



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

1 July 2019

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The last week of a wonderful term is upon us and I want to thank the beautiful Tacoma PS community for welcoming me with so much support and happiness. It has been an absolute JOY to become the principal of such an incredible school with friendly students, talented staff and caring community.

School reports have come home this week and I want to thank the teachers for their hours and hours of time and dedication to ensuring all reports are a true reflection of your child's application and results. As I read every report, I was impressed at how well our teachers KNOW their students. Please sit with your child and share it—paying close attention to the application for each key learning area, their social development and commitment to learning. Are there any areas to improve? Set a behavioural goal for your child, such as moving from 'working well' to 'commendable' in application. Ask your child's teacher how they can achieve this. I would also love you to look at attendance on the front page. We have a huge amount of children with poor attendance—in both full days and part days. As parents and carers, it is our responsibility to get our kids to school, on time, every day. It is not a coincidence that students who have low attendance are more likely to struggle academically. Of course, sometimes students are sick and that is OK. More than two days sick require a doctors certificate. There are interviews next term—please fill in your preferred time on the interview note and return to school asap.

We have had an incredible fortnight with Early Stage 1/Stage 1 excursion to the farm—

Diary Dates

3 July

CCDF Junior Group
Reading 4 Life Celebration

5 July

Last Day Term 2

23 July (Tuesday)

Students return

25 July

PSSA Gala Day—Girls
Touch Footy

31 July

Public Speaking Final
K-2 9:30 3-6 11:30

5 Aug—9 Aug

Education Week

8 Aug

Tuggerah Westfield—Choir
& Dance Groups

13 Aug

Athletics Carnival

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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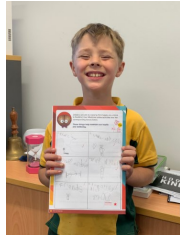
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many thanks to Mrs Nicholson for her incredible organisation as well as the teachers and parent helpers on the day.

Our Senior Dance Group were SENSATIONAL at the Central Coast Dance Festival last week—so good I cried with pride! All the very best to our Junior Group who perform on Wednesday. Our spelling bee was a HUGE success—congratulations to our winners and to Mrs Nicholson and Mr Mac for your organisation.

Seen in the Office: Riley from Gundang, Khiannah from Badhu and 3 mystery students in masks from Waagir!



Have a happy holiday Tacoma! Enjoy family time and keep safe.

Nicole Heazlewood

Principal Awards

Senior Dance Group, Luciana, Lyla, Mikaila & Caleb

Merit Awards

Bamayi— Mrs Andrews (Kinder)

Selena, Gretel & Oliver

Badhu—Mrs Morassut (K/1)

Sydney, George & Madeleine

Murgu—Mrs Nicholson (Year 1)

Ava, Patrick & Fadel

Waagir—Mr McFarlane (1/2)

Ethan & Ben

Garawa—Mrs Stuckey (2/3)

Sam & Ceej

Gundang—Mr Kirk (3/4)

Sienna, Logan & Lyla

Balba—Mrs Fletcher(4/5)

Diesel, Summer & Zali

Banal—Miss Tuff (5/6)



Thomas, Ruby & Sarah

Gulang—(5/6)

Madelyn, Matilda & Grace



Kindergarten 2020

We are now taking names for Kindergarten 2020. Please contact the office if you child will be commencing Kindergarten at Tacoma next year.

K-2 Excursion Oakvale Farm

Last Friday 21st June K-2 travelled by bus to Oakvale Farm. The students had a tractor ride, bottle fed farm animals, milked Daisy the cow and got to pat a rabbit and duckling. The students learnt about reptiles and koalas before having a play on the equipment and feeding all the animals around the farm. Before we left students had an opportunity to pat a koala and as we left, saw a seven week old joey!

It was a fantastic day filled with sunshine and new experiences. Most memorable activities were the bottle feeding, milking Daisy and the playground!

Many thanks to all our wonderful parent volunteers, your support and generosity is very much appreciated.

K-2 Staff



2019 Premiers Spelling Bee

On Wednesday 19th June our students participated in the school Spelling Bee competition. Wow, do we have some fantastic spellers here at Tacoma! They were given some very challenging words to spell, they should all be very proud of their achievements! An outstanding effort, congratulations!

Our winners and runners up were;

Winners

Kindergarten: Kaede

Stage 1: Mikaila

Stage 2: Caleb

Stage 3: Thomas

Runners up:

Kindergarten: Max

Stage 1: Jack

Stage 2: Thomas

Stage 3: Grace

The Stage Two and Stage Three Winners and Runners up will represent our school in term three at the Regional Finals at a date to be determined. All Winners and Runners up will receive special awards at the end of year presentation day.

Mrs Nicholson

Spelling Bee Co-ordinator



STEAM Program for Term 3

Next term our Year 3 – 6 students will be participating in a Drone STEAM program every Tuesday for 8 weeks. This follows on from the Sphero robotics and coding program run by Sammut Education in 2018. Tacoma PS has set aside the funds for this program so that all students 3-6 can participate. Further information will be sent home in the near future. Should you have any questions about the program, please see Mrs Stuckey.

Book Parade 2019 – Reading is my Secret Power!

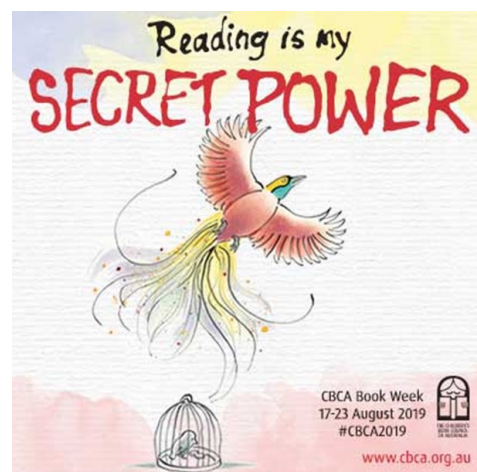
This year, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Book Week theme is **Reading is My Secret Power**. Stories are powerful. Having the power to read opens up the amazing and magical world of stories where wondrous, incredible and miraculous things can happen. To celebrate the power of reading and the great stories that authors, illustrators and children create, our book parade this year is all about secret powers – the power to read, to imagine, to write, and the power to make the world better through stories. Where does your secret reading power take you?

- To discover other cultures (books about language, customs or culture)
- To time travel to explore our past or our future
- To amaze people with your new karate, or knot tying, or bush tucker finding skills (non-fiction books can be awesome!)

To learn to be cool, clever or creative like your favourite book characters

This is an opportunity to escape into another world where your child can be anything they want to be! So, what are you waiting for? Will your child use their secret reading power to explore the past, hang out with their favourite character, find a fantasy land or perhaps even discover another universe?

Our book parade will take place during Education Week, in week 3 of next term, from 9:30am on Friday August 9th in the hall. All welcome!



The Great Book Swap

Last year, the Indigenous Literacy Foundation raised over \$270,000 from the Great Book Swap. In 2019, their goal is to raise \$350,000 to gift 35,000 new books to remote communities who want and need



them. To celebrate the UNESCO International Year of Indigenous Languages, we have been assigned to an **Animals in Language House** for the Great Book Swap this year (think Harry Potter houses) and are looking forward to learning more about our Animals in Language House and some of the communities the Indigenous Literacy Foundation work with. Tacoma Public School has been assigned to the **Lungkura House** - Lungkura means blue-tongued lizard in Walmajarri language which is spoken by the **Walmajarri** people who traditionally lived in the Great Sandy Desert to the south of the Kimberley. Schools from the winning house will go into the draw to win some great prizes!

How can children learn to read without books? Help us to help children in remote communities by making a donation to our Great Book Swap. School holidays are the perfect time to tidy bedrooms! Have a look at home for any books that your child has grown out of or no longer reads that are still in good condition. From week 1 of Term 3, your child can donate books that can be dropped off at the library. On Friday of Week 3, children will have the opportunity to browse through and buy pre-loved books for a gold coin donation.

Thank you for your support of Indigenous Literacy!

Heart Foundation

Jump Rope for Heart

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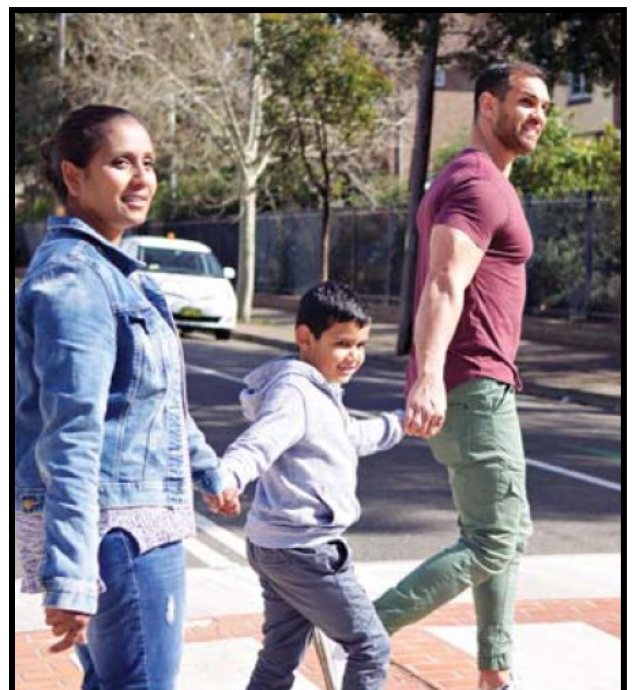
Walk Safely

Always hold your children's hands – when walking on the footpath, in the car park and when crossing the road – until they are at least 8 years old.

When your children are between 8 and 10 years old, supervise them very closely when they are near traffic and crossing the road.

When you decide to let your children over 10 years old walk to and from school by themselves, plan the journey together. Practise being a safe pedestrian by:

- ♦ keeping to the left of the footpath
- ♦ being aware of vehicles coming in and out of driveways
- ♦ not being distracted by mobile devices or by other people
- ♦ using a safe, alternative way home in wet weather
- ♦ showing respect to other pedestrians.





Patrick & Zak

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