

Tacking Point Public School Newsletter



13 March 2009
Week 7, Term 1

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Wed 18/3
NC Basketball
- ◆ Fri 20/3
HCH League
- ◆ Thurs 26/3
Yr2 Grandparent Day
- ◆ Fri 27/3
LNC Hockey
- ◆ Mon 30/3
NC Tennis (Sawtell)
- ◆ Tues 31/3
Stage 2 Public Speaking
11.20 - 1.00pm
- ◆ Thurs 2/4
Stage 3 Public Speaking
2.00 - 3.00pm
- ◆ Thurs 2/4
HCH Boys/Girls Football -
Laurieton

Important Dates

Next week a list of dates for the remainder of 2009 will be published. We are just waiting for confirmation of a few events.

Some early key dates:

Class Awards Assembly, Y3-6
Tuesday, 1/12/09.

Class Awards Assembly, K-Y2 and
Christmas Concert Friday, 4/12/09.

Presentation Day, Tuesday, 8/12/09.

Year 6 Farewell, Wednesday,
9/12/09.

ANZAC - schools will have a holiday
on Monday 27/4/09 and this will be
followed by a School Development
Day.

School Development Days (staff only)
Tuesday 28/4/09, Monday 27/7/09,
Thursday 17/12/09 and Fri 18/12/09.

Education Week begins Monday,
25/5/09.

Open classrooms/Science Fair
Thursday 28/5/09.

Concert of Excellence will be in
September, hopefully 23rd or 30th.

Amazing Swimming Results

Our swimming squad has achieved a
first for our school - NORTH COAST
CHAMPION SCHOOL!

What an outstanding effort!
Congratulations to all swimmers,
particularly North Coast Junior
Champion Lachlan and the all
conquering junior boys relay team.
Lachlan also competed in the Speedo
state championships in Sydney last
weekend and brought home a gold
medal for his backstroke event.

Approaching Other Students

From time to time we experience
problems resulting from parents
getting involved in their children's
disputes and directly engaging with
the other child. Under no
circumstances should an adult
approach one of our students to
discuss an issue, threaten or
intimidate them. No good comes of
this and the offending adult may risk
Police or DOCS involvement. If there
is an issue of such concern and it has
its origin in the school please discuss

the problem with your child's
teacher.

Importance of Good Attendance

The Department of Education and
Training closely monitors students'
school attendance. The school is
required to provide attendance data
that is compared to region and state
measures. Overall, Tacking Point has
a very good rate of student
attendance, but from time to time
the attendance patterns of a small
number of students does cause
concerns. The reasons for such
concerns are significant in student's
development and include the
following:

- Education is a sequential process.
Absences often mean students
miss important stages in the
development of topics, causing
them to find 'catching up'
difficult.
- Absenteeism and repeated
lateness contributes significantly
to student failure at school.
- All enrolled students are required
to attend school unless
reasonable and valid grounds
exist for them to be absent.
- Illness is reasonable grounds for
an absence, shopping or birthday
parties are not.
- Parents have a responsibility to
ensure that their children attend
school regularly, and are only
absent if ill or attending to
family business or leave.
- Parents have a further
responsibility to provide a
written note to the school
explaining why an absence has
occurred.
- The principal and class teachers
have a responsibility to ensure
that attendance records are
maintained and monitored at
school.
- All student absences are
recorded in the morning by
teachers.



ASSEMBLY ROSTER

NEXT FRI 9.10am	Yrs K-2 Hosted by 2MP
NEXT FRI 2.00pm	Yrs 5 & 6 Hosted by 6S
UNIFORM SHOP	
8.30am 9.15am	Mondays S Coubrough
8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays L Perkins K Dean

Effective from the start of term 2 a price rise of approx. 10% will occur on several items. This is the first price rise in 6 years despite rising costs of supply.

Polo shirts Size 6,16 are now in stock.

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Principal
Mr Terry Robinson

- The DET and Home School Liaison Officers (HSLO) may seek attendance records.
- The principal has a further responsibility to ensure that unexplained absences are investigated, and that high levels of absenteeism are adequately explained.
- The teachers will contact parents of students with unexplained or unapproved absences; the principal will follow up contact for those parents who do not respond with the view to developing and implementing strategies to minimise absences.
- Ongoing unexplained absences, or lack of cooperation regarding student attendance will result in a formal attendance conference being organised with the school and HSLO.
- Student attendance and absence figures will appear on student half year and end of year reports.
- Aggregated student attendance data is reported to the DET each year as part of the annual report.

Terry Robinson

Easter Hat Parade

It's almost that time again... The much-anticipated Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 9th April. Some families have already begun planning their wonderful creations!

We ask that children don't distribute chocolate eggs at school or put them on their hats, as we have a number of students with serious allergies to ingredients in chocolate. This is a serious safety issue so we thank you for your understanding and support in this matter. Students may wish to take their creations to Port Central later that afternoon, where there are fantastic prizes on offer for students and their schools.

The TPPS parade will commence at 9:30am and parents are welcome to attend.

Dayna Moritz, Assistant Principal

Easter Raffle

The Canteen is accepting donations of Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg Raffle. All donations receive a free ticket into the raffle. Donations will be greatly appreciated. A book of tickets to each family accompanies this newsletter.

Mother's Day Stall

The P&C is again coordinating a Mother's Day Stall at school and a flyer was forwarded home on the 24th February. Donations of gifts may be left in the office foyer box.

Junior Band

Second reminder that Junior Band is on at 8.00am on Mondays. All lessons are still on Wednesdays.

Ann Hamilton

Rugby Union

Any boys who still have rugby jumpers from last season could they return them to Mr Clark ASAP. They are school property and are required for other sporting teams within the school.

From the library...

Congratulations to the following students and their families who have completed their bookmarks this week! What a fabulous effort!

Alyssa KC, Mack KC, Arwen KC, Milla KC, Zac KL, Jock KL, Nicholas KS, Nathan KS, Ben KS, Ben 1RD, Kasey 1RK, Tyler 1W, Kingsley 1W, Hugh 2MP, Arcadia 2L, Daisy 2C, Nathan 3C, Mitchell 3-4P, Tommy 3-4P, Lachlan 4N, Lily 4N, Jorga 4N, Thomas 4C, Georgia 4C, Charli 4T, Tiffany 4T, Jack 4K, Kayne 4K, Kristy 4K, Lauren 4K, Emily 4K, Courtney 4-5M, Emerald 4-5M, Emily 4-5M, Sarah 4-5M, Jackie 5R, Bridget 5C, Charles 5M, Riley 6K, Brady 6C, Bill 6C, Jordan 6C, Matthew 6C, Ella 6C.

Leanne Tracy, Teacher Librarian

CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 16/3	S Thompson C Milligan
TUE 17/3	A Massey N Cowell
WED 18/3	S Wallace L Perkins
THU 19/3	K Simpson K Goodwin
FRI 20/3	J Clark K Branscomb

FINAL REMINDER for Years 3-6

International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) 2009

This year students from **Years 3-6** will again be able to enter competitions in:

- Science
- Spelling
- Writing
- Mathematics
- English
- Computer Skills

The entry fee for the competitions should be returned with the form below to the front office on or before **Friday 20 March 2009**. Late entries cannot be accepted so please be prompt with your response.

Please use additional lines for more than one child entry.

NB: Students in classes 3-4P and 5-6N have been issued with an invoice for payment. A reply slips is not required.

Glenn Pleasance, Deputy Principal

 Tacking Point Public School
 (Please return to the school office before 20 March 2009.)
International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) 2009

Child's Name:		Year:		Class:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	All Competitions (\$43)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spelling (\$8)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Writing (\$11)
<input type="checkbox"/>	English (\$6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computer Skills (\$6)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mathematics (\$6)
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Science (\$6)

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<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	Science (\$6)

I have enclosed \$ to cover the entry fees.

Signed: (Parent/Caregiver) Date:

Tacking Point Public School
PAYMENT ADVICE CREDIT CARD ONLY
 (Minimum payment \$15.00. Please print clearly.)

NUMBER AS SHOWN ON CARD: _____ EXPIRY DATE:/.....

NAME AS SHOWN ON CARD VISA MASTERCARD
 (Please circle)

SIGNATURE OF CARD HOLDER: AMOUNT OF PAYMENT: \$

STUDENT'S NAME: CLASS:

North Coast Swimming

Our team of swimmers travelled to Kempsey on Tuesday to participate in the PSSA North Coast Swimming Carnival. Our school is having a dream run, winning the overall Best School point score for the first time. Tacking Point now holds all Shields for the North Coast, this makes up the most successful swimming school from Tea Gardens to the Border. Well Done!! The senior members of the team had a great day with Sam making his way to Sydney for 3 strokes. Matthew has qualified for State in the 200 m Individual Medley. The Senior Boys' relay have also made it to the NSW PSSA trials at Homebush. The team consists of Sam, Matthew, Joel and Nick. Unfortunately our two female relay teams didn't make it to the next level but they swam beautifully and both teams finished 5th on the North Coast.

Lachlan had a brilliant day, winning Junior Boy champion of the North Coast. He placed 1st in Backstroke, Breaststroke and the Medley and 2nd in the Freestyle and Butterfly. Lachlan also smashed the previous medley record by 10 seconds. Lachlan was also a member of the successful Junior Boys' Relay Team which won the race by 10 seconds. The Junior Boys' Relay Team consisted of Lachlan, Sam, Angus and Max. Well done boys you're on your way to Sydney. Joe has also made it to Sydney for his 8 years 50m Freestyle age race win. Reid will also be travelling to Sydney after placing 3rd in the 50m Freestyle. Bianca made it through to Sydney in the 50m Freestyle and Ashlee placed 2nd in the 50m Freestyle to earn a trip to Sydney.

Congratulations to all these swimmers for their sportsmanship and achievements -Samuel, Lachlan, Joe, Lewis, Sam, Joel, Matthew, Angus, Nick, Reid, Max, Caitlin, Amelia, Elly, Bianca, Kayla, Amy, Rebecca, Ashley, Courtney. You have all made your school incredibly proud, well done.

Michael Connolly