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Dates to remember:

3 December

Wadalba CS Orientation Day
Wyong HS Orientation Day

4 December

Volunteers Morning Tea

5 December

Scripture Assembly
Wyong HS Transition

6 December

Ngara Assembly Of Excellence

9 December

Presentation Day

12 December

Tacoma's Got Talent
Community Christmas Carols

16 December

Year 6 Farewell

17 December

Year 6 RAW Challenge

18 December

Students last day
Kinder Graduation
Year 6 Arch

19-20 December

Staff Development Days

29 January 2020

Students Return

3 Feb 2020

Kindergarten Commence

Term Dates

Term 4 2019 14 Oct—20 Dec

Term 1 2020 29 Jan-9 Apr

2 December 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 8 – only 23 sleeps until Christmas!

It continues to be a super busy term and I thank our dedicated teachers for their never-ending energy to provide extra-curricular activities and experiences for our students of Tacoma.

Swim Scheme - Many thanks to Mr Mac for his organisation of 2019 Swim Scheme. The program was run like a well-oiled machine – from buses to getting in the pool, getting home and dressed, ready to learn was incredible. Thank you to the SLSOs who also were part of this program, Mrs L, Miss K and Mrs G. Congratulations to the students – the feedback from the pool and their instructors was that they listened beautifully, tried hard all the time and set challenges for themselves. I am so proud to be your principal and loved seeing you all in action!

Chess Team – it was with great excitement that our Tacoma Team came 3rd in the Central Coast Championship at The Adventist School, and then went to Sydney the next day to represent the Central Coast at the State Championship. Congratulations to our team - Koby, Charlie and Jazz with a big THANK YOU to Tommy for stepping in to replace a sick Jazz at State. Again, I have so much appreciation of Mr Losh and Mr Kirk who give up so much of their own time to coach and mentor our teams. Thank you.

Tacoma Artist - Congratulations to Sarah from Banal who is a finalist in the Toukley and Districts Art Society. Her artwork will be on display at Federation Gallery, Gorokan till Sunday 15th December. We are so proud of you and your creative talent!

Tacoma's Got Talent – is returning again in 2019. I can't wait to see this event next week. Thank you to Mr Kirk who has spent many lunch times rehearsing, encouraging students and organising this annual event.



Wadalba CS Year 6 to Year 7 Sports Day – I am very proud of all the Year 6 students who attended this day. I had a teacher from another school contact me to tell me how beautifully behaved the Tacoma students were. Well done! Thank you to Miss K for accompanying the students on the day.

Attendance - Coming up in the next few weeks we have many things on. It is still very important that your child comes to school every day, as there are still KLA programs running.

Tacoma 1st Annual Christmas Carols – next Thursday evening from 6pm – 8pm. Entry is free and there will be a range of food and drink stalls to buy dinner and treats. However, you are welcome to pack a picnic dinner from home. There will be candles to purchase and shiny bling as well! All classes will be singing a song. Thank you to the P&C for this night, especially to Leeca Lennon who has worked tirelessly to organise everything and a MULTITUDE of prizes for the raffle. I am so excited to buy some raffle tickets to win one or two! Thank you, Leeca. Hopefully, all Tacoma families can make it!

Ngara Message Stick - The message stick came to Tacoma last week and Warnervale PS presented it to the school at our assembly. Kiana, from Gulang, and I passed it on to Wyong PS today. The traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander message stick is to pass on information, by means of a story, inviting all local schools to the Ngara Awards of Excellence help at Wyong High School this Friday.



Reports – Reports will be coming home next Friday. Please be mindful that the report grades are obtained from the learning outcomes taught in Terms 3 and 4. Students who have understood the outcomes taught receive a 'C' or a SOUND. The application level is what I always look at, as a principal and a parent. This is the effort your child puts into class and activities every day. Nothing in your child's report should be a surprise. If you have any concerns or questions, please see your child's class teacher. Many thanks to the class teachers and executive for their huge amount of time compiling results and data and writing meaningful comments for our students.

Seen in the Office (and out & about!) – some swimmers from Swim Scheme, our talented chess team and Mikaila and Tamsyn from Garawa. Well done, everyone.

Have a great fortnight Tacoma.

Nicole Heazlewood



Bust the Dust

Trangie is a country town in central west NSW. It has a population of a little over 1000 people and like many country areas in Australia are feeling the effect of the drought.

Trangie's St John's Parish Primary School students have decided that they are going to perform a rain dance to help *Bust the Dust*. Through their Facebook page they have called on other schools to join them in an act of unity and support by dancing with them (albeit 500kms apart) on **Friday December 13th at 1pm**.

Tacoma PS students will be getting their groove on under the COLA and dancing for about 15minutes to bring on the rain. Parents and family are more than welcome to bust some moves with us as well.

Catholic Scripture 2020

Students in years 1-4 will have the opportunity to attend Catholic Scripture in 2020. Notes were distributed last week to students who are on our records as being Catholic. If you would like your child to attend please complete and return the note or advise us in writing.

End of Year Scripture Assembly

The End of Year Scripture Assembly will be held in the hall on Thursday 5 December at 9.15am. All students who attend scripture will be at the assembly. Parents are carers are welcome to join us.

Volunteers Morning Tea

Volunteer Morning Tea invitations have been distributed. If you do not receive yours, please contact the office! RSVP due today!!



Growing up has just begun... Please join us for some Kindergarten Graduation fun

Our Kindergarten Graduation assembly will be held at 1:30pm on Wednesday 18th December in the school hall.

P & C Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets are now on sale for the P&C raffle that will be drawn at the Community Christmas Carols on 12th December. For extra ticket books, please see the office.

Student Banking—Can you help?

We are looking for a volunteer to process the student banking once a fortnight on a Thursday morning. All training provided. Please contact the office if you can spare an hour every second Thursday. Huge thanks to Robyn and Christine for the generous donation of their time helping our students become great savers!! The last student banking will be Thursday 12 December. This Thursday will be the last chance to order prizes this year.



Congratulations to the Wowser Award Winners

Democracy

Ashlyn —Bamayi

Telesia —Badhu

Sophia —Waagir

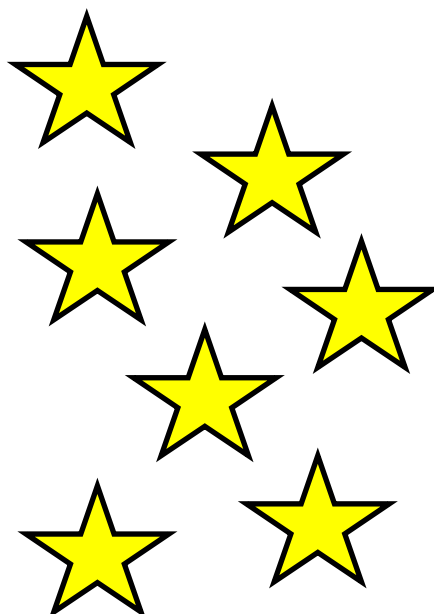
Fadel —Murgu

Laura —Garawa

Oshini —Gundang

Zali—Balba

Michael —Gulang



Congratulations to our Tacoma students who have been outstanding borrowers in the library this year. A special mention goes to Caleb in Balba who has borrowed an incredible 113 times this year, WELL DONE CALEB!



Library borrowing has finished for this year. Students with outstanding loans have been given reminders to take home. Please assist your children to find their overdue library books and return them to the library as soon as possible.



Most Frequent Class Borrowers 2019

Bamayi	- Tanay (11)	Gundang	- Oshini (40)
	- Ayden (10)		- Maison (18)
	- Jaxson (10)	Balba	- Caleb (113)
Murgu -	- Ava (20)		- Mikael (14)
	- Harlow (12)		- Finn (14)
Waagir	- Liam (23)	Gulang	- Linzee (11)
	- Kyah (16)		- Emily (7)
Garawa	- Sophie (19)	Banal	- Summer (26)
	- Renata (19)		- Aleisha (16)
	- Mikaila (19)		- Tyreece (16)
	- Lincon (17)		

Principal Awards

Merit Awards

Bamayi- Mrs Andrews (Kinder)

Selena, Charlotte & Isaac

Badhu- Mrs Morassut (K/1)

Eric, Jaxson & Malakkai

Murgu- Mrs Nicholson (Year 1)

Holly, Sebastian & Maliki

Waagir- Mr McFarlane (1/2)

Kayleb, Dylan & Conner



Garawa- Mrs Stuckey (2/3)

Sam, Laura & Brayden

Gundang- Mr Kirk (3/4)

Kaleb, Hannah & Madison

Balba- Mrs Fletcher (4/5)

Amelia, Katrina & Caleb

Banal- Miss Tuff (5/6)

Aleisha, Blake & Jessica

Gulang- (5/6)

Emily, Emilia & Caleb



Chase, Kiana, Chloe, Lucas, Summer,
Jessica, Jack, Gretel & Mikael.



Tacoma Community Christmas Carols

Thursday 12th December 2019

Gates open 5.30pm, carols commence 6.00pm

Entry is free

Santa will be available for photos

Sing along with each class &
the school choir

Christmas Raffle will be drawn

Available for purchase:

Song books

Candles

Sausage Sizzle

Drinks

Coffee cart

Glow products

Snacks

Raffle tickets

All children must be accompanied and supervised by parents

