



# Tacoma Public School Newsletter

11 September 2023

## Dates to remember

**Every Thursday from  
17 Aug –21 Sep**

Happy Spirits playgroup  
2pm

**Wed 13 Sep**

Parents Cyber Safety  
Talk 6pm

**Thur 14 Sep**

Author Dub Leffler Visits

**Tue 19 Sep**

Cyber Safety Talks—  
Years 3-6

**Fri 22 Sep**

Last day of Term 3

**Mon 9 Oct**

Students return Term 4

**Thu 19 Oct—Thu 16 Nov**

Kindergarten 2024  
Orientation sessions

Thursdays 9.15-10.45am

**Fri 1 Dec**

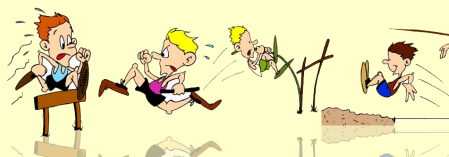
Volunteers morning tea



## Principal's message

Week 9 is here! I simply cannot believe it is the last two weeks of Term 3!

### ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



It was a cold, wet and windy day. Many thanks to Mrs White, Mr Webster and our wonderful parents who stood out in the freezing cold, rainy conditions last

Friday for the zone athletics carnival. Also to our incredible team of kids, who cheered their school mates on all day. Well done to you all. Special mention to Kayleb for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in shot put, Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1500m and 800m and Karter 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100m. Mark and Karter will represent us at Sydney North. So many of our students also made the 100m finals – it was an exciting day!

Special mention to our brave Ava – she ran in the 1500m race (and almost completed it) with appendicitis. Her determination to compete over-ran her pain. Thankfully, she got to hospital safely and is recovering from her operation. Sending all our love to our little warrior!





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## ZONE PUBLIC SPEAKING – 13/9

All the very best to our Public Speaking superstars who will represent Tacoma this Wednesday. Good luck

Luna Abigail Mateo Hayley Paislee Katelyn Sydney Kaley

Thanks to Mrs Stoodley, Mrs Makepeace for their organisation!



## ATTENDANCE

Our attendance rate has sadly dropped and I am asking all our families to make a BIG effort for the final weeks of term to get your kids to school EVERY DAY. Also, please remember to let the school know (phone/email/text) if your child is away and the reason. We can improve Tacoma!

**ON TIME! ALL DAY! EVERY DAY!**

## INTERRELATE CYBER SAFETY TALK

The P&C are generously paying for this Incredible opportunity for our families. THIS IS A MUST FOR ALL PARENTS to prepare yourself for the world your child is potentially exposed to online and HOW TO PROTECT THEM.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September (this week) 6pm in library. Tea/coffee/snacks provided. Adults only event. Please RSVP to school office asap.

## THANKS TO THE P&C

The P&C have also very generously provided a year subscription to the research based program, ABC Reading Eggs to our K-2 students! We are using Reading Eggs in class to consolidate literacy concepts taught and all



students K-2 have a log in they can also

use at home. Contact your class teacher for details.

We are extremely fortunate to have an active P&C who so generously provide the students of our school so many beneficial and supportive educational opportunities. Thank you Tacoma P&C!

Thank you for valuing the education your child receives. This improves their life outcomes and success in their adult lives significantly.

I wish all our wonderfully supportive families a happy and safe holiday.

Nicole Burgess  
Principal

Gulang—Tahlia, Carter & Luka

Banal—Aurora M, Olivia & Leo

Bamayi—Archie, Atticus & Havana

Murgu—Indi, Karter & Jacob H



Gundang—Samantha, Koda & Malakkai

Balba—Charlotte, Chloe & Kaede

Garawa—Kaley, Ethan & Sam

Badhu—Matthew, Elijah & Dylan



## Happy Birthday!

Katelyn, Hunter, Jarlah, Ruby, Aurora, Maddison, Jarrod, Eli, Doha, Harrison R, Isaac X, Addison



**Cybersmart & Safe Parent Edition**

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**Cybersmart & Safe Parent Edition**

Audience: Parents and carers of primary-school-aged children  
Sessions: 1 x 60-minute face-to-face seminar

Program focus:

- Internet usage and kids' attitudes to the digital world
- Setting boundaries in relation to technology use
- Apps, websites, online gaming and sexting
- Cybersafety
- Age-appropriate content and controls
- Keeping young people safe online
- Australian cybercrime laws



**We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 24 October 2023!**

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

### **What this means for you**

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 17 October 2023.
- Last day to make cash or cheque payments will at 1pm on Wednesday 18 October 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal
- Moving forward, when making a payment online, you will be redirected to a Service NSW page to complete an online payment. This is the new payment platform for online as directed by the NSW Department of Education.
- Payments made online will display as OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AUS on your bank statements moving forward.

### **What is the School Bytes portal**

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required
- This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, or cheque.

### **Cyber Smart & Safety Courses**

Please return your permission note or provide permission via Sentral for our Cyber Smart & Safety course for students in years 3-6 as soon as possible. These sessions are held in class on 19th September.

Our Cyber Smart & Safety parents course is on Wednesday 13th September at 6pm.  
Please return your permission note as soon as possible if you are attending.



# TASK Holidays

# TACOMA PS

**W1** | SEPT/OCT, 2023  
BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 20 SEPT

From as low as -  
**\$7.50**  
(with max.  
govt. CCS)

**MONDAY  
25 SEPT**

**HOLI-DAY-ONES**

Kick-off the **SPRING** holidays with face painting, **CRAZY HAIR** and fun-filled games.

Plus, learn how to make **GIANT BUBBLES** & a secret bonus for our day-one TASKers.

*Full Fee - \$75*

**TUESDAY  
26 SEPT**

*World Animal Day*

Participate in a celebration for the rights and welfare of Animals across the globe.

**Amazement Farm & Fun Park**

*Full Fee - \$96*

**WEDNESDAY  
27 SEPT**

**ARTY PARTY**

Party in style with arts, crafts, and creative pallets.

**Apron design, canvas' & clay**

*Full Fee - \$96*

**THURSDAY  
28 SEPT**

**ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND**

Not just a regular celebration, prepare for adventure! Jumping, flipping dodging & weaving!

**@ Tonz of Fun Wyong**

*Full Fee - \$96*

**FRIDAY  
29 SEPT**

**PIZZA PARTY**

**Pizza, pizza please! Party games & more.**

*Full Fee - \$75*

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

**BOOKINGS**  
[task-kids.com.au](http://task-kids.com.au)  
[enrol@task-kids.com.au](mailto:enrol@task-kids.com.au)  
1300 827 500

**W2** | SEPT/OCT, 2023  
BOOKINGS CLOSE - WED 27 SEPT

**MONDAY  
2 OCT**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**TASK IS CLOSED TODAY**

*Full Fee - \$75*

**TUESDAY  
3 OCT**

**HOLIDAY COOKING CLUB**

Join us for something **SAVORY** or **SWEET** that can't be beat. We'll make something good to eat!

*Full Fee - \$75*

**WEDNESDAY  
4 OCT**

**BIG SCREEN DAY OUT**

Enjoy a **Movie Day Out!**

**RUBY GILLMAN, TEENAGE KRAKEN**

*Full Fee - \$96*

**THURSDAY  
5 OCT**

**TASK TARGETS**

We're turning our TASK playground into a fun-filled tagging playing field!

**ARROW TAG @ LMPS**

*Full Fee - \$96*

**FRIDAY  
6 OCT**

**ADDAMS FAMILY FRIDAY FUN**

Dress up for Halloween and play spooky games with other TASKers!

*Full Fee - \$75*

**The After School Klub**

Please read BOOK ME description for detailed information • Excursion days - places limited • TASK is egg & nut free • Afternoon tea provided  
• All Holiday Program subject to change • Each day please bring: recess, lunch and water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labelled.