



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

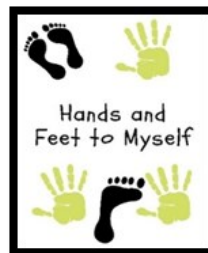
6 May 2019

Welcome to Week 2 at the BEST school on the coast!

It has been such a joy to meet all of our brilliant Tacoma students and incredible staff. I have enjoyed meeting many parents out and about in the playground and office. Make sure you say 'Hi' if we haven't meet already. Many thanks for such a warm, friendly welcome.



It has been a settled start to Term 2. Students are working hard and discovering new things in their classes and playing in caring and respectful ways with their peers. I am very proud.



In Week 2, we are going to look at what one of our values - 'Be Respectful' and what it looks like with friends and playing. 'I keep my hands and my feet to myself' is being discussed in classrooms as we have needed a few reminders last week. It would be great for you to discuss this with your child, and options of what to do if they feel angry or frustrated by other students. Take a deep breath, walk away and tell a teacher is the message we want to instil in our children to keep everyone safe.



Many things are already happening this term and I want to thank our hard-working teachers for doing so many 'extra' activities. These provide the students at Tacoma with

Diary Dates

8 May

Mothers Day Stall

10 May

Mothers Day Breakfast

11 May

Year 6 Bunnings BBQ

17 May

Walk Safely to School Day

Values Assembly—
Respect

24 May

Zone Cross Country

26 May

Working Bee

7 June

Book Fair Day

Values Assembly—
Cooperation

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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opportunities to build student self-esteem, skills and student voice.

Congratulations to those students selected in the soccer team and our Zone Cross Country Team. Many thanks to Mr Mac for his time and organisation of our sporting events and teams.



HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Blessing for making it through to Sydney North under 11's rugby league team. He will play for 3 days in a carnival against teams from all over the state. We are so proud of you, Blessing.



This term, the library has some mini robots called Blue Bots and LEGO technic sets from the Department of Education STEM share kits. The kids are excited for to learn coding and programming skills this term!

In the Principal's Office: Clever writing from Charlotte - Bamayi, beautiful postcards from Madison, Oshini and Lyla in Gundang and gorgeous handwriting from Waagir - Ritchie, Kihyah, Kyah, Kaley, Eliza, Harrison, Lylah, Kayleb and Dylan!

Have a wonderful fortnight, Tacoma!

Nicole Heazlewood

Principal Awards

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

John & Jai

Merit Awards

Bamayi—Mrs Andrews (Kinder)

Zac, Jack, Ayden & Laura

Badhu—Mrs Morassut (K/1)

Luni, Telesia

Murgu—Mrs Nicholson (Year 1)

Sebastian, Abigail, Steven & Bella

Waagir—Mr McFarlane (1/2)

Jessica, Marley, Faamanu & Kiyah

Garawa—Mrs Stuckey (2/3)

Isabella, Samuel, Brayden & Mikaila



Gundang—Mr Kirk (3/4)

Lucas, India, Hannah & Issabelle

Balba—Mrs Fletcher(4/5)

Cameron, Mikael, Tess & Jed

Banal—Miss Tuff (5/6)

Jack, Sheridan, Thomas & Blessing

Gulang—(5/6)

Madelyn, Declan, Curtis & Maddison

Year 6 Bunnings BBQ—Tuggerah Bunnings



Call in and grab a sausage sandwich or a cake from Year 6 on Saturday 11 May between 8am & 4pm. Parent volunteers would be appreciated.

Congratulations to the Wowser Award Winners for Excellence

Bamayai- Myla, Badhu – Madeleine, Murgu – Chloe, Waagir – Eliza, Garawa – Tamsyn, Gundang – Jordyn, Balba – Summer, Banal – Sarah, Gulang – Caleb. Our next Values Assembly will be for respect in week 3.

Walk Safely to School Day



National Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday 17 May 2019. It is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment.

Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement Test

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and talented students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2020, you need to apply online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> by Friday 17

May 2019.

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 31 July 2019.

If you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher.



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2019

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The new PRC student site is now LIVE!

Check out the new site! You can enter the following URL in your browser: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

2019 Key Dates

March: Challenge opens. Students will be able to log books on their Student Reading Record, and coordinators will be able to create accounts for new students. K-2 student entries will be logged at school. 3-6 student entries are logged at home, please contact Mrs Sadler in the library if you require assistance.

Friday, August 30: Closing date for student entries.

SHOOSH FOR KIDS

Shoosh for kids is a collaborative effort between the Office of Sport and State Sporting Organisations to promote positive behaviour to members, clubs and associations.

The general rule is if you haven't got anything nice to say, not to say anything at all.

Visit the Office of Sport website to find out more and show spectators and members where you stand on poor spectator behaviour during awareness week, 20-26 May. Let's keep kids coming back to junior sport!

Fire + Rescue Open Day.

Saturday 18/5/19, 10am to 2pm

Hely Street Wyong



Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) will hold its annual Open Day on Saturday 18 May 2019 between 10.00am and 2.00pm and everyone is invited to come along.

Open Day includes safety demonstrations, fire station tours and the chance to inspect equipment and trucks used by our firefighters when responding to all kinds of fire and rescue emergencies. There will also be an array of activities for all children who attend.

It's a great time to also speak to firefighters first-hand about fire safety in the home, including how to install and maintain smoke alarms and how to develop a home escape plan to ensure they can quickly and safely escape in the event of a fire. We will also have our famous free sausage sizzle throughout the day.

<https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=619>

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*Any additional schools will need to be licensed users of School Stream to appear in the app.

Anzac Day

Thank you to all the Tacoma Public School students and staff who represented us at the Anzac Day March in Wyong!



Wyong Neighbourhood Centre

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 22nd June—6pm til 10pm

Wyong Rugby Leagues Club—Lake Haven Dr, Kanwal

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ATTENDANCE

It is vital that students arrive at school on time, ready to begin learning, each day. Students arriving at school after the bell need to go to the office for a late note. When children are late the school records it as a partial absence. Students who not accompanied by an adult will have their attendance marked as unexplained and you will be asked to provide a note .



It is also important that all students who are walking or riding bikes come directly to school in the morning and go straight home in the afternoon without diverting. Younger students should be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.



Tacoma Public School - Road Safety Education



When riding a bicycle or scooter, the rider should wear light-coloured clothing so that they can be easily seen by others and always wear a helmet. They need to use their eyes and ears to keep safe. Ear phones while riding inhibit their ability to keep focused on the road and things happening around them. Keep safe when riding.



Dakota, Chase, Kirstie, Logan, Jessie, Matthew,
Curtis, Jordyn, John, Cameron, Levi, Caleb, Ethan,
Ava & Lyla.

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