

# TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Newsletter

9 September 2019

### Principal's Message

Dear Tacoma Community,

I hope you all are excited for our 'paper-free' newsletter in Term 4 – a move to a healthier environment!

Last week saw Stage 3, Mr Kirk, Miss Tuff and myself embark on our **Canberra** adventure. Stage 3 students were AMAZING. Beautiful behaviour, intelligent questions, excellent manners, wonderful fun. We had many comments that our kids were the best students they have had! We were very, very proud. Thanks Stage 3, for a great adventure! Highlights were Parliament House, Government House (soooooo posh!), Dinosaur Museum at night and Telstra Tower. Enjoy some pics from my camera in the newsletter – please note the brave group in the elevator..... it STOPPED with the LIGHTS OUT the very next moment. Added to the adventure!

Many thanks to the incredible Miss Tuff who organised and co-ordinated the entire camp and to Mrs Stuckey who found us *the best accommodation* – we all loved it! Also, to Mr Kirk and Miss Tuff for spending 2 nights away from home and family. I appreciate all you do for our students.

We are very proud of our **Chess Team** who represent our school at various events, supported by the wonderful Mr Losh and Mr Kirk. This week, they are heading off to Wyong High School. Good luck team!

Our **Kindergarten 2020 Transition Program** started last week with Monday afternoon 'Happy Spirits Play Group'. We welcomed a couple of new families which was



### Diary Dates

**3, 10, 17, 24 Sept**

Happy Spirits Playgroup

**10 Sept**

Regional Spelling Bee

**16–27 Sept**

Dental visits

**19 Sept**

P&C Meeting 2pm

**20 Sept**

Values Assembly

**26 Sept**

Rock & Roll Night

**27 Sept**

Last Day of Term 3

**14 Oct**

Students return

19 Oct

Year 6 Cake Stall Bunnings  
Tuggerah

**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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exciting. Many thanks to Mrs Fletcher for her organisation and to Mrs Longuet for running our group! Do you know any Kindy kids coming to Tacoma in 2020? Please invite them along. 2pm in the hall on Mondays. We have also begun our Kinder 2020 preschool visits to meet our future Tacoma kids.

Transition at the other end of the school is also underway! The **Year 6-7 Transition Program** is imperative and ensures our Year 6 students are known and feel comfortable in their new high school environment. We have kids going to both Wyong HS and Wadalba CS so it is a busy time for Miss Tuff, Mrs Shaw and myself. If you – or your child - have ANY concerns about high school, please contact me immediately. If extra visits or programs are needed, we will facilitate these with either Wyong or Wadalba. I am passionate about transition to school and into high school and want to make sure EVERY ONE is ready.



It was wonderful to see so many dads and other family members brave the rainy conditions to come to our **Father's Day breakfast** on Friday the 30th. It is great to see the wonderful connections that dads and other male family members have with the school - we thank all who made the effort to take part. Thank you also to our dedicated P&C and staff members who came in early to prepare, cook and serve hundreds of bacon and egg muffins. Another thank you to our P&C and all of the parent helpers who organised and ran the **Father's Day Stall**. Our students enjoyed the opportunity to purchase presents for their dads and other special men in their lives. Congratulations to our P&C for these wonderful events.

Our next **P&C meeting** is Thursday 19 September at 2pm in the staffroom. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

I want to thank the families who have paid the school **Voluntary School Contribution**. It makes a huge difference when families contribute to our school. The money goes towards daily equipment in classrooms, technology (new laptops) and improving our reading resources. In 2019, the contribution is \$30 per child or \$90 per family. I encourage this support from all our families for Tacoma Public School.



The **NSW Department of Education** has a new **Enrolment Policy and Procedures**. Please be aware that any new enrolments are to be considered under the Department's 'Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools' policy and the 'General Enrolment Procedures' (2019). These are available on the Department's internet site at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>. While parents may apply to enrol their child in the school of their choice, acceptance is subject to the child being eligible to attend and the school being able to accommodate the child.

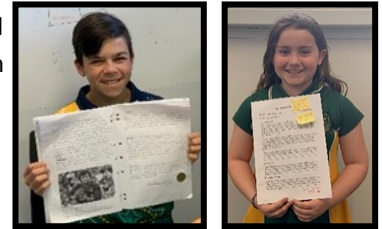
In some circumstances, where schools are over their designated enrolment cap and local enrolment buffer, non-local enrolment applications (including those of siblings) are not able to be accepted by the school. **Please be aware that Tacoma Public School has now exceeded their enrolment cap and unable to accept any non-local enrolments.** Any out of zone enrolments that have already been processed will be accepted and honoured. Out of zone applications can still be completed and these will be placed on a waiting list in the event that places become available in the future. For further information, please make an appointment to see me.



Seen in the office in the past fortnight have been lots of incredible writers. I really enjoyed Jasmine's writing from Gundang – her camp recount writing was most improved! Curtis from Gulang blew me away with the quality of his work, well done.

Have a great fortnight Tacoma. We are lucky to be part of such a great community!

Nicole Heazlewood



### Merit Awards

#### Bamayi—Mrs Andrews (Kinder)

Max, Jarlah & Tanay

#### Badhu—Mrs Morassut (K/1)

Madeleine, Chase & Kody

#### Murgu—Mrs Nicholson (Year 1)

Fadel, Joshua & Holly

#### Waagir—Mr McFarlane (1/2)

Harrison, Dylan & Emily

#### Garawa—Mrs Stuckey (2/3)

Ben, Renata & Tamsyn

#### Gundang—Mr Kirk (3/4)

Liam, Oshini & Hannah

#### Balba—Mrs Fletcher(4/5)

Mikael, Kane & Caleb

#### Banal—Miss Tuff (5/6)

Tom, Kirstie & Jack

#### Gulang—(5/6)

Maddison, Matilda & Caleb



### Principal Awards

Jack, Tyreece & Joel

### Thank you to Busy at Work!



Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of education programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage & democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics & Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$20.00 per student under the Parliament & Civics Education Rebate program towards these costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

### No more paper Newsletters!

Digital newsletters from Week 1— Term 4 2019! Please download the School Stream App to receive notifications, or go to our website

### OUR AWESOME ZONE ATHLETICS TEAM!

Looking forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt at the Zone Athletics Carnival now rescheduled to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September (Term 3, Week 10). New notes will be handed out soon!

### Dental Program

Please remember to bring your completed consent forms to the office by this Thurs 12th September.

The program is scheduled to visit Tacoma P.S from 16/09/19 to 27/09/19.



Absent: Zali, Imogen, Indiah, Issabelle, Lyla, Kiana and Ameliah.

### Bamayi – Rock & Roll Show

At next week's assembly (Week 9), Bamayi will be doing a Rock & Roll Performance. Please come and show your support!



## Magnificent Murgu

### Gymnastics Fun



Stretching



Smelling our toes



Bus stop game



Balancing



Bouncing



Core strength



Skipping



Hopping

### Money Matters—Dominos



### Science Based art-shadows



### Cooking



Potato Gnocchi



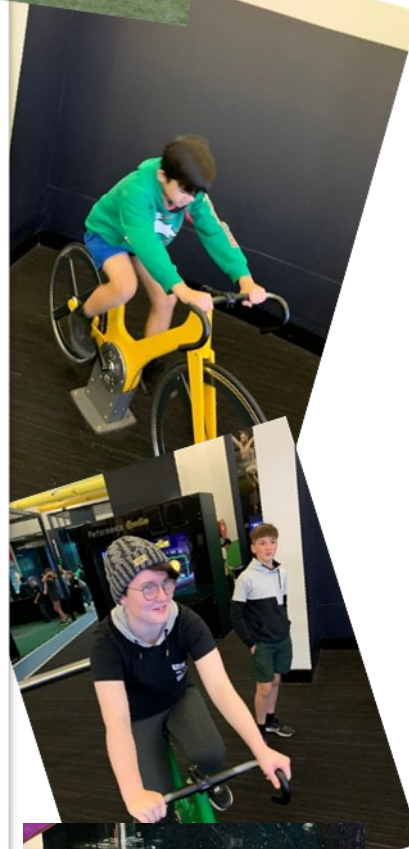
Curry

### News



Science experiment with Sommer-Lee









Lucas, Holly, Lyla, Sommer-Lee, Maria, Katelyn,  
Blake, Jessica & Jarlah.

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