

Tacking Point Public School Newsletter

26 June 2009
Week 9, Term 2



Parent Helpers in the School

Our school receives great assistance from many parents in various programs in classrooms and across the whole school. This not only improves the quality of students' education but is a privilege for parents to be able to share their child's educational experience.

There are many ways parents can be involved. These include: classroom helper for activities such as art, P.E., writing etc, reading helpers, managing home readers, reading mentors, assisting with sporting teams including coaching and transport, excursion assistance (particularly on overnight excursions), library work including covering books, P&C Committee, fund raising, consultative committees organizing and manning Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day stalls, fete management and assistance, canteen, grounds management and working bees, assisting with special activities eg Costumes for dance groups, uniform shop and many other non-designated ways.

Being involved in school programs brings with it responsibilities to ensure that all children are safe, that

school matters including individual student's performance or class issues remain confidential and that teacher's professional integrity is respected. While the school promotes and supports the involvement of parents in classroom programs we also respect the right of individual teachers to determine the level of involvement and selection of helpers. For the partnership to be effective the teacher and parent helpers must share mutual trust and support.

Tacking Point is grateful that our school receives such high levels of support and this certainly makes a difference to the quality of experiences and opportunities for our students. We are grateful that we share positive relations and that our parent helpers respect the responsibilities that go with working in the school.

All parents who assist in classrooms, school programs, excursions or any other activity must sign a child protection declaration form. These are available from the office.

Terry Robinson

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Mon 29/6
Boy's & Girl's
Soccer
- ◆ Tue 30/6
Canteen Special
Lunch
- ◆ Wed 1/7
Boy's cricket
- ◆ Thu 2/7
Yr 1 Koala out of
uniform day
- ◆ Fri 3/7
LNC Rugby
- ◆ Wed 8/7
Yr 1 Billabong
excursion
- ◆ Fri 10/7
Last day of term
- ◆ Tue 28/7
Students resume
for Term 3



Tacking Point Adult Singers

Our school is special for a huge number of reasons - choirs to name only one of them but a great new innovation this year has been the group of staff and parents that meet regularly to sing. Singing together is a really bonding activity as well as fun so come join us! Starting in term 3 we sing every Friday at 8.15 a.m. in hall for 45 minutes, a wide variety of songs and lots of laughter.

We need more parents although we have some great people already we know there are more of you out there who love to sing. So leave the shower and join us for a therapeutic session of song before you set forth on your usual Friday activities, it will give you a much better day.

Further information 0407 007 993.
Robyn Ryan

"Hen Pen" News

The Tacking Point Lions Club volunteers have almost completed the structural work of the Hen Pen. To create the gardens and path areas we are searching for materials that we can recycle or reuse. These materials include:

- Sleepers (railway sleepers) in good condition - perhaps you have 1 or 2 lying around that we can use.
- Long lengths of hardwood for path borders
- Any left over soil, crusher dust etc.
- Saw dust/shavings - where can we obtain this from?

Helen Ramm
Environment Committee

Library News

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

ASSEMBLY ROSTER

NEXT FRI 3/7 9.10am	Yrs K-2 Hosted by 2L
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NEXT FRI 3/7 2.00pm	Yrs 5 & 6 Hosted by 5M
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UNIFORM SHOP

8.30am 9.15am	Mondays
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8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays
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UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Monday 29/6	S Coubrough Stocktake helpers
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Wednesday 1/7	S Wallace
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Mr Terry Robinson

Year 1 Adopting a Koala

Year One has adopted a Koala to support our theme of Australian Animals. Our Koala's name is Hibiscus Brian. This is an endeavour we are very excited to have started and will involve an annual fundraiser to raise money for our Koala and the Koala Hospital.

Next Thursday 2 July Year One will be having an out of uniform day. The children are asked to dress in green (like eucalyptus leaves) and donate a gold coin. In class the children will be designing Koala posters and some of these will be given to the Hospital as a gift.

Please support us in our endeavour and help your Year One child dress in green next Thursday.

Year One Teachers.

Education Tax Refund - Don't forget to claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return.
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too, to find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to:

australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

- ⚠ Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

Information and strategies for parents of children with learning difficulties

Most children with learning difficulties find reading hard. This can be especially frustrating for them. This may also cause them to lose self esteem and motivation to learn.

Scientific research has shown that the best way to predict if a child will be a good reader at school is whether or not their parents read to them regularly at home. It is important to foster a love of books and a love of learning at home.

Strategy to help with reading

Set aside 10 minutes a night to read to your children.

Maree Wall
(Support Teacher Learning)

Found

A pair of football boots left on the bus approximately 4 weeks ago. The boots can be retrieved by the owner contacting Busways Port Macquarie Depot on 6583 2499 and describing them.

CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 29/6	M Lack B Inkinen
TUE 30/6	S Knox A Massey <i>Helpers for special lunch please</i>
WED 1/6	C Walsh M Biron
THU 2/6	K Peck A Higgerson
FRI 3/6	D Marchment M Cutteli L Brose (12-2)

Special Lunch Tuesday 30 June

the canteen will be running a special lunch.

Option 1

Sausage sandwich
popper

Lick stick or apple
(please specify)

\$3.50

Option 2

Hamburger (lettuce,
cheese and tomato)

Popper

Lick stick or apple
(please specify)

\$3.50

NO OTHER LUNCH
ORDERS AVAILABLE
ON THE DAY

Please send your order to the canteen on an envelope with child's name, class, option and correct money **by Friday 26/6/09.**

NO ORDERS WILL BE
ACCEPTED AFTER 9AM
MONDAY 29 JUNE.