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TAPS NEWS



*“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.” —The 14th Dalai Lama*

### **Congratulations Student Leaders**

Recently we held our Leadership Badge Induction Ceremony for our school leaders. Well done to our Captains Ethan and Dakota and our Vice Captains Zacariah and Lacey. I would also like to celebrate our Aboriginal AECG student leaders, Ella, Ethan, Sophie and Abby. At this assembly we also badged our House Captains and SRC leaders.

It was a real pleasure to acknowledge these fine young people and to see parents and carers back onsite and being able to celebrate with their terrific children. As always our student audience was very supportive and encouraging of their peers.

### **Leadership is a lot like being a good friend**

A good friend listens & cares about how their friends feel.

A good friend puts their friend first.

A good friend is happy to help without being asked .. they just jump in & help.

A good friend says sorry.

A good friend lets their friends have their turn and helps them to shine.

A good friend is happy for their friends success.

A good friend is open to the good ideas of their friends.

A good friend builds trusts & tells the truth (even when it's hard) but does so kindly and politely.

A good friend tries to help their friends stay on the right path (encouragement, good advice, coaching, role modelling, forgiving).



The difference between friendship & leadership though is as a leader you are trying to be like that good friend to all .. You try to look at the big picture & do what's right for all or most .. while still caring for all.

It not always easy to lead... it's not complaining constantly when things get hard .. it's resilience and overcoming challenges.. it's problem solving .. its making decisions.. sometimes tough decisions .. it's also changing decisions if someone has a better one ... it's being brave .. sometimes very brave .. it's sometimes leaning on others .. so yes leadership can be hard & complex ... but it can also be incredibly rewarding.

### **So you want to Lead - ask yourself?**

How can I help others?

How can I make things better for others?

How can I make a difference?

How can I be respectful & calm even when I'm faced with challenges or differences of opinions?

It doesn't have to be big.

It doesn't have to be a multi-million dollar playground renovation.

It doesn't have to be a 2 hour speech on climate change at the UN.

Leadership can be as simple as a smile. It can be showing others how to act .. it's little words and actions of kindness & respect .. it can be standing up for someone when they are being treated unkindly .. it can mean being there helping others to get back up .. helping others to feel special .. helping others to become their best selves.

I am so confident in this years group of leaders. I see their faces and I see the care and friendship they have for others. I have seen their journeys' from young students and seen them grow into mature & responsible young people.

To our leaders of 2022 congratulations.. now get out there and continue to make a positive difference both big & small. Also remember you don't need a title to act like a leader. Get out there and be a friendly leader.



### **Meet our Girl Captains (Boys next time)**

*Hi, my name is Dakota Ottley and I am this year's School Captain. I have been at this school since kindergarten. I enjoy coming to school each day and being in Miss Johnston's class. I am very happy to be school captain and I am very excited to help and contribute to things people need help with. The teachers here at T. A. P. S are so lovely and helpful. Now as a leader I really want to make the school a better place for the coming students and the students here now. I never thought of being school captain until year 5 and Miss Johnston encouraged me to be more confident and push my fears aside. When I went to the Grip Leadership conference with my captain peers I felt like I could be more creative with the way I plan and make fundraisers and the way I public speak. I am really excited to see what fun this year brings me and how I will get better at being a leader.*



*Hi, my name is Lacey and I am this year's School Vice Captain. I have been at Thomas Acres Public School since Kindergarten and I have enjoyed every moment here at TAPS. The teachers here at Thomas Acres are very welcoming and are always there if I needed help with learning, help out on the playground or just in general. I was so excited when I was given the role of Vice Captain and I was so happy I was working with the other captains*



*Dakota, Ethan and Zac. Hopefully together we can make the school a better place for others and some who are yet to start here at TAPS. I also want to make the school a better and more welcoming place for my siblings, Hudson, Emmy and Georgia. Two of them have already come here and one is going to start in a couple of years. I want to have a lot of ideas for fundraisers and not be afraid to go outside my comfort zone with things that may be new to me. I want to enjoy my last year here at TAPS and get creative with my thinking to make the school a better place. I hope this year brings me joy and I can become the leader I always wanted to be.*

**Covid is still with us – Plus a few other nasty colds & bugs are lurking too. And predicted to peak early next term.**

Covid continues to make both schooling and life challenging. I was listening to a presentation by the Department the other day and numbers are peaking across the state. It is especially climbing rapidly in suburban communities like ours. NSW Health expects numbers to climb and peak in April.

Our school so far this year has had 150 - 200 students isolating with or due to covid. Likewise more than 25 staff have had to isolate with or due to covid. This makes it difficult to keep classes and teams operating consistently. I have had so many staff stop doing what they are supposed to be doing in learning support or in school operations and move onto classes to keep schools operational. I am extremely grateful to all their efforts.

What can you do to help?

- Monitor for symptoms
- Get your kids tested using PCR tests (drive through) or RAHTS tests. (We are trying to source more tests at home to go home with vulnerable classes / groups)
- Keep sick kids home
- Isolate at home if a family / household member has Covid
- Be patient and support of rules such as social distancing, making appointments, wearing masks, keeping adults in or near classrooms to a minimum.
- Encourage your child to wear masks where possible or reasonable.
- Consider booster vaccines for adults or vaccination for your child (if not already done).

### **Inter School Sport is back and our kids are kicking goals**

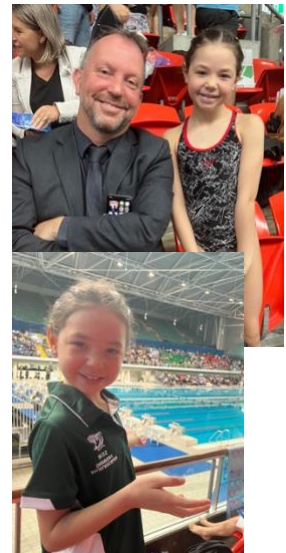
It has been tremendous to see many of our students enjoy sports and enjoying the return of competitive sports. Mr Morris and Mr Buckley have organised swimming carnivals (supported by numerous staff) and provided opportunities for inter school competitions. We have numerous students selected into representative teams (see below). As well as this our Basketball team has been versing other schools and crushing them (in a sportsperson like manner of course). We look forward to PSSA (inter school sport coming back next term, along with our cross country carnival.

Student	Sport	Zone/Regional etc
Lilly O	Swimming	Zone, Regional, State
Andrew S	Swimming	Zone, Regional
Alice S	Swimming	Zone, Regional
Sophie U	Swimming	Zone
Tahlia-Skye G	Swimming	Zone
Hayley M	Swimming	Zone
Omar A	Basketball	Zone
Ethan S	Basketball	Zone – did not go (sick)
Ryan T	Basketball	Zone – did not go (isolating)
Ben M	AFL	Zone
Jax C	AFL	Zone
Johan A	Tennis	Regional
Jordan M	Rugby League U12s	Zone
David P	Rugby League U12s	Zone
Timoti R	Rugby League U12s	Zone

This week Lilly competed in the State Swimming Carnival at Olympic Park . This young lady has only just started swimming but through effort and determination made it all the way to state. Lilly is to be commended on her courage on facing off against many 'seasoned swimmers'. At state she did her best and did so with a smile and a load of resilience. Congratulations Lilly. You should be proud. I know



your mum and dad are. The South West Sydney Team are and we certainly are too. Keep following your swimming dream. I hope to see you at many more carnivals in the years ahead.



## Easter Hat

We are looking forward to our Easter Hat Parade, however, heavy rain & covid are combing to hamper our event.

We will however continue - Plan B now is now in place. Our Stages will parade under the cola... (massive rain coming .. our oval will be slush).

Also Because of large covid numbers we are asking that no more than 2 family members come to watch your child at your child's allocated time (see sheet) & then leave please.



Please wear masks.. Please keep distanced from staff & non family members (we don't want anyone to get covid for Easter).

Raffles for 'egg' baskets will be drawn after each stage parade. Tickets will also be sold at the event (Please be covid safe). Thanks for the donations and thanks to our P&C for organising, wrapping etc.



Est. Time	Order
9:15am	Team C, Team G, Team P and Team L
	Unit Raffle
9:25am	KB and K/1P
	KK and KH
	Kindergarten Raffle
9:40am	1D and 1L
	2P, 2G and 2T
	Stage One Raffle
9:55am	3/4A and 3/4M
	3/4S and 3/4B
	3/4F
	Stage TWO raffle
10:10am	5/6J and 5/6S (5/6 M split)
	5/6B and 5/6C (5/6 M split)
	Stage THREE Raffle
10:30am	<b>P&amp;C RAFFLE</b>

## Important Dates

Holidays begin Friday afternoon 2.55pm -8th April 2022 (Have a safe holiday)

Students Return – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 for Term 2

Next term will also include Anzac Day, NAPLAN for Year 3 & 5, Cross Country, PSSA Sport, the return of NDIS (as we iron out challenges, both covid and logistics). Hopefully it will also see the return of a number of extra curricula events, play group and so on. (Stay tuned as we try and return to normal)

***Check out this holiday program from the group who provide our kids with sport every Wednesday.***

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# holiday PROGRAM




**FRIDAY  
APRIL  
22ND**



  
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8:00 AM  
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4:30 PM

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