

# Tacking Point Public School Newsletter



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ TUE 22/9  
Yrs 4-5 Sadako  
@ Glasshouse
- ◆ WED 23/9  
Yr 1 Fairytale  
Ball 5 - 6.30pm
- ◆ THU 24/9  
Year 2 Car Rally
- ◆ MON 28/9  
Year 3-4 Multi  
Cultural Week  
Event
- ◆ TUE 29/9  
K-2 Athletics  
Carnival
- ◆ FRI 2/10  
Last day of term
- ◆ MON 19/10  
Students  
resume for  
Term 4

## Tournament of Minds -

BRILLIANT SUCCESS!!

Wow, what a great result, English/Literature team is state champion again in 2009. This discipline is the most hotly contested of the four categories and to be the number one team in the state is a huge achievement.

The team is now preparing for the Australasian and Pacific championships to be held at Griffith University in Brisbane on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Last year our team was runner up to the Queensland team when the finals were contested in Melbourne. Let's hope this year we can reverse the result on their home turf. It's a little like an academic state of origin contest.

Congratulations Rachel, Sarah, Samantha, Tyler, Claudia, Jaxon and Olivia. You are very clever individuals but just as importantly, a great team. Special credit must be given to Mrs. Nelson who has done a great job to facilitate the team to this level. The special skills displayed by the students reflect the years of experience and development they have had at this school.

I am always impressed with Kindergarten student's ability and confidence to speak and perform, especially at assemblies. From there it just expands and enriches, with so many students taking advantage of the fabulous opportunities to be involved in the programs that develop their critical thinking, creativity, co-operative learning, teamwork, and public speaking and performance skills. This particular group was also able to demonstrate their love of literature and mastery of language.

WELL DONE!

18 September 2009  
Week 8, Term 3

## NAPLAN Results

This week parents of students in Years Three and Five received their child's 2009 NAPLAN (previously Basic Skills) results. Parents will be aware that a very thorough analysis and report of these results are published in the school's annual report. In summary, the Year Three results were very pleasing, and the Year Five results, while quite sound, were a little less than we would have liked. This is fairly consistent with that group's results when in Year Three. Literacy for both years is strong, and while aspects of numeracy showed growth, there is still work to be done in the Space and Geometry strands. Overall, the results reflect quality learning that takes place across the whole school.

## DIY School Days parents' folder

Have all your child's school information organised in the one place, neatly filed and easily accessible. It's not impossible! Simply go to:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/schooldays/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/schooldays/index.php) then download and print off folder covers and section dividers. It also contains useful homework helpers, a school handbook and information on student health. It looks great when it's finished and you can add in your child's school reports and artwork throughout the year. Store the folder in a handy place and your life will be so much easier.

Terry Robinson, Principal

## School Photos

All school photos have now been completed. Should you have any further questions please contact Hydro Photographics on phone 6581 4700.



## K-2 Mini Athletics Day

When: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## P&C

A canteen will be running at the K-2 athletics carnival but we need your help. Each class will be rostered on for a half hour time slot. A minimum of 5 adults will be needed to help for each slot. We are also looking for 2-3 people to help with set up at 8.15am and others for pack up at the end of the day. This is such a great way to meet other parents but most of all to ensure the kids and their supporters have a fantastic day. Please contact your class parent representative to help or ring the school on **65823478** to leave your name with the school canteen.

KV (9-9.30) Marissa Smith 65824531

KS (9.30-10) Nicci Novak 65821821

KL (10-10.30) Lyndal Thrower,  
65826165 Ali Bear

KC (10.30-11) Suzie Barnaby 65826820

1RK (10.15-10.45) Kam Dean

1RD (11-11.30) Melissa Burton

1K (10.45-11.15) Penny Johnstone

1-2G (11.30-12) Mandy Palin 65824856

2C (11.15-11.45) Kath Peck 65826729

2P (11.45-12.15) Stephanie Tedd  
65835542

2MP (12-12.30) Ruth Allen 65826549

## Cricket Nets

To celebrate the new cricket nets the P&C will be having a picnic and cricket games from 4pm on **Saturday 26th September**. Come and test your batting and bowling skills against our school's cricket legend Mr Newell. All welcome and we will wheel down the school barbeques too. If you require further information please contact Kath Peck on 0438821209.

## High School Transition Program

Westport High School and Port Macquarie High School will have a few teachers visiting our school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009 to implement lessons in the areas of English, Maths, Geography and Japanese to our Year 6 students. This is sure to be an exciting day of learning which we are looking forward to.

Kelly Jordan  
Stage 3 Supervisor

## Information & strategies for parents of children with learning difficulties

- Let your child see you reading regularly, this will encourage your child to see that reading is useful and an important skill.
- Visit the library - this allows your child to choose the most interesting books from a huge selection.
- Let your child choose books that interest them.

Maree Wall (Support Teacher Learning)



## 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. [www.aesolar.com.au](http://www.aesolar.com.au)

### ASSEMBLY ROSTER

NEXT FRI 9.10am	Yrs K-2 Hosted by KJ
NEXT FRI 2.00pm	Yr 5 & 6 Hosted by 4T

### UNIFORM SHOP

8.30am 9.15am	Mondays
8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays

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Public School

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02 6582 2326

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<http://www.tackingpt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

#### Principal

Mr Terry Robinson

## From the Library

Some tips to help your child improve their reading, at any age.

- Read aloud to your child. Be expressive in your reading so that your child can learn the language of reading and the enjoyment of books.
- Try not to let television intrude on reading time.
- Listen to your child read everyday. Aim for 10 minutes a day, but a little is better than none. Make it a special time, not a chore.
- Give books as presents and treats.
- Let your child see you enjoying reading for yourself.

Janelle Price  
Relieving Teacher Librarian

## Community Notices

### Port Macquarie Surf Lifesaving Club

Registration Dates:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 12 noon  
outside Town Pool followed by an ocean  
swim at 1pm Flynn's Beach

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 11am  
outside Town Pool followed by an ocean  
swim at 12 midday Flynn's Beach

Membership Rates: \$35 Nipper U/6 -  
U/14, \$35 Associate (one nipper parent  
must join) and \$110 Family.

All new members are required to bring  
along a copy of their Birth Certificate.  
Children must have reached the age of  
five years to become a member. Age  
groups from U/8 - U/14 are required to  
complete a Proficiency Pool Swim at  
registration - please bring swimmers,  
goggles, towel and \$4 pool entry. For  
further information please contact  
Wendy Evans on 0432154129. First  
Nipper Training Day is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>  
October.

### PMNC Children's Services Vacation Care October 2009

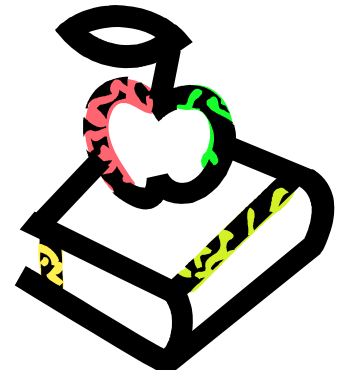
Enquiries for our October 2009 Vacation  
Care program are now being taken.  
Please contact the centre on 6584 2627  
for information.

Dates for the October 2009 program  
are: Tuesday 6 October to Friday  
9 October 2009.

Monday 12 October to Friday  
16 October 2009.

Port Macquarie Neighbourhood Centre  
Children's Services run a fun filled

holiday program of activities, games,  
Theme days and Excursions specifically  
for school aged children (5-12yrs). Child  
Care Benefit is available to all families  
through the Family Assistance Office.



### CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 21/9	S Thompson C Milligan
TUE 22/9	M Turner N Drury
WED 23/9	D McLachlan V Gan
THU 24/9	C Newham E Sprague
FRI 25/9	B Gaherity M Brumby S Coubrough 12-2pm