

Tacking Point Public School Newsletter



11 September 2009
Week 7, Term 3

Upcoming Events

- ◆ TUES 15/9
School Photos
- ◆ WED 16/9
Year 3 Excursion
Group 1
- ◆ THUR 17/9
Year 3 Excursion
Group 2
- ◆ FRID 18/9
NC Athletics -
Lismore
- ◆ TUE 22/9
Yrs 4-5 Sadako
@ Glasshouse
- ◆ THUR 24/9
Year 2 Car Rally
- ◆ MON 28/9
Year 3-4 Multi
Cultural Week
Event
- ◆ TUES 29/9
K-2 Athletics
Carnival

Parent Survey

Each year our school undertakes two formal evaluations that are designed to collect data relating to effectiveness of school programs, and from these set future directions to achieve improved outcomes.

This year our review in the curriculum area is P.E./P.D./Health, and in the management area we are looking at the Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) program initiated this year.

This week's newsletter contains a short survey that should take no more than fifteen minutes to complete.

While our annual survey of parents provides us with valuable feedback, we welcome parents making suggestions etc. throughout the year. We trust that parents have the confidence, respect and courtesy to directly bring suggestions, concerns or complaints to the school, rather than discussing them in other forums. Your child's teacher, the Assistant Principals (Mrs Chandler, Mrs Johnson, Ms Kelly, Mrs Kirkland, Mrs Moritz and Mr Thompson), Deputy Principals (Mr Pleasance and Mr Roberts) and I are available to discuss issues and there is a process within the school to ensure that matters are dealt with in accordance with NSW DET policies.

Please return surveys by Tuesday, 29th September.

Tournament of Minds

Good luck to our Language /Literature TOM team as they head off to UNSW in Sydney for the state finals this weekend. The team, comprising Olivia, Sarah, Samantha, Rachel, Tyler, Jaxon and Claudia, is a very competent group and I'm confident that they will not only be very competitive, but really enjoy the experience. Team, we are very proud of what you have already achieved!

School Footwear

Our school uniform code lists black shoes as the uniform standard. Given the high frequency of fitness and sports activity many students prefer to wear a sports type shoe each day. If you are purchasing new shoes please make the effort to buy black ones.

Teachers have indicated that some students are experiencing difficulties effectively completing activities because they have unsuitable footwear, particularly skate shoes.

Uniform Shop

A huge thank you is extended to Catherine Goninan Smith for the great job she has done managing the uniform shop over recent years. Catherine has not only been able to make sure all students are outfitted in full uniforms but has also introduced systems and processes to ensure management meets all expectations.

The uniform shop is always in need of volunteers and now seeks additional support. If you are able to assist on Monday or Wednesday mornings please let me know.

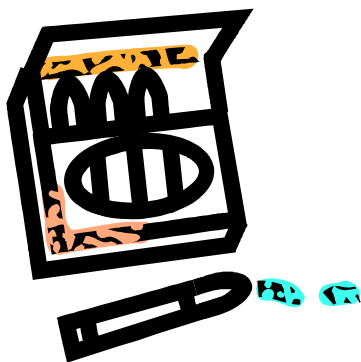
North Coast Athletics

The large contingent of Tacking Point athletes is preparing to compete at the North Coast championships to be conducted in Lismore next Friday. We wish them a safe journey and every success.

Boys' Basketball

Congratulations are extended to our marvellous boys' basketball team which has enjoyed a great season. The boys have benefitted from Mitch McKay's committed coaching and Mrs Chandler's management. The boys progressed to win the Lower North Coast/Upper Hunter district and yesterday played Tamworth to determine which team plays in the state finals.

Terry Robinson



ASSEMBLY ROSTER	
NEXT FRI 9.10am	Yrs K-2 Hosted by 1RD
NEXT FRI 2.00pm	Yrs 5 & 6 Hosted by 6K
UNIFORM SHOP	
8.30am 9.15am	Mondays
8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays

ICAS Writing Competition

This year 84 students participated in the writing competition with 6 High Distinction, 13 Distinction and 22 Credit certificates being awarded throughout years 3 - 6. The High Distinction and Distinction Award winners are listed below.

Year 3

Distinction

Sarah

Kyra

Daniel

High Distinction

Rachel

Hannah

Year 4

Distinction

Stephanie

Kate

Lachlan

High Distinction

Natasha

Chris

Kayla

Liam

Year 5

Distinction

Elizabeth

Helena

Year 6

Distinction

Jaki

Sarah

Samantha

Lee

Max

ICAS Spelling Competition

In this competition 1 High Distinction certificate, 16 Distinction certificates and 36 Credit certificates were awarded from a group of 96 participants. Year 3 & 4 students performed exceedingly well with 12 Distinction and 1 High Distinction certificates being awarded.

Year 3

Distinction

Diego

Jade

Tom

Sara

Ronan

Year 4

Distinction

Natasha

Kate

Taylah

Jack

Ambrose

Kayla

Mitchell

High Distinction

Liam

Year 5

Distinction

Rachel

Oliver

Jaxon

Year 6

Distinction

Max

K-2 Mini Athletics Day

When: Tuesday 29th September

Where: Reserve behind the school

Time: 9:30am start.

You could find a shady spot on the reserve and we will find you there. (This will make it easier to assemble the children). Bring your picnic rug or chair.

Please bring:

Hat and sunscreen, Joggers and shorts, Coloured T-shirt, WATER,

9am - 11am Novelty events and age races.

11am Recess

Finals and presentations.

1pm Lunch

These times are approximates only.

Canteen: Refreshments and food available.

School Photos

Full school uniform required

School photos will be taken next **Tuesday 15 September 2009**. All order envelope need to be returned to your class teacher prior to photo day. Should you have any further questions please contact Hydro Photographics on phone 6581 4700.

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Mr Terry Robinson

From the Library

We have only a few more weeks left this term so keep reading and enjoying the books you borrow from the library. If you have overdue books, now would be a great time to have a tidy up in your favourite reading spots. Maybe you have put the book down and forgotten about it and it has slipped under the lounge or your bed. Search them out and bring them back to the library so you can borrow a new favourite. Happy reading.

Bookmarks

Congratulations to the following students and their families who have together completed their reading aloud bookmarks:

Kindy

Jared KC, Tara KC, Sam KC, Sam KC, Luke KC, Will KC, Mackenzie KC, Breanna KV, Cameron KV, Jasmine KV, Jock KL, Jaidyn KL, Mali KL, Cian KS, Paige KS, Nicholas KS, Wyatt KS, Nathan KS, Rachel KJ, James KJ, Madison KJ, Zac KJ,

Stage 1

Ben 1RD, Lachlan 1K, Ryan 1K, Sarah 1K, Kingsley 1W, Zara 1RK, Jaide 1RK, Summer 1RK, Holly 1G, Nicholas 1G, Breanna 1G, Charlie 1-2G, Aasta 1-2G, Liam 1-2G, Jess 1-2G, Liam 1-2G, Mitchel 2C, Ambrose 2P, Matthew 2P, Ellie 2MP, Alycia 2MP, Tahlia 2MP.

Stage 2

Abbigal 3R, Robbie 3J, Abigail 3J, Madeline 3J, Riley 3J, Tyla 3SG, Mitch 3-4P, Stephanie 3-4P, Tommy 3-4P, Lauren 4K, Ellouise 4C, Ashleigh 4C, Zac 4C, Blake 4-5M, Tom 4-5M.

Stage 3

Joshua 5C, Charles 5M, Callum 5M, Sam 5R, Emily 5R, Anita 5R, Jackson 5R, Emily 5R, Stella 5R, Ashleigh 5R, Caleb 5R, Jai 5R, Ashlee 6C, Ryan 6C, Kataryna 6K, Jaki 6S.

Janelle Price,
Rel. Teacher Librarian

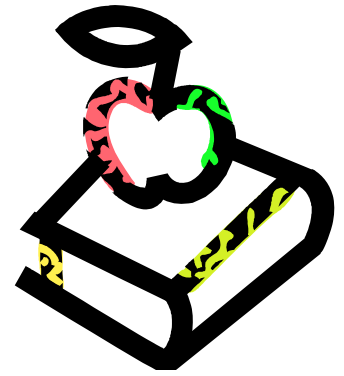
Stage 3 Fruit Break

We are introducing a **fruit break** into our morning session at approximately 10am for the students who wish to bring a piece of fruit in to eat. The students will have a short break with this and continue on with their work as they are eating. Please pack their fruit so that it is quick and easy to eat Eg: already peeled and perhaps cut up!

Students are reminded that if they wish to have a **water bottle** with them in the classroom throughout the day that is also fine.

Another reminder that as the warmer spring weather is coming that all students need to have a **school hat** to wear in the playground otherwise they are only to play in the shade and for even greater protection sunscreen applied each morning is a fantastic shield from the sun's rays.

Stage 3 Teachers



P&C Father's Day Stall

THANK YOU to all my wonderful helpers, I couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you to all those who donated money or gifts it was absolutely gorgeous to see the looks on the little angel's faces after they picked their present. They were so happy it was priceless and so it makes it all worthwhile.

We raised over \$2000 profit which is a fantastic effort and will go to improving our wonderful school.

Thank you to teachers who were interrupted during the day and thank you to everyone involved.

Shelly Latimer

Community Notices

Country Women's Assoc. of NSW Port Macquarie evening branch has a long association with Tacking Point Public School presenting prizes for International Studies and at the school's annual assemblies. We are a group of enthusiastic ladies working to improve the welfare of women and families in country areas. As we are an Evening branch we cater for women who are still in the workforce. We would welcome any enquiries for further information about joining this dynamic group of ladies. Please ring 6583 1452 to learn more of our activities.

CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 14/9	T Triggs L Richards
TUE 15/9	J Stevenson N Cowell
WED 16/9	S Webster J Ireland
THU 17/9	K Simpson K Peck
FRI 18/9	J Clark R Allen B Lewis (12-2pm)

P&C Fundraiser

Parents who are thinking of claiming the government's large rebates on **solar hot water systems** can now help the P&C in the process. One of our parents is offering the P&C 10% of her profit for each sale of AAE-Solar Hot Water systems (Aussie owned). It is reported that these highly effective 'evacuated tube' systems are up to 40% more efficient. Alison works directly for a local plumbing and roofing company. For a full demonstration and quote, ring Alison on 0408-007-809.

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