

Tacking Point Public School Newsletter



25 September 2009
Week 9, Term 3

Upcoming Events

- ◆ MON 28/9
Year 3-4 Multi Cultural Week
- ◆ TUE 29/9
K-2 Athletics Carnival
- ◆ FRI 2/10
Last day of term
- ◆ MON 19/10
Students resume for Term 4
- ◆ FRI 23/10
Primary Choral Festival - Opera House
- ◆ THUR 29/10
NSW PSSA Athletics

Cricket Nets

Don't forget to join us for a short celebration re our new cricket nets this Saturday afternoon. It should be lots of fun with some games and a picnic.

Parent Survey Returns

Thank you to all parents who have completed and returned our annual surveys. If you have not done so please take some time out to provide us with this valuable feedback.

Year 1 Fairytale Ball

The Year 1 Fairy Tale Ball held on Wednesday was a grand event. Reports indicate that the guests looked beautiful, danced with style and enjoyed supper in a most sophisticated manner. The ballroom dancing demonstration was memorising and the teachers looked stunning in their evening attire. Congratulations teachers and students, a fabulous event.

Drama Festival

Our Year 6 thespians performed a series of short plays at the Port Macquarie District Drama Festival on Tuesday night. The depth of talent and the enthusiasm to perform are great attributes of our school. In addition to our Year Six groups, there was a performance by the specialist drama ensemble which meets weekly in our assembly hall. The opportunity for students in this group to work with highly talented drama teachers is providing excellent performances and greatly enhancing the individual students' skills.

Terry Robinson

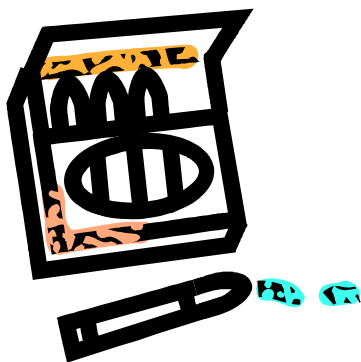
Year 1 Fairytale Ball

On Wednesday evening all the children from Year 1 attended their first ball. What an experience. They looked beautiful, danced like angels and had the manners of pure royalty. I would like to send out a big thank you to the parents who helped on the evening, as well as offering a huge round of applause for all our children's parents. You really helped to make it a dream come true. The children looked wonderful, the food and drink you provided was superb. Thank you so much. All of the Year 1 teachers need to be thanked for their efforts in bringing such a magical night together. We really are lucky to have such an inspiring bunch of princesses to work with. Thanks also to Kerry Lindley, Marg Crowe and Glenn Pleasance who gave up their time to help us enjoy the night. A special thank you needs to go to Mr and Mrs Whalen for their spectacular Ballroom Dance it took our breath away and Mr Tiley is a real champion for teaching all of our Year 1 darlings the Disco Barn Dance. We are lucky to have such special people so willing to join into our school community. Well done everyone.

Mrs Lisa Kirkland

'Hen Pen' Celebration

At next Monday morning's assembly, we will be thanking the Tacking Point Lions Club for their financial support and voluntary efforts in the construction of the facility. It will be a short informal ceremony celebrating the completion of the 'Hen Pen'.



K-2 Mini Athletics Day

When: Tuesday 29 September 2009

Where: School Reserve

Time: 9:10am-1pm

All children will need:

- Joggers
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Coloured T-shirt to match their School House Colour.
- Water bottle (that can be refilled).

Children will be required to carry their own water bottles and hats with them to each activity. All children will return to the playground for recess. If you have organised a picnic for the morning recess break, your child only will be able to stay with you for a picnic on the reserve.

At the conclusion of the carnival all children will need to have their name marked off the class roll. If your child is being collected by another family member please send a note to your class teacher prior to the carnival. Children will remain at school if a note has not been produced. Parent helpers would be greatly appreciated. Please send a note to your class teacher if you are able to help.

Katrina Chandler

P&C News

Farewell Monique

On behalf of the entire Tacking Point Public School Community we would like to say a very big thank you and goodbye to Monique Norup (Canteen Supervisor) who will sadly be leaving at the end of this term. We really appreciate all the hard work and dedication you have contributed over many years. Thank you Monique, you will certainly be missed!

Helpers Urgently Needed

Our K-2 Mini Athletics Day is next Tuesday 29 September and we are in desperate need of helpers. If anyone could help, or knows anyone who might be able to help (even just for half an hour) please contact the Canteen on 6582 3478 or Kam Dean on 6582 2470. Also, if there are any men or ladies that would be willing to help set up for the day at 8.15am, or help pack up at 1.00pm we would love to hear from you as well. On behalf of the Canteen Committee, thank you and we hope to hear from you all soon!

Kam Dean,

Student Reports: Year 1 Fairytale Ball

Last night we did dancing at the ball. I liked doing the Brown Jug Polka because it is really fast. I love dressing like a princess. There was Hawaiian Pizza, my favourite. When Mr and Mrs Whalen came they were really good.

By Monique 1K

Last night we had the Fairytale Ball, my favourite thing was doing the Gallopede. I like bowing to my partner. I liked the punch, it was yummy. It was great when the man lifted the lady up in the ballroom dance.

By Thomas 1R/K

Last night it was the Fairytale Ball. I liked the dances and the food. I had the pizza it was yummy. The hall looked beautiful, I loved the fairy lights.

By Amelia 1G

Georgia in North Coast Cricket

Congratulations to Georgia on her selection in the North Coast Girl's Cricket team. Georgia will be competing in the State Carnival at Sutherland from November 2 - 5. We wish Georgia well, confident she will acquit herself well in her usual quiet, confident manner.

Farewell

As many of you are aware I will be leaving the Canteen at the end of this term. I have been at TPPS for almost 13 years, the last 6 in the Canteen and prior to that as a parent helper involved in the classrooms, reading recovery program, P&C activities and of course the Canteen. I have worked with many volunteers and school staff and I would like to thank all that have supported me over the years.

Monique Norup

ASSEMBLY ROSTER

NEXT FRI 9.10am	Yrs K-2 Hosted by KC
NEXT FRI 2.00pm	Yr 5 & 6 Hosted by 6S

UNIFORM SHOP

8.30am 9.15am	Mondays
8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays Closed 30/9

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Mr Terry Robinson

Bookclub-Help Wanted!

Well this was a huge bookclub. Sales totaled over \$4000 and the school received about \$1000 in books and resources. Well done to all the students and parents who bought something out of the catalogue. Without Scholastic Bookclub our children wouldn't have the opportunity to buy these great books and help our kids with more books in the library or resources in the classroom. That is why I am asking for someone to take over the running of bookclub with me staying on in the helpers' role. It is a big job, but with more than one person responsible the job becomes a lot easier. The role would involve organising the brochures, collating money, ordering, entering names and monies into the computer, sorting the books when they arrive and getting them out to the children. It is a very rewarding thing to do. If interested please call Christy on 0438 200 537.

Happy Reading!

Christy Howell

Year 3 Yarrahapinni Camp

Last week Year 3 and their teachers had a wonderful time at camp. It was a terrific opportunity for the students to experience an overnight excursion close to home.

The camp provided many opportunities for the students to develop and encourage their peers in team co-operation. They worked well in cabin and activity groups and gained many compliments and rewards.

The children unanimously agreed that the waterslide was a hit and wished they could have stayed for a longer period of time.

We would like to thank the students on their exceptional behaviour and attitude while on camp. They truly contributed to the teachers' enjoyment and have made a great impact on the staff at Yarrahapinni.

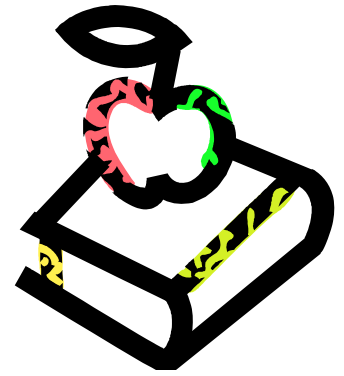
Special mention must go to our special boy, Kieran for his bravery when having his head stitched at Macksville Hospital on Thursday night. Truly a champion in all our eyes!

Many thanks must go to our band of adults who accompanied the students: parents, Mr Ray Marchment, Mrs Belinda

Johnson and Mr Russell Carter; and teachers, Ms Croad, Mr Rennes, Mr Clark, Mrs Game, Mrs Sherrard and Mr Hayes.

We are already planning and looking forward to next year's camp!

Jayne Johnson



ICAS English Competition 2009

This year we had 88 students in Years 3-6 sit the ICAS English Competition with 55 students awarded a Credit, Distinction or High Distinction award. The Honour Roll for Distinction and High Distinction Awards are as follows:

Year 3

Distinction

Tommy, Hannah, Rachel, Kyra, Kate and Sara

Year 4

Distinction

Kaleb, Samuel, Natasha, Christopher, Jack, Ambrose, Clare, Jacob and Mitchell

High Distinction

Liam

Year 5

Distinction

Rachel, Elizabeth, Blake, Max, Rhys

Year 6

Distinction

Cameron, Lee, Tyler, Kaitlyn

Congratulations to all 88 students who participated in this competition and gave their best effort. Well done!

Lost Bag Found

We would like to thank, very much the parent who found our daughter's backpack left on Ashdown Drive the afternoon of Thursday 17/9/09.

We were most grateful an honest person found and returned it.

Thank you again.

Ross and Karen

CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 28/9	K Murray M Burton
TUE 29/9	J Heard
WED 30/9	L Perkins A Massey
THU 1/10	K Peck A Higginson
FRI 2/10	M Cuttell J Clark All welcome

**No lunch orders
on the last day
of term.**

North Coast Athletics

Well done to all our athletes who competed in the North Coast Athletics Carnival last Friday. From the carnival Tacking Point finished third of all the North Coast schools. Competitors or teams who came in the top 3 progress to State Athletics at Homebush during Week 2 next term. A special mention must go to Elise who was the AWD Champion.

Results of all competitors who reached the finals were:

- Senior Boy's 4x100m Relay 2nd (Ben, Lachlan, Reid, Harry)
- Junior Boy's 4x100m Relay 3rd (Sam, Max, Sam, Kobe)
- Elliot 1st 11yrs Shot Put, 1st 11yrs Discus
- Ben 3rd Junior 800m
- Elise Junior AWD, 1st 100m, 800m, 200m, 2nd Discus, Long Jump, Shot Put
- Sam Junior 7th 800m, 4th Long Jump, 8th 200m, 4th 100m, 6th High Jump
- Max 7th Junior 200m
- Joe 7th 8yr 100m
- Ashleigh 5th Senior Shot Put
- Ashlee 5th 13yr 100m
- Jack 4th 11yr 800m
- Sam 10th 11yr High Jump
- Reid 6th 13yr 100m

Other students that performed well without making finals were:

Molly, Kate, Jessica, Elly, and Vincent.

Community Notices

Milo Cricket 2009 for 6 and 7 year old Boys and Girls. Registration Day Monday 28 September 2009 between 4:00pm to 5:00pm at Wood St. (late registrations will be allowed up to the 2nd of October - last day of school for term 3 by contact me on 0448 755 189, but the 28 September is the only registration day.)

Times: Will run on Mondays or Thursdays from 4:00pm - 5:00pm at Wood Street. From Week 1 till the last week of School for Term 4 2009. Cost: \$50 which includes equipment. Program: Skills program run by local cricket coaches.

TSA Swimming Club

Registration for the new swim season is open now at TSA Indoor Pool, Jindalee Road, Port Macquarie. New club members are welcome on Friday nights at 6pm. For more information call Helen Todd on 6581 0422. Birth Certificate is required as proof of age for new members.

Joey and Cub Scouts

We are gearing up for an exciting and fun filled spring and summer with canoeing, hiking, abseiling, games, activities, craft and more. If you're 6 or over, come and enjoy the thrill of Scouting. We meet each week at 1st Port Macquarie Sea Scout Hall in Buller Street.

Please contact Rhonda on 6582 0674 or Brian on 0417 685 150.

Pink Ribbon Ride

Join motorcyclists of the Mid-North Coast for the 2nd annual 2009 Pink Ribbon Ride. Proceeds will benefit the Cancer Council NSW.

Saturday 24 October 2009

Departs: 10.30am sharp from McDonald's (at the donut) on the corner of Pacific Highway and Oxley Highway.

Ride continues along coast road and a scenic route through the district and concludes at the Long Flat pub, with a sausage sizzle and steak sandwiches. Wilson River Band will be playing from 1.30-5.30pm. Free camping at Long Flat also limited accommodation available.

All motorcycle and trike riders welcome. An event for women, men and pillions.

Ride is free and funds are raised through raffles, t-shirt and patch sales.

Help us raise much needed research funds!

For more information contact:
Peter Feeney on 6559 8470

From the Library

Following on from last week, here are some more benefits of reading aloud as a family.

- Reading to children helps them with language and speech development.
- It expands their vocabulary and teaches children how to pronounce new words.
- Reading to older children helps them understand grammar and correct sentence structure.
- Reading aloud is a fantastic bonding opportunity, allows for 1:1 communication and gives children the attention they crave.
- Being read to builds children's attention span and helps them hone their listening skills.
- Curiosity, creativity and imagination are all developed while being read to.
- Children whose parents read to them tend to become better readers.

Janelle Price
Relieving Teacher Librarian

Year 2 Car Rally

What fabulous weather we had yesterday for our annual Year 2 Car Rally! As usual the highlight was the Grand Parade where the children could see and celebrate all their fine efforts and enjoy the many different types of transport on display.

We saw hummers, jeeps, a tank, some very fancy and fast cars as well as fighter jets and even a hot air balloon or two!

The sprint car races were fast and furious and the rally through our bowl certainly tested the stamina of many.

Well done to all the parents for the fabulous designs and also for taking the time to make these vehicles at home. The children always enjoy getting Mum and Dad involved in all school activities. Thank you to everyone who was able to take time from work and home to come along and cheer us on. We love to see you enjoying the afternoon as much as we do.

Lastly thanks to our terrific, enthusiastic and pumped year 2 children and teachers for providing the many thrills and spills of the afternoon. The spirit and generosity which you bring to these fun times is a credit to all.

T.Croad

Swimming school 2009 - Advance Notice

Monday 2 November to Friday 13 November 2009

Next term notes will be sent home with all Year 2 children and many Year 3 children for School Swimming Scheme. Places are limited and we expect all non swimmers and poor swimmers in Year 2 and 3 to attend. Any child in Year 2 currently training with a swimming squad will not be required to attend. Poor and weak swimmers in Year 4 may also be accommodated depending on places being available.

The lessons take place at the local Olympic Pool with AUSWIM qualified and experienced teachers in school hours over 10 days.

The cost will be \$40 and this covers pool entry fees and bus fare to and from the pool for the 10 days. The lessons are FREE.

Please contact Miss Croad if you have any queries regarding Swimming school.

T. Croad
Co-coordinator