

Tacking Point Public School Newsletter

29 May 2009
Week 5, Term 2



Upcoming Events

- ◆ TUE 2/6
LNC X Country
- ◆ THU 4/6
9.30-11.00am
Y5-6 Public
Speaking Comp
- ◆ FRI 5/6
11.30am-1.00pm
Y3-4 Public
Speaking Comp
- ◆ MON 8/6
Public Holiday
- ◆ WED 10/6
ICAS Science
Comp
- ◆ FRI 12/6
NC X Country
- ◆ WED 17/6
Dance Festival
- ◆ FRI 19/6
Y3-6 Athletics
Carnival

Education Week Awards

Last Monday the Hastings Valley Community of Schools celebrated the launch of Education week at Panthers Port Macquarie. A highlight of the evening was the presentation of awards to outstanding students, teachers and community members in our schools. Tacking Point was honoured to have a North Coast award as well as four Hastings Valley awards.

The awards were as follows:

North Coast Award - Student:

Reid McM

Reid displays outstanding leadership and is school captain for 2009. He has achieved high academic levels in all curriculum areas. In 2008 Reid won two of the three major state awards for digital technology in the Connected Learning Awards. Reid is also a talented sportsperson, recently finishing fourth in state swimming finals.

Hastings Valley Community of Schools Award - Students (2)

Cameron G

Cameron consistently demonstrates commitment and dedication to all aspects of school life. His involvement in Band, Bel Canto choir, Boys' choir, Valley Vox choir, chess and PSSA basketball demonstrates his enthusiasm and passion to excel. His achievements in literacy and numeracy demonstrate a high

level of knowledge, skills and understandings. Cameron has excelled in public speaking and won this year's Tacking Point Public speaking finals.

Georgia C

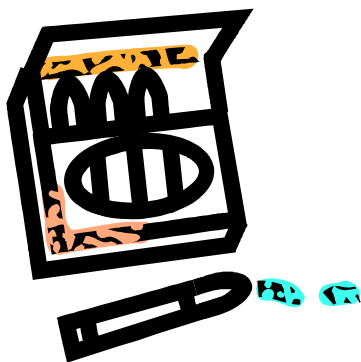
Georgia is an exemplary role model in every way. Her enthusiasm for learning and total commitment to all she attempts is outstanding. Georgia interacts maturely and respectfully with her peers, teachers and members of the wider community. She immerses herself in all aspects of school life, displaying kindness, consideration and empathy at all times. Georgia is an exceptional member of our school community.

Hastings Valley Community of Schools Award - Community Member

Sandra Wallace

Sandra Wallace is involved in all aspects of life at Tacking Point Public School. Her outstanding abilities and commitment are appreciated in her various roles including:

- P&C president,
- school improvement committee,
- canteen committee,
- uniform shop and uniform committee,
- volunteer tutor,
- classroom helper,
- whiteboard and excursion advisory groups, and
- general advisor and supporter of the school.



Hastings Valley Community of Schools Award - Teacher

Helen Ramm

As well as being an outstanding classroom and reading recovery teacher, Helen Ramm has a passion for environmental education and projects in the school. She has been able to work with various groups and agencies in developing teaching units, a whole school recycling program, installation of water tanks, community project to construct a hen house and a worm farm business. These initiatives have made a real difference to the school's environmental awareness and practices.

Building Program



Things are underway - yesterday two demountables were removed. In the next few days a new MDR building will be installed.

Last week the Federal Education Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, announced a \$200 000 grant to our school to address maintenance issues. Hopefully work can soon begin on drainage and pavement needs.

Terry Robinson

Chess Results

Last Friday the team played Heritage Christian School. Results were fantastic for Tacking Point with Lee H and Owen HI having wins and Tom V and Ben O having draws. Congratulations boys!



Soccer News

Congratulation to Brandon H for his selection in the LNC team which traveled to Grafton a couple of weeks ago. Even though Brandon was unsuccessful in being selected for the North Coast team, he performed very admirably on the day.

The boy's school team has trained well and are looking forward to our first game against Hastings Public School in a few weeks time. The girl's team also play Hastings as well. Good luck both teams.

North Coast Rugby League

Congratulations to Blake R who has been selected in the North Coast Open Rugby League Team. Blake will travel to Griffith in late June to play at the state trials.

Reconciliation Week - 27 May - 3 June

Each year National Reconciliation Week celebrates the rich culture and history of the first Australians. This year's theme is 'See the person, not the stereotype'.

It's the ideal time for all of us to join the reconciliation conversation and to think about how we can help turn around the disadvantage experienced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. You can find out more at the [Reconciliation Week website](http://www.reconciliation.org.au). (www.reconciliation.org.au)

ASSEMBLY ROSTER

NEXT FRI 9.10am	Yrs K-2 Hosted by
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NEXT FRI 2.00pm	Yrs 5 & 6 Hosted by
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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 1/6	S Coubrough
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Wednesday 3/6	S Wallace
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Principal

Mr Terry Robinson

Library News

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

(names withheld)

Bus Safety Tips from Busways

Arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive. While at the bus stop, wait quietly in a safe place well away from the road.

Enter the bus in a line with younger students at the front and be sure to hold the hand rail when going up the stairs.

Go directly to a seat and remain seated, facing forward for the entire ride.

During your trip, noise should be kept to a minimum to avoid distracting the driver.

Never throw things on the bus or out the windows. The aisle should be kept clear at all times.

Hands should be kept to yourself. Fighting and picking on others creates a dangerous bus ride.

When exiting the bus: **WAIT** on the footpath until the bus has driven away. **WATCH** until there is no traffic, or the traffic has stopped. **WALK** across the road, turning your head both ways to look and listen for traffic. Never walk behind the bus.



CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 1/6	K Dean
TUE 2/6	M Smith X Blundell
WED 3/6	C Walsh M Biron
THU 4/6	K peck A Higgerson
FRI 5/6	S Wallace M Cuttell S Knox (12-2)