

TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

19 February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Farquhar has recently received the Teaching Certificate of Accreditation. Teacher accreditation recognises achievements of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers. Mr Farquhar has proven himself to be an outstanding classroom teacher who is passionate about his career and is truly inspirational. We are very lucky to have him as a permanent member of our staff and are all very proud of his achievement.

School day - There have been a number of children who consistently arrive at school before 8.30am in the morning. This is a serious concern for us as there is no supervision provided. On many occasions students are left outside the gate waiting for it to be opened, obviously this is a huge safety issue. Students use the carpark to enter the school which is against the rules and certainly not a safe practice. If you need to leave your child before 8.30am Busy Bees OSHC is a local provider. They can be contacted on 0488345416.

Asthma - If your child has any medication for asthma please make sure you have notified the school office and class teacher. This information is very important for us to know.

Class names - Included in this newsletter is a list of room names and their meaning. We hope this will make it easier for you. As we have said to the children learning a new language is always difficult but with continued practice comes success.

Meet the teacher afternoon - What a great afternoon we had last Tuesday. I would like to thank Mrs Stuckey and Mrs Shaw for

Diary Dates

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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coordinating the event and also the P&C for generously giving their time to cook the sausages and serve in the canteen. If you were unable to attend please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you require any information.

Scripture Classes - We have been working with the scripture teachers to organise classes for this year, however, due to the shortage of Catholic Scripture teachers we will not be able to offer the same classes as last year. This will affect children who have elected to attend Catholic scripture in years Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 4. A note has been sent home giving you the options for your child this year. It is hoped all scripture classes will commence Friday Week 5.

I hope you have a wonderful week

Jeanette Dillon

Merit Awards

Banal—Mrs Andrews (K)

Sophie, Hunter, Jessica & Kaden

Gulang—Mrs Fletcher (K)

Paige, Elijah, Sophia & Kaley

Bamayi—Mrs Mercieca (Year 1)

Jack, Rebel, Beau & Samuel

Garawa—Mrs Nicholson (Year 1 & 2)

Noah, Cameron, Abby & Madison

Badhu—Mr Kirk (Years 2 & 3)

Connor, Chelsea, Lachlan & Silulele

Murgu—Mr Farquhar (years 3 & 4)

Harry, Maddison, Lucas & Zali

Gundang—Mrs Kable (Years 4 & 5)

Michael, Cohan, Cohen & Madelyn

Waagir—Mr McFarlane (Year 5)

Tyler, Zac, Sarah & Koby

Balba—Mr Tedd (Year 6)

James, Charlie-Jaw, Linley & Mackenzie



Homework at Tacoma in 2018.

After a review of our homework data in 2017, we have made some changes to our homework procedures for 2018. Each student will have, as part of their book pack, a Home Reading Diary which is to be filled in for each night's completed home reading, starting next Monday when the diaries come home. Your child's teacher will set out their expectations depending on the stage and specific needs of your child. Please fill in the diary each time your child reads as there will be incentives for the number of nights completed throughout the year. Classes may also have other homework such as spelling, multiplication tables, online Mathematics through 'Matific' or specific projects – your child's class teacher will keep you informed as to the requirements for each class.

Learning and support at Tacoma in 2018.

Teachers have been busy assessing all students since the beginning of the year in order to best meet their needs for learning in literacy and numeracy. Some students will have further testing and specific programs will be carried out by Mrs Shaw and myself in our roles as Learning and Support Teachers. This term we will be focusing on Year 3 and 5 in preparation for NAPLAN in May. Please don't hesitate to come and see either Mrs Shaw or myself if you have any questions in this area.

Jo Stuckey

Assistant Principal/LST coordinator

Volunteering at School

We greatly appreciate any time spend helping at our school. To keep in line with regulations all volunteers are required to complete some paperwork and provide identification. Forms can be collected from the office.

Thanks



School Stream—get the free app and know what's happening at your school!!





2018 Values

The world has The Grammy's, The Oscar's, The Globes and The Emmy's. Australia has the Logie's. BUT have you heard what Tacoma has? We have the WOWsers!! And it's all about our values!

At Tacoma we teach value education in every classroom. Participation, honesty, excellence, respect, responsibility, cooperation, care, fairness and democracy. What we learn, becomes a part of who we are!

Each term children are chosen that have WOWed us with their values! It is a great honour to receive these awards. Parents, family and friends are invited to our special assembly. Children that receive these awards will also be invited to a special high tea at the end of the term.



Our first WOWsers were on Friday. Our value was Participation. A HUGE congratulations to all our winners and their families. You should all be very proud.

Welfare

Our welfare policy is in place to help students to become self-directed, lifelong learners who can create a positive future for themselves and for the wider community.

A Tacoma, every face has a place and we strive for every student to learn and grow with confidence.

Schools need to be safe and happy places for students and their teachers. Student welfare is enhanced when all members of the school community participate in the learning programs and life of the school.

Our school rules are Be a learner, Work together and Be respectful. Classroom expectations and school rules are clearly and consistently explained and taught in all classrooms across the school along with our 9 values.

If you ever have any concerns please don't hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher.



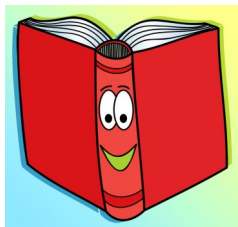
TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL		
WORK TOGETHER		
Cooperation	Honesty	Safety
Share ideas	Be truthful	Follow school rules
Listen to others	Be trustworthy	Follow directions
Take turns	Be fair	Make sensible choices
Speak nicely	Be reliable	Care for equipment
Don't interrupt	Complete all classwork	Play safely
Help others	Be ready to learn	Ask for help

TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL		
BE A LEARNER		
Do your BEST	High expectations	Excellence
Be on task	Challenge yourself	Follow teacher directions
Always give 100% effort	Show good behaviour	Do your best
Listen to instructions	Improve academic results	Participate in class
Take pride in your efforts	Enthusiasm for learning	Achieve your goals
Take pride in your appearance	Complete all classwork	Give it your all
Be organised	Be ready to learn	Aim high

TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL		
BE RESPECTFUL		
Responsibility	Tolerance	Freedom
Be on time	Accept & include others	Express ideas
Follow school rules	Show patience	Listen to others
Accept responsibility	Be forgiving	Make good choices
Look after property	Speak politely	Develop friendships
Use build ups NOT put downs	Solve problems together	Enjoy school life
Have good behaviour	Show kindness	Aim HIGH

Book Club

Don't forget—all book club orders must be processed online. Thanks



Meet the Teachers BBQ

It was great to see so many people here! Thanks to Mrs Stuckey, Mrs Shaw and the P & C for all their efforts.



School Photographs

Envelopes for School Photographs will be distributed next week. They are personalised—PLEASE DO NOT LOSE THEM. Envelopes are to be returned on photo day (Wednesday 14 March)



Thank you to everyone who helped with book covering! It means we can use these resources very quickly. We hope to hold another book covering morning soon.



Student Banking

Student banking is done each Tuesday. All you need to get involved in a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. Start earning your tokens for great rewards!



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Tacoma Public School in 2018

Classroom Teachers	Class Name	Meaning
Mrs Andrews	Banal (ba-narl)	Sun
Mrs Fletcher	Gulang (gull-ang)	Star
Mrs Mercieca	Bamayi (bam-a-e)	Creek
Mrs Nicholson	Garawa (gar-a-wah)	Sea, ocean
Mr Kirk	Badhu (bad-oo)	Water
Mr Farquhar	Murgu (mer-goo)	Rain
Mrs Kable	Gundang (gun-dang)	Moon
Mr McFarlane	Waagir (wah-gear)	Coast
Mr Tedd	Balba (bal-buh)	Hill
Mrs Shaw (Assistant Principal/LIBRARY)	Ganang (gan-ang)	Rainbow

Gates times

Gates will be opened in the morning at 8.30 am and closed at 9.15 am.

All gates except the main entry will be locked.

Gates will be opened each afternoon at 2.45pm and closed at 3.15pm.

School Leaders

School Captains

Simran & Dylan

Pelicans Captains (RED)

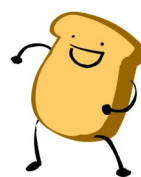
Summer & John

Plovers Captains (BLUE)

Linley & Charli

Seagulls Captains (SEAGULLS)

Lucy & James



Breakfast Club open daily from 8.30 am. Volunteers welcome!

Additional Staff	
Mrs Dillon	Principal
Mrs Stuckey	Assistant Principal / Learning & Support
Mrs Sturt	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Glachan	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Georgopoulos	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs White	School Learning Support Officer
Mrs Byrnes	School Admin Manager
Mrs Hindle	School Admin Officer
Mrs Young	School Admin Officer / Library
Mrs Sammut	School Admin Officer
Mrs Clifford	Music
Mr Doran	General Assistant

Canteen

The canteen is open for recess daily and open for lunch on Thursdays & Fridays. Volunteers are welcome.

P & C

The P & C Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday each month. Everyone is welcome!

Attendance

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - It's NOT ok TO STAY AWAY

Too many students across Australia are missing their best chance to do well in life because they are allowed to miss days of their education. Some students are allowed to stay home for an ever increasing number of excuses including -

- a day off for their birthday
- a day off because relatives are visiting
- a day off to be with parents at home
- a day off to look after younger brothers and sisters
- a day off to go shopping

Students should only miss school for genuine illness or for serious domestic reasons. All absences must be explained within 7 days or earlier is even better.

Talk to the Principal or class teacher if you have trouble getting your child to school.

After love and care the **most important thing** that we as parents can give our kids is an **EDUCATION**. Every day a child is away, they are losing a learning experience. Over time missing school leaves big gaps in their learning. They want to spend less and less time at school and they influence younger brothers and sisters. Allowing your child to stay home becomes the easy way out. If you require support in saying 'No' to your child on their attendance or any other issue please contact someone at the school. We can work together to make a difference to your child's future.

Road Safety



When walking children under 10, to and from school, always hold their hand along footpaths and near roads. Be a great role model

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.

If you are volunteering at our school please sign in at the office when you arrive and leave. Always wear our visitor's lanyard so our children know you are allowed at our school.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK AND PROVIDED IDENTIFICATION. Thank you



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Visitor



On February 22nd, The Girl Guides around the world will celebrate World Thinking Day. This day is a reminder to think about those in our community who need our aid. Tacoma is supporting this special day by asking any of our students that are members of the Guides, to wear their Girl Guide uniforms on the day (Thursday 22nd Feb).

Ganang

Reading is fun! There's nothing like finding a comfy spot with a book and letting yourself be transported to the world of an imaginative character. Books are full of wonder and possibility.

This year our focus in the library is to READ, READ, READ!! The library is open every recess for borrowing and for children to visit our quiet, calm space. Borrowing can also be done in their allocated class library time. Books can be returned anytime by leaving them in the colourful box outside the library. Please check if you still have some books from last year and pop them into the box too!



READY, STEADY COOK!!

The new kitchen came and Gundang and Murgu had their first try at cooking. They all did an A-M-A-Z-I-N-G job! Gundang cooked Moroccan cous cous and Murgu cooked pineapple fried rice. The children all enjoyed making the food and of course.....EATING it!! (They didn't even mind cleaning up). It was a thumbs up from Amarli and everyone else! Well done to all our chefs, bring on the next lesson!



Tour de Cure

Riding to cure cancer!

MONDAY 5TH MARCH



Tour de Cure is a cycling foundation committed to finding a cure for cancer. They have helped raise \$25 million since 2007 to help fund over 250 world class cancer research, support and prevention projects for men, women and children. Their awareness message of BE FIT – BE HEALTHY- BE HAPPY has been designed for primary schools kids to empower them to understand cancer and learn how to live a healthy lifestyle. It introduces FLIPMAN, the character in their book and aims to educate kids on healthy lifestyle choices they can make.



EXCITING NEWS!!!! The Tour de Cure team are COMING TO TACOMA ON MONDAY 5TH MARCH and will do a fun and interactive 25 minute presentation to our school. Each child will receive a cancer awareness pack including a copy of the book FLIPMAN RULES. The presentation is FREE!



Happy Birthday!

Izaak, Elliott, Emily, Kye, Liam,
Blessing, Misty, Samuel &
Sienna

Quote of the week...

*"Don't wait for the perfect moment, take
the moment and make it perfect!"*

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