

# Tacking Point Public School Newsletter



13 February 2009  
Week 3, Term 1

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ FRI 20/2/09  
District Swimming Trials
- ◆ TUE 24/2/09  
Pancake Promotion
- ◆ TUE 24/2/09  
Parent Information Night Y5-6
- ◆ WED 25/2/09  
Parent Information Night K-2
- ◆ THU 26/2/09  
Parent Information Night Y3-4
- ◆ FRI 27/2/09  
P&C Pool Party

## Organisation of Classes

Our class organisation for 2009 has now been set. This year's initiative to keep the students in rotational groups until the census date (when staffing was determined) has minimised changes experienced in the past.

We are waiting for additional accommodation but this may well be held up with the NSW DET offering demountable classrooms to assist Victorian schools wiped out in the bushfires. We could hardly complain about this as a priority. We are also expecting an additional MDR building (same as 2MP and 2L rooms) to be installed early this year. This building will replace existing demountables.  
2009 Classes:

1-2G	Mrs Geard
1DR	Mrs Delepervanche & Mrs Reichelt
1K	Mrs Kirkland
1RK	Mrs Ramm & Mrs Van Klink
1W	Mrs Willard
2C	Miss Croad
2L	Mrs Lindley
2MP	Mrs Moritz & Mrs Pearson
2P	Mr Price
3-4P	Mrs Pleasance
3C	Mr Clark
3J	Mrs Johnson
3R	Mr Rennes
3SG	Mrs Sherrard & Mrs Game
4-5M	Mr Murray
4C	Mrs Connolly
4K	Ms King
4N	Mr Newell
4T	Mr Thompson
5-6N	Mrs Nelson
5C	Mr Connolly
5M	Mr Murphy
5R	Mr Roberts
6C	Mrs Cook
6K	Ms Boag
6S	Mr Symons
KC	Mrs Chandler
KJ	Mrs Jackson
KL	Mrs Critchley
KS	Mrs Symons
KV	Mrs Smith

## Parent /Teacher Information Nights

All parents are invited to attend information meetings to be held in week 5. At these meetings there will be the opportunity to hear about educational goals, general expectations, year and class organisation, sport, excursions, classroom needs etc. etc. The meetings are not the time to discuss the progress or issues relating to individual students. If you need this discussion please arrange a separate appointment with the teacher.

### Kindergarten

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 5.30 - 6.30 pm  
in rooms KC/KJ

### Year 1

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.30 - 7.30 pm  
in rooms 1W/1R

### Years 2

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.30 - 7.30 pm  
in the Library

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.30 - 7.30 pm in the Library

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.30 - 7.30 pm in rooms 5-6N/6K.

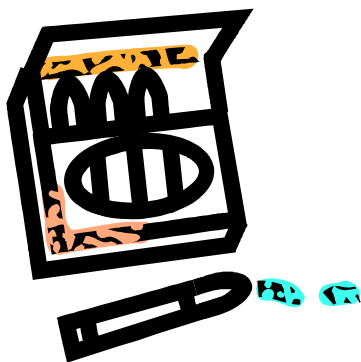
## Homework

The Department of Education and Training policy states:

Each school develops its own homework policy after consultation with parents/caregivers and teachers. Your child's teacher has information about the school's policy. Encouragement and support from parents/caregivers helps students to have a positive, productive approach to homework.

### Why is homework so important?

Homework bridges the gap between learning at school and learning at home. It reinforces work done in class. It helps develop skills such as research and time management. Homework helps to establish the habits of study, concentration and self discipline.



Parents/caregivers have the opportunity to see the progress of their child. Homework provides challenges and stimulus to gifted and talented children.

**Ideal homework**

The basic rules of homework are that it:

- is appropriate for each student's age and ability
- takes into account students' other commitments, such as sport, and home responsibilities
- takes into account technology such as email and the Internet so that students without access are not disadvantaged.

**Three types of homework**

1. **Practice Exercises** help students to remember and practice newly acquired skills - such as memorising mathematical tables, practising spelling words, writing essays and reading for pleasure.
2. **Preparatory Homework** requires students to source and read background information to prepare them for future lessons on a specific subject - such as reading an article on the Gold Rush in preparation for a lesson in Australian history.
3. **Extension Assignments** encourage students to pursue knowledge, individually and imaginatively. Assignments may include writing a book review, researching local news or retrieving items from the Internet.

**Homework for Kindergarten-Year 2**

In general, your child will not be expected to complete formal homework in Kindergarten. However, there are things you can do at home to help your child make the most of what they learn in Kindergarten. Reading to children at home and involving them in family activities will greatly assist the development of their skills in literacy, numeracy and problem solving.

In Years 1 and 2 some formal homework is usually set. For example, students may be asked to complete simple computations, to copy letters or words, or to complete an activity sheet.

**Homework for Years 3-6**

Homework in Years 3-6 will be varied and students will be expected to work more independently. However, teachers will still provide guidance and assistance to students having difficulties completing their homework. Much of the homework will be in English, Mathematics and Human Society and its Environment. However, it can be set across all areas of the curriculum.

**Tacking Point Homework**

Individual stages set homework expectations and organization according to their particular needs. An extension of DET policy applies to areas where students are encouraged to undertake additional reading and research around topics being completed at school. This will often involve many of the Quality Learning initiatives, including a range of thinking tools and presentation forms that assist students to develop them as active learners. At this school Kindergarten students will have set weekly homework.

Terry Robinson

**Maths Books**

Each student requires an additional Maths Activity Book this year to assist them in their learning. A statement was forwarded home last Wednesday to each family outlining the cost. When returning please send your payment with this statement to assist in processing one receipt per family.

**Pancake Day**

**Tuesday 24 February 2009**

The Canteen will be selling pancakes -  
 1 pancake \$2.50  
 2 pancakes \$3.50

With a choice of topping (choc, strawberry, caramel, banana and icecream.

Pancakes must be **PREORDERED** on an envelope with child's name, class and the correct money enclosed to the Canteen by Friday 20 February. Years K-2 will be served at recess Years 3-6 will be served at lunch time.

**There will be no other lunch orders on this day**



ASSEMBLY ROSTER	
FRI 9.10am	Yrs K-2
FRI 2.00pm	Yrs 5 & 6
UNIFORM SHOP HOURS	
8.30am 9.15am	Mondays
8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays
UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER	
Monday	S Coubrough
Wednesday	L Perkins

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 Mr Terry Robinson

## P & C Pool Party

The Tacking Point P & C Pool party is on again in two weeks time and we hope to see as many new and familiar families there as possible!

As usual the Aquascrambles will be in operation according to the following schedule to which we adhere so please don't be late!

### Aquascrambles

<i>25m</i>		<i>50m</i>	
Kindy	6:00pm	Yr4	6:00pm
Yr1	6:20pm	Yr5	6:20pm
Yr2	6:40pm	Yr6	6:40pm
Yr3	7:00pm	Siblings	7:00pm

*When:* Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009 from 6:00pm - 8:30pm

*Where:* Port Macquarie Olympic Pool, Gordon Street.

*Cost:* \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family ( please no Ring Ins). Cost covers pool entry and use of the Aquascramble.

*Desirable Requirements:* swimmers, a picnic dinner and drinks and chairs/blankets etc. BBQs are available. Please NO GLASS.

*Essential Requirements:* That ALL children ( including Year 6) attend in the company of a responsible adult. This is a condition of entry.

This is traditionally a lovely evening and a great way to meet your children's new friends and their families. See you there!

Kath Peck, P&C

## Tacking Point wins the Camden Haven triathlon challenge once again !!!

Tacking Point was again victorious in maintaining the school challenge trophy for the Camden Haven triathlon festival for the third year running.

Congratulations to all who competed and contributed to Tacking Points win. Special congratulations to the following students who won their age group. Max Milligan, Elly Pilgrim, Tom Lister, Max Carter, Amelia Humphrey and Jack Pilgrim.

Jo Pilgrim

## P&C Class Parent / Liaison

The P & C is hoping to see in a new initiative at our school this year of a "Class Parent" being available in each class to co-ordinate a list of names and contact details of all children in their particular class to encourage social contact and to be a point of contact for the teacher to communicate with families if required, eg. if a child joins the class part way through the year.

Notes will be distributed in class shortly and you will be invited to provide your contact details if you so wish. Further details will be available at the Year Information Nights.

Kath Peck, P&C

## Practice Cricket Nets To go ahead

TPPS P&C is involved in a community project in conjunction with Port Macquarie Hastings Council, Westport Rotary Club and Cricket Australia. The project will see two practice cricket nets along with a "catch all" installed in the park adjacent to the school off Ashdown Drive. This will be a great facility for the school, and indeed many local families.

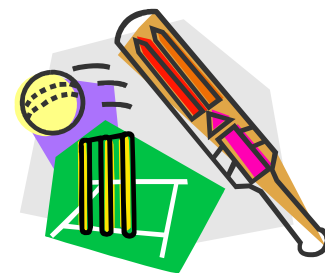
Barry Macdonald is project managing the construction and is currently seeking expressions of interest for the supply and/or installation of the following elements:

- approximately 108 m2 of concrete
- 3.6m x 21m by five runs of chain wire fencing
- industrial carpet

Interested businesses are invited to contact Barry on 65826657 by Wednesday 18 February.

We look forward to having the nets up and ready for use!

Allison Massey, TPPS P&C



### CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 16/2	S Thompson C Milligan
TUE 17/2	John Stevenson N Cowell
WED 18/2	V Longworth M Down
THU 19/2	K Simpson J Pilgrim
FRI 20/2	J Clark K Branscomb

## Sad News

Our school was saddened to hear of the passing of one of our mothers, Patricia Tuckwell, who this week lost her battle with leukemia. Our thoughts and hearts go out to husband George and daughters Kate (Y5) and Jessica (Y2).

Terry Robinson