



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

5 February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. I trust you have had a fantastic holiday and are ready to fly into the new year with us. Boy, you will need to hold onto your hats as there is so much happening at TPS in 2018! I would like to welcome our new families and let you know I think you have hit the jackpot being zoned for Tacoma Public School.

2018 Classes - This year we have formed 9 classes, one more than last year. As many of you know, we form classes following the guidelines set by the Department of Education. There are recommendations for class sizes depending on the age of the students and we try to stay within these guidelines. This however means at times we will need to form composite classes. Please be rest assured when we do form composite classes all staff are involved in the process and a great amount of time and discussion is given to where each individual student is placed. We have the academic and social needs of all students at the centre of our thoughts.

Gulang - Kindergarten, Mrs Fletcher
Banal - Kindergarten, Mrs Andrews
Bamayi - Year 1 Mrs, Mercieca
Garawa - Year 1/2, Mrs Nicholson
Badhu - Year 2/3, Mr Kirk
Murgu - Year 3/4, Mr Farquhar
Gundang - Year 4/5, Mrs Kable
Waagir - Year 5, Mr McFarlane
Balba - Year 6, Mr Tedd (A huge Tacoma welcome to Mr Tedd. We are so excited to have you join us!)

Bamayi classroom - Our new classroom was finished on the last day of the holiday, just in time for the new year. I know Mrs Mercieca and

Diary Dates

15 February

P & C Meeting 7pm

23 February

Swimming Carnival

26—27 Feb

Commonwealth Bank Workshop

7 March

Zone Swimming

14 March

School Photographs

15 March

Selective HS Test

P & C AGM 7pm

20 March

Special Lunch Day

30 March

Good Friday

2 Apr

Easter Monday

6 April

Cross Country

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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her students are very excited to be in the newest room at TPS. We are in the process of connecting the room to our computer network and installing a new smart board, I will keep you updated on the progress of these items.

School Rules - Just a reminder we have simplified our school rules so that everyone can remember them, BE A LEARNER, WORK TOGETHER, BE RESPECTFUL. Try asking your child if they can tell you our 3 golden rules!

Individual health care plans - In the coming weeks Mrs Stuckey will begin updating the Individual Student Health Care plans. Please see her if your child's circumstances have changed or if your child has a condition you feel the school should be aware of.

School uniform - We are very proud of our school uniform and encourage all students to wear it each and every day. This includes the green school socks, black shoes and school hat. We hope you will support us to ensure all students are dressed in full school uniform.

School parking - For the safety of all students please refrain from parking in the staff car park. Also, as we have limited disabled parking spaces please only use them if you are entitled to.

Students with allergies - Several students within our Tacoma community can have severe reactions to peanuts and so we kindly ask that you consider this when preparing your children's lunches. We thank you in advance for your care and consideration.

Animals on school grounds - Please note animals are not allowed on school grounds without prior permission, this is regardless of the type or size of animal. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated.

Have a great week!

Jeanette Dillon

Merit Awards

Bamayi—Mrs Mercieca (Year 1)

Kayleb & Doha

Garawa—Mrs Nicholson (Year 1 & 2)

Liam & Lyla

Badhu—Mr Kirk (Years 2 & 3)

Diesel & Renata

Murgu—Mr Farquhar (years 3 & 4)

Tamara & Emilia

Gundang—Mrs Kable (Years 4 & 5)

Kye & Indiana

Waagir—Mr McFarlane (Year 5)

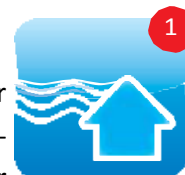
Ruby & Blake

Balba—Mr Tedd (Year 6)

James & Daniel

School Stream

Our school has a free app to deliver school information, alerts and newsletters instantly and directly to your smartphone.



How to get the School Stream app on your mobile device:

From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Play Store (Android), search for school stream and download the app to your phone

Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search then select your school.

Are your children attending different schools? Tap the school selector, select add a school, type (the school name*) into the search then add. Jump between your children's schools.

*Any additional schools will need to be licensed users of School Stream to appear in the app.

Online Payments

We have an online payment portal linked to our school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

Items such as textbooks, voluntary contributions and Year 6 shirts and excursions can be paid online. Read permission notes carefully to see if they can be paid using this facility.

Log onto School site and click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

Payments must be made by due date or will not be processed in time. A completed permission note for excursions or activities must be received at school with a receipt number on it for items to be processed.

Please note – P & C items including Canteen and Uniforms cannot be paid online

Student Banking

Student banking will now be processed on Tuesdays commencing Tuesday 13 February (week 3). Start earning your tokens for great rewards!

Breakfast Club

Can you spare an hour in the morning? We would love to have the breakfast club up and running again this year. If you can help out on any morning between 8.30 and 9.15 please leave your name and preferred day at the office. We hope to have it running again by Week 3.



Scripture

We anticipate Scripture will commence in Week 3. Students will be placed in scripture classes as per last year. If you wish to change your scripture preferences please advise us in writing by this Friday. Thanks

Book Club

Book Club is a service provided through the school to enable parents to buy good books at a reasonable price for home use or as gifts. Please do not feel obligated to purchase books. This is not a fundraising activity. Children will bring home a flier twice a term. Orders are placed through LOOP and payment made using credit card. An explanation is provided on the back of the flier. This means that the order form isn't returned to school. Books are sent from Scholastic to the school and given to your child when they arrive. Orders for Issue 1 close on the 20th February.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival will be held on Friday 23 February. Notes will be distributed Wednesday 7th February and need to be returned with payment by 16/2/17. Students in Year 3-6 and any Year 2 student who is turning 8 this year is expected to attend the carnival.

Library help needed :)

At the end of last year we purchased a large number of literacy resources which means lots of new books need covering. Please join us in the library on Thursday morning at 9.15am if you can help. Any help would be really appreciated :) Morning Tea will be provided.



School Leaders 2018

Congratulations to our Leaders for 2018!!



Huge thanks to the P & C for their successful grant which enabled us to purchase the Kitchen Cart. We expect all classes to participate in cooking lessons this year.



Attendance



Road Safety



**Never call to your children from across a road !!
teach them to wait until you cross and come to them.**

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Your Child's Medical Needs

We need to know information about allergies, asthma, diabetes and any other medical conditions (especially if there have been changes over the break). This helps us support your child's health and wellbeing. Please provide relevant information to the school.

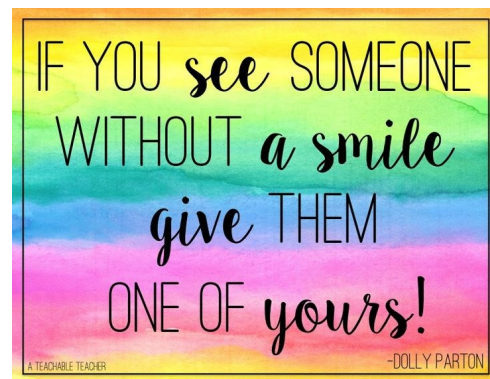


Please note: Information you provide will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Happy Birthday!

Luciana, Brayden, Jasmin, Diesel,
Lana, Pippa, Thomas, Cameron,
Brodie, Alannah, Madelyn, Makallai,
Jacqualyn, Jasmine, Steven, Finn,
Lachlan, Jaxon, Kaden, Fadel,

Quote of the week...



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