



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

14 August 2019

Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful fortnight of learning, celebration and FUN we have had a Tacoma! **NAIDOC week and National Tree Planting Day** was celebrated on one day, and our Aboriginal students enjoyed a cultural day with other schools in the area at Hope Town. Many thanks to Mrs Shaw, Mrs Andrews and the Aboriginal Team for their organisation and commitment to Aboriginal Education in our school. **Education Week** was INCREDIBLE! We had our dance groups and choir sing in front of a packed audience at Westfield, Tuggerah and then again in front of the whole school on Friday. They performed beautifully and I was so, so proud. Thank you to Mrs Sadler, Miss Tuff and Mr Kirk for their leadership in the Creative Arts. Friday saw a fun Book Parade – it was great! Again, thank you to Mrs Sadler for arranging the whole day – from the book character parade to the Great Aussie Book swap. Thanks to all the staff, parents and kids for making it such a fun day by dressing up and enjoying our open classrooms and day.



Ready...set...GO! What an incredible **Athletics Carnival** it was yesterday! The behaviour of our Tacoma kids was outstanding and I enjoyed meeting many parents and families. We were lucky to have so many parent volunteers – thank you so much for making our day run smoothly. A BIG thank you to the amazing ex-students from Wyong High School. They were respectful, friendly, helpful and supportive of our students and staff. We were very fortunate to have them

Diary Dates

16 Aug

Surf Education Beach Talks

20-21 Aug

Stage 2 Excursion

23 Aug

Assembly

29 Aug

Zone Athletics Carnival

3-5 Sept

Stage 3 Excursion

6 Sept

Assembly

19 Sept

P&C Meeting 2pm

20 Sept

Values Assembly

Rock & Roll Night

27 Sept

Last Day of Term 3

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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join our day. It is lovely to see students from our local high school volunteering and giving back to their community. Lastly – THANK YOU Mr Mac. A day like this doesn't just happen. It is days and days of hard work and meticulous organisation. We appreciate your dedication to our students to have a wonderful, fun and safe day.

Braithwaite Drive crossing: Just a reminder to encourage your children to use the crossing outside the school. Safety must come first for our students.

Uniform – just a reminder, BLACK shoes are our school uniform (except on sport days) with a school hat and jacket. Students who have represented the school at district/region/state level may wear their hoodies. If you need assistance for your child's uniform, please send me an email or drop by the office.

Attendance – I sent letters out last week to families whose attendance is below 85%. We keep detailed records, daily, of attendance and report to regional office. An example below is what we see on a child's record: Green: Student present all day.

Light green: out on school business (excursion).

Red is unexplained absence

Dark yellow: explained absence

Light yellow: arrive late or leave early.

Partial absences count in your child's overall attendance rate. It is very important to have your child here, on time, all day. The example to the left is a 79.9% attendance and anything under 85% is flagged by the Department of Education's Home/School Liaison Officer. Again, if your child is sick, please contact the school and a medical certificate may be needed. If your child is attending a speech pathologist or OT, this is noted and allowances made.

WE are working hard, as a staff to improve all students' outcomes! However, kids need to be at school, every day and on time for this to happen. The home/school partnership is so important.

Please let your child's class teacher know if you are having trouble getting your child to school and we can support you.

Stage 2 Camp is coming up next week. I wish all our little adventurers a safe, challenging and FUN camp. Thank you to Mrs Fletcher, Mr Kirk, Mrs Glachan and Mrs Longuet for attending and giving up time with their families to support our students. We are so lucky to have such dedicated staff.

Keep aiming high Tacoma! We are an incredible community. Have a wonderful fortnight.

Nicole Heazlewood—Principal

	Term 3				
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W1					
W2					
W3					
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W8					
W9					
W10					

Principal Awards

Gulang & Cameron

Merit Awards

Bamayi—Mrs Andrews (Kinder)

Ayden, Ashlan & Jack

Badhu—Mrs Morassut (K/1)

Nethuni & Luni

Murgu—Mrs Nicholson (Year 1)

Maliki, Harlow & Chloe

Waagir—Mr McFarlane (1/2)

Conner, Kyan & Tyler

Garawa—Mrs Stuckey (2/3)

Sam, Pippa & Brayden

Gundang—Mr Kirk (3/4)

Kaleb, Jaxon & India

Balba—Mrs Fletcher(4/5)

Thomas, Ava & Katrina

Banal—Miss Tuff (5/6)

Jarod, Ethan & Tiana

Gulang—(5/6)

Charlie & Amelia



New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 3 Polar Savers rewards are now available, while stocks last!

Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring

Scratch Art Cards





ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – It's NOT ok to stay away

All children have the right to an Education.

Regular School attendance lets students develop a sense of belonging and builds important coping and friendship skills. Confident children are less likely to engage in anti-social behaviour.

When students miss out on basic skills in the early years of school they may have learning problems in later years. In the long run, unsatisfactory attendance may affect the opportunities available to your child.

Parents are required by law to ensure all children from 6 to 17 year olds are enrolled at and regularly attend school or are registered with NESA NSW for home schooling.



Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Your Child's Medical Needs

Information about allergies, asthma, diabetes and medical procedures in the last 12 months helps us support your child's health and wellbeing. Please provide relevant information to the school.

Please note: Information you provide will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child's health needs or as otherwise required by law.





Thandiwe, Jai, Lucas, Issabelle, Kayleb, Declan,
Tamsyn, Coopa, Cameron & Emily.

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