

Tacking Point Public School Newsletter

22 May 2009
Week 4, Term 2



Upcoming Events

- ◆ MON 25/5/09
Education Week
Launch Panthers
5.30pm
- ◆ TUE 26/5/09
Computer Comp
- ◆ WED 27/5/09
Computer (ICAS)
AFL Paul Kelly Cup
Band student to
Panthers
- ◆ THU 28/5/09
10.15-11.00am
K-2 open
classrooms
10.15am-1.00pm
Science Fair
- ◆ FRI 29/5/09
LNC Cross Country
- ◆ THU 4/6/09
9.30-11.00am
Stage 3 Public
Speaking Comp.
- ◆ FRI 5/6/09
11.30am-1.00pm
Stage 2 Public
Speaking Comp.
- ◆ THU 11/6/09
Jump Rope Yr 1-2
- ◆ FRI 12/6/09
Jump Rope
Kindergarten

Public Education Day and Education Week Celebrations

Yesterday, Thursday, was Public Education Day. Next week we celebrate Education Week. Schools are certainly in the community spotlight at this time of year. For students and families of our school it seems that the intensity and focus of school is the same all year around, not just Education Week.

This week's newsletter includes a message from one of our teachers, Ms Croad, about public education.

School Uniform

With the onset of colder weather we are currently experiencing problems with a number of students being out of school uniform. School uniform is a feature of our school and surveys of parents indicate that the school community values this and supports enforcing the wearing of full school uniform.

We understand that on occasional days it is not possible for your child to be in full uniform. If this is the case please send a note of explanation to the teacher. Unfortunately, there is currently a small group of students who are deliberately choosing to wear non uniform jackets and other items. This is not acceptable and teachers will be speaking with those students to rectify the situation. For those with

financial difficulties there are a number of second hand uniforms that can be made available.

Terry Robinson

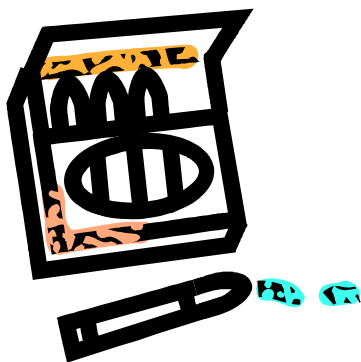
Public Education Day

Yesterday our teachers, students and office staff celebrated Public Education Day. We all took the time to reflect on our school days and to talk with our students about the opportunities that are available to them at Tacking Point Public School. Each and every child has the opportunity to participate and succeed in all their endeavours. Many children experience success in the academic area, others through performing arts and on the sporting fields and the swimming pool. All achievements are celebrated and efforts are appreciated by teachers, parents and peers. Every year, public school students achieve top results and their success at university is consistently impressive.

Teachers, parents, students and our local communities agree - there's a unique and special combination working together in our public schools to build a brighter future for Australia.

Take a minute to read our school notice board as it sums up our feelings of pride in our Public Schools.

Terri Croad
NSW Teachers Federation Rep.



Kindergarten Fire Safety Talk

Fire fighters Gavin, Peter, Tim and David arrived at our school in their new red truck to show our Kindergarten children their fire fighting equipment and to talk to them about fire safety.

In an emergency only should you ring **ZERO ZERO ZERO. 000**

Families are encouraged to talk as a family and walk through a fire drill at home.

All children have been told to follow the following points.

1. Tell an adult. Yell if you need to.
2. Get Down Low and Go Go Go.
3. Once outside the house wait at the letterbox.
4. If not, shut the door and stay there.
5. Do not hide from the fire fighter.

Fire fighter Peter, showed the children what he would be wearing in a fire and they all heard the funny noise his mask made. It sounded a lot like something out of Star Wars.

The Kindergarten children enjoyed looking at the Fire Truck, turning the hose on and talking about Fire Safety with the Firemen. We thank them for their valuable contribution to our Safety Program.

Kindergarten Teachers



K-2 Friday Morning Assembly

This is just a reminder for parents who bring their toddlers along to our assembly mornings. We are always happy to have visitors at the assembly as the children love to see you there and it helps to build the audience for them. Unfortunately at times the noise level from the toddlers becomes quite loud and can therefore distract the children from the item or announcements that are being made. We are trying hard to use assemblies as a teaching opportunity for learning about being good listeners and developing audience manners.

We would ask parents to help us in this task by controlling toddlers or taking them outside if they are getting unsettled. This would be most appreciated.

Mrs Lisa Kirkland

Sandpit Reminders

The students in our school have been lucky enough to gain two new sandpits in the playground. This is to provide more opportunities for children to have more structured play opportunities and somewhere quiet to go in the playground. We ask parents to label their children's socks and shoes so that they easily identifiable at the end of play. If you have any old Tonka Trucks, large toy cars or sand play toys we would love some donations. We are hoping to make up some sand play boxes for each sandpit. Any donations can be send to my room, room 7 1K and I'll be the collection base.

Mrs Lisa Kirkland

ASSEMBLY ROSTER

NEXT FRI 9.10am	Yrs K-2 Hosted by KL
NEXT FRI 2.00pm	Yrs 3-4 Hosted by 3/4P

UNIFORM SHOP

8.30am 9.15am	Mondays
8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays

UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Monday 25/5/09	R Williams
Wednesday 27/5/09	L Perkins

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Mr Terry Robinson

Information and strategies for parents of children with learning difficulties

Children with learning difficulties often produce messy handwriting due to difficulties. They often tire more easily than other children when writing, have trouble joining letters, have difficulties writing quickly and make a lot more mistakes when copying writing.

Helping children learning to write

Practise writing with different writing tools and surfaces eg chalk on blackboard, texta on white board etc.

Encourage writing at home, topics could be about holidays, excursions visits to family and relatives.

Try learning to write only 1 or 2 letters at a time.

Initially practise making letters big. Make sure sitting posture is good ie sitting up straight, feet on the floor and pencil grip is correct.

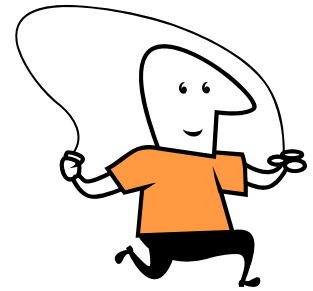
Maree Wall (Support Teacher Learning)

Jump Rope for Heart - Kinder, Years 1 & 2

Children in Kindergarten, Years 1&2 have been enjoying skipping activities at school in preparation for the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart. Notes and sponsorship forms went home last week. Please keep sponsorship forms in a safe place. These will need to be returned to school to the class teacher on the "Jump Off" day with any money donated. Thank you to those people who have already

registered online. Years 1&2 will have their "Jump Off" on Thursday 11th June and Kindergarten on Friday 12th June. The "Jump Off" will involve skipping as well as other activities to keep the heart pumping and children active. I hear many children are skipping at home in preparation.

Thank you for your support.
Fiona Kars, JRFH coordinator



Rugby Report

Both Yr3/4 teams played St Joeys Laurieton with the Tacking team winning impressively 8 tries to 4. The much improved Point team however lost narrowly in a tight game 3-2.

In Yr 5/6 matches the Tacking team also played St Joeys Laurieton and ran out winners 8 tries to 3. The Point team for the second week in a row, played one of the competition favourites St Josephs (Port) and despite a mighty effort, went down to this big and well drilled team.

Lost Property

With the onslaught of cold weather, the lost property basket overflows on a daily basis containing good school jackets, coats, jumpers, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles. We are very fortunate that office staff sort and return all items with name labels to their owners. But, a great deal is sent to charities as they have no identification labels. We ask all parents to label their child's belongings as we understand to buy replacement is a costly exercise. We appreciate your immediate action on this matter.

Jayne Johnson

CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 25/5	D Bartlett M Burton
TUE 26/5	M Turner N Drury
WED 27/5	R Allen D McLachlan
THU 28/5	C Newham E Sprague
FRI 29/5	C Howell L Grose 12-2 S Thompson

REMINDER

If a lunch bag is not supplied with the child's lunch order then there is a 10c charge for a lunch bag.

From the Library

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

Kindy

Cameron Martin KV, Payten Smith KV, Luke Townsend KV, Max Clark KV, Nicholas Pirnie KS, Dane Thiele KC, Arwen Hoffman KC, Alyssa Slattery KC, Talea Maslen KC, Jared Humphreys KL, Jock Chandler KL, Damon Kipreotis KL, Jaidyn Rossiter KL, Brandan Oliver KJ, Maddison Butcher KJ.

Stage 1

Seth Zacazan 1RK, Lleyton Wall 1RK, Kasey Bartlett 1RK, Zara Phillips 1 RK, Jaide Morris 1RK, Lachlan Wood 1K, Baya Tamghart 1K, Anastasia Wadwell 1K, Monique Abela 1K, Alex Lister 1RD, Kassandrah Szakal-Willcockson 1RD, Isabella Pearson 1-2G, Georgia Brown 1-2G, Kyah Griffin 1-2G, Ellie Townsend 2MP, Kieran Hill 2MP, Matthew Covetz 2P, Eilly Pilgrim 2C, Finlay Edmeades 2C, Alex McGee 2C, Madalynn Lack 2C, Wilson Harries 2L, Jake O'Donnell 2L.

Stage 2

Jake Attard 3R, Brynn McManus 3R, Finn Bradley 3C, Jed O'Brien 3C, Madeline Jansson 3J, Riley McCue 3J, Grace Cuttell 3J, Jordan Clarke 3-4P, Emily Beard 4K, Tiah Edwards 4K, Tiffany Bartlett 4T, Dafydd Wall 4T, Taylah Down 4T, Esther Abraham 4T, Emma Tarlinton 4N, Lachlan Ross 4N, Portia-Dee Rosser 4N, Alannah Grose 4N, Tom Vorias 4-5M, Blake Hugo 4-5M, Courtney Mason 4-5M, Emily Goodwin 4-5M.

Stage 3

Thomas Todd 5C, David Martin 5C, Charles Gaherty 5M, Anita Britten 5R, Kate Gallagher 5-6N, Teagan Warton 6C, Jack Delaforce 6C, Christie Clark 6K, Kataryna Kafantaris 6K.

P & C Mothers Day Stall

Wow, what a great stall we had, we raised over \$2450. Thank you so much Natalie, Melissa, Wendy, Lena, Deanna, Cath, Doris and Jo for all your help and all those who offered, I appreciate it. I hope all you mums and nannys received a gorgeous, special present like I did. To all you very cluey children who spent \$2 out of your \$5, and the other \$3, well lets just say the canteen had a great day also. Thanks again to all who donated to make it a great success. Thank you to all who brought in their I.O.U money, the whole idea of the Mother's Day Stall is so all our little angels get to pick a gift - the money is a bonus.

Thank you,
Shelly Latimer

Education Week Activities

Thursday 28 May

Kinder - Yr2.

Open classroom sessions. Parents are welcome to visit rooms from 10.15-11.00am.

The Science Fair will be held in the Yr6 rooms and the assembly hall from 10.15am-1.00pm. Parents are welcome to visit.

Netball

Congratulations to Georgia Clarke and Samantha Coppin for being selected in the District Netball team. The girls will try out for the Lower North Coast team at Kempsey on 25th May. Good luck girls.

Marion Geard

