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Dates to remember:

Friday 26 March

Cross Country

Thurs 1 April

Easter Hat Parade

Last Day Term 1

Tuesday 20 April

Students return for Term 2

Friday 4 June

Sydney Nth Cross Country Carnival

Thursday 10 June

K-2 Sydney Zoo Excursion

Wednesday 23 June

Stage 2 Excursion

Term Dates

Term 1, 2021 27 January—1 April

Term 2, 2021 19 April—25 June

Term 3, 2021 12 July—17 September

Term 4, 2021 15 October—17 December

29 March 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As Term 1 draws to a close I would like to congratulate our staff and students for an incredible term and for working so hard. We settled into classes very quickly and have been hard at work for the rest of the term. Every student and their family have made a BIG effort to be at school, on time which has seen an improvement in our overall attendance – hooray! We need to keep this up in Term 2.

MESSAGE STICK

The Ngara AECG Message Stick arrived last week from Tuggerrawong PS and its message was shared with every student in our school. It was then passed onto Wyong PS.

Mrs Fletcher and I were so very proud of Seth and Isabella who represented Tacoma PS at these events. It is a huge deal, and rather over-whelming, to speak in front of a school with over 600 staff and students you don't know. Seth and Isabella overcame their nerves and did a wonderful job.



Seth and Isabella - you represented yourselves, your school and most importantly, your Culture with pride and we are so impressed. Congratulations!

EASTER HAT PARADE

This Thursday we are holding our annual Easter Hat Parade and ALL parents are invited. We are asking parents to enter via the Braithwaite hall gate, or just come straight down to the hall after you drop your child off to school. Please use the QR code to sign in.

Parents/carers are required to make their Easter Hat at home and the students can bring them to school for the parade on Thursday. There will be a chance for siblings to parade as well, so make your toddlers/preschoolers a hat too!

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON BRAITHWAITE DR

For those parents who pick up their children by car, please do not park over the crossing. Wait before the stop line. DO NOT WAIT IN BETWEEN THE STOP LINES. This is ILLEGAL and very dangerous for our students. Thank you.



DANCE GROUPS, CHORAL FESTIVAL and ALL the other EXTRA-CURRICULA ACTIVITIES!

The Performing Arts are alive and well at Tacoma! We recently have had two dance groups created and they auditioned for the Central Coast Dance Festival. Good luck dancers, and a massive thank you to Mrs Stoodley and Mrs Sadler for their hours and hours of time and commitment to choreographing, teaching, practising and videoing these two groups. Our fingers are crossed!

Thank you to Mr Kirk who is running our Choral Festival Group. Another massive effort, attending many hours of after school professional learning and practices to make sure the Tacoma group have the right lyrics, melodies and timing. The Tacoma choir have their first combined practice coming up at a local public school next term.

I want to highlight the dedicated team of teachers we have at our school. From the Soccer and Netball PSSA teams about to begin, to the Green Team, the SRC, the dance groups, chess teams, choir, playground adventure group and others, they would not happen if they didn't have loving teachers prepared to place their time and effort into providing these rich experiences for our kids. These teachers still have playground duty on the day they rehearse/practise/meet so they often go without a break during the day. We are so fortunate. Go #teamtacoma. How lucky we all are to be part of this beautiful family.

SHARE OUR SPACE

I am yet to hear whether SOS is happening at TPS this holiday. This is run purely by the NSW Department of Education who hire security guards to unlock/lock the gates. I will keep you updated!

SAVE YOUR BREAD TAGS

Miss Smith is collecting bread tags for a charity who recycles them. The charity then use the money to purchase wheelchairs for underprivileged children and teens in South Africa. Your child can take your bread tags to their classroom teacher.

P&C EASTER RAFFLE

Many thanks to our families who have contributed to the Easter Raffle. You can still buy tickets in the Easter Draw – follow this link. Closes Wednesday morning. <https://myschoolconnect.com.au/tacomapsaffle>

HOLIDAYS

On behalf of the staff at Tacoma, I want to wish all our families a happy and restful holiday. For those who celebrate Easter, may the Easter Bunny bring lots of treats!

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the magnificent Tacoma staff. Thank you to every single one of you who work tirelessly for the academic needs of our students and to also create a safe, welcoming school for them every day. Your compassion, high-quality teaching and desire to reflect on your own practice to be even better is greatly appreciated.

So, everyone, enjoy the holiday break as an opportunity to relax, switch off from school (no ClassDojo posts during the holidays please!) and enjoy some family time.

Nicole Heazlewood

Principal



Sentral Parent Portal

Keep an eye out in your child's bag for instructions on how to register for our new Sentral Parent Portal and download the app. We will start using this from Week 1 Term 2. Please ensure you set this up over the holidays and turn on your notifications. This will be our main source of communication with families to replace School Stream, sending out newsletters, alerts and notes for excursions and activities as well as provide instant permission. You will also be able to provide information on absences, see your child's attendance records and update contact information.

If you have not received your personalised letter with your individual access key by Thursday, please contact the office and we can provide you with this information.

School Holidays

Students last day of school for Term 1 is Thurs 1st April and will be returning TUESDAY 20 April for Term 2.

K-2 excursion to Australia Zoo

Next term, on Thursday June 10th, students in Kindergarten, along with Years One and Year Two will be travelling to Australia Zoo via coach. This excursion will support units being studied in Science and Technology during the term. It will be a very exciting adventure. Thanks to Harvey Norman for supporting Year Two students by paying their entry fee. Costs are approximately \$20 for Year Two students and \$35 for Kindergarten and Year One students. Notes and payment advice will come out early next term.

Lee Simpson, Excursion Organiser.

Merit Awards

Principals Awards— Isabella, Seth

Gulang— Indi, Marley, Stevana

Banal— Jarrod, Aubree, Harvey

Bamayi— Jye, Myah, Ryan

Murgu— Max, Tanay, Gretel



Balba— Ethan, Paige, Sommer-Lee

Gundang— Doha, Chloe, Jessica

Garawa— Jaxson, Levi, Maddison

Badhu— Diesel, Maison, Summer

Easter Hat Parade

Hey everyone it is that time of year again when the Easter Bunny comes to visit and Tacoma PS has our annual Easter Hat Parade. Last year we were visiting everyone at their homes, but this year we will be dancing and singing our way around the school hall.

Please meet us, this Thursday in the hall, at 9:30 to celebrate Easter. Remember that Easter hats are made at home. So, bring along your happy spirits and come along and join the fun! Just like our little Easter Bunny here.

Any guesses as to who this happy little Easter Bunny is?

*A hint—she is a former student and now is a member of our staff. Her wonderful smile hasn't changed one bit.





*Wednesday
Winter Warmers*

**CANTEEN OPEN
WEDNESDAYS**

FROM TERM 2

YOU ASKED WE LISTENED

WE RECEIVED FEEDBACK THAT SOME FAMILIES WOULD LIKE THE CANTEEN OPEN A THIRD DAY

SPECIAL WINTER WARMER MENU IS COMING

OUR NORMAL DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ALONG WITH 6 WEDNESDAY ONLY LUNCHES.

REGULAR MENU WILL BE AVAILABLE THURSDAY & FRIDAY

 **Easter Snack Pack**

Thursday 1st April

**Hot Cross Bun & choice of
Hot Chocolate or Shake**

\$2.00

 





**happy
birthday**

Mark, Harrison, Cameron, Maison,
Isabella & Indiana.





APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Build new skills and explore your passions these school holidays with our range of exciting workshops and events!

Learn more at www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays.

Bowl Groms Skate & Scooter Skills

Date: **6 April, 11am**
Venue: Blue Haven Skate Park

Build Me Skate Deck

Date: **7, 14, 21, 28 April & 5 May**
Venue: Woy Woy Oval Community Arts Space

DJ Workshop

Date: **8 & 9 April, 2pm**
Venue: The Hub Youth Entertainment Venue, Erina

RSA Course

Date: **12 April, 9am**
Venue: Intercept Training, 86 Pacific Highway Tuggerah

Bowl Groms Skate & Scooter Skills

Date: **13 April, 11am**
Venue: Banjos Skate Park Terrigal

Barista Training

Date: **15 April, 9am or 1pm**
Venue: Glee Coffee Roasters, Dulmison Street Wyong

Discovered Workshop

Date: **17 April, 1pm**
Venue: The Hub Youth Entertainment Venue, Erina

BE HAPPY | BE PRODUCTIVE | BE YOU

Limited places are available.

Check school holidays page for further details.

Register at: www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays

Email us at youthservices@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au or call us on 02 4304 7104



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