



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

10 September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week was SAS staff recognition week. I would like to thank all of our wonderful office ladies and support teachers. We are so very lucky to have such a dedicated, hard working support crew. On behalf of all the students, staff and parents I would like you to know how much we value what you do each and every day at Tacoma PS.

Save the date - We will be holding an open day (11.30am onwards) on the last day of term as part of our 50 year celebration. Please keep the date free and look out for more information next week!

Stage Two excursion - Next week our Stage Two students head to Sydney to see the sights and enjoy the wonderful Taronga Park Zoo by day and night. I would like to thank the teachers who have given up their time to attend this overnight excursion. I am sure all students and teachers will have a fantastic time.

Athletics Update - A huge congratulations to Lucy who was named Wallarah Zone Under 11 Girls champion at the recent Zone Athletics competition. We are all very proud of your achievements Lucy.

Flano Friday - Thank you to everyone who supported our Flano Friday and Father's Day breakfast. It was really great to see the playground buzzing with excitement at 8am. Not only did we collect a ute load of groceries and money for the farmers, but we also enjoyed a yummy breakfast and a good old chat. Thanks also to our wonderful P&C volunteers who organised the breakfast.

High School Placement - Congratulations to Linley who has been offered a place at Gosford

Diary Dates

13 September

Central Coast Schools
Chess Tournament

14 September

Regional Spelling Bee

18-19 September

Home Reading/Sport
House Reward

20 September

P & C Meeting

20-21 Sept

Stage 2 Zoo Snooze

21 September

Values Assembly—
Democracy

25 September

School Concert (PM)

26 September

School Concert (Matinee)

27 September

Values High Tea
School Concert (PM)

28 September

50 Year Celebrations
Last Day Term 3

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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Selective High school for Year 7 next year. We are all very proud of what you have achieved Linley, and we are sure you will continue to shine next year.

I hope you have a fantastic week!

Jeanette Dillon

Merit Awards

Banal—Mrs Andrews (K)

Marley, Phoebe, Addison & Maliki

Gulang—Mrs Fletcher (K)

Sophia, Sebastian, Chloe & Steven

Bamayi—Mrs Mercieca (Year 1)

Dakota, Pippa, Kye & Mlsty

Garawa—Mrs Nicholson (Years 1 & 2)

Laura, Matthew, Noah & Charlotte

Badhu—Mr Kirk (Years 2 & 3)

Jai, Renata, Kynan & Cameron

Murgu—Mr Farquhar (Years 3 & 4)

Kiana and Taylah

Gundang—Mrs Kable (Years 4 & 5)

Cameron, Caleb Kirstie & Thandi

Waagir—Mr McFarlane (Year 5)

Sheridan, Cooper, Blake & Alannah

Balba—Mr Tedd (Year 6)

Linley, Jay, Bree & Luke

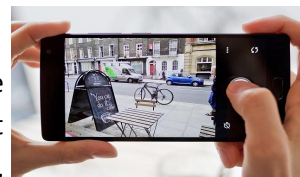


Flanno for a Farmer

Thanks to everyone for their generous donations. We have enough groceries to make quite a few hampers. We also raised \$425.05.

Photographs at School Events

Please be aware that while you are welcome to take photographs at school events for your own viewing, you should exercise discretion when posting online any pictures that include other children. Where possible please try to only photograph your child. This would be greatly appreciated.



DON'T FORGET PAYMENTS FOR STAGE 3 EXCURSION ARE DUE ON WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER.



Child Protection is Everyone's Business

Last week was Child Protection Week and we want to let our students know that the Kids Helpline is there for them "Anytime. Any reason" - violence, neglect, family, relationships, mental health, school, safety & abuse. This is a 24/7 phone and online counselling service for people aged 5 – 25yrs



It can be hard to know what to do when someone you know is being hurt or when you're the one copping the abuse (that's even harder).

Check out kidshelpline.com.au (comics, tip sheets, information, and videos) **1800 55 1800**

ATTENDANCE LINE - 0417 436 337 (Texts only)



Parents of students who are absent will receive an SMS each day. You can reply to the SMS and it comes back to the school.

This is a dedicated attendance number which can be saved in your contacts and also enables you to send pre-emptive SMS to the school without having to wait for the absence notification.

ONLINE PAYMENTS—Which site do I use?

Tacoma Public School Website: If you are paying for school excursions, voluntary contributions, book packs and anything school related (not P&C run), then please go to our website and pay these through the school website.

My School Connect: Is for the P & C —canteen, uniforms, special lunches



and any P&C activities.

Coles

Vouchers Sports Gear is here!

Our awesome house captains were busy last week organising (and of course, trying out!) all of the sports equipment from the Coles Sports Vouchers. Thanks to everyone who collected these vouchers as we were able to purchase 80 new pieces of equipment for our students. The equipment includes fitness gear, balls of many different shapes and sizes, a jogging trampoline, training vests, even the good ol' Elastics (that I'm sure many parents played as kids) and lots more.

The house captains will be organising our new equipment as soon as they can to enable every class to benefit from our new 'toys'!!!

Coastal Valley Girl Guides



Come along and have lots of fun—camp, cook, craft, games, earn badges and lots of life skills for life! For more information contact Sandra Herbert on 0418160 402 or go to www.girlguides-nswact.org.au



Walk for a World Without Type 1 Diabetes



Sunday 23rd September

starts at 11am Davistown Ferry Wharf—walk the 6km waterfront pathway to Kincumber and return. Dogs allowed, prams and wheelchair friendly. Register by contacting Margaret Sheridan—0416 013 388 or Helene Quirk—0412 347310 or walk.jdrf.org.au#JDRFOneWalk



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Zone Athletics

Congratulations to our team of 35 who competed in this year's Wallarah Zone Athletics Carnival. What a great bunch of kids! All of the children represented our school absolutely beautifully with lots of smiles throughout the day! Our wonderful parents once again were great supporters and continually encouraged the kids to give it their best.

Well done to the following children who will represent the Wallarah Zone at Homebush in the Sydney North Carnival—Lucy (100m, 200m and long jump); Charli (100m) and Blessing (Shotput). Blessing was first in his event missing the Zone record by 5 cms!!! (Next year for sure, Bless). Shout-outs to Harry who fell in his 100m run on that very hard



surface but managed to get up and continue his race — great determination H!! A final, huge congratulations to Lucy who was named **11 year old girls champion of the Carnival**, pipping the second girl by only 1 point—brilliant achievement Lucy!!

Finally, a huge thankyou to Lucy's folks Andy and Lisa who were team managers, fruit-bearers for the team and pack-up superstars!! Much appreciated guys. All in all—another great day for Tacoma!!

Father's Day Breakfast



Attendance

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – It's NOT ok to stay away

The thought of an argument with children to get them to school is too great to bear for some parents. Too many students miss school through parent-condoned absences. Every day a student is away they are missing a learning experience.

If a child misses school for around 1 day a week, by the end of the year they will have missed almost 1 whole term of school.

Over their primary school years they would miss almost 3 years of school.

What is a Justified Absence from school?

- For an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (best made for after school or in school holidays)
- To attend a recognised religious holiday
- To attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (eg a funeral)
- While sick or with an infectious disease



If you require support to get your child to attend school or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact school.

We can all work together to make a difference to your child's future!

Be on Time, Be at School, That's the Rule!

Road Safety



Buckle up every time you travel in a car.



Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Keeping Everyone Safe at our School

As part of our ongoing work to create a safe school site we are vigilant in following up issues that may be identified as hazards to the health and safety of children, staff and visitors.

While all due care is taken there are circumstances that arise on a daily basis that may present as a hazard such as children digging in the ground in the playground or children building 'roads' in the soil to drive their toy cars.

If you are coming on to school grounds and become aware of a potential hazard please let the ladies in the office know.

Please also be aware that the grounds of the school are not all even, particularly on the ovals, and when visiting the site you may wish to consider the type of footwear you are wearing to minimise the possibility of an injury.

Happy Birthday!

Lucas, Lyla, Holly,
Ayla, Blake,
Jessica & Ruby

Quote of the week...

"Happiness is something that
comes into our lives through
doors we don't even
remember leaving open"

Rose Lane

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