



Tacoma Public School Newsletter

31 July 2023

Dates to remember

Mon 31 July —Fri 4 Aug

Education Week

Tue 1 August

Class/grade Spelling Bee

Weds 2 August

Outside Gallery & Shared
Lunch—11.30am

Fri 4 August

Stage 3 Camp payment
DUE

Tues 8 August

Athletics Carnival

Weds 9 August

Public Speaking Finals
K-2 9.30am 3-6 11.30am

Mon 21 —Wed 23 Aug

Stage 3 Camp

Mon 14 Aug—Fri 25 Aug

Swim & Water Safety
Program

Tues 15 Aug

School Spelling Bee

Principal's message

Happy Education Week Tacoma!



Education Week this year has special significance as the NSW Department of Education marks 175 years of public education – focusing on learning from our past, celebrating our achievements and embracing the future with confidence.

It celebrates the excellence that occurs every day across the state's 95,000 classrooms. It also celebrates the achievements of our students and school staff and the support of our parents, carers and school communities.

I am so fortunate to be celebrating Education Week with the very best staff, students and families in the very best school! I am so proud of all we have achieved and are achieving to improve our students' life outcomes. Thank you.

It is a big day of celebration this WEDNESDAY from 11.30am. All families are welcome! See below for the day's agenda.

Time	What	Where
11.30 – 12.15pm	Outdoor Art Gallery Meet our school leaders at the front gate (near office) to receive a map. Start your gallery walk at your child's classroom and walk around the route with your child/ren Please note: Badhu, Garawa, Murgu and Gundang will meet you in the COLA.	Around school
12.30pm – 1pm	Students return to classrooms. Parents join Mrs Fletcher in the hall for a session of FUN MATHS GAMES to improve your child's numeracy skills! There will be 4 lucky door prizes to win! Year 6 will also be helping with the games.	Students – classroom Parents - hall
1pm – 1.15pm	Picnic lunch with your kids! Pick up from the canteen (pre-order) or bring your own!	COLA
1.15pm – 1.45pm	Students play. Parents can go home or join a game with your kids.	Playground
2pm – 2.30pm	Education Week Awards of Excellence Assembly	Hall
3pm – 3.45pm	Outdoor Art Gallery – afternoon showing Collect a map from the teachers and walk around the route with your child/ren	Around school
3.45pm	GATES CLOSED	





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Please call the office if you have any questions! The students have been working so hard on their artworks – it is going to be impressive.

SPELLING BEE

The annual spelling bee starts this year again this week as each grade runs their individual spelling bees. The school spelling bee for K-2 and 3-6 will be held in Week 5, 15th August. Thanks Mrs Nicholson for your organisation.



PUBLIC SPEAKING



Our Public Speaking Class competitions are starting this week! Students will be reading their speech to their class and the winners will present their speeches at the school final on August 9. K-2 will be at 9.30am and 3-6 will be at 11.30am. Thank you to Mrs Makepeace for her organisation.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Tuesday 8th August

Please pay at the school office. ALL students are expected to attend. There will be NO supervision at school for students. Many thanks to Mr Webster for his organisation of this big event!



SWIM & WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

We have opened this wonderful program to all students, Years 2 – 4. Please contact the office for more information. Limited places for your child to learn how to swim or strengthen their skills.

CONGRATULATIONS – IT'S A BABY BOY!

Mr and Mrs Webster welcomed another boy into their family just before the holidays! Zack Garry Webster.

We are thrilled for you all!



KINDER 2024

We are taking enrolments for Kinder 2024! Please pass this message onto anyone you know who are in area. We are now accepting online enrolments only. <https://ehub.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/schoolenrolment/?schoolCode=3147>

HAPPY SPIRITS PLAY GROUP

Do you know anyone starting Kindergarten at Tacoma in 2024? Our Play Group is starting in Week 5! 2pm on Thursdays in front of the hall. Siblings are welcome!



Have a wonderful fortnight, Tacoma. I hope to see you all on Wednesday!

Nicole Burgess

Principal



Book Week 'Read, Grow, Inspire'

This year we are celebrating Book Week during Week 7. We are hosting a Scholastic book fair during the week and holding a book parade, where students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday 31st August. Parents are invited to attend and can purchase from the book fair online or on the day in person.



Happy Birthday!

Lucas, Tianna, Benjamin, Mia. M, Koda, Zach, Isabella, Mason, Emily, Owen, Gavriel, Zak, Manaaki, Beau. K, El-loise, Zephrein



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Stage 3 Camp payments

Full payment is due by 4th August.

Assembly Award Winners—Term 3 Week 1

Gulang—Jaylyn, Wylder & Lucy

Banal—Hunter, Maxx & Araura

Bamayi—Isabelle, Beau & Ethan

Murgu—Oliver, Kabel & Lucas



Gundang—Lexi, Chase & Evah

Balba—Katelyn, Tianna & Jye

Garawa— Alex, Chelsea-Lee & Mark

Badhu—Eliza, Zac & Bentley



NSW Health Primary School Dental Program

NSW Health is working with the Department of Education and public primary schools to offer free dental check-ups and preventive care to all students as part of a school-based mobile dental program. Our school has been selected to participate in the program.

Many parents may not realise two important things about their children's teeth:

1. Good oral health is essential for children to successfully learn and participate at school, and
2. NSW Health offers free public dental health services to all children under 18 years of age.

Learning and behaviour difficulties at school can start with tooth and gum problems. That's because decay and gum disease can cause pain and difficulties in eating, sleeping, talking, concentrating, and learning, which can in turn affect a child's behaviour in class. A child with tooth decay may feel self-conscious about the way their teeth look and feel, making it harder for them to join in class and social activities.

Our school is participating in the program and offering students the opportunity to have free dental check-ups in a comfortable and familiar environment at school. With a parent/carer's consent, students are able to have a free dental check-up and free preventive care.

The program is scheduled to visit our school from **Thursday August 24th to Friday September 1st**.

A Parent Information and Consent Pack was sent home last week with each student, and includes information sheets, consent forms and the program privacy statement. Parents/carers who want their child to receive care are advised to:

1. Read all the information provided in the pack
2. Carefully complete all the fields of the consent forms
3. Return the consent forms to the school as soon as possible

More information about the program or how to access public dental clinics is available on the NSW Health website at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/primaryschool dental> or <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact CCLHD Primary School Mobile Dental Program – Wyong Hospital on 4394 4842 or email CCLHD-MDC@health.nsw.gov.au

It is not usual practice for parents to attend these school-based appointments.

If you wish to accompany your child to their dental appointment, please contact NSW Health Public Dental Services Central Coast on phone: 1300 789 404 to make an appointment at one of their NSW Health Dental Clinics.