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Dates to remember:

Wednesday 27 July

Newcastle Perm Maths Competition

YARN Up 2.30pm

Thursday 28 July

School Spelling Bee

Opportunity Class Test

Mon 1 August — Fri 5 August

Education Week

Weds 3 August

Open Classrooms

NAIDOC Disco

K-2: 3.30 – 4.15pm / 3-6: 4.30 – 5.30pm

Tuesday 9 August

Athletics Carnival

Monday 29 Aug

Book Parade

Mon 29 Aug—Thurs 1 Sept

Book Fair

Thurs 15 Sept

Stage 2 Excursion

Term Dates

Term 2, 2022 27 April—1 July

Term 3, 2022 18 July—23 September

Term 4, 2022 10 October—20 December

Term 1, 2023 27 January—6 April

25 July 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 3, Tacoma!

It was a rather wet holiday and I know many of our families were again affected heavily by flooding. Our thoughts are with you and please let me know if I can support you in any way.

Just a reminder to keep your children OUT of the floodwater during times the river/lake floods. Floodwater is TOXIC and carries raw sewerage, dead animals and has an extremely high level of unsafe chemicals from pesticides and fertilisers. It is completely unsafe and dangerous for our students to be walking through or even kayaking through the flood water. There are also unsafe submerged objects below the water.



Floodwater can make you sick

- Floodwater can have sewage, chemicals and rubbish that can cause serious illness and injuries
- Never swim in floodwater
- Protect yourself when cleaning up after a flood and wear masks, boots and gloves
- Wash your hands with soap and water after contact with floodwater to prevent disease.

COVID/FLU BLITZ



A NSW Department of Education 4-week blitz is still in place for the start of Term 3 to ensure we tackle the challenging winter season head on. Please be vigilant in checking for Covid and flu symptoms.

Do not send your child to school if they have **ANY** symptoms.

You must also rapid test your child if you have ANY symptoms.

If you need more RATs, please contact the office.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Last week, our staff continued to participate in training to strengthen the quality of their teaching. This week classroom teachers will be teaching a co-written lesson and observed by a peer and executive. Together, they then discuss the lesson and provide feedback to each other to make the lesson more effective. It takes so much courage to be involved in these teacher reflection practices and I am so grateful for them. Their commitment to strengthening their teaching practice for your children is to be commended.

SPELLING BEE

BUZZ! 🐝 BUZZ! 🐝 Spelling Bee Finals are here on Thursday. Many thanks to Mrs Nicholson for her excellent organisation and communication. All the very best to our class finalists.

WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY – EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL

We are due for an emergency evacuation drill, but the oval (our meeting place) is too wet. We will be having a drill later this week and meeting in front of the hall. There is no need to panic if you hear continuous bells from the school and the office answering machine is on. We will be having a practice.

YARN UP



HAPPY SPIRITS 2023 PLAY GROUP

Ms Nicholson, Mrs Simpson and Mrs Stuckey loved meeting some of our new Happy Spirits and their families last Thursday. We will meet every Thursday at 2pm (Braithwaite Rd gate). I can't wait till Thursday to see you all!

This group is an important part of Kinder 2023 transition to school and we would love all our 2023 Kindies to come along!

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week events coming up in Week 3:

Open classrooms on Wednesday morning (depending on Covid and Flu numbers) 9.15-11.15am.

Disco (NAIDOC theme) Wednesday K-2: 3.30 – 4.15pm // 3-6: 4.30 – 5.30pm

Our *Central Coast Education Week Awards of Excellence* Ceremony is in Week 3. Congratulations to our 2022 Award winners: Mrs Toni Fletcher and Mrs Carissa Edwards. We look forward to presenting their awards next Friday. These incredible woman are respected, highly valued and cherished in our school. Thank you for putting students at the centre of your decisions and your constant dedication to the students, staff and community of Tacoma Public School.



MURGUCHEF

I loved watching Murgu harvest their herbs and then make themselves pizza dough, from scratch, to create delicious pizzas! Well done to you all. Many thanks to Mr Mac for teaching and creating this engaging unit of work and to our valued parent helper cooks – Shelly, Chris and Josh. My favourite was Jessica's pizza – mushroom and olives.....mmmmmm!

Nicole Burgess
Principal



Kindergarten 2023

Enrolments for in area Kinder in 2023 can now be processed through our website. If you have a child coming next year, please start the enrolment process. If you do not live in area an Out Of Area Application will need to be completed. We are looking forward to meeting our new Happy Spirits!

Playgroup (2023 Kinders)

Tacoma PS will be hosting a playgroup at the school every Thursday from 21st July – 22nd September to give our happy little spirits an opportunity to meet and connect. We hope you can join us. Please enter via the hall gate (Braithwaite Rd) from 2pm-2:50pm.

Spelling Bee

On Thursday 28th July, we will be holding our stage Spelling Bee finals in the hall. K-2 will be held at 10am and years 3-6 at 11:30am. Community members are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to our stage finalists.

Early Stage 1-Ethan, Link, Aaliyah and Harper

Stage 1- Year 1- Hayley, Frankie, Mateo and Emily. Year 2- Ryan, Samantha, Koda and Harvey

Stage 2-Year 3- Kaede, Telesia, Jaxson J and Declan. Year 4-Marley, Abigail, Rocco and Holly

Stage 3-Year 5- Billy, Eliza, Doha and Kye. Year 6- Lucas, Lyla W, Amira and Liam.

The winner from Stage 2 and Stage 3 will compete at the Regional Final which will be held online.



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Assembly Awards—Week 1 Term 2

Gulang— Anika, James & Lexi

Banal— Oliver, Link & Lacey-Rae

Bamayi— Liana, Manaaki & Emily

Gundang— Charlotte, Cory & Jacob

Waagir— Charlotte, Eli & Isaac



Balba— Sophia, Chelsea-Lee

Murgu — Patrick, Mark & Ayden

Garawa— Kye, Kyan & William

Badhu— Seth, Levi & Charli



Koda, Zach, Patrick,
Isabella, Mason, Emily, Zak,
Manaaki, Beau, Elliose,
Zephrin, Mia & Aubree



K-2 Excursion to The Reptile Park

On Wednesday 29th June, K-2 went on their very first excursion to The Reptile Park, travelling by bus was a real thrill for many students as it was their first time! The excursion was part of our Science unit - Living Things. This experience provided students with an opportunity to further their knowledge of Living Things as they listened to an informative talk about reptiles and watched Mr Kirk hold a very friendly python! Students were excited to see and pat some of the animals as they explored the park in small groups. Many thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers, Ali, Sarah, Rachel, Christine and Kristel, experiences like this can not take place without your support. We were very lucky to have the only sunny day in week ten to create such wonderful memories. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who attended on the day.



NAIDOC Celebration Disco

New date —Wednesday 3 August 2023.

Time—

K-2 3.30—4.15pm // 3-6 4.30-5.30pm

Wear —Naidoc colours/designs

Bring —Gold coin donation

Drink + chips + games + fun provided



THE KIDS HUB



TERM 3
STARTING 25 JULY 2022 | Age 7 - 17 years

MONDAY
 3.30pm - 5.30pm

POKEMON CLUB

Discover lots of exclusive Pokemon activities like.....

- Pokemon Go
- Pokemon Art & Craft
- Making pancakes with Pikachu
- Pokemon videos and card games
- Pokemon Treasure Hunt and MYSTERY BAG!



TUESDAY
 3.30pm - 5.30pm

HEALTHY KIDS COOKING

Dietician based program - gluten free, color free and low sugar. Kids will get to touch, smell, taste and cook new food. They will play food related games plus Certificate of Achievement & GIFT!

MUSIC

Learning to play the drums, keyboard, percussions, guitar, ukulele and more fun musical games plus Certificate of Achievement & GIFT!

GAMING

Kids are encouraged to play together & communicate while playing games like..... Minecraft, sport, sonic, Lego dimensions, Racing video games, Board & table games
 End of Term MYSTERY GIFT!

WEDNESDAY
 3.30pm - 5.30pm

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- Minecraft, sport, sonic
- Lego dimensions
- Racing video games
- Board & table games
- End of Term MYSTERY GIFT!

SCIENCE

Need something to entertain and educate your kids after school? Our qualified teachers, aka 'mad scientists', deliver a fun and interactive science program for kids of 7 - 17 years of age.

THURSDAY
 3.30pm - 6.00pm

ROBOTICS

Built & program your own lego robot and complete obstacle course & solve challenges.
 Certificate of achievement & GIFT!



GAMING

200+ games to choose from. Please refer to Tuesday & Wednesday for more gaming details.

OTHER SERVICES:

- Early Childhood Intervention
- 3 - 5years (Mon - Fri 10am - 1pm)

PART-TIME JOBS AVAILABLE

TASK
THE AFTER SCHOOL KLUB
is hiring!



EDUCATORS NEEDED BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

- Fun and positive team environment
- Supportive team with growth opportunities
- Permanent part-time positions, training provided
- Home grown, completely independent Australian provider
- Current Working With Children Check required
- Email resume to jobs@task-kids.com.au to apply & find out



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