

Tacking Point Public School Newsletter

30 October, 2009
Week 2, Term 4



Upcoming Events

- ◆ MON 2/11
Swim School start
- ◆ THU 5/11
Concert of Excellence @ Glasshouse
- ◆ THU 19/11
Kinder 2010 Orientation
- ◆ FRI NIGHT 20/11
P&C Pool Party
- ◆ SAT 21/11
Family Portrait Fundraiser
- ◆ TUE 1/12 9.30am
Y3-6 Class Awards Assembly
- ◆ FRI 4/12 9.30am
K-2 Concert & Class Awards Assembly
- ◆ TUE 8/12 9.30am
K-6 Prize giving Assembly
- ◆ WED 9/12
Yr 6 Farewell
- ◆ WED 16/12
LAST DAY for students

We Did It!

What an amazing effort from our Language/Literature Tournament of Minds team - first place in the Australasian and Pacific Championships.

The team, consisting of Rachel, Sarah, Claudia, Samantha, Olivia, Tyler and Jaxon, were outstanding in the competitions leading up to and including the finals. The conditions the team had to perform under and the depth of the challenge demanded they be incredibly knowledgeable, resourceful, creative and strong.

They worked as a team and were able to present a performance based solution to the problem that won the judges acclaim. The team beat St Margaret's School from Victoria.

In her first year of working with Tournament of Minds students, Mrs Nelson has made an outstanding contribution. She has been able to bring together all of the wonderful skills and attitudes the students have developed over the years and focus these into a package that can creatively solve incredibly difficult challenges.

Special thanks must go to the wonderful band of parents who supported the team to compete in Brisbane. Without their encouragement, fundraising and attendance and general support we could not have achieved this. The students and teachers really appreciated the support given by Miss Terri Croad, who "mothered" us, keeping all of them well fed, organised and safe for the trips to Sydney and Brisbane.

Terry Robinson

Tournament of Minds

This year Tournament of Minds (T.O.M) was extremely fun with Tacking Point 'lighting their way' through first the regional finals then swiftly through state then lastly through the national finals. Our fabulous team had to work together to solve two problems; a spontaneous and a long term challenge. The spontaneous involved a hypothetical question which had to be answered within 3 or 4 minutes then presented to a panel of judges. The long term challenge was a harder question which had to be answered within a 3 hour time limit and presented in a play.

The T.O.M team would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Nelson, Miss Croad and Mr Robinson for supporting us the whole way through. Also a big thank you to everyone who helped us fundraise to get us to Brisbane for the national finals.

T.O.M. students

Entry into Selective High Schools in 2011

The NSW Department of Education and Training offers transitioning students a range of specialist options for their secondary schooling. There are special places available for gifted and talented students and entry is determined through a competitive testing program. Some schools are fully selective and some partially selective. There are also a number of specialist agriculture, sporting and technology schools. Information is available www.det.nsw.edu.au or from me.

Terry Robinson



ASSEMBLY ROSTER

NEXT FRI 9.10am	Yrs K-2 Hosted by KL
NEXT FRI 2.00pm	Yrs 5 & 6 Hosted by 4C
UNIFORM SHOP	
8.30am 9.15am	Mondays
8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays

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Mr Terry Robinson

Primary Choral Festival

Last Friday 36 students from Bel Canto travelled to Sydney to perform as part of the Primary Schools Choral Festival at the Sydney Opera House. The choral festival program and repertoire has been the focus of rehearsals in Bel Canto since the beginning of this year culminating in this wonderful performance opportunity. A wonderful day was had by all with some of the students reflections below.

"My favourite thing was being able to have the opportunity to go and experience it for the second time. I loved it when we played wishing games and threw coins into Sydney Harbour as our wishing well. I also enjoyed the view of Sydney as we landed in the plane."

Crystal

"I thought singing in the Sydney Opera House was a great experience. I loved the plane and I was very tired at the end of the day. I wish I could go again! My favourite song was the last song in the concert; "Down By Riverside".

Lauren

"The Choral Festival 2009 was a great experience for the lucky students in year 5 and 6. This year we flew down on a plane to rehearsal. At night we sang with outstanding bands and orchestras. I really enjoyed the Opera House Choral festival 2009."

Georgia

"My time at the Opera House was the best experience ever. I had never had such a fun time and I reckon I'm going to go there again. I'd like to thank Mrs. Ryan and Mr. Pleasance for letting me experience such a place and I hope Mrs. Ryan enjoyed her birthday with Bel Canto."

Sarah

Parent/Teacher Choir

Final rehearsal at the Glasshouse
7.45am Thursday 5 November.

Concert of Excellence

5 November, 2009
GLASSHOUSE
12:00pm & 7:00pm

NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT SCHOOL

Purchase directly from the Glasshouse Box Office Clarence St, by phone on: 6581 8888 (business hours) or Glasshouse Online facility.

Adults \$15

Pensioner/ Student U/18 Concession \$10

Matinee 12:00 - 2:00

Evening 7:00- 9:00

Last year we sold over 800 tickets for this event so we have organised 2 sessions. This is the first time we've tried a matinee session giving families greater flexibility allowing some members to attend during the day and others in the evening.

Glenn Pleasance

State Athletics

Congratulations to our athletics who competed at the state athletics at Homebush on Wednesday and Thursday. Elise had an amazing time claiming 4 medals! Elise won gold in the AWD 100m and 800m, silver in the 200m and bronze in the Discus. Elise will be off to the National Athletics in Sydney in a few weeks. Elliott just missed out on state selection coming 4th in Discus and 12th in the Shot Put. Ben came 26th in the 11yrs 800m. Both boys relay team had a great time by reaching the semi finals. The junior and senior teams improved on their times from the North Coast Carnival by good margins with the senior boys improving by 3 seconds. The junior team was Sam, Sam, Kobe and Max. While the senior team was Ben, Lachlan, Harry and Reid.

P&C Family Portrait Fundraiser

Saturday 21st November

Tacking Point Public School P&C Assn.

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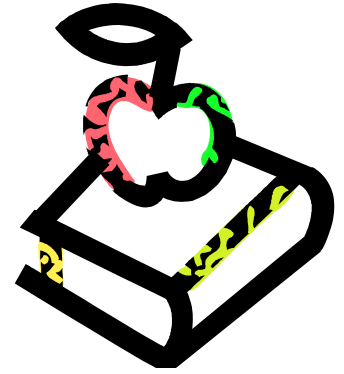
Preferred time _____

1. Place \$15.00 in envelope with this voucher marked 'Family Portraits.'
2. Return to front office.
3. Please make cheques out to TPPS P&C Assoc.
4. We will notify you of your appointment time.

Canteen News

Volunteers keenly sought for the 2010 canteen roster. One day a month 10am-2pm. Sign up, sign up!

The canteen has fresh fruit salad available for 80 cents a small tube. Pasta is also available at recess Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays.



Last Book Club for 2009

Book club is back for term 4 with some great ideas for Christmas. Brochures have gone out and are due back to school Friday 6th November. We have changed the way we accept Book Club this term with credit card payments being accepted Monday to Friday and cash payments being accepted Friday 6 November ONLY. We ask that you please do not send cash on any other day except Friday. Please place completed forms in the box at the front of the library.

Thanks to everyone who bought from the last catalogue, we had a very successful sale with close to \$1000 going to the school in books and resources.

Happy reading
Christy Howell

CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 2/11	S Smith K Dean
TUE 3/11	X Blundell
WED 4/11	A Massey K Peck
THU 5/11	D McLachlan A Higgerson
FRI 6/11	Y Abela M Cuttel S Coubrough (12-2pm)

Community Notices

The Point Community Church Raising Boys, Raising Girls , FREE Parenting Seminar Saturday, November 14 at St Columba Anglican School Chapel (Major Innes Drive)7pm - 9.30pm Speaker: Barry Costello.
Enquiries admin@tpcc.org.au

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 and 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.

Norco Milk Tops

The Canteen is collecting the Norco Community '10c' caps this term. The number of caps handed in per class will be recorded. At the end of the term for the winning class, each child will receive a free flavoured milk and a juice popper. All proceeds from the caps go directly to the school. Thank you to Rick and Tammy Wilson our school milk vendor.

The 2010 Canteen Roster is now available!!