

# Tacking Point Public School Newsletter

1 May 2009  
Week 1, Term 2



## Welcome to Term 2

Welcome back to school following the Easter break. A special welcome is extended to new families enrolling this term.

Term 2 is a busy term for our students and teachers. There is a focus on the attainment of basic skills, particularly with NAPLAN testing for those students in Years 3 and 5.

Other priorities this term include:

- Education Week and Science Fair
- Major excursions
- Year 6 - Year 7 transition Programs
- Winter sports including Cross Country
- Athletics carnival
- PSSA selection finals and representation

## Staff Changes

A teaching vacancy brought about by Mrs Baker's promotion and subsequent transfer has been filled by Mrs Sue Garratt. Mrs Garratt has been teaching at Wauchope Public School where she is held in high regard. A very warm welcome is extended to Mrs Garratt who will be teaching class 1/2G. It is healthy for the school to have new people and new ideas coming on board. It is also a valuable experience for transferring teachers to extend their professional experiences and growth in a different setting.

Over the Easter vacation Mrs Willard (Yr1) received a transfer to Hastings Public School. The vacancy created by this move will be filled by open merit selection, a process that gives all Australian teachers who meet qualification standards the opportunity to apply. I would like to thank Mrs Willard for all of her hard work and achievements at TPPS and wish her well in her new venture.

## Stewart House

Stewart House is a charity sustained by the public schools in NSW. It is a residential complex at South Curl

Beach on Sydney's Northern Beaches that provides holiday opportunities for NSW school children who would benefit from a break or by having their experiences expanded and enriched.

Each fortnight 90 children from across NSW arrive at Stewart House for a 12 day program that includes a Department of Education school as well as a range of excursions and medical services.

For approximately 15 years I personally organised and accompanied North Coast groups of students to visit Stewart House and I cannot speak highly enough of the wonderful experiences and support this charity has provided for families and students.

During the program children:

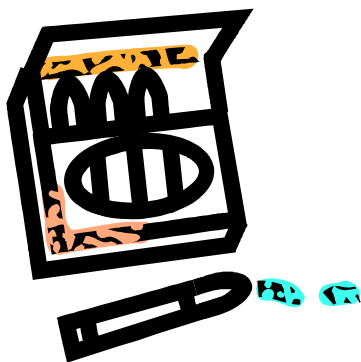
- Receive free eye, dental and health screening and treatment
- Develop self-care and conflict resolution skills
- Establish friendships and routines in a safe community
- Learn to relax and overcome anxiety
- Increase their self-esteem
- Participate in excursions and activities to develop a broader outlook on life

Some of the excursions and activities on the Residential Program are listed below:

- The Powerhouse Museum  
An educational, fun and 'hands on' experience.
- Sporting Events  
On occasions there is the opportunity to attend different sporting events, including basketball, netball, soccer and NRL games. Children who attend gain greater knowledge of the sport and it is an opportunity to experience something new and exciting.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Mon 4/5/09  
P & C Meeting  
7pm  
Canteen Meeting  
2.15pm
- ◆ TUE 5/5/09  
Mid North Coast  
Basketball  
Challenge  
  
K-2 Jump Rope  
2pm
- ◆ WED 6/5/09  
Computer Basic  
Skills Test  
  
School Cross  
Country
- ◆ FRI 8/5/09  
Mothers Day  
Stall  
  
NC League  
Opens and 11's



ASSEMBLY ROSTER	
NEXT FRI 9.10am	Yrs K-2 Hosted by 1K
NEXT FRI 2.00pm	Yrs 5 & 6
UNIFORM SHOP	
8.30am 9.15am	Mondays
8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays
UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER	
Monday 4/5	S Coubrough
Wednesday 6/5	S Wallace

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- Television Stations**  
 Most groups who attend Stewart House are given the chance to attend the filming of a national TV show. This gives the children the opportunity to experience the production process, learn about media and meet a celebrity. For most who attend this is a 'once in a lifetime' event.
- Sydney Aquarium**  
 A fantastic excursion for all children who attend Stewart House. Children are given the opportunity to enjoy all the Aquarium has to offer. They can face fears, learn about marine life, biology and the environment in a colourful and stimulating venue, alongside their peers and supervisors.
- Beach Activities**  
 With the beach located directly across the road, children are able to enjoy sandcastle building competitions, rock hopping, sport and many other beach activities. These activities allow the children to develop coordination, peer relationships and learn about marine life and beach safety.
- Talent Quest**  
 All children are encouraged to participate in a Talent Quest during the second week of their stay, with an emphasis on fun and participation. This gives the children the opportunity to build self-esteem and confidence, public speaking and performance skills, to share individual talents and skills with their peers. For many it is their opportunity to 'Shine'.
- Other special events**  
 Stewart House is maintained by the generosity and fundraising efforts of students across NSW Public Schools and by salary contributions of public school teachers. Each year our school nominates Stewart House as the priority charity to support. Each year we send students to Stewart House.

Included in this newsletter is an envelope and families are invited to make a donation.

Terry Robinson (Principal)

## Anzac Day Town March

Thank you so much to all the dedicated students, teachers and parents who attended Port Macquarie's Anzac Day March and Ceremony.

We were so impressed with the outstanding behaviour and respect shown during both the march and ceremony. All involved should feel very proud of themselves.

Mr Connolly kindly took these wonderful photos to treasure.

A special thank you barbeque will take place next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 1.00pm for ONLY the students who attended last Saturday's (25<sup>th</sup> April) march. The students will be notified on the day when to collect their lunch.

Many thanks again!

Jayne Johnson

## PSSA State Swimming Carnival

We had a very successful group of young swimmers attend a carnival at Sydney Olympic Park on the final two days of term one. They were all enthusiastic, well mannered and made our school very proud. Our Junior swimmers were Bianca and Joe, both competing in the 50m Freestyle with Joe making the finals and placing 9<sup>th</sup>.

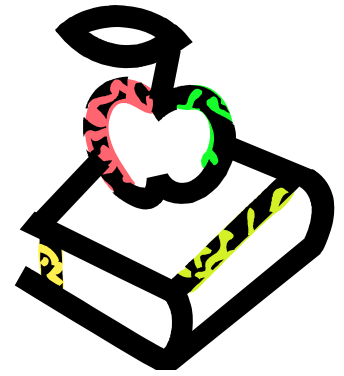
Lachlan competed in the 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly and the 200m IM. Lachlan made the finals in 3 strokes finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in Freestyle, 9<sup>th</sup> in Breaststroke and 5<sup>th</sup> in Backstroke. Our Senior students had a very successful time. Ashley and Reid both made finals for Freestyle, both finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. Sam competed in 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, Butterfly and Medley and Matt competed in the Medley also. What great two days of competition. The carnival finished with the finals for the 4 x 50m relays and both junior boys and senior boys teams made it through. The senior boys teams finished 15<sup>th</sup> overall and the junior boys finished with a bronze medal after a nail biting finish. All very exciting!!! I was so proud and amazed at all this team achieved, it's been a pleasure to be involved with them over the past term. Well Done.

Lisa Kirkland

## Easter Raffle

1st	D Sumsky
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Liam
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sam
4 <sup>th</sup>	Lee
5 <sup>th</sup>	N Pendlebun
6 <sup>th</sup>	J Hale
7 <sup>th</sup>	Connor
8 <sup>th</sup>	C Edwards
9 <sup>th</sup>	Nicholas
10 <sup>th</sup>	Harry
11 <sup>th</sup>	Noel
12 <sup>th</sup>	Georgie
13 <sup>th</sup>	M Bielby
14 <sup>th</sup>	Alison
15 <sup>th</sup>	Amelia
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Geard
17 <sup>th</sup>	Holly
18 <sup>th</sup>	Cooper
19 <sup>th</sup>	Lachlan
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tarnee
21 <sup>st</sup>	Lynne
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Liam
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tyler
24 <sup>th</sup>	Ella

25 <sup>th</sup>	Evie
26 <sup>th</sup>	Kristy
27 <sup>th</sup>	Therese
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mitchell
29 <sup>th</sup>	Isabella
30 <sup>th</sup>	Monique
31 <sup>st</sup>	Callen
32 <sup>nd</sup>	Myles
33 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter
34 <sup>th</sup>	Georgia
35 <sup>th</sup>	Mary
36 <sup>th</sup>	J Thomas
37 <sup>th</sup>	Mitch



## Rugby Union

Junior Rugby Union starts Friday 1 May (tonight). 3-4 team kick off at 5.30pm and 5-6 team at 6.15pm. Players are reminded to arrive 30 minutes prior to kick off. \$10.00 registration is also required on the night for those who have not paid.

## Day of Chess

On Friday 3 April, 10 students travelled to Laurieton to compete in a district schools 'Day of Chess'. Even though there were no overall winners on the day, all students tried their best and improved. Individual results were:

Lee - 3 wins, Owen - 4 wins, Tyler - 3 wins, Cameron - 3 wins, Ashleigh - 2 wins, Jack - 3 wins, Brent - 1 stalemate, Thomas - 3 wins, Jack - 1 stalemate, Ben - 3 wins. A big thank you to parents who helped with transport and to Mr Spindler who stayed with the students all day.

## Players Theatre

Annie the Musical now playing at the Players Theatre

Players Theatre presents the Musical Annie, now playing 1 May - 24 May 2009, Wed, Fri and Sat nights at 8pm and Sunday at 2pm. Tickets available at the Visitors Information Centre or at the Players Theatre Box Office (1 hour prior show). Don't miss this fantastic family show book now to avoid missing out.

## Mother's Day Stall

The P&C is again coordinating a Mother's Day Stall at school on Friday 8 May. They only have half the amount of gifts they need and only 1 week to get some more in so please send yours in A.S.A.P.

### CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 4/5	S Smith K Dean
TUE 5/5	M Smith X Blundell
WED 6/5	C Walsh M Biron
THU 7/5	K Peck A Higgerson
FRI 8/5	H Hingston M Burton S Hamill (12-2)