



Tacoma Public School Newsletter

6 February 2023

Dates to remember

Wed 15 Feb

P&C Meeting 7pm

Fri 17 Feb

Swimming Carnival 8 years +

Water Fun Day K-2

Wed 22 Feb

Interrelate Family Talks

Fri 3 Mar

Assembly 2pm

Wed 8 Mar

School photos

Wed 15 Mar

P&C Meeting 7pm

Wed 15 Mar—Mon 27 Mar

NAPLAN years 3 and 5

Fri 17 Mar

Assembly 2pm

Fri 31 Mar

Assembly 2pm

Thur 6 Apr

Easter Hat Parade

Last day of Term 1



Principal's message

Welcome to Week 3 and welcome to our newest Tacoma families!

Kinder 2023




















It was wonderful meeting so many of our Kinder parents and carers last Friday. The 2023 Kinders settled quickly into their day and enjoyed re-connecting with their Year 6 buddies. Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Nicholson had such a great day with our youngest students! Many thanks to Mrs. Nicholson for her outstanding leadership and organisation to ensure the transition process is successful.

Who's who at Tacoma

		
Mrs Nicole Burgess Principal	Mrs Jo Stuckey Assistant Principal 3-6	Mrs Toni Fletcher Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction
		
Mrs Louise Nicholson Assistant Principal K-2 K/1 Teacher - Banal	Mrs Kerry Fraser RFF/Aboriginal Education	Mrs Lee Simpson Intervention/Aboriginal Education
		
Miss Kim Tuff Learning Support Teacher	Mrs Leanne Brooke Counsellor	Mrs Jackie McGregor Wellbeing Officer
		
Mr John Doran General Assistant	Mrs Gloria Fenner Cleaner	Mrs Deb Sadler Library/RFF (M & F)



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<p>Miss Natalee Smith Year 5/6 Teacher - Badhu</p>	<p>Mr Brian Kirk Year 5/6 Teacher - Garawa</p>	<p>Mr Scott Webster Year 4/5 Teacher - Balba</p>
		
<p>Mrs Katherine Daley Year 3/4 Teacher - Gundang</p>	<p>Mrs Kristel Stoodley M-T-W Year 2/3 Teacher - Murgu</p>	<p>Mrs Natalie Makepeace T-F Year 2/3 Teacher - Murgu</p>
		
<p>Mrs Caitlyn Bender Year 1/2 Teacher - Bamayi</p>	<p>Mrs Kate Walton Year K-1 Teacher - Gulang</p>	<p>Mrs Melissa Johnston Library/RFF (T, W, T)</p>
		
<p>Mrs Debbie Byrnes School Administration Manager (on leave)</p>	<p>Mrs Maree Sammut Relieving School Administration Manager</p>	<p>Ms Rebecca Santry School Administration Officer</p>
		
<p>Isabella Russell School Learning & Support Officer</p>	<p>Mrs Fiona Edmonds School Learning & Support Officer</p>	<p>Mrs Rebecca Cramer School Learning & Support Officer</p>
		
<p>Mrs Dani White School Learning & Support Officer</p>	<p>Mrs Ronda Longuet School Learning & Support Officer</p>	<p>Mrs Mandy Carrigan School Learning & Support Officer</p>
		
<p>Miss Kendell Fenton School Learning & Support Officer</p>		



Welcome back to school afternoon BBQ

Week 4 Monday 13/2/23 from 3pm – 4pm.

Come along, meet your children's friends and classmates as well as our staff!

Attendance

You may have noticed that we are starting the year with an attendance focus. We start our **Green Week certificates** this week!

If your child is away, you MUST provide a reason. Please call the school on 4353 1154 or TEXT the Attendance mobile number on 0417 436 337.

Uniforms

It has been great to see our Tacoma students proudly wearing their uniform. ONLY school hats may be worn. The correct socks for boys are green, white or black and for girls green or white.



CONGRATULATIONS, MRS BENDER!

It was a lovely day on Friday when we celebrated Mrs Bender's up and coming wedding! All the best for a beautiful wedding day next Tuesday. 🎉

Workbooks

Payment for Workbooks are due by Wednesday 23rd February. Workbook packs for 2023 are as follows:

Kindergarten: \$40

Stage 1 & 2: \$45

Stage 3: \$50

Back to School vouchers can be used to pay for your workbook packs for 2023.

*If you are needing a little help to pay for these, please see our friendly office staff to see how we can help.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL / WATER FUN DAY: 17th February 2023

All 3-6 children attend and only Year 2 students who:

- are turning 8 this year
- can swim, unassisted for 50m.

K-2 students will enjoy a Water Fun Session at school. Please return notes as soon as possible.

Assemblies

Assemblies will be in even weeks at 2pm, starting in Week 6 as the swimming carnival is in Week 4. If your child is receiving an award, you will receive a Sentral notification on Wednesday. Please enter using the Braithwaite Rd gate nearest the hall.

P&C – All welcome!

Our P&C meetings have returned on-site at school and our next one is on Wednesday, 15th February at 7pm. Come along and meet some great parents as well as hear about new things we are doing in the school, and make suggestions to make our school even better!

Explaining every absence



If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business



Let us know

So we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing

Every day matters



P & C
stronger together



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Interrelate Family Programs

The P&C and the school have booked two family programs in one evening – they are a vital conversation to prepare your child for now and the future. The school is covering the cost of these programs (usually \$38 per family). They will be run in the hall and are split into 2 sessions, Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6. With parent consideration, children can stay for both.

Date: 22 February, 2023

Session 1 (Years 3 & 4) at 6pm

Session 2 (Years 5 & 6) at 7.15pm

Notes will be coming home this week.



It has been brilliant to finally start a year with no restrictions – I have loved seeing so many of you and look forward to saying hello to families I know and meeting our new families. Have a wonderful fortnight, Tacoma.

Nicole Burgess

Principal



Sentral Parent Portal

Every parent should now have been given their family access key to the Sentral parent portal. If you do not have this please contact the office via email or phone and we will send this information home with your child.

All important communication and copies of permission notes are posted on this app.

Payments to the school

Payments to the school office for text books, excursions, sports carnivals, camps etc. can be made via the Tacoma Public School WEBSITE under the tab ‘make a payment’, alternatively, cash can be enveloped and sent in with your child to be given to their classroom teacher.



My School Connect app (canteen)

- Ordering school uniforms—a paper form can be sent home with your child, please contact the office for this.
- Online lunch orders (Canteen open for recess and lunch on THURSDAY and FRIDAY only)



December

Lily, Luciana, Zeke, Leo, Araura-Jean, Izzy, Ava & Ayden

January

Lana, Pippa, Jack, Telesia, Eric, Jacob, Maxwell, Steven, Ekam & Fadel

Luna, Yosef & Izaak