

Tacoma Public School

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Dates to remember:

Tuesdays Term 4

Sports in School

Monday 10 Oct—Friday 21 Oct

Mobile Dental Van

Thurs 20 Oct, 27 Oct, 3 Nov, 10 Nov

Kindergarten Orientation 9-10.45am

Monday Oct 31

School Captaincy EOI out

Friday 4 Nov

School Captaincy EOI due

Thurs 10 Nov

Kinder 2023 Parent info session

Friday 18 Nov

Koori Choir rehearsal Kanwal

Wednesday 7 December

School Concert

Wednesday 14 December

Presentation Day

Friday 16 December

Kinder & Year 6 Graduation

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4, Tacoma families and friends!

I hope you all had a restful and re-charging holiday. We are fully back in the swing of things and Term 4 looks to be the busiest one, so far, for 2022 with lots happening. Sports in School, teacher lesson observation, parent/teacher phone calls for Semester 2 reports, Happy Spirits Orientation, Year 6-7 transition days to high school, our School Concert, Year 6 and Kinder Graduations, Year 6 Farewell and fundraising, dental clinic, and end of year celebrations!

KINDER 2023 TRANSITION



Our first Happy Spirits Kinder 2023 Orientation session starts this Thursday from 9.30am – 10.45am. We are very excited to meet our youngest students and their families to our amazing school. Welcome to Tacoma Public School! Entry will be via the office gate and we will be running the session in Banal. Many thanks to Mrs Nicholson for her organisation of such a big, important program.

PRE-REPORT INTERVIEWS

Class teachers will again be contacting every family over Weeks 3 and 4 to have a chat about your child's progress this semester. This conversation is part of our Semester 2 reporting to parents' process. Written reports will be sent home in Week 10.

ASSEMBLY CHANGE

Whole School Friday Assembly will now be in EVEN weeks. See you this week, in the hall from 2pm.

SPORTS IN SCHOOL

The school has funded this great program for all students this term. Students are participating in one-hour sessions a week with fully qualified teachers who are teaching gymnastics and fundamental movement skills. Tuesday is sports day.



Term Dates

Term 3, 2022 18 July—23 September

Term 4, 2022 10 Oct—20 Dec

Term 1, 2023 27 January—6 April

17 October 2022

Wadalba Learning Community Stage 3 Leadership Conference

Last Friday, Mrs Sadler, Miss Davidson and I accompanied twenty Stage 3 students at Wadalba Learning Community Stage 3 Leadership Conference. They met lots of other students from local schools to form 6 groups and then participated in activities to learn about leadership, hear leadership stories and identify and grow their leadership skills. Activities included leadership games with the Wadalba CS seniors, STEM challenges, dance challenge and leadership activities with Dhinewan Mentoring. It was such a fun day, and we were so proud of our students who represented Tacoma so beautifully, making new friends and learning to step out of their comfort zone.

Congratulations to: Jack, Pippa, Kayleb, Billy, Doha, Jeshua, Eliza, Will B, Bella, Brayden, Madi, Amira, Charlotte, Jaxon, Kaleb, Indi, Lucas, Liam, Thomas and Lyla!



P&C Meeting

All are welcome at this week's P&C meeting at 7pm via zoom. I will be unpacking our 2022 NAPLAN results. All welcome!

NEW EQUIPMENT

We LOVE our new playground equipment! Thank you to the wonderful P&C who jointly funded this great addition to our playground. We have been waiting for the ground to be less wet to be able to get a truck in to deliver the soft fall pine bark.

ATTENDANCE

Whilst thankful to those parents keeping sick children at home, I ask you to send your WELL children to school. We are trying to get our students back into a school routine and developing behaviours that support their learning, such as being attentive, listening for longer periods of time and focusing on the learning. These learning behaviours develop best when students are at school day after day.

Currently our attendance:

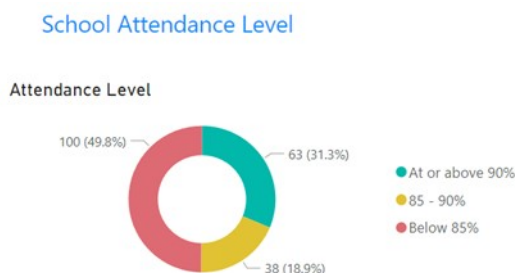
- 31.1% of our school attend school 90% or more.
- 18.9% of our school attend 85-90% of the time.
- 49.8% of our school attend below 85% of the time.

Our goal, by the end of the year is to have 78% (34% increase) of our students here more than 90% of the time.

Our children are at SIGNIFICANT RISK if their attendance is below 90%. In Kindergarten and Year 1, 10% absence can leave a child struggling to read proficiently by the end of Year 3. By Stage 3, it becomes a key predictor that a student may drop out of high school.

Please make a BIG effort this term to get your child/children to school.

Great handwriting by these super stars! ☆☆☆. Well done, Eli, Tahlia and Ryder



END of YEAR ACTIVITIES

Attached is a term planner for you to pop on your fridge. The main days to remember are:

- 7/12/22 School Concert (matinee and night performances)
- 12/12/11 Year 6 Farewell – hall
- 13/12/22 Class Parties
- 14/12/22 Presentation Day
Reports home
- 15/12/22 Tacoma's Got Talent
- 16/12/22 Kinder Graduation 9.30am
Year 6 Graduation 1.45pm
Year 6 Clap-Out 2.55pm
P&C Christmas Carols afternoon 4.00pm



Have a wonderful fortnight, Tacoma! Keep healthy and safe.

Nicole Burgess

Principal

What's happening in Murgu?

Please follow the link to view a presentation made by Murgu;

<https://youtu.be/ziLUYn3d0RA>

What's happening in Badhu & Garawa?

Stage 3 will be embarking on a magical journey during Term 4 while studying the Text 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. Students have been sorted into their houses, Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff or Slytherin, and will be earning points for positive behaviour for their team! They will be undertaking numerous literacy, art and sports activities to enhance their learning through this mythical unit of work.



Tell Them from Me Survey

Our school is conducting a parent survey and we need YOUR response! Just click the following link:

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

Your responses are anonymous, so please be as honest and specific as you can.

Thank you so much for helping make out great school even better!



Got a bit of time next week? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Wyong will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into town from 31 October to 1 November. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at Lifeblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.



Kaley, Sophie, Manu, Rocco, Lycan,
Tyler, Harper, Ben, Marley, Parker,
Nicholas & Sophia



Transport for NSW



School Travel

Term 4 2022

2023 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2023 open from Monday 10 October 2022.

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details before the end of term 4. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, we will send an expiry notification via email.

Taste of Wyong

Wyong High School

Session Dates

Wednesday 26th October 2022	4:00pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday 2nd November 2022	4:00pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday 9th November 2022	4:00pm - 5:30pm
Wednesday 16th November 2022	4:00pm - 5:30pm



Register Now!

For enquiries, please contact the Wyong High School office.
Open to students in Years 4, 5 and 6.



Wyong High School offers a Taste of Wyong program to students in **years 4, 5 and 6** in Term 4. During this 4 week program, students will experience a range of subjects including STEM, Information Technology, HSIE, Mathematics, CAPA, English, TAS, Science, Agriculture and PDHPE. Students will participate in engaging activities that will encourage them to become familiar with the school and the learning opportunities offered at Wyong High School.

Contact Wyong High School on 4353 1088 to register.