

Tacoma Public School

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Dates to remember:

Week 6

School & House Captain 2022
Speeches and Voting

Week 10

Mon 6 Dec—Fri 12 Dec

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

Class Parties

Kinder Graduation

Year 6 Graduation

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

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to school, Tacoma!

We have been so happy to have our students return over the past 3 weeks. All the students are working with their teachers to re-build relationships with their peers, friends and teachers. Most have settled in beautifully. Some students are finding the school days long and tiring – this is very normal as we have been LFH for 14 weeks which is a 1/4 of a whole year! Please make sure your children are going to bed at an appropriate time, off devices at least an hour before bed and eating healthy food. These things make a big difference. We expect every child to be at school, everyday (unless sick). We need to make every day count!

Thank you to our amazing teachers and support staff who have been working tirelessly to provide engaging and motivating learning experiences for your child/ren.

LEVEL 3 RESTRICTIONS

We have moved into eased Level 3 restrictions which is fantastic! This means:

- CANTEEN is OPEN – Thursday and Friday only. Please order via My School Connect App or see P&C Facebook page.
- Assemblies are allowed – in cohorts and outside only.
- Parent helpers are allowed in classrooms (if this suits the teacher) and must be double-vaxxed.
- No parents allowed on-site for pick-up/drop-off.
- Transitions can occur. We have been liaising with both Wyong HS and Wadalba CS and will release their transition dates soon. HAPPY SPIRITS KINDER 2022 Transition Program can occur on-site.
- Everyone on-site now MUST be fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS – STAY AT HOME

Unfortunately, we are sending between 4 to 8 children home every day as they have Covid-19 symptoms. Now, more than ever, we MUST be vigilant to keep our school community safe. This is the NSW Health Order that anyone displaying ANY symptoms must self-isolate until they receive a negative covid-19 test. This is going to be our new world for the near future.

8 November 2021

Got a cough, sore throat, fever, runny nose, loss of smell or loss of taste?

Get tested for COVID-19.



More information:
www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

Term 4 roadmap

From 8 November

- All schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4.
- School sports allowed
 - Inter-school sports allowed outside of school hours
 - Assemblies and presentations allowed outdoors on-site
 - Excursions allowed outdoors
 - Dancing and some music classes allowed
 - Fully vaccinated visitors allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations
 - Community use allowed (including P&C meetings)

From Term 1 2022

We can look forward to more freedoms as schools return in 2022.

Keeping us all safe

A combination of layered safety measures allow us to prioritise student and staff wellness while we keep schools open.

Stay home if unwell

- Do not attend or participate if unwell, even with mild symptoms.



Vaccinations required

- All adults must be fully vaccinated.



Always check in

- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.



Wear masks indoors

- Masks are required indoors for all staff, visitors and students in Year 7 or above, and strongly recommended indoors for primary students.
- You can take your mask off when eating or exercising.



Physically distance

- Maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.



Maximise ventilation

- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practicable.
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees.



Stick to your cohorts

- Avoid mingling with other groups when moving around the school.



For the latest information, refer to education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND SPORTS CAPTAINS SPEECHES

Good luck to our Year 5 students who are running for the 8 leadership positions in our school for 2022 today. The nominees will be videoed presenting their speech and then all classes will watch later in the week and vote at the same time. The Leadership Team will be announced at our Presentation Day in Week 11. Thank you to Mr McFarlane for his organisation and guidance of our students.

HAPPY SPIRITS - KINDER 2022

We are allowed to have our Happy Spirits on-site! Thursday, 9.30am – 10.30am, library. many thanks to Mrs Fletcher, Mrs Nicholson and Mr Kirk for their patience and organisation. We can't wait.

OOSH IS COMING TO TACOMA!

We have some exciting news! At the beginning of the year, an Out of School Hours Care survey was completed by our families and we found a viable need for a service onsite at Tacoma Public School. We have been working with our DoE assets team and school panel with P&C representative to put to tender for an Out of School Hours Care at our school. The services provided will be ***Before School Care, After School Care, Staff Development Days and Vacation Care.***

The successful tender has been chosen, but the process is not quite finalised. This company is the best fit for our school context, community plus value for money for our families. We are looking forward to a great partnership with them to support our families. They will be open for Day 1 2022 and I will be sending information home asap for interested families to enrol. As soon as I can, I will let you all know!

SCHOOL TIMES

School finishes at 3pm. For a safer pick-up, we release students from classes at 2.50pm. It is disappointing that we are often waiting for parents past 3.10pm or 3.15pm, in both car pick up and walking pick-up. This causes great distress for your children. I realise there is a long car line on Braithwaite Rd. This line moves very fast and we are usually done by 3.05pm – 3.10pm.

Please be respectful of our staff and be on time.

RECESS AT SCHOOL

Many teachers are noticing that a number of students are bringing lollies/chocolate to school for recess. Please ensure you pack a nutritious snack for recess for your child. Their brains are working very hard and need food that will sustain them. Here is a great blog: <https://mykidslickthebowl.com/lunch-box-snacks/>



IN OUR CLASSROOMS / OUT & ABOUT

BALBA were so excited to all finally back at school together! Yippee!

GUNDANG have started their very own 'SURVIVOR' theme and I was asked to judge the winning 'Challenge Winner's Trophy'. This goes to the team that wins the set challenge. All of them were terrific and it was a very hard choice! The winning piece was a necklace – very sturdy and looked incredible.

Well done to Kye, Dylan and Kody!



Thank you, MURGU for making me a wonderful and creative 'Book of Idioms'! I was absolutely delighted to read it with them. Such clever students! I love every single page and will share some more to Facebook. Murgu, you are bright as a button, are as clever as a cart full of monkeys and have your heads screwed on!



Thank you to Madi (Garawa) and Liam (Badhu) who helped me make the latest Kinder 2022 orientation video – the playground. We had LOTS of laughs and LOTS of re-takes (due to Mrs Heazlewood's video skills!). These two leaders were absolutely fantastic.

A beautiful moment of friendship and care was shown between Hazel and Sam (Banal) as they were reading together. What a picture of kindness to warm our hearts!



Fantastic work Charlotte from Bamayi who persevered through some little challenges to begin working with Miss Smith. Charlotte was so successful and doing brilliantly! TWO principal stickers! So proud.

Happy Diwali from Gulang. We are so lucky to have many cultures within our little school. Ekam shared her culture with Gulang to celebrate Diwali. Mr Kirk read a book about Diwali the festival of lights. They did some artwork of Diyas (oil candles) with soft pastels and Ekam gave the class a very well-rehearsed speech all about Diwali. The whole class, including Mr Kirk, learnt so much about her wonderful culture.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

10th December – Year 6 Fun Day

13th December – Year 6 Farewell – School Hall

14th December – Reports Home

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

Have a healthy and safe fortnight, Tacoma!

It is SO wonderful to be back with our whole school together again.

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.

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

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.



ATTENDANCE PHONE — Please text 0417 436 337

Is your child away? Do you need to send us a copy of Covid results?

Refund Forms

Please complete your refund form ASAP, if it has been sent home with your child. Thank you to the families that have already returned theirs.

School Banking—Not returning

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you.



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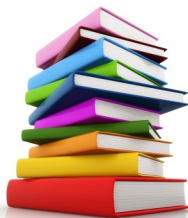
Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to your school after this year, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.

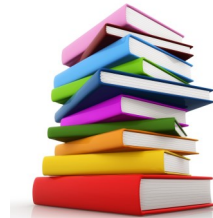
OC Placement Test

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held at our school on the morning of Wednesday 17 November 2021. The parents of the Year 4 students sitting the test have applied and been informed of specific details regarding this test. Students must arrive at school by 9 am. **Parents should have received by email a 'Test authority' letter which students are required to bring as a printed copy on the day of the test.**

Go to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> to find the 'Test information for parents and students' bulletin which contains very important information about the test, including how to access the familiarisation test. This bulletin should be read carefully.



Book Week is coming!



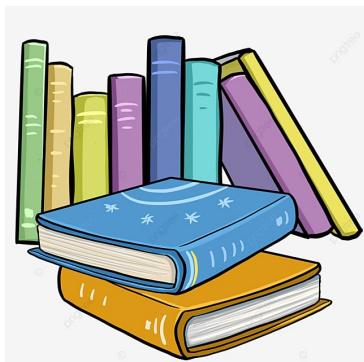
After a long wait, we are finally able to celebrate Book Week in Week 10 of this term. We have lots of exciting things planned.

- Our Book Parade is on Tuesday December 7th, the theme this year is 'Old worlds, New worlds, Other worlds'. What worlds and characters has your child discovered through reading?
- Once again, we will have the Scholastic Book Fair visiting from Monday December 6th – Thursday December 9th. Purchases at the Book Fair earn reward points for our school to purchase new resources for our students.
- To support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, we will also be having a second-hand book sale. We have lots of pre-loved library books that need a new home. These books will be available to purchase throughout Week 10 for only 50c each!
- As always we have lots of competitions and prizes for our students too!!

Stay tuned, more details about these events will be available in the coming weeks.



Do you have any school books or devices at home?



With many of our families borrowing our classroom devices and resources during learning from home, it would be appreciated if these could now be returned so that our students have them available to use in the classroom.

This also includes library books, home readers and school magazines.

Thank you for taking such good care of our school resources, we are so pleased we could support our school community during a challenging time



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please complete our latest survey - we would love to hear from you! 10 minutes of your time is all it will take. The survey is available in a range of languages.

At Tacoma PS we use the results from all our surveys to make improvements to our school. Here is your chance to have a voice! Type in this web address:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/tac21>

We will also be sending the address out on our Sentral for Parents app so you can complete it from your phone!

THANK YOU!!!!!!



Woolworths CRICKET BLAST

SIGN UP TODAY

JOIN YOUR LOCAL CLUB AT PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU

PROGRAMS COMMENCING IN LATE OCTOBER/ EARLY NOVEMBER

Play Cricket

JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Learn ball skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game-based activities.
- Sign up now for your Starter Kit.
- Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Kit with a ball, a backpack + one free add-on.



STARTER KIT



RETURNER KIT



MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS

- Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket.
- For kids with basic cricket skills.
- Sign up now for your Master Blasters Kit featuring a drink bottle and cap!



MASTER BLASTERS KIT

