



Tacoma Public School Newsletter

8 April 2024

Dates to remember

Fri 12 Apr

Last day of Term 1 for students

Tue 30 Apr

Students return for Term 2

Wed 8 May

Mothers Day Stall

Fri 10 May

School Cross Country Carnival

Mothers Day Breakfast

Fri 24 May

Zone Cross Country Carnival

Wed 29 May

Stage 3 excursion payment due

Wed 5 Jun

Walter & Friends Performance

Thu 20 Jun

School Spelling Bee

Wed 26 Jun—Fri 28 Jun

Stage 3 Canberra excursion

Thu 27 Jun

Didjeribone Performance K-4

Acting Principal's message

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have made it to the end of Term 1! We have had a wonderful term, with all stages using the new syllabi and associated units in English and mathematics. Tacoma staff are doing amazing things for your children and we are seeing fantastic results in each and every class.

TACOMA'S NEW PRINCIPAL

Please see later in the newsletter a message from Jason Baldwin, the Director for Tacoma PS, regarding the appointment of our new principal, Ms Nicole Pattison. At the time of printing this newsletter, we don't have a definite starting date, but it will be early in Term 2. I would like to sincerely thank all of the parents and carers for your support of me in the time I have been managing the transition between two permanent principals at our wonderful school. Your support is so very much appreciated and so important to the wellbeing of your amazing children!

ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day this year falls in the second week of the school holidays. We will hold our school service after the holidays on Tuesday 30th April at 10:45pm in the hall. All parents and carers are welcome to attend our school Anzac service.

Please join Mr Kirk and our school leaders on Anzac Day in Wyong at the Cenotaph for the Anzac Day morning service, starting at 10:00am, followed by the march to Club Wyong carpark. If attending, could students please wear their full school uniform.

I would like to wish all our wonderful families a safe and happy holiday period. Staff will resume on Monday 29th April for a Staff Development Day, which is coordinated across the state and includes valuable professional learning for teachers in the area of the new syllabi. We welcome back our beautiful Tacoma students on Tuesday 30th April for an action-packed term full of learning and fun.

Have a great week!
Jo Stuckey



STAGE 3 CAMP PAYMENTS

A reminder that full payment for Stage 3 Camp is due by Wednesday 29th May.

Part payments of any amount can be paid online via the School Bytes app or via cash at the office.

CASH PAYMENTS MADE IN OFFICE

As more people are making online payments we very rarely have change in the office. Where possible please bring the correct amount of money. We cannot have people leave money with us to collect change later.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A YEAR 5 PLACEMENT IN AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS IN 2025

https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/media/OC_2024_-_Information_for_applicants-procedures_and_guidelines.pdf





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LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY—DIRECTOR, EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Dear Tacoma Public School Parents and community

I am writing to provide you all an update on the process for selecting the new Principal for the school.

As you would already be aware, the merit selection process has been underway throughout this term and is now concluded. As the Director for Tacoma PS, I had the honour of convening the merit selection panel to appoint the new Principal for Tacoma following the wonderful work done by our last Principal, Mrs Nicole Burgess. The panel was made up of representatives from the key stakeholder groups. We had a parent representative from the Tacoma PS P&C, a representative from the staff team and the Ngará Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, as well as a Principal from another school. All members of the panel worked through the advertisement, shortlisting and interview process which was highly sought after by a large number of qualified skilled applicants.

Ms Nicole Pattison, who is the current Principal of Arcadia Public School (located near Windsor) has been appointed to the role of Principal at Tacoma Public School, pending the 10 day appeal period for applicants. Prior to her current role as Principal, Nicole was a Relieving Deputy Principal and Assistant Principal at Niagara Park Public School and a teacher at other Central Coast Schools. Nicole and her family still live on the Central Coast and Nicole grew up in the Wyong Area. Nicole is very excited to be coming back to the Central Coast to be the Principal of Tacoma Public School and can't wait to get started and to be able to meet everyone. I hope that Nicole may be able to start at some point early in Term 2.

I would like to very sincerely thank Jo Stuckey for her ongoing wonderful work and support for all staff, students and community members as Acting Principal. Jo has been so professional, dedicated and supportive in her role and as always, has worked tirelessly to provide the best support for our wonderful Tacoma Public School staff and students. I am certainly very grateful for all of the work this term from the whole staff team to ensure the school has continued to provide excellent learning and wellbeing opportunities.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday period and I know you will join with me in welcoming Nicole in Term 2 as your new Principal.

Yours sincerely

Jason Baldwin
Director, Educational Leadership | Central Coast Principal Network
Public Schools | Regional North Directorate
NSW Department of Education



Awards—Term 1 Week 10

Banal— Thomas & Fletcher

Gulang— Cooper, Santana & Carter

Bamayi— Araura-Jean, Sahiba & Jack

Murgu—Lachlan, Floyd & Hannah

Waagir— Lily, Stevana & Hazel

Gundang—Cory, Samantha & Maddison

Balba— Charlotte, Jibril & Katelyn

Badhu—Eli, Jaxson & Zeke

Garawa— Chelsea-Lee, Mark & Matthew



Happy Birthday!

**Indiana, Duncan, Jiji, Jesse,
Samantha, Sophie, Chase,
Kenna, Ryan, Mateo, Lila,
Parkar, Jack, Eli, James &
Lexi**

K-2 RESPONSIBLE PET PROGRAM



2024 EASTER HAT PARADE





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Got a bit of time next month? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Wyong will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at Lifeblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.

Wyong Mobile Blood Donor Centre

Monday 22nd April – 9 am to 4.30 pm

Tuesday 23rd April – 9 am to 4.30 pm

Club Wyong RSL Bowling Club

Cnr of Anzac Ave and Margaret St
WYONG 2259 NSW

First Aid for Kids

Learn life-saving skills whilst having fun!

Every school holidays!

The KTS First Aid for Kids program is a tailored program for school age students ranging from 5-13 years of age. The program is specifically designed to help children learn age-appropriate first aid knowledge to help them know how to respond to an emergency.

Where: KARBen Training Solutions
3 Amy Close, Wyong

Duration: 2 hours

Cost: \$15 per child (inc. GST)

A parent/guardian must remain on site – tea and coffee will be provided

Contact us to secure a spot or scan the above QR code!

“ Both kids had the best time with KARBen learning hands on First Aid. They all had so much fun! They all really enjoyed the hands-on learning! So amazing! Thank you!”

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Central Coast Autumn Holiday Junior Chess Tournament (ages 6 to 17)

Friday 14 April

Must pre-enter by Wednesday 12 April

Central Coast Grammar School

9.30am – 4.00pm

With an educational checkmate puzzle competition and lots of prizes. Practice puzzles provided on entry.

Entry fee \$10

For full details please contact:

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