Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone; I hope you had a restful holiday with your children. Term 3 is a very busy term for us with our major excursions for stage 2 & 3 as well as our school concert. Included in this newsletter is our term calendar. Please keep it handy so you don’t miss out on our special events.

There have been a number of staff changes this term. I will be taking leave for two weeks commencing next week. Mrs Shaw will be replacing me in my absence. Mrs Morasut will be teaching K/1S while Mrs Shaw is in the office. Additionally I would like to welcome Ms Magsalin who will be working with Mrs Kable and 6K and Ms Mercieca who will be working with Mrs Andrews in 3/4K. Mrs Asimus will continue working with 1/2F. We are very pleased to have you all with us and hope you enjoy your stay at Tacoma PS.

Two important events on the TPS calendar are quickly approaching, our annual Public Speaking Competition and School Spelling Bee. Please remind your children their speeches need to be at school next Monday for the class competitions to begin. Word lists for the spelling bee will be given to class teachers this week.

I would like to send a big thank you to Mrs Knott (Shelby and Linley’s grandmother) who made beautiful material bags to hold the pieces for our new chess sets. They are not only practical but also look fabulous; the children will really appreciate your effort.

Tomorrow morning we will be holding a training morning for our breakfast club volunteers. This will be held in the staff room at 9am. If you feel
you may be able to help please come along. The more people we have the less time each person needs to spend. We are looking at holding the launch on Wednesday 6 August; more information will be given closer to the date.

As you would be aware, one of my priorities is to gain feedback and suggestions from the community in regard to what we do at school. To support this I would like to invite you to join me in the staffroom after assembly to have a cuppa and informal chat after you drop off your children at school. I thought I would spread out the times to ensure the numbers are not too big. We will start with Kindergarten parents on Wednesday 13 August. If you can save this date it would be great. The other stages are allocated days later in the term.

Have a great week
Jeanette Dillon

**Principal’s Award**

Kiana, Maddison S, Cody F, Leah, Liam B, Katie R, Matilda K, Declan, Natureh, Koby, Callum S, Shelby, Lucy and James R

**Merit Awards**

**KH**  Jordyn & Indiana

**K/1S**  Thomas & Declan

**1/2F**  James R & Cooper

**2/3B**  Simran & Zac S

**3/4K**  Sumaiya & Nathan E

**4/5M**  Shelby & Joshua S

**6K**  Matthew B & William

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**CENTRAL COAST DANCE FESTIVAL**

WOW! What a fantastic performance on the last Monday night of last term. Our students were wonderful! There was so much energy on the stage. The students were buzzing. The audience really appreciated their efforts. From all reports, Tacoma received the most rousing reception with lots of cheers from the audience.

I would like to thank Robin Shepherd and Anna Pantoulas for helping me at the festival backstage in the holding room. Your assistance was greatly appreciated and certainly helped me, particularly with all of the nervous toilet runs!! To all the mums and dads who transported students to the dress rehearsal, THANK YOU. We couldn’t do this without your support.

I would like to thank all of the parents of the dancers. Your support and understanding throughout this has been fantastic. Your response to the many notes that went home and your enthusiasm has been great. So many of you gave us such positive feedback and really enjoyed the dance.

Lastly, I would like to thank the students. What a great bunch of kids!! Their behaviour and attitude was outstanding. They worked really hard and achieved a wonderful result in a very entertaining dance. They were a pleasure to take to the festival and should all be very proud of their efforts. They represented Tacoma admirably. I know they all enjoyed the wonderful opportunity. I have had some tell me it was the best thing they have ever done. Don’t forget to send in the blue note and money if you would like to purchase a DVD. All money is due by 31st July.

Regards,
Mel Kable
Stage 2 Zoo Snore Excursion
Not long now!! Please return dietary/medical forms by tomorrow as we need to inform the zoo as soon as possible of any dietary needs.

CHESS ROUNDUP
A great, big congratulations to our 2 chess teams who played in the Rookies division of the NSW Junior Chess League’s competition last term. They played Warnervale PS, Berkeley Vale PS, Lakes Grammar and St Brendan’s Catholic school. Tacoma A (Joey, Noah, Alex F & Josh) WON the division. This was a fantastic effort from a great group of boys. They had some very close tussles on the chess board. Tacoma B ( Alan, Vusi, Patrick, Matthew and Zach) came 3rd overall. Another great effort by our boys.

These are remarkable results for a first time attempt at this competition. We would like to give a great, BIG THANK YOU to Mr Gary Losh who volunteers his time every Thursday afternoon to teach these students skills needed to be successful chess players. This is certainly a program that will continue next year.

Mel Kable

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
We are looking at final numbers for this excursion. If you have not paid your deposit please do so immediately. Part payments are being accepted at the office or can be made online (from our school website). Please remember that final payment must be in by Wednesday 6 August.

Congratulations to Zac, Maddison and their family on the birth of their brother Mason.

Girls HOCKEY GALA Day
WOW! Our little Hockeyroos were awesome! The girls won Round 2 of the PSSA Competition on a forfeit. In round 3, they played Bateau Bay PS and played brilliantly. It was 0-0 for most of the game and with 7, yes 7 seconds to go we scored and won. We then moved on to round 4 and played Chittaway Bay PS. Again it was 0-0 for most of the game. We were certainly the better team on the field but just couldn’t pot one. We lost 2-0. The girls actually came 2nd out of all the Central Coast schools. An absolutely magnificent achievement for such a small school! The girls should certainly hold their heads high as they did Tacoma proud!

Boys HOCKEY Game
I’d just like to wish the boys hockey team the best of luck for their game against Bateau Bay PS tomorrow. Go get ‘em guys!!

Voluntary Contributions
Just a reminder that all voluntary contributions made will go towards sound and lighting equipment for the hall. Please be aware that contributions of any amount are gratefully accepted.

Tacoma Year 6 Fundraiser
Mum’s Movie Night Out
New movie starring Cameron Dias and Jason Segel
Friday 1st August 7:30pm
Tickets $18
Event Cinemas Tuggerah
For tickets contact Kylie
Ph 0407 489 230
email 2910ejs@gmail.com
or
Return money to the school office in an envelope marked Year 6 fundraiser
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Birthdays

Abbie-Rose, Bryce, JayJay, Joshua C, Zaine, Mohammed, Haydan, Sean & Chelsea

Quote of the week:

If you believe you can do it, you are right.

If you believe you can’t do it, you are also right.

Henry Ford