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Dates to remember:

Tuesday 22 June

NAIDOC Discos

Wednesday 23 June

Stage 2 Excursion

Friday 25 June

NAIDOC Activity Day

Last day of term 2

Tuesday 13th July

Students return for term 3

Wednesday 14th July

PSSA Touch Footy Gala Day

Thursday 15 July

K-2 Sydney Zoo Excursion

Weds 8 Sept—Fri 10 Sept

Stage 3 Excursion—Canberra

Tuesday 3rd August

School Athletics Carnival

Term Dates

Term 2, 2021 19 April—25 June

Term 3, 2021 12 July—17 September

Term 4, 2021 15 October—17 December

21 June 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Tacoma families.

HAPPY

NAIDOC

WEEK!



We have a very busy week planned and very excited for our activities! NAIDOC Week falls at the end of the holidays. We are celebrating this week at school.

DANCE GROUPS – CENTRAL COAST DANCE FESTIVAL

A massive congratulations to Mrs Stoodley and Jazz Dance Group. They were absolutely joyful on stage and we were so very proud watching our girls SHINE. Mrs Sadler's HIP HOP group are performing tonight – we cannot wait! To Mrs Stoodley and Mrs Sadler: your time, organisation, energy, choreography skills and patience are so appreciated. It's a special gift you have given our dance students – to be a shining star on stage – something they will NEVER forget. Thank you.

Well done Jazz Group: Kaley, Harlow, Addison, Marley, Ava, Aleyce, Doha, Rebel, Luciana, Chloe, Amira, Jasmine, Tamsyn, Hannah E, Hannah S and Renata.

Good Luck Hip Hop Group: Cameron, Melinda, Summer, Connor, Jaxon, Finn, Jessie, Tess, Zali, Lincon and Lucas.



KOORI CHOIR PERFORMANCE:

The Koori Choir performed at Wyong Hospital today to celebrate NAIDOC week. They were wonderful and we are so proud of them. Also thank you to Mrs Simpson and Mrs Greenwood for teaching the students their songs.

NAIDOC DISCOS

3.30pm – 4.30pm: K-2 NAIDOC Disco \$2 entry. All students will receive a poppa and packet of chips.

4.45pm – 6pm: 3-6 NAIDOC Disco \$2 entry. All students will receive a poppa and packet of chips.

**** Please note: Students are not permitted to stay on site between 3pm and 3.30pm as all staff will be setting up. Siblings will also not be allowed on site 'waiting' for their brother or sister during each disco. ****

Entry only via Braithwaite Ave only.

Pick Up: parents please enter gate and wait outside the hall.

NAIDOC ACTIVITY DAY

On Thursday, K-2 and 3-6 will be involved in rotational Aboriginal Cultural activities. Many thanks to the Aboriginal Action Team for their organisation. Thank you to all our teachers for teaching some quality cultural activities on this day. Activities will include; Bush Tucker cooking, Art, Yulunga games and Music in the theme of 'Heal Country – Heal our nation'.

There will also be a canteen special meal day.

STAGE 2 EXCURSION - WEDNESDAY

Many thanks to Mrs Blumer for her organisation and time in providing such a wonderful experience for our Stage 2 students. Have a wonderful day, Stage 2!

GURRAWIN INCURSION

Our K-6 school enjoyed an incredible day last week with Gurrawin mob. All students participated and learnt new knowledge about Aboriginal culture, language and people. We enjoyed a Traditional Smoking Ceremony, Traditional dance, Story-telling workshop, Native Plant Regeneration workshop, Cultural Burning bush fire management workshop and we LOVED the dance workshop.



SEEN IN THE OFFICE

Well done, Jacob and Jack from Gulang, on your imaginative story map!

REPORTS

Our teachers have finalised student reports. REPORTS WILL BE SENT HOME TODAY. I want to thank our teachers for their time, dedication and thoughtfulness in writing your child's report. It is a long process and our staff work very hard to ensure assessments provide accurate information that reflects your child's academic ability, effort and commitment to learning.

Chess

Thank you to the chess team who visited CCGS a couple of weeks ago - Kaleb, Noah, Zali and Lyla. I received a message from an onlooker that they were the most polite, delightful kids the whole time and they represented Tacoma so beautifully! They offered to set up and pack up and followed every rule of the game. They sat and waited for their team mates and were gracious in success and defeat. Kayeb in particular was so enthusiastic and helpful. We are so proud of you, Knights of Tacoma!



HOLIDAYS

Wishing all our families, staff and community a safe and relaxing holiday. School returns Tuesday 13th July. Thank you for your continuing support of our incredible school!

Nicole Heazlewood

Principal

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 for playgroup next term.

If you do not live in area an Out Of Area Application will need to be completed. This can now be completed online. We are looking forward to meeting our new Happy Spirits!

Stage 3 Excursion payment due in full by 3rd August

K-2 Zoo Excursion

K-2 Zoo excursion has been postponed to Thursday 15th July. A new permission note will be required.

Is Your Family eSafe?

During their library lessons in Term 2, all students have been learning about skills and strategies to stay safe online. Students have been learning about:

- appropriate and safe use of devices
- sharing personal information and privacy
- keeping devices and personal information secure
- critical thinking and safe online choices
- pop-ups and spending money online
- respectful online relationships
- cyberbullying
- strategies to deal with online issues



The office of The eSafety Commissioner is a government agency that provides information and support to help Australians have safe and positive online experiences. For more information, tips and advice, visit their website at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> and click on the 'Parents' or 'Kids' tab. Also, see the information sheet in our newsletter from eSafety about **5 tips to keep your family safe online**.



Premiers' Spelling Bee Class Finals

Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the Tacoma PS Spelling Bee Finals. It was certainly a tough competition! The TPS school finals will be held in the second week back after the school holidays. Parents are invited to watch their child compete. It will be held in the school hall on Thursday the 22nd July. Times to be announced soon. Students will have access to spelling lists for their stage so they can practice at home over the holidays. Good luck!

Kindergarten Finalists

Zephy Lamberton	Hayley Jacobs
Frankie Unger	Isabelle Swain

Year 1 Finalists

Koda O'Connell	Ryan McGown
Harvey Shaw	Samantha Pockett

Year 2 Finalists

Kaede O'Connell	Telesia Kaati
Zac Pitt	Eli McNamara

Mark Avis	Abigail Jenkins
Marley Pagett	Chloe Jones

Kaleb Hasell	Jack Avis
Coopa Austin	Doha Qaumi

Year 5 Finalists

Liam Sloan	Connor Murphy
Levi Pagett	Lyla Wishart

6 Finalists

Tommy Kirk	Summer Tonks
Sibulele Ives	Ava Prince

Direct enquiries to either Mrs Nicholson or Mrs Simpson. Thank you

Merit Awards

Gulang— Hayley, Oliver & Jasmine

Banal— Hunter, Hazel & Aubree

Bamayi— Charlotte, Leo & Elloise

Murgu— Amelia, Telesia & Tianna



Balba— Holly, Ethan & Ayden

Gundang— Liam, Emily & Lyla

Garawa— India, Riley & Lyla

Badhu— Ava, Hannah & Lucas



Kody, Kye, Lincon, Paige,
Isabelle, Oliver & Renata.

happy
birthday

5 tips to keep your family safe online



Parents and carers can use a combination of strategies to help young people build their digital technology skills and have safer experiences online.

1. Start the chat

Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce [good online habits](#) such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about [hard to have conversations](#) will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

2. Create a family technology agreement

Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: time limits, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour. Families with younger children can [download](#) a template to guide the conversation.

3. Set up parental controls

Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. [Taming the technology](#) can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on [devices and accounts](#) or in [social media, games and apps](#).

4. Choose games and other apps carefully

Use eSafety's [App checklist for parents](#) to think about the positives and negatives when your child asks to download a new game or other app. The checklist covers things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app. You can also use [The eSafety guide](#) to check and set up safety features with your child.

5. Use digital technology together

Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved. To learn more, read our blogpost [How to encourage good screen practices for your child](#).

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