



# Tacoma Public School Newsletter

22 May 2023

## Dates to remember

### Fri 26 May

K-2 Walkabout excursion

### Thu 1 June

Reconciliation Day  
Activities

### Fri 2 June

Reconciliation Week  
Assembly 1.45pm  
Chess Competition

### Fri 2 June

Reconciliation Week  
Assembly 2pm

### Fri 16 June

Assembly 2pm

### Wed 21 June

P&C Meeting 7pm

### Thur 22 June

School Spelling Bee  
K-2 10am 3-6 11.30am

### Tue 27 Jun—Thur 29 Jun

Life Education Van

## Principal's message

Dear Tacoma families

Here we are, racing through Term 2. Time goes too quickly!

### NETBALL & SOCCER TEAMS

Congratulations to our netball and soccer teams who have represented our school so well. They showed determination, never gave up and represented their school with pride. Thank you to Mrs Bender, Miss K and Mr Webster for their training and organisation.



### ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

A massive well done to our school Zone Cross Country team. I have been told how supportive you were of each other and what good sports you all were. We really had some incredible results!

★ Mark 2nd ★ Koda 3rd ★ Ruby 9th ★ Jack 15th ★ Harvey

17th ★ Ava 18<sup>th</sup> ★ Lana 18th ★ Chloe 21st ★ Jarlah 21st

A HUGE congratulations to Koda and Mark who will represent our Wallarah Zone at Regional Cross Country at Gosford. We are so proud of our students. Thank you to our families who supported the team and Mrs White and Mr Webster for their organisation and care.





## EARLY BIRDS TO SCHOOL

While I LOVE our students at school on-time, please be aware that our school does not officially open with supervision until 8.30am. We open the gate at 8.20am for the arrival of our first bus but the children are unsupervised. Unfortunately, parents are taking advantage of the TASK gate being open early and we have students arriving as early as 8am. If you need to drop your child this early, you need to enrol your child into TASK before school care. It is too early and too cold for children to be sitting in a shaded playground in the morning. If able, I appreciate you dropping your children as close to the bell as possible. Students are not allowed to play with any equipment before school as there is only one teacher on duty, so they are not missing out.

## SORRY DAY – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

*Why do we acknowledge National Sorry Day?*

Every year on 26 May, Australia pauses to acknowledge the grief, trauma and loss suffered by the Stolen Generations by observing National Sorry Day. It is a day to reflect on its true importance and share the steps towards the continuing healing for the First Australians affected, as well as their families and communities.

We will have a short assembly on Friday in the COLA at 10.50am. All are welcome.



## K-2 EXCURSION – THIS FRIDAY

We wish our very excited K-2 students a wonderful learning experience on Friday as they travel to Walkabout Wildlife Park. Many thanks to Mrs Nicholson for her meticulous organisation and the teachers and SLSOs who are attending to supervise our little ones! Be safe! Have fun! Learn lots!

## RECONCILIATION WEEK - Week 6

This is a time to share our learning about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. You are welcome to attend an assembly where classes will share their learning and their commitment to reconciliation. Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June @ 1.45pm in the hall.





## DRAINAGE WORKS

The drainage works are almost complete. However, I am very unhappy with the state of the nature area and the lack of promised turf in various places. It is really disappointing. I will keep you updated.

## ATTENDANCE

It's been a tough couple of weeks with lots of sickness going around. Thank you to those families who continue to send their children to school when they are well.

# 100%

100% attendance awards: congratulations to these students who have achieved this incredible accomplishment from Term 1 to Week 4 Term 2!

Duncan & Maxwell – Gulang	Noah, Eli & James - Banal	Liana & Stevana – Bamayi
Lily S, Lila and Paislee – Murgu	Jye & Jaxson – Balba	Joshua – Garawa
Sophia – Badhu	Parkar B, Harvey & Jarlah – Gundang	

This week, our class attendance champions on 74% were Garawa, Banal AND Gundang!

These classes will enjoy 15 minutes extra play today.



## SEEN IN THE OFFICE

I loved seeing this quality work from our mathematicians in Gundang and Garawa. Well done, Manu and Tyler for your angle work and Karter, Dean, Hendrix and Mateo for their clever thinking with equivalent numbers.

We have a wonderful community. I am so very proud to lead it. Thank you for all you do to work in a partnership with us to support our students.

Have a wonderful fortnight and keep warm! Thank you for getting your children to school – on time, every day, all day.

Nicole Burgess

Principal



## Assembly Award Winners

Gulang—Sahiba, Tahlia, Carter

Banal—Aurora B, Max W, Jesse

Bamayi—Lachlan, Lacey-Rae, Isabelle

Murgu—Jessica, Indi, Hayley



Gundang—Malakkai, Tanay, Gretel

Balba—Oliver, Declan, Chloe

Garawa— Sydney, Sophie, Sam

Badhu—Harry, Pippa, Matthew



**Noah, Ryder, Tahlia, Huxley, Jacob, Jye, Sahiba, Max L, Max C, Jasmine, George, Amaliya, Kobe, Sienna**