—Charli

Sports Champions

Junior Champion—Harry

Senior Champion—Lucy

House Awards

Swimming—Seagulls

Athletics—Plovers

Cross Country—Pelicans

Wyong High School Scholarship—
James

Dobel Award—Luke

Tachers Mutual Bank Scholarships

Liam & Soha

Lions Club of Wyoming Scholarships

Hollie & Mackenzie

Spelling Bee

Early Stage 1—Harlow & Ethan

Stage 1—Lyla

Stage 2—Summer & Kiana

Stage 3—Linley & Zachary

Public Speaking

Early Stage 1—Chelsea-Lee & Patrick

Stage 1—Jack

Stage 2—Maddison & Ava

Stage 3—James & Linley

Premiers Reading Challenge

Platinum—Linley & James

Gold—Diesel

Chess Award

Koby

Zac, Hollie, Thomas, Summer, Thomas & Jazz

University of NSW Awards

Linley—Distinction in English & Maths

Credit in Mathematics, Digital Technologies & Writing

Jazz—Credit in Mathematics & Science

Merit in English

Matilda—Credit in Spelling, English & Writing

Ava—Credit in Mathematics & Science

James—Credit in Digital Technologies

Merit in Science

Zac—Credit in Mathematics

Kiana—Credit in Writing

Maddison—Credit in Writing

Tamara—Credit in Science

Melinda—Credit in Science

Sibulele—Credit in Science

Lakiah—Credit in Science

Thomas—Credit in Science

Summer—Credit in Science

Newcastle Permanent Primary Mathematics Competition Awards

Distinction

Charlie, Ruby, Summer, Thomas, James, Zac & Brodie

Tacoma's Got Talent

The show is tomorrow, Tuesday 18th, starting around 9:30. Please feel free to come to the school hall and enjoy



the show. Students performing are permitted to wear costumes to school, but must bring school clothes to change into after the show."

Wednesday Celebrations!!

Please join us in the hall at 1.30 for the Kindergarten Graduation celebrations. This will be followed by the Year 6 Archway—their final hoorah!!

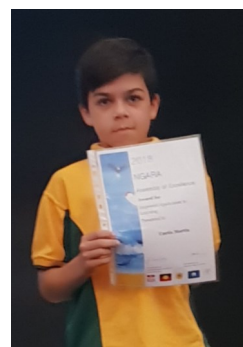


Uniform Shop Opening Times

Tuesday 29th January 10am—12

Wednesday 30th, Thursday 31st and Friday 1st the uniform shop will be open at 8.30am

Ngara Assembly



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Emilia, Summer, Tyreece, Koby, Tess, Luciana, Brayden,
Jasmine & Diesel



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