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Term Dates

Term 3 2020 21 July—25 Sept

Term 4 2020 12 Oct—16 Dec

Term 1, 2021 27 January—1 April

Dear Tacoma families,

As Term 3 comes to a close, I am reflecting on how proud I am of our community for handling what has been a really challenging year so far. This is our first whole 10 week term we have completed at school this year! We have developed a new sense of 'normal'. Thank you to our staff who very much deserve their two week break – always providing certainty and security for our students. Thank you to our community who work together to back the school in decisions we make – though sometimes difficult – knowing our students are at the centre of these. And to our super students – you have developed such resilience and have coped with change and uncertainty. I am so proud of you.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING

What a motivated and fantastic Year 6 we have! So far, to raise money for their farewell, we have enjoyed a crazy hair day, lolly guessing jars and 'capture the flag' stage games. This week we are excited for our sausage sizzle and spider drink! Thank you to Miss Tuff and Mrs Stuckey for their guidance and support of our senior students. I can't wait to see what Term 4 brings us!



KINDER 2021 ORIENTATION VIDEOS

As we haven't been able to see our 2021 Happy Spirits at school yet, we have started to make some 'Get To Know our School and Staff' videos. Keep a look out for the first and second ones this week and please tag any families you know whose child will be attending Tacoma in K in 2021! Many thanks to Will and Elloise for being great models and Gulang and Banal for opening their classrooms to video. The videos will be uploaded to Facebook, our webpage and a link sent to School Stream.

STUDENT FOCUS GROUPS

Last Friday our Year 6 students (and some Year 5's) ran student focus groups, with around 7 children in each one. Our senior students supported their younger peers through answering the survey questions which will contribute to our 2021-2024 School Improvement Program. Well done, seniors, for your leadership and care of the students in our school. Every student voice is heard because every student matters.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PARENT SURVEYS

Wow! What a terrific response we have had to our parent surveys 81 returned which is so pleasing. Thank you to our families who completed the survey. If you haven't, there is still time – please return to school this week. Our \$10 canteen vouchers go to.....



Sam W, Ben R, Kiana, Indie M, Myah, Isabelle H, Sienna P, Selena, Eliza, Harlow, Maddy F, Mikael, Ethan J, Liam S, Sofia.



GOT IT program coming in T4

Getting on Track in Time – Got It! is an early intervention mental health program provided by specialist health teams in your Local Health District in partnership with your child's school.

The program aims to prevent the development of disruptive behaviours and emerging conduct disorders in children in Kindergarten – Year 2, aged 5-8 years old. Children benefit from learning to manage their feelings and behaviour at home and school, develop friendships and problem solving skills as well as becoming more confident and resilient.

The Got It! team works together with education staff, children and parents to intervene early and help your children become happy and successful.

K-2 families will all receive a screener early next term to complete.

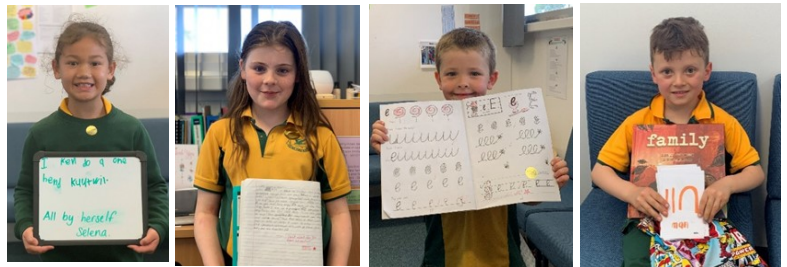
NAIDOC ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Hannah for her incredible artwork that is being entered into the NSW AECG 2020 Art Competition. We are so proud of you and your talent, Hannah. Good luck!



SEEN IN THE OFFICE

I absolutely loved reading the beautiful book with Harvey that he brought in for news and seeing a massive improvement in Lucas' handwriting (Gulang). Clever word spaces in your writing, Selena (Banal). Well done to Charli from Garawa for a highly entertaining and well written narrative.



Have a wonderful, safe holiday Tacoma! I hope you allow yourselves to enjoy the sunshine and fresh air with your kids – play is so good for all of us. See you next term!

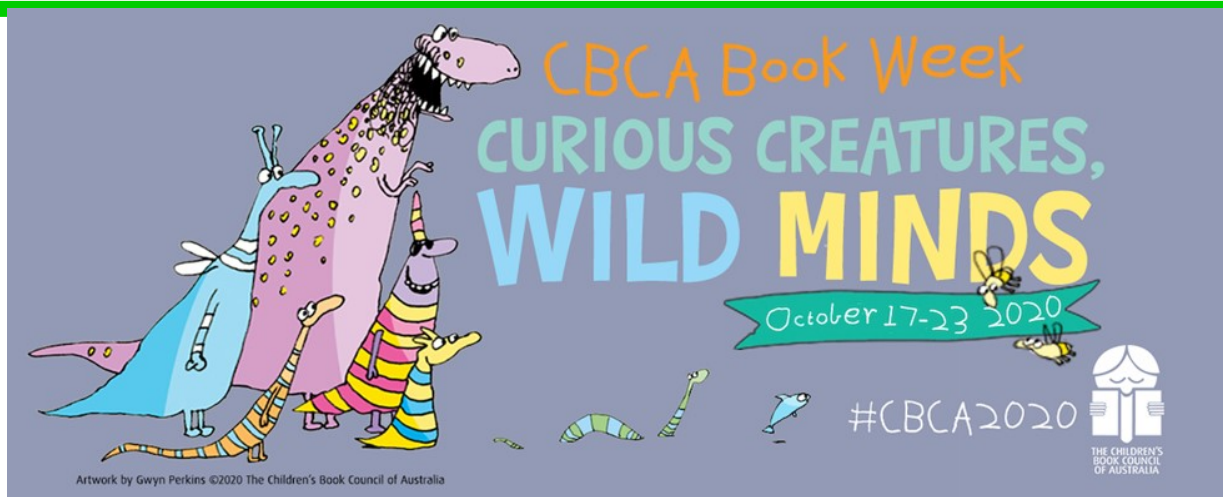
Nicole Heazlewood



School holidays!

Friday 25th September is the last day for term 3.

Students return MONDAY 12th October.



There's excitement building in the library as we count down to

Book Week!

Our theme for this year is **Curious Creatures, Wild Minds**. Book Week is usually celebrated in August, however this year it had to be postponed. Tacoma will celebrate Book Week in Week 4 of next term (2nd – 6th November). We have lots of activities planned to celebrate literacy and our love of books. Unfortunately, some of our activities will have to be modified this year but we will still have a fantastic week.

Beginning Monday 2nd until Thursday 5th November, we will have our **Scholastic Book Fair**. It will include a great range of books, posters and the very popular stationery items. The fair will be available for students to view during class library time, with students assisted in completing wish lists to take home. As parents are not permitted on school grounds, books will be available to view and purchase online. Consider purchasing a book for your child for Christmas, books are a great stocking stuffer! We can arrange for books purchased as Christmas presents to be handed to parents directly. More details will be available at a later date. Remember that all purchases at the Book Fair earn reward points for our school to purchase new books for our students. Our goal this year is to purchase new atlases for our students with our Book Fair rewards. Your support is very much appreciated!

The **Premier's Reading Challenge** involves reading a number of specially selected books between March and August. Our K-2 students complete the challenge in class, however our years 3-6 students are required to complete the challenge themselves. It is not a competition but a challenge to encourage students to read, to read more and to read a wide range of books. Last year Tacoma had 4 students in years 3-6 complete the challenge. This year we have had 51 sensational students complete the Premier's Reading Challenge...WOW!! I am so impressed, congratulations to all! A special mention to Gundang and Balba for their enthusiasm and friendly rivalry. Balba was able to claim the title as the class with the most completed students. On Friday 6th November we will have a celebration lunch for our Year 3-6 students who have completed the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge (more details will be provided next term).

Congratulations to:

Tyler, Coopa, Tamsyn, Matthew, Dylan, Kye P, Doha, Ben R, Kyan, Lyla W, Alex, Eliza, Isabella, Brayden, Madison, Lincon, Oshini, Amira, Issabelle, Jaxon, Connor, India, Liam S, Thomas W, Lyla W, Lucas B, Taylah, Maison, William C, Melinda, Jasmine, Sibulele, Zali, Diesel, Tess, Cameron P, Tamara, Summer, Sienna V, Finn, Elliott, Kane, Chase H, Kye H, Thandiwe, Kiana, Matilda, Katrina, Soha, Caleb S, and Maddison.

Also on Friday 6th November is our **Book Parade**, mark that date in your diary! Encourage your children to embrace the theme "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds". This theme invokes thoughts of nature, jungles, sea creatures and dinosaurs, of imaginary and mythological animals, and of adventurers, explorers and scientists. So many possibilities! At this stage we are planning separate parades for K-2 and 3-6 and unfortunately parents are not able to attend. We will do our best to record the parade or possibly live stream on the school Facebook page. Stay tuned!

There are more exciting activities planned for Book Week, we will keep you updated as we head into Term 4.

Thanks for your support,

Library Staff



Getting on track in Time – *Got It!* What is the *Got It!* program?

Getting on Track in Time – *Got It!* is an early intervention mental health program provided by specialist health teams in your Local Health District in partnership with your child's school.

The program aims to prevent the development of disruptive behaviours and emerging conduct disorders in children in Kindergarten – Year 2, aged 5-8 years old.

Children will display problem behaviours as a normal part of development because they do not yet have the social, emotional and problem solving skills to manage new challenges.

The *Got It!* team works together with education staff, children and parents to intervene early and help your children become happy and successful.

Benefits of being involved in the *Got It!* program

Getting help and support early to address children's social and emotional difficulties will achieve better outcomes for your family and community.

Got It! provides opportunities for children to:

- Manage their feelings and behaviours both at home and school
- Learn to make and maintain friendships more easily
- Develop problem solving skills
- Become more confident and resilient.

***Got It!* offers parents:**

- Support in their parenting roles to promote a positive family environment
- New skills and activities to make a difference for their children's mental health during this important developmental period
- Additional social and support networks

**The Got It! team is looking forward to working at
Tacoma Public School in Term 4 /Year 2020**



Merit Awards

GULANG— Lucas, Ashton & Paige

BANAL— Piper, Charlotte & Gretel

BAMAYI— Chase, Jibril & Charlotte

WAAGIR— Ashlan, Ava & Sofia

GUNDANG— Doha, Kye & Connor



BADHU— Jed, Edward & Hannah

BALBA— Carlo, Summer & Melinda

MURGU — Paige, Sydney & Steven

GARAWA— Kaleb, Renata & Charlotte

Principals Awards—Tilly, Soha, Caleb,
Kye, Marley & Finn

Eli, Doha, Melinda, Harrison, Ameliah,

Isaac, Addison & Connor.

