

# Tacoma Public School

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## Dates to remember:

### Tuesdays Term 4

Sports in School

### Thursday 1 December

Year 6 Rewards Day

Chess competition

### Friday 2 December

Volunteers Morning Tea

### Wednesday 7 December

School Concert

### Monday 12 December

Year 6 Farewell

### Wednesday 14 December

Presentation Day

Reports home

### Thursday 15 December

Tacoma's got talent

### Friday 16 December

Kinder & Year 6 Graduation

Last day of school for students

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Tacoma Families,

Welcome to Week 8 – only 3 weeks of school remaining!

It has once again been a busy fortnight at Tacoma Public School and we continue to be explicitly teaching at students' individual level in reading, writing and numeracy. I want to thank our teachers and SLSOs for working tirelessly and flexibly with your children.

### ATTENDANCE

We have had a MASSIVE positive jump in students attending >90% of the time! We are now at 65% and I am so happy that

parents/carers are sending their kids to school, when they are well. Gold stars to you all!

It is very important to keep sending your child/children up until the last day (Friday 16th), if they are well, as every day matters.

### COVID/SICKNESS

There have been a couple of cases of Covid in our community, as well as a vomiting and gastro bug. Thank you for your continued testing and monitoring your children for signs of sickness.

### CLASSES 2022/STEP-UP TRANSITION

We are in the process of looking at classes for 2023. Due to the NSW DoE new policy, we have had to say no to many families wanting to come to our amazing school. However, we will retain 8 classes in 2023. Classroom teachers and classes are being determined over the next fortnight. Due to our numbers in each grade, we will have almost all composite classes. This is always the case in smaller schools and our teachers are well-equipped to deliver quality, explicit programs to the level/stage your child is at. Teachers put hours and hours of thought and discussion into where your child is placed.

We do take into consideration their friend choice (all students will write a friend list this week) as well as social, emotional and academic needs. Every child will be with at least one friend choice and a new class is always a lovely opportunity to expand their friendship group.

All our students will be visiting possible 2023 classrooms as part of our STEP-UP transition program. Due to the composite classes, your child may visit two or three

28 November 2022

GOAL  
(More than 90%)  
**78%**

Term 4  
Currently  
**65%**

## Term Dates

Term 3, 2022 18 July—23 September

Term 4, 2022 10 Oct—20 Dec

Term 1, 2023 27 January—6 April

classrooms in the program. For example, if your child is in Year 4 next year, they will visit Balba and Gundang for a session. Transition programs aim to prepare our students for next year's classrooms and teachers to reduce worry and allow them to develop relationships. We are very fortunate in our school as the students know many of the teachers and staff across the school, which also helps. Our first session will be in Week 9.

### **KINDER GRADUATION / YEAR 6 GRADUATION / PRESENTATION DAY / YEAR 6 CLAP OUT**

Week 10 will be a big week! Our Presentation Day is Wednesday 14/12 and parents/carers of those students receiving an award have been notified already. If you received an invite, please be seated by 9.25am.

Kindergarten Graduation is Friday 16/12 at 11.40am. Parents and carers, please be seated by 11.35am. Entry will be via Braithwaite Rd Hall gate.

Year 6 Graduation is Friday 16/12 at 1.30pm. Parents and carers, please be seated by 1.25pm. Entry will be via Braithwaite Rd Hall gate.

The Year 6 Clap Out is a tradition that is the last thing of the day, on the last day. Students will line up from the hall to the Hillcrest gate. It will start at 2.55pm. Please make sure only Year 6 parents are outside the Hillcrest office gate at this time. Other parents and carers are to wait at the library end of the COLA to pick up their children.

### **P&C CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

The P&C have decided to cancel the Christmas Carols this year and run it every other year to the concert. This means we will have a concert in even years (2022) and a Christmas Carols event in odd years (2023).

### **BRAITHWAITE DRIVE AFTERNOON CAR PICK UP**

As many of you know, we started the afternoon car pick up during Covid. We are NOT going to run this in 2023. A number of reasons are behind this decision. It takes 3 staff every afternoon, and as we are a small school, this means some teachers have 2 duties on most days. Another reason is the on-going issues in this area of an afternoon regarding the safety of our students, which is paramount. The area along Braithwaite Drive will return to parking in the afternoon and parents encouraged to meet their child outside the hall.

We will still run the car drop-off service in the morning from 8.30am at Braithwaite Drive.

### **REPORTS**

Reports will be sent home Wednesday 14th December, 2022

### **CELEBRATE CONCERT**

It is important that your child attends BOTH performances, regardless of if you have a ticket or not. This is so the show has the same level of professionalism and participation.

The 2 performances in the Wyong High School hall are on Wednesday, 7th December.

- Matinee (Day) Performance - 11.30am – 1.30am
- Evening Performance – 6pm – 8pm

We will be also having a full-dress rehearsal on Tuesday, 6th December. Please make sure you have returned the permission note.

TICKETS are on sale and ONLINE only: <https://www.trybooking.com/CELCO> or

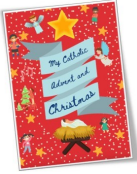
On Wednesday, I will open ticket sales for unlimited tickets per family. If you haven't got your tickets, get in quick! The students and staff are VERY EXCITED! The items are AMAZING! You will be so entertained!



Have a wonderful fortnight, Tacoma! Be safe, healthy and look after each other.

Nicole Burgess

Principal



The Catholic Scripture teachers from Wyong Parish of St Cecilia's wish you and your families a joyful Advent, a happy Christmas and wonderful summer holiday break.  
 Click on the link below to receive your Christmas card, a variety of craft and cooking activities, as well as links to Advent and Christmas songs, family prayers and lots more.  
[A Advent and Christmas Gift from Catholic Scripture Teachers](#)



Tacoma P&C Christmas raffle tickets are now on sale!

<https://myschoolconnect.com.au/tacoma-ps-raffles>



**Assembly Awards—Term 4 Week 6**

Gulang— Eli, Sahiba & Lexi

Banal— Indianna, Hannah & Havana

Bamayi— Mia T, Mia M & Jarrod

Gundang— Mason, Kobe, Elloise, Cory, Paislee & Harvey

Waagir— Kody, Ashlan & Isaac



**DECEMBER 2022**

*(bookings close Mon 12 Dec)*

**TACOMA HOLIDAY PROGRAM**



Balba— Zayla, Max & Ayden

Murgu — Ruby, Holly & Nicholas

Garawa— Dylan, Kayleb & Manu

Badhu— Isabella, Will B, Lincon

**MONDAY  
19 DEC**

**A VERY TASK CHRISTMAS**

*Santa's calling, and he needs YOUR HELP!*



*Make your own decorations, gift tags and treats!*

**Fee - \$75**

**TUESDAY  
20 DEC**

**END OF TERM CELEBRATION!**

*Excursion to the cinema to see Disney's Strange World!*



*Popcorn and water provided!*

**Fee - \$96**

**HOURS**  
Mon - Fri  
7am - 6pm

For detailed information go to your school on our website.  
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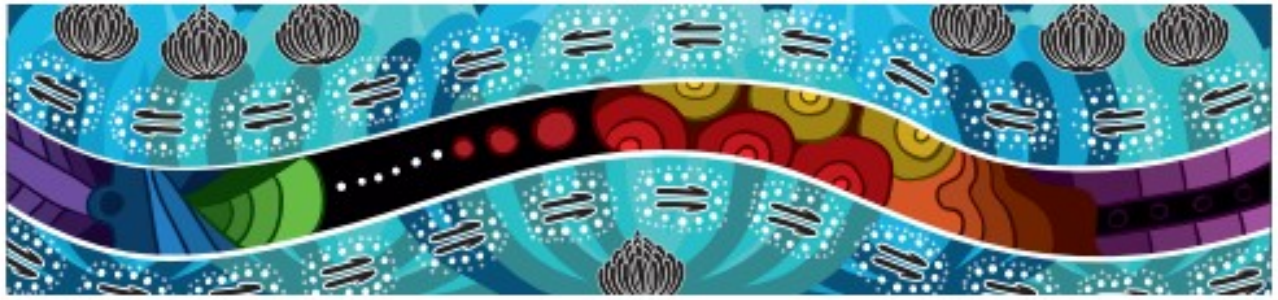
**The After School Klub**

• Excursion days - places limited • TASK is egg & nut free • Afternoon tea provided • All HP subject to change  
• Each day please bring: recess, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labelled.



Ethan, Chloe, Paislee, Jessica,  
Gretel, Harvey, Cooper & Kabel





# 25,000 temporary election jobs

## Saturday, 25 March 2023

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## SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### DIECAST CARS WORKSHOP

LEARN HOW TO PAINT, ADD CUSTOM TYRES AND BUILD A SCENE FOR YOUR HOTWHEELS CAR. AIMED AT EVERYONE NEW TO SCALE MODELING – PERFECT FOR A 6 TO 10 YEARS

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 10am to 11:30am**



### STARWARS WORKSHOP



A BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE LEVEL COURSE TO LEARN HOW TO ASSEMBLE A SNAP KIT, LEARN BASIC PAINTING TECHNIQUES AND BUILD A SCENE FOR A STAR WARS AIRCRAFT. AIMED AT EVERYONE NEW TO SCALE MODELING PERFECT FOR A 8 + YEARS

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 12:00pm to 2:00pm**

### ENGINEERING FUN

A BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE LEVEL COURSE TO LEARN HOW TO ASSEMBLE A GEAR BOX AND THEN ADD AND TEST TO SEE WHAT MOVES PERFECT FOR A 8 + YEARS



**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 10:00am to 12:00pm**

### MILITARY PLANES



INTERMEDIATE LEVEL COURSE TO LEARN HOW TO ASSEMBLE A COMPLEX KIT WITH GLUE AND LEARN BASIC PAINTING TECHNIQUES AIMED AT PEOPLE WITH SOME SCALE MODEL EXPERIENCE - 10 + YEARS

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 12:30pm to 2:30pm**

only **\$50**  
each

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