

# Tacoma Public School

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### Dates to remember:

**16—27 Sept**

Dental visits

**26 Sept**

Rock & Roll Night

**27 Sept**

Purple Mufti Day—Relay for Life!

Last Day of Term 3

**14 Oct**

Students return

**16 Oct**

Syd North Athletics Carnival

**19 Oct**

Year 6 Cake Stall Bunnings Tuggerah

**25 October**

Year 6 Colour Run Fundraiser

**28 October**

Year 6 Maccas Halloween Night

**8 November**

Stage 3 Sports Day

### Term Dates

**Term 4 2019** 22 July-27 Sept

**Term 1 2020** 29 Jan-9 Apr

**Term 2 2020** 28 Apr-3 Jul

## 23 September 2019

### Principals message

Dear Tacoma families,

As Term 3 comes to a close, I am reflecting about the numerous positives of our amazing school, staff, community, and most importantly, STUDENTS! On a daily basis they demonstrate to me their hard working attitude, compassion and ability to persevere. These three important qualities will take them far in life beyond Tacoma.

**NSW Department of Education Mobile Phone Ban in primary schools**—From term 3, mobile devices will be banned during school hours in NSW public primary schools. Like other primary schools, students at Tacoma who bring a mobile device to school can do one of two things: 1) turn the phone OFF and leave it in their bags until they leave school grounds. 2) hand in to school office. We will store in a locked place until student picks up at 3pm. They will sign their phone in and out. This process is effective immediately. Please read the attached information sheet from the Department of Education, or visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/news/media-releases/nsw-takes-action-on-mobile-devices-in-schools> for more information.

**Your child and their phone** - I have had numerous conversations with parents and students about buying a phone/use of phone. The following information is a guide to responsibilities and actions to keep your children safe when on-line. We will be having the Police Liaison Officer come to Tacoma on Friday to discuss Cyber-Safety with Years 4 – 6.

### My child has their first smartphone – now what?

When your child receives their first smartphone it's a great opportunity to instil safe online behaviours early on, so they can carry these skills through to their teens and beyond. Here are some tips for getting them on board with good online habits. Establish rules at the outset with clear boundaries and talk about





expectations, and the consequences for not meeting these rules. Depending on the age of your child, you might want to set up a written signed agreement which lists the rules. Here are some you may want to agree on:

- No phones after a certain time (i.e. 8.00 pm) – unless in an emergency.
- Keep to daily screen time limits (i.e. 1 hour per school night).
- Family time is a no-phone zone (i.e. dinner).
- Do they show a good understanding of actions and consequences?
- Do they come to me or another trusted adult when they are distressed or encounter problems?
- Do not share your passwords with others – apart from parents.
- Do not share your real name (or full name), age and address when posting, talking to strangers or on sites where anyone can see it.
- Be kind to people – treat people on the phone as you would face-to-face.
- Do not take or share photos of others (including friends) without their permission.
- Tell a parent or another trusted adult if anything makes you feel uncomfortable, or if a stranger contacts you online.

More information and tips on navigating the online world with your children can be found at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

**Rock and Roll night** – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 6-8pm in the hall. Grab your dancing shoes and have fun with us all! Thanks to Mrs Andrews for her organisation and passion!

**Staffing** – I am happy to announce the permanency of two teachers at our school to continue building our amazing Tacoma teaching team! Congratulations to Mrs Donna Andrews who, after so many years, has finally secured her permanent role at Tacoma. I'm sure you all agree that her care and knowledge of students and their families is outstanding, as well as her organisation of many extracurricular activities. We are also lucky to have Mrs Gemma White who will continue to support our students with additional learning and behaviour needs. Mrs White has been with us this term as a temp, working with students, parents, teachers and executive. Gemma comes from a Special Education background making her a valuable addition to our Learning and Support Team. Her knowledge of how students learn is exceptional and she has an excellent ability to support our staff. We are thrilled to have two dedicated and capable teachers permanently.

**School Security** - As we head into holidays, I ask people who live around the school to keep an eye out on anything, or anyone, in the school who should not be there or look suspicious. Any worries, please call school security on 1300 880 021.

Have a happy holiday Tacoma, with lots of play outside! Be safe, see you in Term 4.

Nicole Heazlewood





### Our Super Spellers!

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September our Stage 2 and Stage 3 winners and runners-up from our whole school Spelling Bee went to Warnervale P.S to compete in the Regional Spelling finals. Our stage two representatives Caleb and Tommy performed extremely well against 43 competitors. Caleb finished in third place and Tommy came away in ninth place. Our stage three representatives, Thomas and Grace fought hard against 40 competitors reaching the third round respectively. Massive congratulations to them all for such a fantastic achievement and representing our school with pride.



### Gulang

Wow, Week 10 already!

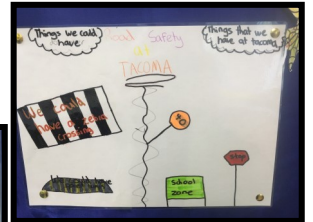
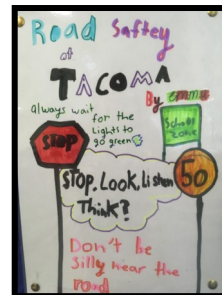
Where has the time gone? Over the past few weeks, Gulang have been very busy in all subjects. During Week 9, for PDHPE we focused on being safe in and around our school.

Here are some photos of posters some students in Gulang made.

It has been a pleasure working with them this term and I have loved their attitude towards learning.

I am looking forward to returning to my RFF role next term.

Miss Smith



### Chess Tournament

Congratulations to our Tacoma P.S chess team who participated in a tournament at Wyong High School last week!

### Relay For Life & Mufti Day

Tacoma P.S will be having a **PURPLE** mufti day on Friday 27 September for Relay for Life.

Please wear purple and bring a gold coin donation.

Some of our students will be doing the relay—you can donate or join the team by following this link;  
<https://www.cancercouncil.org.au/relayforlife/individuals/ei00120967/>.



### No more paper newsletters!

Digital newsletters from Week 2— Term 4 2019! Please download the School Stream App to receive notifications, or go to our website

**STUDENTS RETURN  
FROM SCHOOL  
HOLIDAYS ON MONDAY  
14TH OCTOBER**



## Swim Scheme 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We will be participating in the Swim Scheme again this year. The swimming group will be Year 2 children, however, we will be able to take some Year 3 students to complete target numbers. **THERE ARE ONLY 30 PLACES AVAILABLE!!**

Year 2 students will be a priority, then Year 3 students. A separate note will go home for all Year 2 parents. The date is the fifth and sixth week of next term (Monday, 11th November to Friday, 22nd November 2019 ).

Regards

Michael McFarlane



## The Athletes Foot—\$5.00 per pair of shoes donated back to Tacoma P.S!

The Athletes Foot will be donating \$5.00 from every pair of shoes purchased to our school. This applies to the whole family across the range of school, sports, work and casual shoes. Ask staff for more details!

# Congratulations to the Wowser Award Winners

## Care

Tanay —Bamayi

Khiannah —Badhu



Kyan —Waagir

Harlow —Murgu

Samuel —Garawa



Connor — Gundang

Finn—Balba

Alannah —Gulang

Zachery —Banal

## Principal Awards

Jessica, William, Alannah, Sydney & Jai

## Merit Awards

**Bamayi—Mrs Andrews (Kinder)**

Declan, Charlotte & Jibril

**Badhu—Mrs Morassut (K/1)**

Bentley, Reagan & Telesia

**Murgu—Mrs Nicholson (Year 1)**

Chelsea-Lee, Bella & Cooper

**Waagir—Mr McFarlane (1/2)**

Kayleb, Kye & Lyla



**Garawa—Mrs Stuckey (2/3)**

Luke, Charli & Doha

**Gundang—Mr Kirk (3/4)**

Thomas, Maison & Issabelle

**Balba—Mrs Fletcher (4/5)**

Tamara, Indiana & Dakota

**Banal—Miss Tuff (5/6)**

Sam, Samuel & Sarah

**Gulang—(5/6)**

Edward, James & Linzee



Ruby, Riley, Luke, Eli, Doha, Melinda, Harrison,  
Isaac, Ameliah, Addison, Connor & Charlie.



### Spring school Holiday Activities!

Book online or by phone—02 4348 6700 or [sport.nsw.gov.au/events](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/events) & then search Central Coast Region.

Activity / Location	Dates	Time	Cost
Archery (indoor) - Gosford	30 Sept or 8 Oct	12pm—2pm	\$20.00
Gymnastics (indoor—2-day) - Tuggerah	1-2 Oct or 8-9 Oct	12pm—2pm	\$30.00
Parkour (indoor) - Tuggerah	1 Oct or 8 Oct	2pm—4pm	\$20.00
Sailing—(3 day) - Gosford	2, 3 & 4 Oct or 9, 10 & 11 Oct	9.30am—3.30pm	\$195.00
Surfing (3 day) - Avoca Beach	2, 3 & 4 Oct or 9, 10 & 11 Oct	3pm—4.30pm	\$95.00
Surfing (3 day) - Umina Beach	2, 3 & 4 Oct or 9, 10 & 11 Oct	10am—11.30am	\$95.00
Tennis (3 day) - Gosford	1, 2 & 3 Oct or 8, 9 & 10 Oct	9am—3pm	\$140.00

### OCCI Central Coast, FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES – SEPT/OCT 2019

Come and explore rock pools at Terrigal Haven, Nora Head and Toowoona Bay with OCCI's expert guides and learn about the fascinating creatures that live there. There is a maximum of 25 people per walk **so bookings are essential**.

Most suited to ages 5 years to adult. All children need to be accompanied by an adult. All participants are required to wear closed in shoes for protection.

#### DATES:

Sunday 29.9.19 **RPW Toowoona Bay**, 1.30pm

Monday 30.9.19 **RPW Terrigal Haven**, 2.15pm

Tuesday 1.10.19 **RPW Nora Head**, 3.15pm

Tuesday 2.10.19 **RPW Terrigal Haven**, 3.15pm

**\*OCCI 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday walk: Sunday 27.10.19, RPW Terrigal Haven 1.30pm\* All invited.**

To book, please phone or text Linda on **0404 450 429**

**You will need to leave:**

**Your name and telephone number, preferably mobile**

**Children's names and ages**

**Date and walk location**

**Source of information**

#### Gosford High School

An Academically Selective School

Information Night

**Where:** Gosford High School

**For:** Year 7 2021

**When:** Wednesday 23rd October—GHS Administration Building

**Time:** 5pm

Please register your interest on 4325 2048 or [gosford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gosford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



#### Food, Fun & Music!

**Sat 28th Sept 9am-2pm**

**Village Green Toukley**

Canton Beach road markets, street food, free kids games, art, jumping castle, cookie making, live music, magician & more!

#### Rugby League Holiday Activity

Join Sydney Roosters Player Ambassadors for the Footy Fever in the Central Coast. The Footy Fever camp is a jam-packed day full of fun footy activities for kids aged 5-12.

With rugby league and team games, and a visit from Rocky the Rooster this is a MUST for any junior Rooster out there these holidays.

Thursday 2nd October 10am-2pm Register 9.30am

5—12 years Central Coast Stadium, Gosford

For just \$60.00, the roosters footy fever camp includes;

-4 hrs of rugby league ad activities, Sydney Roosters show bag, Appearance by Sydney Rooster Player ambassadors & appearance by Rocky the Rooster.



#### TASTE OF WYONG

COMMENCING 6th NOVEMBER 2019  
Open to current Year 5 & Year 6 students

**PH: 4353 1088 WYONG HIGH SCHOOL TO REGISTER**