



# Tacoma Public School Newsletter

3 April 2023

## Dates to remember

### Thur 6 Apr

Easter Hat Parade

Last day of Term 1

### Tue 25 Apr

Anzac Day

### Weds 26 Apr

Students return to  
school

### Thur 4 May

School Cross Country

### Weds 17 May

PSSA Boys Soccer

### Fri 12 May

Payment due—K-2  
excursion

### Fri 26 May

K-2 Excursion—  
Walkabout Sanctuary

## Principal's message

Dear Tacoma Families,

### HARMONY DAY

Last Thursday it was lovely to see our staff and students dress in orange mufti. The day began with a beautiful song sung by the choir – congratulations choir! You were magical. It was wonderful to share the many cultures that make up our community! Many thanks to Mrs Simpson for her organisation of the day – we loved the decorations. The canteen also had a special menu and tasting plates of food from other countries. Thanks to Mrs Lennon and helpers for their organisation. We raised \$137 from the mufti day that will go to Stewart House – Stewart House runs programs for children in need from across NSW public schools.



### NEAR MISS ACCIDENT ON CROSSING

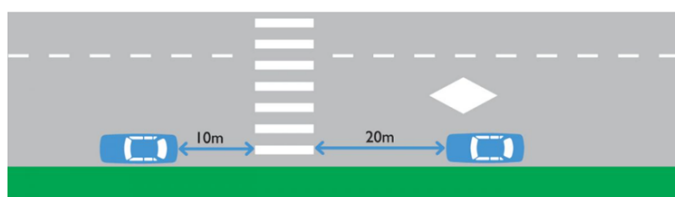
Many of you would have seen my message on Sentral last week. I want to continue to encourage our families to follow the law with inside the NO STOPPING zones on either side of the crossings. After asking, pleading and encouraging the community to not break the law, people continue to park in the no stopping zones and carelessly endanger our students' lives.

The school will now be taking measures to report cars that do not follow the road rules and they are putting our lives of precious students at risk. This may be calling the Council Rangers and Parking Officers as well as the police.

All I am asking is for you to follow the road rules when parking to pick up your children. It is so appreciated

### Crossings

You must not stop or park within 20m before and 10m after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing unless a sign says you can.



Space requirements for parking before or after a crossing





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## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES

ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a <b>NO STOPPING</b> zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space). 	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	EXCEEDS <b>\$349</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a <b>PEDESTRIAN CROSSING</b> or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS <b>\$464</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 

### EASTER HAT PARADE

3 sleeps to go till our parade – and our community is invited! HOORAY! Younger siblings are also welcome! Thursday, 6th April at 9.30am. Thanks to Mr Kirk and the Easter Bunny for their organisation.

### P&C EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets are just \$1 each! Follow this link to purchase. Send to family and friends to support our wonderful P&C!

[https://myschoolconnect.com.au/tacoma-ps-raffles?fbclid=IwAR20ba50fpCucDiHp0RqF5Iza0hkuEHfifNSsudIPByaVsmw0A1KTGM\\_H24](https://myschoolconnect.com.au/tacoma-ps-raffles?fbclid=IwAR20ba50fpCucDiHp0RqF5Iza0hkuEHfifNSsudIPByaVsmw0A1KTGM_H24)

### ATTENDANCE

Another focus for us is explaining your child's attendance. If you know your child will be away from school, please call the office or text the attendance phone on 0417 436 337. Or simply respond to the absence text!

### PRINCIPAL LEAVE

I will be taking long service leave for the last week of Term 1. Mrs Jo Stuckey will be relieving as principal.

Have a fantastic and safe holiday break, Tacoma. Thank you to all of you for getting your kids to school, on-time, every day, all day. This makes sure they have opportunities to learn, develop friendships, build important skills through quality learning experiences from trained educators. You are improving their success in life! Thank you to our amazing and willing staff who go to so many lengths to ensure our students are at centre of all we do so they can thrive and succeed at school.

Nicole Burgess

Principal

### Medication at school

Please do not send Panadol / anti-biotics/ Ventolin or any other medication to school in your child's bag. This could put your child or other children at high risk of accidental poisoning.

Any necessary medication will be administered via the school office but only after relevant medical forms have been completed by the parent/carer and doctor.

If your child requires medication at school, please contact the office to obtain the Request to Administer Medication form.

### 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





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## Assembly Award Winners

Gulang—Abigail, Luka & Lexi

Banal—Maxx, Luna & Leo

Bamayi—Ekam, Archie & Mia.M

Murgu—Hunter, Hayley & Lila



Gundang—Kobe, Harvey, Issabelle & Evah

Balba—Isaac, Kaede & Katelyn

Garawa—Ethan, Kaden & Marley

As Term 1 ends the P&C want to

# THANK YOU

Thank you for your donations of cakes  
& time as well as buying from our Election Day BBQ

Thank you for supporting our Easter Raffle

Our biggest thank you is to ALDI Stores for their  
support of our breakfast club

Term 2 will see our new winter canteen menu,  
our Mothers Day Breakfast,  
our Mothers Day Stall  
as well as a special lunch day

For our breakfast club & canteen to continue  
to service our students we need your help.  
As little as 40 minutes or as much as 1 day can  
make a huge difference











Hendrix, Jaxon, Willow, Max, Mark,  
Harrison, Indiana, Duncan & Jiji







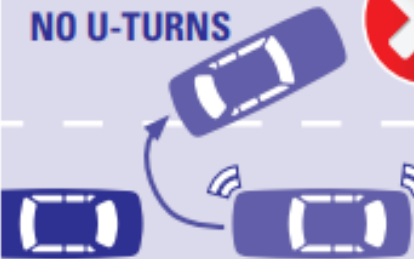

# Parking and traffic rules in school zones

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Make sure that you and your child understand the road rules. If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting not only your child but other children at risk. The parking and traffic rules around our schools are there to protect your children. If you break the rules you will be fined. **Please choose safety over convenience.**

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	You can stop in a <b>NO PARKING</b> zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other zones while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	EXCEEDS <b>\$194</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop or park in a <b>BUS ZONE</b> for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	EXCEEDS <b>\$349</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a <b>PEDESTRIAN CROSSING</b> or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	EXCEEDS <b>\$464</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	<b>DOUBLE PARKING</b> You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	EXCEEDS <b>\$349</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 
	You must not stop on any <b>FOOTPATH</b> or <b>NATURE STRIP</b> , or even a <b>DRIVEWAY</b> crossing a footpath or nature strip for any reason.	You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.	EXCEEDS <b>\$194</b> 	(School Zone) <b>2</b> 

**Please note:** The above information is current as of 1 January 2020.  
Penalties set by NSW State Government and reviewed on 1 July each year.

# Safety tips for school zones:

<b>EXITING THE CAR</b>  Make sure children use the footpath-side door when getting in and out of a car.	<b>APPLY BRAKE</b>  Make sure the park brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
<b>PARKING</b>  NEVER double park.	<b>CROSSING</b>  NEVER park across a pedestrian crossing.
<b>NO U-TURNS</b>  NEVER undertake a U-turn in close proximity to the school.	<b>NO 3 POINT TURNS</b>  NEVER undertake a three-point turn in close proximity to the school.

# Safety tips for students:

<b>BUCKLE UP</b>  Stay buckled up until the vehicle has stopped.	<b>STORE ITEMS</b>  Make sure your school bag and other items are in a safe position.	<b>BE READY</b>  Be ready to get out of the car with your belongings when the car has stopped and you have unbuckled your seat belt.	<b>EXIT SAFELY</b>  Always get in and out of the back seat through the safety door - the rear footpath-side door.
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# Demerit Points:

\* The **Demerit Points** Scheme is a national program that allocates penalty points (demerits) for a range of driving offences. A driver who has not committed any offences has '**zero**' points. If you commit an offence that carries demerit points, the points are added to your driving record. If you incur the threshold number of demerit points within a three-year period, a licence suspension or refusal is applied. The three-year period is calculated between the dates the offences were committed. It ends on the day your most recent offence was committed.

For further information regarding demerit points please visit: [rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits/](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/demerits/)



# IT'S ALL ABOUT FUN FRIENDS & ADVENTURE

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## GIRL GUIDES MEET NEAR YOU

### Wyong Junior Guides

For girls 6–9 years old  
Tuesdays 4.30–6pm

### Wyong Guides

For girls 10–13 years old  
Wednesdays 6.30–8.30pm

### Lakelands Division Senior Guides

For girls 14–17 years old  
Tuesdays 6.30–8.30pm

Wyong Guide Hall,  
8 Levitt Street  
(opposite the Tennis Courts)



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everyone's family

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