



TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter



Happy Week 6 Tacoma!

STAGE 2 Camp - Last week Stage 2 went adventuring to the Outdoor Education Camp at Morisset. I have loved hearing from the kids how much they enjoyed conquering the high ropes course, the giant swing, the flying fox – so much fun and bravery! I want to thank and acknowledge Mrs Fletcher and Mr Kirk for spending time away from their families to give our students incredible opportunities. Also to Mrs Glachan and Mrs Longuet for attending each day to support our students. We are so very lucky to have such kind, generous staff.

Zone Public Speaking - I was very proud of our students who represented Tacoma at Warnervale PS at the Zone Public Speaking Competition. Ethan, Ruby, Lucas, Thomas, Patrick, Jack, Max & Charlotte. We are so proud of your talent and confidence to stand up and present in front of so many people. Thanks to our supportive families for getting their child to the event. And to Mr Mac – he has such a genuine interest in our students. Thank you for preparing and coaching our representatives.

Stage 2 Overnight Camp SURVEY - I have had some conversations with parents from Stage 2 regarding camp. Conversations included topics around the cost (especially if there is a sibling in Stage 3), anxiety in children and therefore not attending, Year 3 too young. I am interested in more parent views – those who have had their children go to Stage 2 camp and opinions of parents/carers whose children are yet to reach Stage 2. There will be some tally sheets around the school for you to indicate your thoughts. The choices will be YES to Stage 2 **overnight camp**, CHANGE Stage 2 overnight camp - replace with a long day excursion to similar experiences or NO to Stage 2 camp. There will be a comments area

Diary Dates

29 Aug

Zone Athletics Carnival

3-5 Sept

Stage 3 Excursion

3, 10, 17, 24 Sept

Happy Spirits Playgroup

6 Sept

Assembly

10 Sept

Regional Spelling Bee

16–27 Sept

Dental visits

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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to add extra thoughts. Alternatively, please send an email to this address and let us know your thoughts Tacoma-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au .Thanks in advance for your responses!

Primary School Dental – FREE dental care for primary schools - NSW Health is working with public primary schools to offer free dental check-ups and preventive care to students as part of a school-based mobile dental program. Your child's school has been selected to participate in this program. The program involves a mobile dental team making scheduled visits to your child's primary school. During the first appointment a dental check-up and preventive care package will be provided, subject to parental consent.

The program is scheduled to visit your our school from 16/09/2019 to 27/09/2019.

Parent Information and Consent Packs will be sent home, including information sheets, consent forms and the program privacy statement. Parents/guardians who want their child to receive care are advised to:

Read all the information provided

Carefully complete the consent forms

Return the consent forms to the school as soon as possible

More information about the program is available on the NSW Health website: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/primaryschool dental>.

Seen in my office this week – more wonderful writing from Bamayi!! Ryan, Charlotte, Declan, Oliver, Jaxson, Gretel. And simply beautiful handwriting from Liam in Gundang. Jasmine from Gundang delighted me with her Camp recount - have a look yourself in the newsletter. It is amazing!

KINDER ENROLMENTS 2020 – I am so excited to have met some of our little Tacoma cherubs who are coming to 'big school' in 2020. Do you know of a pre-schooler due to start Kindergarten next year, in our Tacoma enrolment zone? Please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Merit Awards

Bamayi– Mrs Andrews (Kinder)

Selena, Oliver & Declan

Badhu—Mrs Morassut (K/1)

Sydney, Khiannah & George

Murgu—Mrs Nicholson (Year 1)

Elijah, Rocco & Abigail

Waagir—Mr McFarlane (1/2)

Manu, Lana & Kyah

Garawa—Mrs Stuckey (2/3)

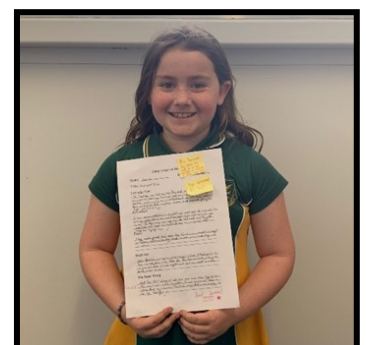
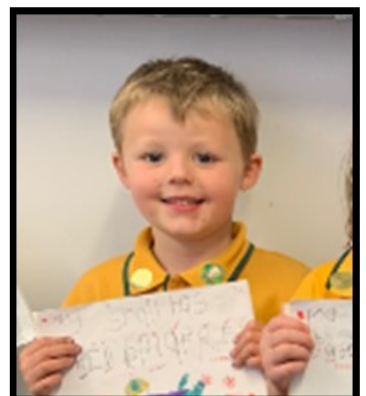
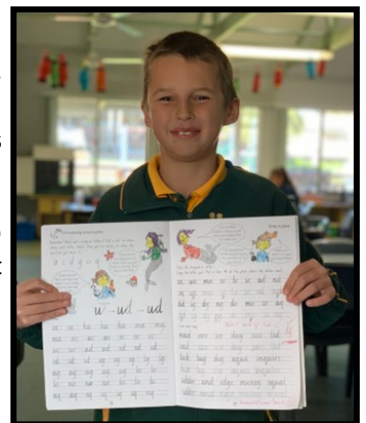
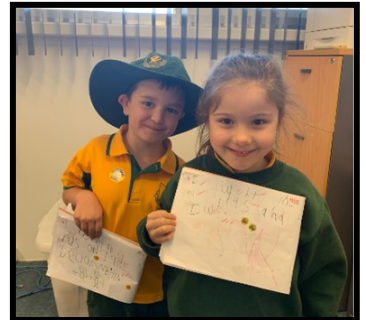
Coopa, Lincon & Mikaila

Gundang—Mr Kirk (3/4)

Charlotte, Jasmine & Noah

Balba—Mrs Fletcher(4/5)

Melinda, Chase & Sibulele



Banal—Miss Tuff (5/6)

Lucas, Summer & Blessing

Gulang—(5/6)

Charlie, Tanika & Imogen

No more paper Newsletters!

Digital newsletters from Week 1— Term 4 2019!
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The Great Book Swap

A big 'Thank You' to all the students and families who were involved in The Great Book Swap for 2019. We had an overwhelming number of books donated by our very generous Tacoma families and raised \$120 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Well done Tacoma!

Knowing that literacy is the key to choice, opportunity and future success, you have helped us empower some of the most disadvantaged and isolated communities.

Thank you for helping us to make a difference

Karen Williams, Executive Director

Indigenous Literacy Foundation

All of the leftover books were donated to the classrooms for the benefit of our Tacoma students.

Thank you for your support of Indigenous Literacy!

Mrs Sadler—Librarian

Camp Cool Kids

by Jasmine from Gundang

On Tuesday we sat on the bus and waved to our families, we were on our way to camp. We arrived and every activity looked so fun. We were introduced to our camp leaders Doc and Fred, but we gave them nicknames which were Pringle Man and Freddo Frog.

As soon as we settled in to our cabins we went and did some activities. First, my group did bushcraft and next was high ropes. I did not like high ropes. The big swing was very fun. Mr Kirk went first and yelled "woohoo!", but I think he did that because he was scared. I loved the flying fox!

They make great food there. The foods were pancakes, hotdogs, ice-cream and more. At every meal we had snow cones, they were so nice!

Before bedtime we had a camp story. I liked listening to it. We had hot Milo, we brushed our teeth and got into our PJ's. Then, it was lights out and we went to sleep. Well, most of us.

The best thing of all for me was the flying fox. Me and Oshini went together. It was so much fun! When I came back to school I missed camp, but I was happy to see my family.

Father's Day

Just a reminder that we have a Father's Day stall at the school on Wednesday 28th August—if there is any leftover stock it will be sold at the Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 30th August.

Our Father's Day Breakfast will be free for Dad's and Dad figures and available to purchase for the rest of the family. 8am-8.45am on Friday 30th August. Please contact the office if you are available to volunteer & assist in either of these activities.



ACTIVE EDUCATION

Congratulations to the Wowser Award Winners

Responsibility

Riley —Bamayi

Sydney —Badhu

Dylan —Waagir

Rocco —Murgu

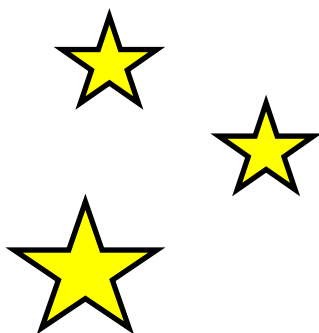
Sophie —Garawa

Madison —Gundang

Dakota—Balba

Kiana —Gulang

Aleisha —Banal



ATTENDANCE



every day counts
ATTEND TODAY -
ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

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 and in life you need to send them every day!

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Are your details up to date?

Have you moved or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises. We particularly need to keep phone numbers up to date for emergencies. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.





Harlow, Noah, Zali, Ayden, Bentley, Chelsea-Lee,
Conner, Ryan, Kaleb, Jazz, Matilda & Rebel.

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