



Tacoma Public School Newsletter

20 February 2023

Dates to remember

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

THANK YOU, AMAZING STAFF & PARENTS

Many, many thanks to all our amazing staff to ensure our kids had a wonderful day last Friday, whether it be the Swimming Carnival or the Water Fun Day. We are so fortunate to have staff who care for your children with enthusiasm and dedication to make sure our kids have such opportunities. A truckload of thanks to Ms Tuff and Mrs Nicholson for their outstanding organisation.

Thank you also to our incredible parents who give up work, or volunteer their day to make sure our carnival and fun days run and our students are safe. You are appreciated.

Special mention to Miss Tuff, Mr Webster, Mrs Stoodley, Mr Kirk, Justin Munro and Luke Purins for competing in the teachers/parents' race – so much fun! Congratulations, Mr Webster #1!

NGARA AECG MEETING:

Our Aboriginal Education Consultative Group is today at 3.45pm at Tuggerah PS. All Aboriginal families are welcome to join me.



INTERRELATE FAMILY INFORMATION SESSION:

This Wednesday, 22 February, 2023
Session 1 (Years 3 & 4) at 6pm
Session 2 (Years 5 & 6) at 7.15pm

If we don't get minimum numbers, we will have to cancel. Please return the note tomorrow or let the office know you are attending.

ATTENDANCE – we have HIGH EXPECTATIONS!

Thank you to those parents and carers who are making sure every absence is explained. One of our goals is to have an explanation for every absence.

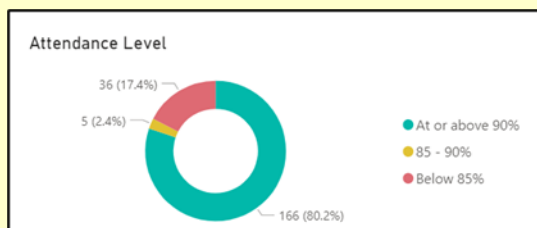




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We are currently just above the state at 80.2% of students attending $\geq 90\%$ of the time. Keep improving, Tacoma! Our goal is 82.4%.

The Attendance Team are meeting this week and will begin interventions for those children who have missed more than 4 days of school already (unless sick). Please note that recurring sick days may require a doctor certificate.



HARMONY DAY –

March 21

Harmony Day is coming! Be prepared and organise your child's **ORANGE mufti day** outfit NOW!



STATE ELECTION – Saturday 25/3/23

Tacoma hall will be used as a polling site for the state election. Our P&C will be providing a BBQ as a fund raiser. Please volunteer 30 minutes or an hour of your time to help our students!

NAPLAN – Year 3 and 5

NAPLAN has moved to Term 1, Week 8/9.

- ✓ NAPLAN is the name of some literacy and numeracy tests completed by students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australia.
- ✓ Students do four different tests during two weeks.
- ✓ If your child is away, they will catch up on another day.
- ✓ NAPLAN helps the school know what we are teaching well and areas to improve.
- ✓ Our Year 3 and 5 students are participating in NAPLAN on-line practice tests, supported by their classroom teachers.
- ✓ After getting the results back in Term 3, we will give parents and carers a report showing how their child did. You are welcome to talk to the teacher about these results.

NAPLAN is ONE test in time and, whatever the result for your child, doesn't determine the success of our students. Our focus should always be on encouraging our students to do their best, try their hardest and 'give it a go'. We are always proud of ALL our students and know every child shines in their own unique way.





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SEEN IN THE OFFICE/AROUND THE SCHOOL

Congratulations to these amazing students for doing their best work and being wonderful learners! Jacob and Hendrix, Lacey-Rae and Lily, Olivia, Noah, Jaylyn, James and Abigail.



Have a wonderful week, Tacoma! Let's get our students to school, on time, every day, all day. Please let us know if we can help with attendance.

Nicole Burgess

K -2 WATER FUN DAY REPORT

What a fantastic morning K-2 had at the Water Fun Day! Students participated in lots of activities such as chalk drawing and spray bottle shooting, a slip and slide, water castle slide, shoot the target, bubble blowing, magnetic fishing, obstacle course, cup relay, super soakers and the parachute. The behaviour of students was wonderful and the feedback from our parent volunteers and staff was extremely positive. This day would not be possible without the wonderful parent and carer volunteers who generously offer their time to support our students and school. Thank you, Courtney, Maria, Dannielle, Krystal, Caren, Shomal, Andrew, Mel, Stacey, Sarah, Hailey, Kymberly, Sally and Jacky. We truly appreciate your time and value your support for our students. Many thanks to all the staff for preparing and assisting our students throughout the day. We all had a blast!

Thank you. Mrs Nicholson





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SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT 2023

The 2023 Swimming Carnival was a great success. Wyong pool were so impressed with Tacoma students' behaviour, manners and taking care of the grounds. They said we were, 'the BEST SCHOOL OF THE SEASON'. Thank you so much to those who attended, and a special thank you to our parent/carer volunteers who helped make the day so successful! Congratulations and good luck to our zone qualifiers who will compete at the Wallarah Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday the 1st of March.

Ms Tuff



Walarah Zone Swim Team 2023



**Izaac, Archie, Tyler-J,
Tahlia, Liam, Lacey-Rae,
Anika, Eliza, Samuel, Jibril,
Havana, Lucy & Abigail.**