Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to Mrs Shaw who has been appointed as our new Assistant Principal. She will officially commence in this position at the beginning of next year. I am absolutely thrilled by this news, as I’m sure you will also be. 2015 is going to be a wonderful year for TPS.

As you may have noticed the school boat is back home where it belongs. I would like to thank Carrolls for transporting the boat to and from Wadalba CS and of course Mr Tunks and the students who spent many hours restoring her to her original beauty.

It has come to my attention that some parents have been parking in an unsafe manner in and around our school. If you park in the staff car park please make sure you leave your car to collect your children. Please do not allow your children to walk unescorted either through the car park or to your car. As always your children’s safety is our number one concern.

Tuggerawong Public School P&C have recently purchased a school bus for their before and after school care. This is fantastic news for our school as it makes it a very easy option if you need this service. More information is following in this newsletter.

Our students have decorated a Christmas tree which is displayed in the Village Central Wyong. If you are in the area please pop in and have a look at how creative our students (and staff) have been.

Just a reminder, in regard to attendance, all students are required to attend school up until the last day of teaching, Wednesday 17 December 2014. Prior to this date, students in all classes will be engaged in meaningful work based on the curriculum. If you are seeking permission for your child not to be at school for a period of time please contact the office.

I hope you have a fantastic week!

Jeanette Dillon
The money raised from the “Fun Food Fair” will be used for our future “Gardening Club” here at Tacoma Public School.

All food items will be sold for 50c each. There will be a variety of foods eg. popcorn, choc chip biscuits, cupcakes, jelly cups, home made lemonade, fruit kebabs and lots more! Remember to bring your coins on Wednesday 10th December.

**Before & After School Care**

Tuggerawong Public School P & C are now offering Before and After School Care to the students of Tacoma Public School. They will be operating from Tuggerawong Public School with a bus provided to transport our student to and from school.

Vacation Care is also available for the Christmas 2014 period.

For further information please contact Rhiannon on 0402 799 490 or email tpsoosh@gmail.com

**Library**

Borrowing for this year has finished. Please assist with organisation by ensuring that all books and home readers are returned as soon as possible. Books can be returned on any day, you do not need to wait for your library day.

Thank you

Sue Crittenden

**Student Banking**

Student banking has finished for 2014. Tokens will roll over to next year.

**Parent Online Payments**

Just a reminder regarding POP payments - Payments made online WILL NOT BE PROCESSED until a signed permission note is received. Students cannot attend excursions without a permission note even if payment has been made.

**Uniform Shop News**

Girls Skirts are now available for purchase from the uniform shop. We have sizes 4—12 in stock and larger sizes can be ordered. Cost is $20. The uniform shop is open each Tuesday from 8.30am—1pm and Thursday mornings between 8.30 and 9 am.

**The Uniform Shop will be opened at the following times in 2015:**

- 9am-10am 27th January (Staff Development Day)
- 9am-10am each morning in Week 1 and Week 2

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**Leaders Stars of the Week**

**Sienna and Natureh**

**K-6 Movie Day**

All money to K-6 Movie Day to The Entrance is due in by this Wednesday, 10th December. No money will be accepted after this date. All online payments must be made by 6pm tonight. Please send in permission note if you pay online.

**Christmas Raffle**

All raffle tickets and money should be returned to the office by this Friday 12th December.

**Fun Food Fair**

This term in our HSIE unit 3/4K are learning about the needs of the community for goods and services. They are looking at the ways in which these needs are met and how providers promote their goods and services.

To celebrate out learning 3/4K will be presenting a “Fun Food Fair” to the Tacoma students in the hall this Wednesday 10th December.

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**Merit Awards**

**KH**  Kiana J, Jacquialyn C  
**K/1S**  Harry R, Emma M  
**1/2F**  Charlie O, Blake M  
**2/3B**  Zac S, Kaylee P  
**3/4K**  Isaac G, Charlie M  
**4/5M**  Lachlan C, Haydan G  
**6M**  Jake M, Joey B
K-4 Farm Visit

Why did the chicken cross the road?

To visit the best farm on the Central Coast at Wyong High School, of course!

After our visit last Tuesday, the students of KH, K/1S, 1/2F, 2/3B and 3/4K would definitely agree that it is a fantastic place. In our classes we were escorted around the various activities by some knowledgeable and wonderful year 9 students. We met the farm’s horse, called Magic, and a cranky rooster. We learnt about a sacred rock where the Darkinjung people met and the tools they used to hunt animals and gather food. The fun continued when we learned about the rainbow trout that were splashing in the big tank, the very cute baby lamb and the very muddy pigs. After our fantastic sausage sandwich for lunch we watched a sheep being shorn and the children were lucky enough to take a sample of wool home. As our extremely hot day came to an end we all enjoyed cold ice blocks and some beautiful fresh oranges picked by our very own children. A big thank you goes to Mr Unger of Wyong High School who kindly invited us for a day on his wonderful farm!

Our school now has a free app to deliver school information, instantly and directly to your smartphone.

How to get the School Stream app on your mobile device
1. From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Play Store (Android), search for school stream and download the app to your phone
2. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search then select your school.
3. Are your children attending different schools? Tap the school selector, select add a school, type (the school name*) into the search then add. Jump between your children’s schools.

*Any additional schools will need to be licensed users of School Stream to appear in the app.

Choose what notifications you receive
1. Open the School Stream app on your mobile device
2. From the slide-in menu, go to Settings
3. Under Edit/Alerts select My Schools and select your School to open the Notifications page
4. Toggle notifications on or off individually (e.g. Alerts, Events, Newsletters, etc.)
5. When you have finished, use the Back button to return to the Settings page, then select Done to return to your School
Disclaimer:

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Quote of the week....

Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be. –Grandma Moses