



Tacoma Public School Newsletter

5 June 2023

Dates to remember

Weds 7th June

Sausage sizzle

Wear it Yellow day

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

Tue 27 June

Reports home

Fri 30 June

Assembly 2pm

Last day of Term 2

Tue 18 July

Students return to
school



Principal's message

Week 7 is here and we have been so busy!

RECONCILIATION WEEK

Thank you so very much to Mrs Fraser, Mrs Simpson and our classroom teachers for their incredible efforts in providing authentic recognition, learning and reflection about our true shared history and identifying positive ways to move forward, as both First Nations peoples and non-indigenous Australians, on a shared path into the future resulting in the best outcomes for all of us. I am so appreciative of the effort staff went to, to provide age-appropriate learning experiences for our students. I loved seeing all our students proudly having a voice for generations. I sat there for most of the assembly with goosebumps and tears in my eyes and am so very proud to be the Principal of our school.

I also wanted to share some incredibly positive attendance improvements for our Aboriginal students. The number of Aboriginal students whose attendance is below 85% has decreased by 17% this year so far – from 32% in 2022 to 15% in 2023. AND this year, **80% of our Aboriginal students are attending more than 90% of the time.** This is a dramatic 47% improvement from 43% in 2022! Congratulations, one and all. It is a team effort and every Aboriginal student, family and staff member should be proud.

MESSAGE STICK HANDOVER

Congratulations to Harlow and Kaley who represented our school with dignity and professionalism. I was so proud listening to our girls speak in front of Wyong Public School. They controlled their nerves and were brilliant. It was a special moment to pass the Ngara AECG Message Stick to one of our past students and sister to Kaley, Tamsyn. Tamsyn is in the OC class at Wyong, a school prefect and we are very proud of her too!





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KNIGHTS OF TACOMA

Our wonderful "Knights of Tacoma" were fantastic ambassadors of our school, representing all of our values beautifully. They also had some good wins. Mr Kirk is very proud, as am I!

WEAR IT YELLOW DAY – WEDNESDAY 7/6



Please bring a gold coin donation which will go to 'Children's Ground' to support this First Nations charity. Many thanks to Mrs Simpson for her organisation.

CASUAL TEACHER SHORTAGE

The casual teacher shortage is really starting to impact our ability to replace teachers and SLSOs. We are trying to not split classes by using Miss Tuff, Mrs Simpson and our executive staff to replace teachers as well as sometimes cancel library/RFF for the day. However, sometimes this will happen.

UNIFORM

Just a reminder about uniforms. Some children are wearing the wrong jumpers/hats/socks/stockings. The only acceptable uniform is below:

Hats – school hat only. Available from the canteen

Socks – black, green or white

Stockings - green or black

Jumpers/Jackets – Bottle green or school jacket/jumper. Plus Zone hoodies, Sydney North Hoodies or CCDF hoodies. No netball jackets. If you need a jacket or jumper, please send your child to the office. We have a small supply in our clothing pool.

Additionally, Year 6 children may wear black leggings or tracksuit pants as they match their Year 6 t-shirts.

THANK YOU, TEACHERS

Our teachers are incredibly dedicated to doing the very best they can for your children. This time of year, they are teaching, assessing, calling parents, writing reports, reading reports, organising special weeks and events as well as trying to look after their own families. I am so appreciative of how hard they work and the high expectations they have of your children, and themselves.

Thank you to the outstanding Tacoma teachers and executive! We are so lucky to have you in our school.



HAPPY 30th BIRTHDAY!

Happiest of birthdays to our beautiful Miss Tuff who celebrates her birthday on Saturday! We hope you have the most wonderful day. ❤️

KINDERGARTEN 2024

Calling all Happy Spirits! It is time to get ready for big school and enrol via the link below or visit our Tacoma Public School website.

<https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=3147>

We will be starting our Transition Playgroup next term and cannot wait to meet our Kindergarten 2024 students!

If you know of any children who are starting school age and in our zone, please pass this information on to them or ask them to call the school on 4353 1154.





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SEEN AROUND THE SCHOOL

Maddy and I were sharing our Physie achievements last week I think you are doing much better than me! We also enjoyed our 95+% attendance morning teas. The 3-6 one was in the massive hail storm! Congratulations to these students!



Have a healthy and safe fortnight, Tacoma! Don't forget to test your children if they have any Covid symptoms please! Let us know if you need any more RAT tests.

Nicole Burgess

Principal

Healthy Harold

Life Education—Healthy Harold payments and permission notes are due by Friday, 16th of June. This is \$6.00 per child. Thank you to our P&C who are covering half of this cost.

Stage 3 Camp payments

A reminder that if you wish to use a Back to School Voucher towards Stage 3 Camp that this needs to be done by 30th June. Please contact the office to have these applied.

Assembly Award Winners

Gulang—Harper, Owen, Maxwell

Banal—Willow, Ethan, Eli

Bamayi—Atticus, Beau, Ethan

Murgu—Marley, Lily, Frankie



Gundang—Jibril, Ayden, Gavriel, Aubree

Balba—Oliver, Declan, Chloe

Garawa— Sydney, Sophie, Sam

Badhu—Harry, Pippa, Matthew



Dean, Abigail, Piper, Maxx, Sebastian & Jack

K-2 Excursion the Walkabout Wildlife Park

On Friday, May 26 K-2 left sunny Tacoma traveling by coach for a day in Calga at the Walkabout Wildlife Sanctuary. We were greeted by two rangers Tahlia and Liesel. After some morning tea we split into two groups for our ranger-led activities learning about animals with spikes, scales, and fur. We came up close and personal to a blue tongue lizard, python, koala, and tawny frog mouth. Students were able to touch these animals if they wanted. We saw bats, parrots, wombats, emus, Tasmanian devils, guinea pigs, dingoes, kangaroos, and wallabies to name a few. Students, staff and parents were privileged to see the two Servals from Africa who recently arrived at the park. These animals were truly hypnotic to watch as they effortlessly jumped and ran around their enclosure. After lunch, Liesel and Tahlia educated us about Aboriginal bush painting, making ochre paint, and painting ourselves too! Then students were shown how to make bush soap using the leaves from the golden wattle. These Aboriginal perspectives were embraced by students participating enthusiastically. Before heading back to a very windy and wet, Tacoma students spent some time patting the kangaroos, wallabies, and emus. Staff would like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful parent volunteers, Courtney, Sarah, Brooke, Jacky, and Ali, for your time and support. We could not offer these opportunities for our students without you! A wonderful day was had by all! K-2 Teachers

