

# Tacking Point Public School Newsletter



15 May 2009  
Week 3, Term 2

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ TUES 19/5/09  
Kindergarten  
Fire Safety Talk
- ◆ THUR 21/5/09  
Oz Opera -  
Cinderella
- ◆ TUES 26/5/09  
Computer  
Competition
- ◆ WED 27/5/09  
Computer (ICAS)
- Paul Kelly Cup  
(AFL)
- Band students to  
Panthers
- ◆ THUR 28/5/09  
Science Fair
- ◆ FRID 29/5/09  
LNC Cross  
Country
- ◆ THUR 11/6/09  
Jump Rope  
Yr 1 & 2
- ◆ FRI 12/6/09  
Jump Rope  
Kindergarten

## Important Change of Times

Please note the Public Education Week launch at Panthers on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May will now begin at 5.30pm for the viewing of static displays. All parents are invited to attend. Choir performance will begin at 6.00pm.

## Education Week Activities

- **Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May** - Education Week will be launched on this evening at a special function being conducted at Panthers Club Settlement City. This celebration of public education will begin at 5.30pm and include performances by the Valley Vox choir (students from Hastings Valley Community of Schools) as well as presentation of Education Week Awards to members of the various school communities.
- **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May** - AFL Paul Kelly Cup
- **Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May** - Members of the school band attending Australian Army Band concert at Panthers.
- **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May** - Open classroom sessions Early Stage One, Stage One and Stage Two. Parents are welcome to visit rooms 10.15 - 11.00am. The Science Fair will be held in the Y6 rooms and the assembly hall from 10.15am until 1.00pm. All other students will visit

the Science Fair and parents and friends are invited to come and see the variety of demonstrations and experiments students have devised in attempting to solve a problem or demonstrate a scientific principle.

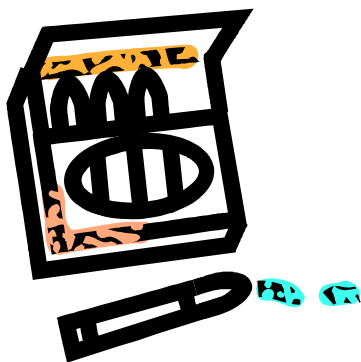
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May** - Lower North Coast Cross Country Championships Students, 8 years and older, who were successful at our school championships (i.e. finished in first four places) progress to the next level to be held at Kempsey.
- **Static Display** - A display of selected works completed by students will be on display at Port Central Shopping centre from Tuesday until Friday.

Terry Robinson (Principal)

## Laptops report

Year 6 are able to use laptops that are really helpful in all activities. We use them to create powerpoints written information, painting, and art activities. We also use laptops to make movies, and animation. We also use email for keeping in touch with friends from home and at school. We are very privileged to use laptops as they influence and improve our learning. We have heaps of fun as we learn and create new things every day.

By Ashleigh &  
Chelsea 6S



## Laptops and How They Help Our Class!!

Year Six is lucky enough to have a great bank of laptops to use regularly. Laptops have helped our class in so many ways such as:

- Researching one of the highlights of our year in 6C - Murder under the Microscope.
- We also have completed ANZAC Day slide shows.
- We have really helpful technology lessons thanks to our tech wizard Mr Symons.
- We have created many awesome photo stories which have told excellent stories.

By Matthew and Ryan

## Using the Laptops

Tacking Point is privileged enough to have the use of 35 laptops. We use them across all year 6 classrooms.

There are not many schools in Australia who are lucky enough to have what we have.

They help us because they are portable, we can access the internet and we can use them in all our classrooms.

Laptops help us to learn individually and in partners or groups.

Year 6 have completed a lot of work using the laptops such as: entering a digital story telling competition, creating powerpoint presentations and we have learned how to use audacity which lets us record our voices.

We are glad that Tacking Point has supplied us with so many wonderful laptops because they can help us learn in a fun and exciting manner.

By Ella and Laura 6C

## OC Class

A district Opportunity Class operates at Port Macquarie Public School for gifted and talented students entering Year 5. If you are interested in obtaining more information or application forms please see Mr Thompson. Completed forms need to be returned by 22/5/09.

## Students with Learning Difficulties

As a parent or carer you may be aware that your child is not learning new skills as quickly as their friends. You probably know which area your child is finding difficult or challenging.

In my career as a specialist Learning Support Teacher in Learning Difficulties together with my experience as a Reading Recovery Teacher I have gained extensive skills and knowledge in assisting students with learning difficulties. Some simple but effective strategies which you and your child may find of assistance I will share with you over the following weeks in this newsletter.

In addition an organisation that you might find helpful that specifically deals with children with learning difficulties is 'SPELD'. It can provide you with advice, information, resources and assessment to assist you and your child. Please contact:

SPELD - The Specific Learning Difficulties Association of NSW  
[www.speldnsw.org.au](http://www.speldnsw.org.au)

I look forward to working with students and their families this term.

Maree Wall  
 Support Teacher Learning

## Stewart House Donation Drive

The green Stewart House Donation envelopes forwarded home previously will need to be returned by next Friday 22 May to be in the draw to win the \$4000 Family Holiday. The winner will be contacted by phone and mail as soon as possible on the 29 May 2009. The winner's name will be published in the Sydney Morning Herald.

### ASSEMBLY ROSTER

NEXT FRI 9.10am	Yrs K-2 Hosted by 1RD
NEXT FRI 2.00pm	Yrs 5 & 6 Hosted by 5/6N

### UNIFORM SHOP

8.30am 9.15am	Mondays
8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays

### UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Monday 18/5/09	S Coubrough
Wednesday 20/5/09	S Wallace

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#### Principal

Mr Terry Robinson

## Mid North Coast Challenge

On Tuesday 26 April children from our school participated in the Mid North Challenge at the Basketball centre in Port Macquarie. The 2 boys' teams played in the same pool and enjoyed the challenge of playing each other. They also played St Columba and North Haven.

This was the first time they had played together and with each new game they developed as a team. It was also the girls' first time playing as a team and for many, their first game of competitive basketball. I was very impressed with all teams and their sportsmanship throughout the day. Training will continue as our school will play in the PSSA knockout in the coming weeks.

Mrs Chandler

## From the Library

Congratulations to the following students who have completed their bookmarks this week:

### Kindy

Nathan KS, Nicholas KS, Wyatt KS, Lily KC, Olivia KC, Laura KC, Will KC, Matthew KL, Mali KL, Zac KL, Grace KL, Caitlin KL, Ella KL, James KJ, Rachel KJ, Jasmine KV, Ben KV, Corey KV, Kate KV.

### Stage 1

Amelia 1W, Breanna 1RK, Summer 1RK, Lleyton 1RK, Aidan 1RK, Tom 1K, Olivia 1K, Hayley 1RD, Aasta 1-2G, Jessica 1-2G, Alex 1-2G, Liam 1-2G, Zara 1-2G, Christopher 2C, Harrison 2P, Brooke 2P, Lachlan 2MP, Theo 2MP, Arcadia 2L, Tara 2L.

### Stage 2

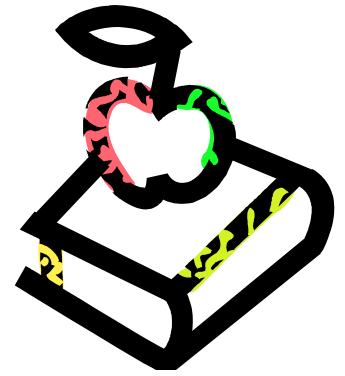
Vince 3C, Tarnee 3C, Jack 3SG, Jessica 3SG, Annabelle 3SG, Tiana 3J, Riley 3J, Mason 3J, Madeline 3J, Amber 3J, Cameron 3-4P, Jordan 3-4P, Max 4C, Lauren 4N, Ben 4N,

Jorga 4N, Liam 4T, Kaleb 4T, Jessica 4T, Charli 4T, Taylah 4T, Isabella 4T, Rowdy 4C, Lachlan 4K, Meleasha 4K, Hailey 4-5M, Tom 4-5M, William 4-5M.

### Stage 3

Nicholas 5C, Michelle 5C, Anita 5R, Madeleine 5-6N, Ashleigh 6S, Bill 6C, Ryan 6C, Brady 6C, Kataryna 6K.

Leanne Horan (Librarian)



## Port United Soccer

If any boys are interested in playing soccer in the u11's Port United Dragons soccer team, we would like you to register, as we only have 11 players and no reserves and most of the boys in the team are from Tacking Point Public School.

For further information please contact Mark Pilgrim on 6582 7750.

We play on Saturdays and train on Wednesdays at Wayne Richards Park from 4.30 to 5.30pm.

## Infectious Diseases

We have had many students recently with conjunctivitis. Provided with this newsletter is information on some common childhood diseases. Please keep this handy for future reference.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 18/5/09	S Thompson S Wallace
TUE 19/5/09	J Stevenson A Massey
WED 20/5/09	C Baker M Down
THU 21/5/09	K Simpson K Goodwin
FRI 22/5/09	B Gaherity M Brumby J Clark (12-2)