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Dates to remember:

31 October –28 November

Happy Spirits Transition Program
(Thursdays 9.30am—10.45am)

5 November

Sphero STEAM drones (make up day)

6 November

A Taste of Wyong Transition
(Wednesdays from 6/11—27/11)
School Captain Speeches 11.30-12.30pm
House Captain Speeches 2.30 - 3.00pm

8 November

Stage 3 Sports Day

11 November

Remembrance Day Service

11 November—22 November

Swim Scheme

21 November

P & C Meeting 7pm

29 November

Values Assembly (Democracy)

4 November

Volunteers Morning Tea

9 December

Presentation Day

16 December

Year 6 Farewell

Term Dates

Term 4 2019 22 July-27 Sept

Term 1 2020 29 Jan-9 Apr

Term 2 2020 28 Apr-3 Jul



4 November 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our school community has been shocked and saddened by the tragic death of Glenn Hodges. The staff of Tacoma Public School send their thoughts and love to Janelle, Ben, Kye and their family and friends. I thank you all for your support of our staff and Kye's family during this sad time, we are so grateful.

COLOUR EXPLOSION - Many thanks to Dee Collins-Olsen and the Year 6 fundraising team, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Sturt for the organisation of the COLOUR EXPLOSION fun run in Week 2! We all enjoyed the experience and thank families for their participation. Also a big thankyou to David Petersen and his team from Fire and Rescue for ensuring the very hot day was cool. We were very thankful for the fire truck's spray throughout the course. We can't wait for the next one!!

Kinder 2020 Transition - Our first Happy Spirits Kinder 2020 Orientation session was last Thursday. We were very excited to meet our youngest students and welcome their families to our amazing school. **Welcome to Tacoma Public School!** Many thanks to Mr Kirk, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Fletcher for their organisation of such a big, important program.

Year 6 to 7 Transition - Over the next 5 weeks our Year 6 students are heading off to various transitions to Wyong HS or Wadalba CS. These transitions are so important for Year 6 to build relationships with staff and familiarise themselves with their new school environment.

Thank you P&C - A very big thank you to our wonderful P&C for our new shade structure over the fixed equipment! It looks sensational and provides excellent protection from the sun while our students

are playing. We appreciate the P&C's on-going support for resources that benefit all our students. There will be special shade celebration day on Tuesday 11th November. A gold coin donation allows your child to wear mufti clothing. ALL students will receive a FREE sausage sandwich for lunch! Don't forget sunscreen and a hat!

Deputy Secretary visit - Last week, I was thrilled and very proud to be able to show Murat Dizdar, the NSW DoE Deputy Secretary, around our school. It was a wonderful opportunity, as there are over 2,200 schools in NSW and he came to us to see the amazing staff and students! Part of his email... *'It was fantastic to visit Garawa and see the students learning multiplication – Mrs Stuckey is doing an amazing job managing the diverse abilities of her students. Visiting Murgu was a highlight – I enjoyed observing the science lesson in action and discussing the flexibility of materials with Cruz.'* Many thanks to our captains Charlie and Imogen for greeting both Mr Baldwin (our Director) and engaging with Mr Dizdar. They were both impressed with your maturity, manners and conversation. Thank you to our talented staff and students for highlighting why Tacoma is the BEST school. I was so proud.



Uniform – Thank you for your organisation to ensure your child is in correct school uniform. If you need assistance to purchase any part of our uniform, please see the office staff. **HATS** - a uniform reminder for all students that school hats only are to be worn at school. **SOCKS** - Black or green or white socks with NO LABELS to be worn.

Talented Tacoma Kids – so many this fortnight! Well done to all our talented writers and mathematicians.

Have a great fortnight, Tacoma. Look after one another.

Nicole Heazlewood



Remembrance Day Service

REMEMBRANCE DAY On Monday, 11th November we will be having a short remembrance ceremony at 10.45am.
Lest We Forget

Happy Spirits Playgroup

Just a reminder that Happy Spirits playgroup for Kindergarten 2020 is on Mondays 21/10, 28/10, 4/11, 11/11, 18/11 & 25/11 at the hall from 2-3pm.



Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021

- Applications for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021 must be made online between 8 October 2019 and 11 November 2019. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Parents must apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12 March 2020.





Year 5 Stem Day - Wyong High School

The students had a lot of fun following QR codes around the school, making straw rockets, building Da Vinci Bridges, making lolly towers, trying to make sure an egg doesn't break when dropping it and completing some science trivia.



Principal Awards

Merit Awards

Bamayir—Mrs Andrews (Kinder)

Ryan, Jaxson & Max

Badhu—Mrs Morassut (K/1)

Sydney, Iuni & George

Murgu—Mrs Nicholson (Year 1)

Ayden, Patrick & Mark

Waagir—Mr McFarlane (1/2)

Tyler, Sophia & Jessica



Garawa—Mrs Stuckey (2/3)

Sophie, Mikaila & Levi

Gundang—Mr Kirk (3/4)

William, Cameron & India

Balba—Mrs Fletcher (4/5)

Finn, Jazz & Jessie

Banal—Miss Tuff (5/6)

Jarod, Felicity & Sienna

Gulang—(5/6)

Declan, Jacqui & James



Amarli, Cruz, Tanay, Sibulele, Bella, Ashlan & Declan.

