



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

1 April 2019

Yamma!

Welcome to week 10 Tacoma!

Thank you to everyone involved for our wonderful triple celebrations last week. Harmony day, World Down Syndrome day and Close the Gap day were celebrated on the same day in true Tacoma style! Thank you to all those of you who brought in wonderful, cultural food to share at the class picnics and who dressed for the occasion. It was great to see all the cultural clothes, the harmonious colour of orange and all the colourful socks. And then.....WOW.....the wonderful talented people in our school - luni, Manu, Sydney, Thandi, Lele, and the amazing Pam completed our celebrations with their outstanding performance at our assembly. We are so, so lucky to share that with you. Thank you! Thank you also to Mrs Andrews, Mrs Sadler & Miss Tuff for all your hard work in organising the day and the great school wide activities. What a day!!

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Harry & Lucas who both competed at Sydney North representing our school in swimming. Both boys had great swims and did great times. Lucas in freestyle and Harry in freestyle, butterfly & breaststroke. Well done boys, we are proud, proud, proud of you both!!!

You may have noticed our last two doors are almost completed and along with all the others are looking SENSATIONAL! In keeping with our elements of nature theme, the door near Balba classroom is named Wibi ~ meaning wind. And last but not least, our office is Yara ~ meaning gum tree. Trees are one of my favourite things. Trees represent a beautiful, resilient life, they encourage you

Diary Dates

5 April

School Cross Country

Hot cross bun order due

8 April

Responsible Pet

Education Program (K2)

10 April

Opening of the Doors

P&C Easter raffle tickets due

12 April

P&C raffle drawn

Easter hat parade

Last day of term 1

30 April

Students return

11 May

Year 6 Bunnings BBQ

2018 TERM DATES

15th Oct - 21st Dec

2019 TERM DATES

29th Jan - 12th April

29th April - 5th July

22nd July - 27th Sept

14th Oct - 20th Dec

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to thrive and bloom and are a symbol of strength and patience. The strength of a tree grows through time, just like our school and a perfect name for our office. **The AMAZING, long awaited OPENING OF THE DOORS is Wednesday 10 April at 11:30. It is going to be a great day, please come along and celebrate the day with us and stay for lunch with your child.**

The whole school cross country is Friday the 5 April. This is held at school each year and all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participate. It's also that time again.....time to get started on those Easter hats as our famous Easter Hat parade is on the 12 April at 9:30am. The school ANZAC service is at 1pm.

The Year 6 fundraising BBQ at the election day was a huge success. Thank you to those of you that donated your time and goodies to sell. A big thank you to Christina Jones, Robyn Lee, Dee Moffett, David & Abbie Petersen and families for all your help before and on the day. The next Year 6 fundraiser is the Pizza Day. Please get your orders in.

Our Value assembly for "Excellence" was on Friday. Congratulations to all our award winners. It is such a great honour to win one of these awards. A HUGE congratulations to Charlie who ran the assembly single handedly on Friday. What an inspiring role model you are Charlie!

Now, some more exciting news. We are migrating to the cloud for Sentral (our school computer system). This will assist in storage of our data and in our communication. We will be able to streamline our practices such as newsletters, notes, reports, booking teacher interview times and permission slips will all be paperless and available for parents to see online and complete. It will improve all aspects of our communication.

But wait.....there's more..... next term I am very, very excited to be bringing AVID to Tacoma. AVID is an education program designed to boost the academic results of all students. **Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)** believes that any student, given the right strategies and support, can be prepared for future study and work opportunities. AVID understands that the first step to improving a student's performance is teaching them how to learn. Rigorous content alone will not bring students success if they are not equipped with the habits and strategies that help them to process and digest information. The AVID program's main focus is to provide students, teachers and schools with the expertise and support to build this foundational first step. In doing so, students build confidence in their own abilities and become determined to achieve the results of which they are truly capable. More information will be sent along the way.

There is an AVID class at Wyong High School which is very successful. Professional learning will take placeand the excitement will begin!! Actually, it already has.....I can't wait!!

As I sign off from the big chair for the last time, thank you all for your support over the last two terms. Thank you to all the staff for your commitment to Tacoma. A special BIG thank you to the AMAZING Mrs Byrnes for all you do behind the scenes. Two great terms of dreams, visualising before our eyes. Lastly, I would again, like to thank YOU, the community for your support. I have so loved leading Tacoma and strengthening our connection. Every day, every week at Tacoma, we strive to be like the boy in the starfish story (story in this newsletter) hoping to make a small difference. With your support, we can make that difference together. Thank you, thank you, thank you beautiful people!

Have a great week everyone.

Live the life you dream of!!

Mandy

Nangami Janaiwee – Dream with me

Principal Awards

Pam Ives, Thandi, Lele, Luni, Manu, Sydney, Zac, Thomas, Charlie, Declan, Blake, Grace, Summer, Felicity, Ruby, Jessica & Jack

Merit Awards

Bamayi— Mrs Andrews (Kinder)

Jaxson, Jarlah, Ashlan & Ayden

Badhu—Mrs Morassut (K/1)

Reagan, Jaxson, George, Katelyn & Malakkai

Murgu—Mrs Nicholson (Year 1)

Fadel, Chelsea-Lee, Patrick & Rocco

Waagir—Mr McFarlane (1/2)

Kaley, Ritchie, Conner & Emily

Garawa—Mrs Stuckey (2/3)

Brayden, Sophie, Beau & Rebel

Gundang—Mr Kirk (3/4)

Noah, Charlotte, Maison & Jasmine



Balba—Mrs Fletcher(4/5)

Kynan, Tamara, Jazz & Kane

Banal—Miss Tuff (5/6)

Jarod, Aleisha, Jessica & Ruby

Gulang—(5/6)

Maddison, Emma, James & Cohen

Textbooks

Invoices have been sent home to those families who have still not purchased their books. Unfortunately due to copyright we cannot copy these books for your child, so prompt payment would be appreciated. Please don't hesitate to contact us to arrange a payment plan or to apply for student assistance if needed.

Which APP?

Schoolstream—receive notifications and newsletters from the school



My School Connect— (P&C) pay for lunches and uniforms orders



Tacoma Public School Website—pay for excursions, workbooks, voluntary contributions and other school activities

Working Bee

We are holding a working Bee on Sunday 26 May between 10-12. Our vegetable/herb gardens are needing some love. Everyone is welcome to come and spend some time in the autumn sun.



ANZAC Day School Service

We invite you to come along and join staff and students as we commemorate ANZAC Day. Our school service will be held in the hall at 1:00pm on Friday April 12th.

Wyang RSL ANZAC Day March

We have once again been given the privilege of attending the ANZAC Day march. A staff member will be in attend-

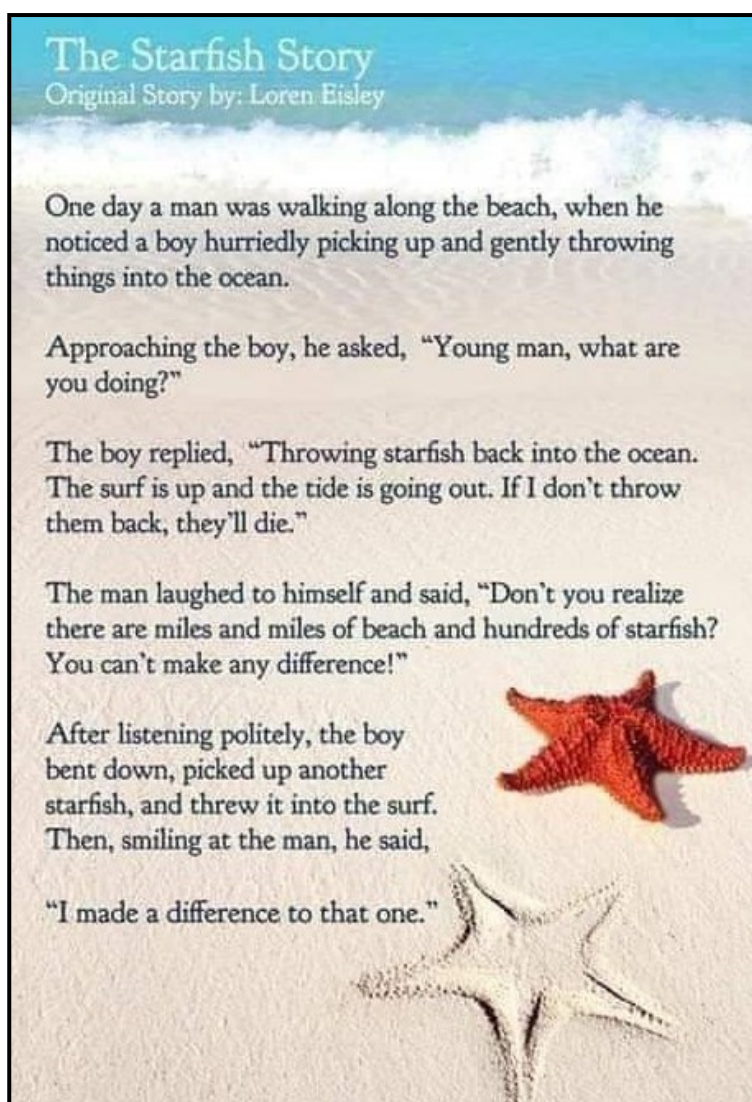
ance and we hope that many students can join us for the service and then the march. If your child is able to attend, please assemble at Cenotaph Wyong Town Park at 9:00am. The service starts at 9:30am and the march will follow. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform.

Our captains, Charlie and Imogen, will also be representing us at the dawn service which starts at 5:55am.

Year 6

High School Expression of Interest Forms are OVER-DUE!! Please return immediately.

Don't forget applications close for next years IT and AVID class close this Wednesday 3 April.



Dear Parents/Carers

A reminder that our Cross Country run will be held at school this Friday 5th April. 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!!)



Below are the approximate times for the events. For children 5, 6 or 7 years old, their course is around the school oval. For children 8 years (or turning 8 this year) and older, they will need to complete the playground course with a satisfactory time to be included in the Zone team. The course will be set out around the school and approximately equals the required distances of 2km (8, 9 and 10 year olds) and 3km (11 and 12 year olds). Please note: 8 and 9 year old children run together in 1 age group as they will do the same at the Zone carnival. This will be held at Wyong Racecourse on Friday 24th May and children will be notified if they have qualified for the team. (A separate note will be handed out).

Please make sure your child brings their hat and plenty of water for our school carnival.

We're looking forward to a great day!

Mr McFarlane

Time	Event	Distance
9:20am	7 Yrs Boys	2 laps (of oval)
9:30am	7 Yrs Girls	2 laps (of oval)
9:40am	5/6 Yrs Boys	1 lap (of oval)
9:50am	5/6 Yrs Girls	
10:20am	8/9 Yrs Boys and Girls	4 laps around course
	Recess	
11:35am	10 Yrs Boys	4 laps around course
11:45am	10 Yrs Girls	
12:00pm	11 Yrs Boys	6 laps around course
12:10pm	11 Yrs Girls	
12:20pm	12/13 Yrs Boys	6 laps around course
12:30pm	12/13 Yrs Girls	6 laps around course
	Lunch	

ATTENDANCE

If a child misses an average of nine days per term, (that's less than one day a week) during their primary school years, they would have missed a whole year of learning by the time they reach Year 7. To give your child the best chance for success at school you need to send them every day!



Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Turn off the TV or computer and get active

- ♦ Set a limit on the amount of time children watch television or spend on the computer. Two hours a day is the maximum. Too much screen time limits physical activity.
- ♦ On the weekend, live life instead of watching it on TV. Find a new place to hike, bike or run. When you hear "I'm bored" – think of something active to do.
- ♦ During the winter months, avoid allowing children to watch too much TV or play video games. Encourage active play, which builds social, mental and physical motor skills.



Tacoma Public School - Road Safety Education



Buckle up every time you travel in a car.



Mark, Isabella, Felicity & Cohen

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