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Dates to remember:

Week 10

Book Fair & Second Hand Book Sale

Thursday 9 December

Presentation Day Assemblies

Monday 13 December

Year 6 Farewell

Tuesday 14 Dec

Reports Home

Thursday 16 December

Kinder Graduation

Year 6 Graduation

Last day of term 4!

Tuesday 1 February

Year 1-6 return to school

Wednesday 2 February

Kindergarten commence school

Term Dates

Term 4, 2021 15 October—17 December

Term 1, 2022 28 January—8 April

Term 2, 2022 26 April—1 July

Term 3, 2022 18 July—23 September

6 December 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Happy Week 10, Tacoma families!

9 days of school left and so much to do.

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

We enjoyed the Book Character Parade today in our two cohorts. I will post a video either on Facebook or the school website, depending on the size over the next few days. Many thanks to Mrs Sadler for her organisation and patience – we finally got to have Book Week!

SCHOOL OPERATIONS – TUESDAY 7th DECEMBER

Tacoma Public School will be OPERATIONAL on this day, although there will be a small disruption to our classes. We will continue to cohort the school into K-2 and 3-6 year groups. However, as some teachers will be absent, your child may not have their usual teacher for the day.

STEP-UP AFTERNOONS

Students will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and visit possible 2022 classrooms. Today was our first day, we will have our next one on Wednesday. As we have many composites, due to being a small school, your child will most likely visit two classrooms as a transition program. For example, if your child is in Year 3 next year, they will visit Balba and Murgu for a session. Transition programs aim to prepare our students for next year's classrooms and teachers to reduce worry and allow them to develop relationships. We are very fortunate in our school as the students know many of the teachers and staff across the school, which also helps.

CLASSES 2022

We are looking at classes for 2022 and will have 8 classes again. As the Department enrolment policy ensures we enrol new students in our catchment area, we never know who may turn up after school holidays. We have to be very flexible in our planning. Teachers put hours and hours of thought and discussion into where your child is placed. We do take into consideration their friend choice (all students wrote a friend list last week) as well as social, emotional and academic needs. Every child will be with at least one friend choice and a new class is always a lovely opportunity to expand their friendship group.

STAFF CHANGES 2022

In 2022, we will have a shuffle of teachers within the school to best meet the needs of our current students. We also say farewell to Mrs Andrews and Mrs Georgopolous.

Mrs Andrews leaves Tacoma after 9 years to take a position in another school. We thank her for her commitment towards her class and love and deep knowledge of the students and families of our school.

We thank Mrs Georgopolous (SLSO) for her 5 years at Tacoma. Her dedication to the students in her care will be missed.

We wish these two beautiful staff members all the very best for their new adventures and know they will always carry with them a small piece of Tacoma in their hearts.

The following teachers are the teaching staff (executive, on class and student intervention) at Tacoma in 2022: Mrs Stuckey, Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Nicholson, Mr Mac, Mr Kirk, Mrs Sadler, Miss Tuff, Mrs Stoodley, Miss Smith, Mrs Greenwood, Mr Hansen, Mrs Mac (Mrs Blumer), Mrs Walton, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Fraser. What an incredible team!

A full staff list, with photos, will be provided in 2022.

KINDER GRADUATION/YEAR 6 GRADUATION/PRESENTATION DAY

Unfortunately, the Department have not changed the advice regarding parents attending anything but the Year 6 Graduation. Along with you, we are extremely disappointed, but the safety of our students and families is underpinning this decision.

A video link will be posted for Presentation Day (9/12) on our website over the weekend. Same with the Kinder Graduation (16/12) the following week.

We have decided to present ALL the Year 6 awards at their Graduation and present our 2022 Leadership Team their badges next year, with their parents in attendance.

For those Year 6 parents/carers attending Graduation, you must be fully-vaxxed and sign in using the provided QR code. Please only sit on seats provided, that will be socially distanced. Entry will be at Braithwaite Rd gate from 1.45pm. Only 2 family members are allowed and this will be strictly adhered to. Thank you.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

I have finished reading every student's report and want to thank the teachers for their carefully thought-out comments and observations. These will be coming home next Monday. As students have had 14 weeks away from school during Covid, we pass over to you the responsibility to keep the concepts taught these last 8 weeks fresh in their memory.

Most students need to do some holiday reading, sight words, maths practice. I implore you all to make time for your child over the next 6 weeks to READ with your child and TO your child a couple of times a week and practise work that teachers may send home. All our students need to do this to be ready for the new year ahead.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The successful tender has been notified and they are waiting on the Department for final approval to move in. It is a very slow and frustrating process! However, they have assured me I can notify you on THURSDAY and you can enrol from FRIDAY. I will send a Sentral notification and a Facebook post.

SEEN AROUND THE SCHOOL

Thank you to our K-2 SRC representatives, Kye, Steven, Mateo and Max, for their leadership in giving out Goldie prizes to students last week.

Congratulations to Mateo from Gulang who wrote to our local parliament member, Emma McBride, to ask for a walking/bike riding path around the lake to ensure safety of the community. Mateo, I was so impressed with your letter that had strong arguments and reasons for your request. I am very proud of you for standing up and expressing your concern as an interested community member! This is how change happens and I look forward to hearing Miss McBride's reply. Well done.



Meet our very own Tacoma Public School book author and illustrator! We are so proud of Sommer-Lee who presented her incredible book 'Mistaken Identity' to me last week! It will be available for our students to borrow next year from the library. We also wish Sommer-Lee and her beautiful family all the very best as they move to a new life adventure. We will miss you all.



There will be one mini newsletter next week, where I will announce our 2022 School Captains and Sports Captains.

Have a wonderful week, Tacoma.

Nicole Heazlewood

Principal



DATES FOR THE DIARY

9th December - Presentation Day Assemblies (K-2 10am/3-6 12noon)

10th December – Year 6 Fun Day—Raw Challenge

13th December – Year 6 Farewell – School Hall

14th December – Reports Home

16th December – Kindergarten Graduation 10am//Year 6 Graduation 2pm & Class Parties.

Kindergarten 2022

Enrolments for in area Kinder in 2022 can now be processed through our website. If you have a child coming next year please complete enrolment as soon as possible so we have your details ready to send information .

If you do not live in area an Out Of Area Application will need to be completed.

Students with cold symptoms

Do not send your child to school with any cold or flu symptoms. They will be sent home and a negative covid test will be required for your child to return to school.

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