

# Tacking Point Public School Newsletter



28 August 2009  
Week 5, Term 3

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ WED 2/9  
9.30am  
Book Parade
- ◆ FRID 4/9  
Boys Soccer v  
Kempsey East at  
Kempsey 10am.  
  
Fathers Day stall
- ◆ MON 7/9  
P&C meeting  
7.00pm in  
staffroom
- ◆ TUES 15/9  
School Photos
- ◆ WED 16/9  
Year 3 Excursion  
Group 1
- ◆ THUR 17/9  
Year 3 Excursion  
Group 2
- ◆ FRID 18/9  
NC Athletics -  
Coffs Harbour
- ◆ THUR 24/9  
Year 2 Car Rally
- ◆ TUES 29/9  
K-2 Athletics  
Carnival

## Deputy Prime Minister's Visit

The Deputy Prime Minister, Ms. Julia Gillard, paid our school a most warm and welcome visit on Tuesday. Ms. Gillard was accompanied by our federal local member, Mr Rob Oakeshott. Mr Oakeshott, having lived in our community and enrolling his daughter for 2010, was able to provide Ms. Gillard with a very personal introduction and endorsement of the school.

Education is one of Ms. Gillard's federal responsibilities and she takes a very keen interest in what is happening in schools and what is happening for students. Her willingness to talk with students, teachers and staff was appreciated. She spent a very interesting question and answer time in class 5/6N.

Congratulations to our students in Bel Canto Choir, Staccato Boys' Choir and the Years 1 and 2 dance troupe for the excellent performances they presented for our visitors.

## Give Me 5 For Kids

GM5FK fundraiser held at end of last term was a great success and the combined donation from the various organisations, including Tacking Point Public School and other members of the Hastings Valley of Schools, was in excess of \$25 000. What a great effort by Nik James and the 2MCFM team. Funds will purchase equipment for the children's wards at Port Macquarie Base Hospital, Kempsey, Macksville and Wauchope Hospitals.

## Special Acknowledgement

Congratulations Stephanie, 3/4P, for your outstanding 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the junior section of the Northern NSW Multicultural Public Speaking

Competition. Public Speaking has been introduced to our school a few years ago and is quickly becoming one of our most popular programs and Tacking Point is developing a reputation for producing fine quality speakers. We look forward to Stephanie competing as a senior!

Terry Robinson  
Principal

## Father's Day

Big thank you to all those wonderful parents who have donated presents or money for the Father's Day stall. At this point of time we have only 200 presents and the stall is next Friday. As we have over 800 students who are eager to buy please donate something early next week.

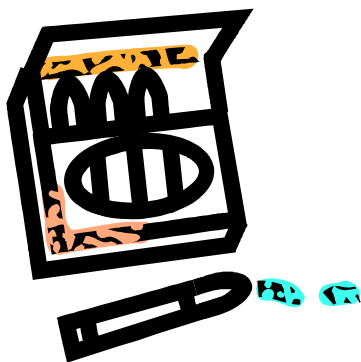
The Father's Day stall will be held next Friday 4 September and gifts will be available for purchase priced from \$2 to \$5.

Be aware, you need to donate a gift or money in order for there to be enough gifts available for your child to buy.

Michelle Latimer  
(Stall organiser)

## School Photos

Will be taken on **Tuesday 15 September 2009**. Last week all students were provided with an order envelope for their upcoming school photos. Please check that you have received an order envelope and return completed envelopes to your class teacher prior to photo day. Should you have any further questions please contact Hydro Photographics on phone 6581 4700.



## Wonderful Worms

Our own waste disposal - worms are in our "Hen Pen" enclosure ingesting, digesting and excreting humus. These are commercial worms, with huge appetites, for composting called Reds (L Prubellus) - red in colour, surface dwellers found always in the top 150mm. They are wonderful recyclers working constantly to dispose of our tuitti fruitti scraps - feeding, excavating, burrowing and also reproducing.

Yr 1 classes are learning the benefits of keeping worms and the important part they play in helping to reduce the amount of waste that our school sends to landfill. Each day an almost 10 litre bucket of fruit scraps is collected from K-2 classes. Our worms are being fed a bucket full each Monday. This will quickly increase to two buckets per week as the worms settle in and reproduce. The remaining scraps are placed into our first compost bin.

The castings and liquid produced by the worms are a nutrient rich soil conditioner - 100% organic. They replace beneficial bacteria and microbes to your soil which in turn help to produce healthy plants.

WANTED: Please search through your sheds etc and maybe you will find garden tools such as small digging forks and shovel forks that you no longer need or use - we would love to have them for children to work with in our vegie garden areas.

Helen Ramm

## Lost Property

Our lost property bin is already overflowing. Unnamed articles will be displayed on Monday on the silver seats adjacent to the school office. Any items remaining after this day will be given to a local charity.

## Aussie Rules

Over the past 2 weeks Tacking Point has been taking part in the Tony Lockett Shield, the PSSA State Knockout in Aussie Rules.

We first played in a Gala Day at Coffs Harbour against Urunga, Toormina and Bellingen.

We started off with a good win against Bellingen and then played Toormina in the final. Toormina has proven our hardest task in the past, but this year, our team played exceptionally well with the game being in the balance until the final bell. Despite fierce opposition our

side triumphed by 1 point. This win took us into the next round against a much tougher opposition in Byron Bay.

The game was played at a frantic pace with our team matching theirs for skills and endeavour.

In the end Byron Bay won by 2 points, their closest game by far.

Our team can feel very proud of their achievements and are already looking forward to next year.

Many thanks to the parents who helped with the coaching of the team as well as transport and support on the sideline. A great result.

Mick Gavel

## From the Library...

**Book parade Wednesday 2 September Week 6 - 9.30am**

At TPPS we hold an annual Library Book parade to celebrate and promote Australian Children's Literature. Students, staff and visiting toddlers are invited to come to school on the day dressed as a favourite *book* character for our whole school parade down the cat walk! (*No movie stars or pop stars - please!!!*) So start thinking about your costumes and rattling the back of closets and raiding Op shops for ideas!

### Bookmarks

Congratulations to the following students and their families who have together completed their reading aloud bookmarks:

### Kindy

Sarah KJ, Ciara KJ, Zac KJ, Luke KV, Brianna KV, Paige KS, Zac KL, Jayden KL, Arwen KC, Kayleigh KC, Milla KC, Tara KC, Will KC, Talea KC.

### Stage 1

Alex 1RD, Zara 1RK, Kasey 1RK, Seth 1RK, Kyah 1-2G, Zara 1-2G, Liam 1-2G, Georgia 1-2G, Mitchell 2C, Harrison 2P, Isla 2P, Ella 2MP, Ella 2MP, Tahlia 2MP, Lachlan 2MP, Kieran 2MP.

### Stage 2

Tyla 3SG, Bianca 3SG, Annabelle 3SG, Joe 3J, Sophie 3J, Lachlan 3J, Madeline 3J, Bella 3J, Jed 3C, Jade 3R, Ryan 3R, Clare 3-4P, Jorga 4N, Ben 4N, Portia

### ASSEMBLY ROSTER

NEXT FRI 9.10am	Yrs K-2 Hosted by 1G
NEXT FRI 2.00pm	Yrs 5 & 6 Hosted by 5/6N

### UNIFORM SHOP

8.30am 9.15am	Mondays
8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays

### UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER

Monday 31/8	R Williams
Wednesday 2/9	<b>Closed</b>

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#### Principal

Mr Terry Robinson

4N, Rowdy 4C, Kyle 4C, Ashleigh 4C, Thomas 4C, Shaina 4K, Jack 4K, Kristy 4K, Emily 4K, Kaleb 4T, Tiffany 4T, Charli 4T, Taylah 4T, Tara 4-5M.

### Stage 3

Michelle 5C, Cian 5C, Jai 5R, Kobe 5R, Jayme 5R, Jessica 5R, Caleb 5R, Jackson 5R, Emily 5R, Stella 5R, Kataryna 6K, Travis 6K, AmieBelle 6K.

Leanne Tracy, Teacher Librarian

## Grand Final Rugby Report

2009 has been an exciting year for Tacking Point Public School Rugby, with two 3/4 sides making their respective grand finals. On a weekend that saw the Wallabies cruelly denied by the All Blacks, it was sad that 2 other teams of good guys went down, but they certainly put up a fight.

The Port Macquarie Private Hospital side went into the 1<sup>st</sup> Division grand final against a well drilled and confident St Peters side that had been undefeated all year. St Peters were shocked by an awesome display of running rugby that saw Logan score for an early lead. As expected, St Peters fought back, despite stout defence by our boys, to set up a 2-1 lead at half-time.

The half-time huddle focused on staying confident and disrupting the fast St Peters backline. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half saw a see-sawing battle between 2 sides that were determined to hold the trophy at full-time. Tries to Joe and Max were built on bustling defense, more than long runs, but these were matched by tries to the strong St Peters outfit. The final result being a win for St Peters 5 tries to 3.

The forward pack of Jack, Dafydd, Max, Lachlan and Tyrell provided a constant supply of quality ball to the flying backline. The backline of Kane, Sam, Logan, Sam, Joe and Harry, grew in confidence as the season progressed and were a potent combination.

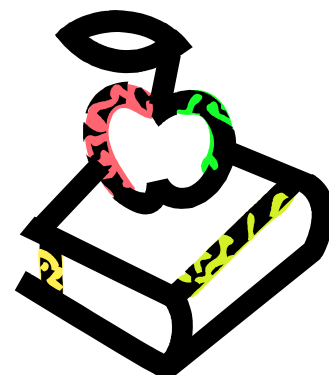
In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Grand Final the Tacking Point "Hire a Hubby" sponsored side came up against a gigantic St Columbia 4. After a promising opening spell it was the huge St Columbia forwards who took control to lead at half time. The second half saw more of the same but courageous defense and a great solo try by Liam brought the team some hope. However it was not to be with St Columba winning 7 tries to 1. The team of Brent, Sam, Tom, Kane, Jasper, Liam, Kaleb, Oscar, Tom, Dane ,

Lleyton, Griffin and Lochie can be proud of their improvement and efforts throughout the season.

The 50 boys who played in the 4 Tacking Point teams would like to thank, Tony, Dave and Steve for running the teams on Friday evenings. Laura Begbie for organizing new playing jumpers and Maree Wall for registration and school liaison. They would also like to thank all the other parents who helped out during the season. To have 3 Tacking Point teams compete in 3 out of 4 grand finals is a great achievement. Well done boys you provided great entertainment and excitement for all who watched and were a credit to yourselves and your school.

**Reminder:** The 5/6 1<sup>st</sup> Division Grand Final is being played tonight between Tacking Point "Sports Power" and St Columba 6. Kick off 5.30pm at Stuart Park.

Ian Wall



### CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 31/8	M Lack B Inkinen
TUE 1/9	X Blundell
WED 2/9	C Walsh M Biron (Book parade)
THU 3/9	A Higgerson
FRI 4/9	Y Abela M Cuttelli S Knox (12-2)

## Community Notices

### Port Macquarie Junior Cricket Club

Registration dates:

Saturday 29 August and 5 September 2009, 10am-1pm.

Settlement City (canal entrance in front of Sportspower store)

Email: enquiries to: Secretary, [peterbehan2@yahoo.com](mailto:peterbehan2@yahoo.com)

Telephone: enquiries to Registrars, Wendy Kennedy 6582-5966 and Liz White 6584-3312.

### Junior Touch Football

Competition commencing Tuesday 20 October for 8s, 10s and 12s. Thursday 22 October for 14s, 16s and 18s. Registration forms and information can be collected from Sportspower in Settlement City or downloaded from [www.sportingpulse.com.au](http://www.sportingpulse.com.au).

## Canteen Volunteers

We are in desperate need of any mums, dads or grandparents who are able to go on our emergency list in case our regular volunteers are unable to attend. The volunteers hours at the canteen are 10-2pm. Anyone who is able to help please contact Monique or Leanne.