



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

3 April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic roll up we had for our annual Easter Hat Parade last Thursday. I would like to thank you all for the way you embrace our activities and ensure all of our children are included. I know it means a lot to the staff. Following in the newsletter are photos, which highlight the event.

P&C – As the third Thursday in the month falls in the school holidays there will be an additional P&C meeting next Thursday 12 April 7pm in the staffroom. This will be the first meeting with the 2017 committee, I know they would love to see new members if you can attend.

PLAN Reports – Next Friday students in grades 3 – 6 will be receiving a report indicating their progress in Literacy and Numeracy this term. Also in the report are easy to follow activities you can do with your child to help them at home. If you have any questions about the reports please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions Project – All K-2 classes are involved in the transition from PLAN reports to Literacy and Numeracy Progressions so will not be receiving the PLAN reports this year. If would like to discuss your child's progress at any time please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

School Bells – I would like to apologise to our neighbours for not turning off the automated bell over the long weekend. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused you. In addition, we have recently had a number of gardens damaged and plants destroyed after

Diary Dates

6 April

School Cross Country
Values Assembly—
Excellence

12 April

P & C Meeting

13 April

ANZAC Day Ceremony
Last day of Term
Kinder Assembly Item

1 May

Students return to school

4 May

Assembly—Cross Country
Ribbons

9 May

Mother's Day Stall

11 May

Mother's Day Morning Tea

15-17, 21-24 May

NAPLAN

25-29 May

Life Education

2017 TERM DATES

9 Oct - 15 Dec

2018 TERM DATES

29 Jan - 13 Apr

30 Apr - 6 July

23 Jul - 28 Sep

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The canteen will be closed for renovations from Friday 23 March until the beginning of Term 2.



NO Breakfast Club NO Recess No Lunches No Uniform shop

The canteen will be open for lunches on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

The Uniform Shop will be open tomorrow morning for last minute purchases.

school hours. This is extremely distressing for our students and teachers who give up so much of their time to ensure the gardens are cared for and maintained. If you see anyone on the school grounds after hours please contact school security 1300 880 021.

End of Term – As this is the last newsletter for the term, I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday. It has been a very busy start to the year for all teachers and I know I speak for them when I thank you for your ongoing support. Your support makes our job so much easier.

Best wishes!

Jeanette Dillon

Waagir—Mr McFarlane (Year 5)

Tanika & Declan

Balba—Mr Tedd (Year 6)

Bree & Emily

Our Very First Kindergarten Performance!



We hope that all kindergarten parents and carers are able to join us at our last Friday assembly of the term (Friday 13th April at 2pm) so that you can watch Banal and Gulang perform for you. We have been practising hard and are very excited!

Cross Country

The school Cross Country will be held on Friday 6th April commencing at 9.20am. Everyone is invited to come along to cheer on our runners.

This year, children will be allowed to wear fancy dress outfits (in house colours). For parents with children running in the 8 years and over events, please be mindful of what your child is wearing if they are contending a top six position for the zone team. (Anything too bulky or difficult to run in will weigh them down!!)

WOWSER Assembly Friday 6th April 2pm

GUDI BARGANS (the singing boomerangs - we always return) are performing at this weeks assembly. Come along and support our students.



STEWART HOUSE 2018 Donation Drive

Please return Stewart House envelopes by this Thursday 5 April. Thank you

Merit Awards

Banal—Mrs Andrews (K)

Abigail & Conner

Gulang—Mrs Fletcher (K)

Liam & Chloe

Bamayi—Mrs Mercieca (Year 1)

John & Tyler

Garawa—Mrs Nicholson (Years 1 & 2)

Luke & Issabelle

Badhu—Mr Kirk (Years 2 & 3)

Tameka & Summer

Murgu—Mr Farquhar (Years 3 & 4)

Brock & Hannah

Gundang—Mrs Kable (Years 4 & 5)

Sam & Imogen





ANZAC Day School Service

Please come along and join with students and staff as we commemorate ANZAC Day. Our service will be held at 10.45am Friday 13th April.

Coles Vouchers

Could you please return any Coles vouchers to school as the promotion has now ended. Thanks for your support of our school.

Easter Hat Parade

What a fantastic morning we had at our annual Easter Hat Parade. We were joined by almost 200 mums, dads, nans, pops, aunties, family and friends. Thank you all for coming and for all the effort that went into the amazing hats!

It was great to see not only the kids participating but the community joining in with our dancing too!

Easter Hat winners: Murgu – Chelsea, Waagir – Alannah, Dancing Mums—Rose, Mrs Fletcher, Badhu – Chelsea, Gundang – Michael, Dancing Dads & Boys – Mr Kirk, Cooper, Bamayi – Dakota, Garawa – Levi, Dancing Grandparents – Nanny Jill, Aunty Netto, Sandra Simms & Grammy, Banal – Sophie, Gulang – Fadel, Balba - Bree



STEM Day at Jilliby

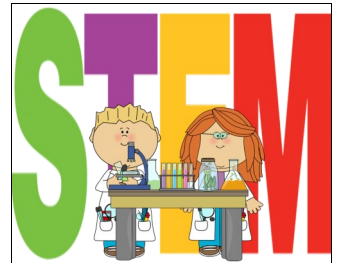
“Yum! Yum! Yum!”, echoed from the kitchen. Brrrt, zip, zong, zap buzzed through the robotics lab! “My brain is processing so much it hurts” was a quote coming from the Maths Olympians. “Wow! Look at what we built” sung out our Mega Structures builders.

Last Friday 23/03/2018 Tacoma Public School was lucky enough to have the opportunity to participate in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) day which was held at Jilliby Public School. 16 students were collectively selected by our staff to take part in this fantastic extensive learning opportunity, which ran all day. Teams were selected for; ‘Science in the Kitchen’, ‘Robotics Mania’, ‘Mega Structures’ and ‘Maths Olympiad’. I know all students were challenged, but it was wonderful to see ear to ear smiles all day from our Tacoma crew who were all excellent ambassadors of our learning community.

The best way to sum up the day was a quote that came from ever eager Liam “Mr Kirk, this is the best day I’ve ever had!”



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Attendance



Road Safety



Pedestrian Safety



**A pedestrian crossing is a safe place to cross this busy street.
Always STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK before crossing the road.**

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Lockdown Feedback



Each year we run evacuation and lockdown drills to ensure that, in the case of an emergency, our staff members, students and parents are well-prepared. We usually run one a term. Last week we practised a lockdown. A lockdown is signalled by a continuous ascending beeping and all who are on site are to move directly to the closest building. We ask that no one enters the school during this time.

Our lockdown & evacuation procedures are behind the door in each classroom or room and a safety briefing brochure can be found in the office. If you are onsite and a lockdown occurs you are required to follow the teacher's instructions. To enable us to account for everyone on site please ensure you sign in and out at the office when volunteering at our school.

It is very pleasing to report that our students were very settled and followed the directions of all staff members. They were very sensible and waited patiently for the all clear. Thank you to the volunteers and community members who were on site that day. Your assistance in following correct procedures ensures we all stay safe.

Happy Birthday!

Maison, Emily, Isabella,
Chelsea & Mark

Quote of the week...

"Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy".

Thich Nhat Hanh

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