

School Newsletter

TAPS STUDENT VOICE



MAD SCIENTISTS ARE DISCOVERED AT TAPS Thomas Reddell Science Fair

On the 13th of August from 4:00pm to 6:00 pm TAPS students gathered at Thomas Reddall for a science fair competition. Ms Houlton, Mr Pope, Mrs Flamos and Mrs Boustani came down to judge and do crowd control. Our stage 3 students participated in a science fair back at school in their class, then from this we had a stage 3 science fair and the teachers selected a few students that went on to the next level. Along with those students & teachers from our school, Ambarvale students and staff and Thomas Reddall students and science faculty staff were all there to take part in this competition. All of the projects that were presented were sensational and worked very hard. Here is a list of some of these spectacular projects

Some of the projects were about popcorn, the best type of gum, the best activator for slime, the effect of heat on colour shirts and plant growth with different areas of sunlight and so much more.

We interviewed some students that went to the science fair to see how they enjoyed it and what their favourite part was.

Lilie said, "It was a good night, I enjoyed it and my favourite part was when the judges asked us questions based around my project."

Zahraa said, "It was a frustrating, nerve racking night but fun at the same time, my favourite part of the evening was the presentation at the end of the night."

After the judging process was complete, we had some refreshments and then sat down for the presentation. From here the head teacher of science spoke a bit about the night and how this years science theme was Apollo Eleven to acknowledge 50 years since the first moon landing. From here they then went to the awards ceremony. They gave medals out to students with the best artistic themes and then 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies to the best written science fair projects.

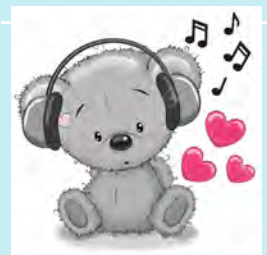
To wrap up the night it ended in a buzz of applause to congratulate everyone. All the projects were sensational and the night was well organised .

Written by Beth and Zahraa .



Jokes for Kids

PQ1. Why was the baby ant confused?
A1. Because all of his uncles were ants.



Q2. Why was the teddy bear not hungry?
A2. Because he was stuffed.



Q3. Why did the kid put sugar under his pillow
A3. So he would have sweet dreams

(by Lile-
Anne)

Grandparents invade TAPS in education week

On the 6th of August 2019 TAPS had a grandfriends day/book parade/open day. This is a very popular day for taps and it is one that we hold every year. This year the event was organised by stage 2 (year 3 and 4) teachers. The day involved performances such as drumming, school band and the choir. It also included open classes where grandparents and parents get to participate in their child's learning and a book parade.



Why do we have a book fair?

We have a book fair for two reasons firstly we are able to sell books to parents and grandparents which means more children can read a lot more than they used to. Secondly, to raise money for the school library.

The meaning of taps grandfriend's day.

Creating and making links between students, their families and the community is really important because it makes learners and families feel supported. Opening our school on occasions like grandfriend's day brings our learning community together and enables us to celebrate our shared successes together.

Dressing up

On Grandfriends' day K to 6 dress up as a theme this one was called reading is my superpower. Then kindly to year six walked around. This makes the day even more enjoyable and puts smiles on the faces of kids, parents, grandparents and even crazy teachers who dress up too.

Isabella & Riana

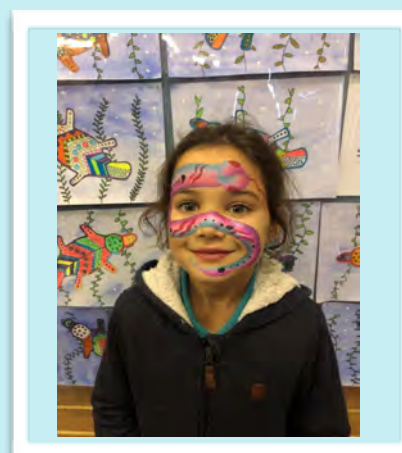


THE WEEK TO REMEMBER! TAPS NAIDOC WEEK!

Naidoc Week was a fun filled week for the whole of TAPS. This great event occurred on the last week of term two and was organized by Mrs Acevedo and Mrs Kinchela with great effort and amazing results. The events that have happened on that week were some fun activities and an outstanding assembly with many performances. Naidoc Week was definitely a week to remember.

NAIDOC WEEK ASSEMBLY! To start off Naidoc Week we had our Naidoc Week Assembly. This fun assembly was filled with many performances and many different types of awards were handed out to our Safe Respectful Learners.

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES Many exciting games took place for the rest of the week after the assembly. We had games like snakes and kangaroos, sand art, tracing totems, face painting had a little story read to the students and they learned about the spirit animal for this place, the lyrebird. Seeing all the happy faces of the students makes it clear that the organisers for this event did a really good job.



Irene & Hannah

TEACHER PROFILE 2019

Miss Johnston is a nice and caring teacher. If you are stuck at you learning she helps you a lot. She also encourages students to get in the learning pit. The pit is good for sweaty brains because this means you are learning more and challenging yourself.

Miss Johnston has been teaching at this school for 4 years. She has mainly taught stage 3. Miss Johnston is a very sporty teacher. That is probably why she also organises the sports carnivals. Miss Johnston came to TAPS when she finished her last teaching practice and then Mrs Bryce told her she got the job. Miss Johnston was 22 years old when she started teaching. Miss Johnston loves Thomas Acres Public School so much that she doesn't want to leave. Miss Johnston had been at university for 4 years, studying to become a teacher. Miss Johnston became a teacher because she likes helping people and seeing them succeed. When Miss Johnston doesn't work as a teacher, she likes eating, sleeping, painting, and playing soccer. Miss Johnston loves to play soccer, she even plays it outside of school and she started playing soccer when she was 5 years old. Miss Johnston's second job would be to work with flowers so if she didn't get her job as a teacher she would be a florist.



PRINCIPAL IN BRIEF

Celebrations

Spelling Bee - Hosted by Thomas Acres PS for schools from across the region - hosted by Miss Johnston. Our school was represented by JNRS: Samara Croome, Boston Leonard. SNRS: Kaitlyn West, Mia Wagner

TOM - Two weeks ago our Tournament of the Minds team competitively competed at Western Sydney University. The team displayed creativity, problem solving and great team work. The team was Lachlan Burdon, Dani Moyer, Kaitlyn West, Aaisha Sawyer, Holli Etienne, Olivia Aylen and Jorja Smith Thanks to Miss Love & Miss Pollard for giving our team such a great opportunity.

Public Speaking - Recently Irene Daniel competed at the highest level of Public Speaking in our system. Irene spoke eloquently about accepting others and making a positive difference.

Art winners - Irene Daniel and Isabella Taylor were both winners in their age for the Campbelltown Endangered Species Competition. Irene placed first and Isabella was highly commended.

Athletics - Just over a week ago a number of our students competed in the regional athletics carnival. Representing the school, our zone and themselves were the following, Axel Steel - 100m, Shayley Fratus 1500m, Tayla Sim & Rowina Mataita - Discus, Sebastian Pei - Shot Put & Discus and our representative relay team was Axel Steel, Jaidon Cosmidis, Heath Roy and Deklin Hutchinson.

A special congratulations to Tayla Sim who now progresses to State Athletics for discus.

Staff Awards - This year we had 4 receiptents at the Campbelltown Network Awards. Lisa Sperling, Dana Johnston, Natalie Ponterio and Catherine Flamos. I'm sure you'll agree that they contribute so much to our school community and to our students. I'm also sure that you agree that all of our staff do an amazing job caring for and teaching our students.

News

NAPLAN - has arrived and just gone home. Any questions please direct to your child's teacher.

Tell Them From Me - Parent Surveys

Please help us plan for 2020 and beyond by completing our survey. Telling us what you like and what we can do to improve. See the following link. <https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/survey/splash/chmgr>

Electronic Board

Thanks P&C for your contribution to the electronic board helping us to communicate with our community.

Coming Up

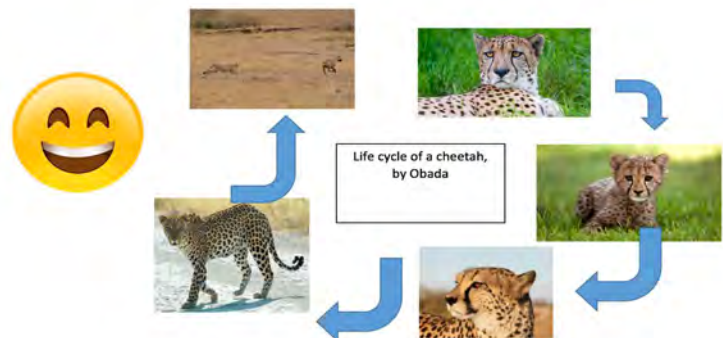
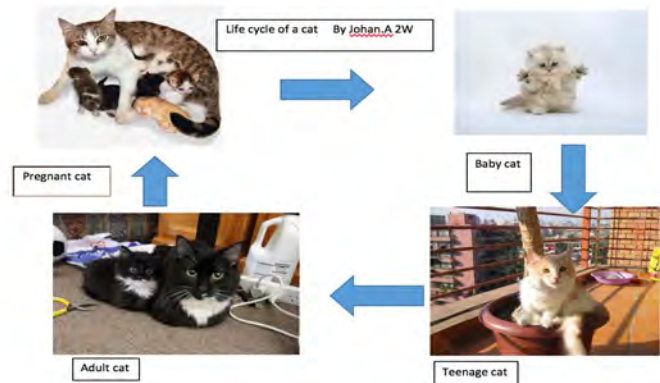
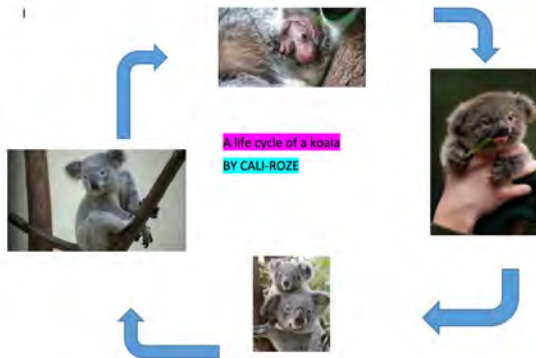
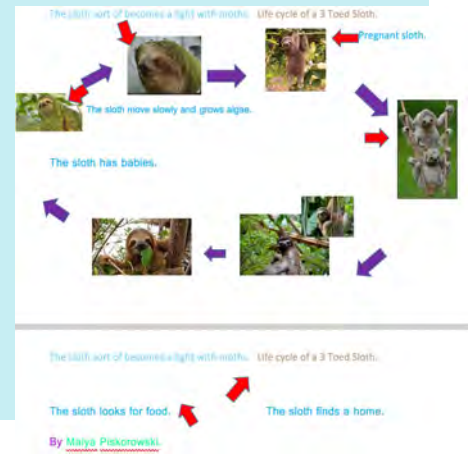
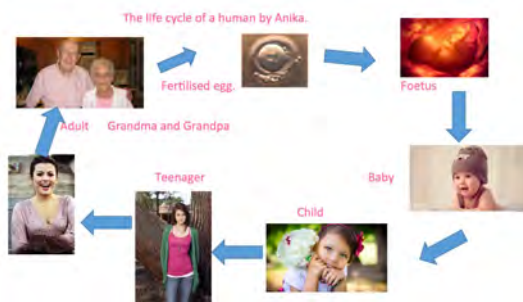
Holidays - starts this Friday. Be safe. Return on Mon 14.10.19

All of term 4 dates on last page.

Reminder

Parents please don't drive into school car-park for pick up or drop off. Please be careful regarding speed and parking at drop off and pick up time outside the school. Police are doing routine inspections.

STUDENT WORK



NSW Education
Applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2021?

You must apply online at:
education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7

Key Dates

Application website opens: 8 October 2019

Application website closes: 10 pm, 11 November 2019
You must apply before this deadline.

Test authority advice sent to all applicants: 27 February 2020

Selective High School placement test: 12 March 2020

Placement outcome information sent overnight on: 4 July 2020

COMING UP

Last Day of School Term 3 27.9.19, **School Resumes Monday 14.10.19**, PSSA Gala Day 25.10.19, **Aboriginal Students Awards Night 28.10.19**, Colour Run 24.11.19, **Stage 1 Excursion - Power House 6.11.19**, Talent Show Grand Final - Day & Night 7.11.19, **PSSA Gala Day 25.10.19**, Stage 2 DAY CAMP 13.11.19, **School Fete (Day) 15.11.19**, Kindergarten Orientation 26.11.19, **HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY 3.12.19**, Sports Service Assembly 5.12.19, **Christmas Concerts 9.12.19 & 10.12.19**, Stage 3 Camp 11 - 13th December, **Yr 6 Farewell 16.12.19 and Presentation Assembly 16.12.19**.



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There is a type of care to suit your family:

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Make a difference. Become a carer

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CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE - It's full of useful information.

<https://thomasacre-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



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Upcoming events

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Wed
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SEP

Year 6 Graduation photo

25 September 2:00-2:55 PM

School

GS Imaging will be photographing Year 6 students for their Graduation Package. Read more...

Wed
25
SEP

TAPS community transition to school program (4-6 years)

25 September

9:30-11:00 AM

Thomas Acres Public School

Transition to School is for children who are enrolled to start school in 2020. This free program inc...

Thu
26
SEP

Stem Club - Aerotropolis design showcase

26 September 3:00-4:00 PM

School library

Parents of our Stem Club are warmly invited to our Aerotropolis design showcase.