

Tacking Point Public School Newsletter

5 June 2009
Week 6, Term 2



Science Fair

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 5 and Year 6 students! Your thinking, research and presentation of experiments and demonstrations around a scientific question or principle were outstanding. A special thank you is extended to Mr Murphy for the great job he did leading the students and organising the day. We were thrilled to have Y10 students from Westport High come and judge the science fair, particularly pleasing is that they were all ex Tacking Point students!

Other reports on the science fair follow.

Terry Robinson

Upcoming Events

- ◆ MON 8/6
Public Holiday
- ◆ WED 10/6
ICAS Science Comp
- ◆ FRI 12/6
North Coast X Country
- ◆ WED 17/6
Dance Festival
- ◆ FRI 19/6
Y3-6 Athletics Carnival
- ◆ MON 22/6
Y6 Canberra excursion
- ◆ FRI 10/7
Last day of Term

Stage 3's Science Fair

Our annual Science Fair, held last Thursday, was a great success with Stage 3 students producing an engaging display of scientific projects. The Science Fair is an excellent opportunity for students to independently study aspects of science in depth and the projects on display reflected a real commitment by students to achieving work of very high standards in both research and presentation. The projects on display were truly fascinating. Thank you students (and parents) for the effort you have put in to make this such a successful event.

Awards:

1 st Crystal J	How do things taste without smell?
2 nd Max L, James P & Connor W	Battle of the Fins
3 rd Emily G & Isabella W	How Strong is a Dome?
Highly Commended	
Jack P & Harry P	Recycling Water
Hazel K & Georgia C	Mouse Trap Cars
Owen H	Magnetic Suction
Lee Humes	Salinity & Plants
Sopie T & Claudia M	Globe-al Warming
Anthony F & Kobe McC	Lava lamp & electrical circuit
Cian T	Ant repel
Lauren S	Germs everywhere
Tyler McK & Taysha K	Mould - the best way to store
Ebony Dezius	Ocean floors & Wave heights

Mike Murphy, Coordinator



Science Fair Report

On Thursday 28th May, Stage 3 completed a scientific experiment which they then presented to the rest of the school and then to Westport High students who then discussed their 4 favorite experiments to choose 1st, 2nd, 3rd. There was a large range of projects from mouse trap cars to turning x-rays to silver. Most people enjoyed the best cookie ever (yum, yum). The students all enjoyed working and creating their projects. We had a choice of going single or up to a group of 4. The winner was Crystal Jwho completed her science fair on taste without smell. She had pieces of raw potato in one bowl then in the other was freshly cut up pieces of apple soaked in lemon juice. Well done to all students who put a lot of effort into their work. It was a great day and hope everyone had lots of fun making and creating their projects.

By Rebecca Rand
Kataryna K 6K

Netball

Our netball team won a close game against Hastings Public last Wednesday. The conditions were difficult with a wet court and the girls played very well to secure a win and move onto round three of the competition. After trailing in the first half of the match the girls fought hard and came out the victors with a score of 11 - 8. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to those parents who provided transport and support for the team.

Congratulations to Georgia C and Samantha C who were selected in the Lower North Coast Team to play at Grafton on Friday. Good luck girls.

Marion Geard

Information and strategies for parents of children with learning difficulties

Your child reverses letters and numbers

It is quite normal for children to show confusion about which way a letter goes especially in the first years of school.

Strategies to help

When practising emphasise the starting point and describe the direction that the letter is formed

Activities - make letters out of playdough, pipecleaners, cut letters out of sandpaper and felt. Handwriting practice books can also help.

Maree Wall (Support Teacher Learning)

Jump Rope for Heart - Kindergarten, Years 1 & 2

A reminder the Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off' will be on next Thursday 11th June for Years 1&2 and Friday 12th June for Kindergarten. Please remember to send any sponsorship forms and money in on these days and give them to the class teacher. I would like to, again, thank those who have registered online. I have seen a big improvement in the skipping skills of all children. Congratulations everyone.



Fiona Kars

ASSEMBLY ROSTER	
NEXT FRI 9.10am	K-2 - NO ASSEMBLY
NEXT FRI 2.00pm	Yrs 5 & 6 Hosted by 4-5M
UNIFORM SHOP	
8.30am 9.15am	Mondays
8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays
UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER	
Monday 8/6	CLOSED
Wednesday 10/6	L Perkins

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Mr Terry Robinson

Rugby Report

In an intense affair the Tacking 3-4 team played out a 15 all draw with St Peters. Max C (3 tries) and Dafydd Wput in good performances. The 3-4 Point team, however, went down in a close game 15-0 to St Agnes. Sam B and Kane P having strong games.

In Year 5-6 matches the Tacking team played St Agnes 5, with Sam F leading the team to a good win. The Point team played the strong St Peters outfit and although they went down, they put in a great effort with big games by Kurtis N and Rohan T.

Training times

(weather permitting)

3-4 Training - Thursday after school 3-4pm

5-6 Training - Friday lunchtime 1-2pm

All players are reminded they must pay registration fee of \$10 to clubhouse on Friday night if they haven't already done so.

Uniform Shop Sale

Second hand clothes will be on sale for one day only priced at \$2.00 per item including jackets and shirts.

Soccer socks now available \$8 pair.

Dance Festival Tickets

The southern network Dance Festival will be held at Melville High School Auditorium, Nicholson Street, Kempsey on Wednesday evening 17 June commencing at 7.00pm.

The school has been allocated 200 tickets for sale costing \$7.00 per seat and are available at the school office. Students performing do not require a ticket. Please assist office staff by presenting correct money.

Lower North Coast Cross Country Champions

Congratulations to the classy cross country team which travelled to a wet and muddy Kempsey Race Course for the Lower North Coast Championships yesterday. What a great performance from the whole team on the day. We achieved some outstanding individual results but it was truly a team effort with over twenty, top twenty finishes. The course was certainly challenging for all competitors and some of the children returned looking like they had a mud bath. Great to see a real cross country course this year.

We now have seven athletes heading north next Friday to Murwillumbah for the North Coast Championships after placing in the top six places at Kempsey in their respective categories. Our major results at Kempsey were: Sam L 1st, Logan R 3rd, Jack P 3rd, Joe B 4th, Sam W 4th, Molly B 4th and Ben O 5th. Congratulations to Elise G who obtained 1st place in the Junior Girls A.W.D. Finally, a huge thank you to all the parents for getting the team up to Kempsey. Your support and generosity is appreciated. Congratulations the Tacking Point Cross Country Team.

Mr Murray

P & C Fundraiser

The P&C is currently running a Nutrimetics fundraiser whereby \$1 is donated to the P&C for every lipstick ordered. An order form and brochure accompanies this newsletter. Please return your order in an envelope to the box provided in the office foyer.



CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 8/6	CLOSED
TUE 9/6	J Hegarty J Heard
WED 10/6	K Sanger K Pritchard
THU 11/6	J Rossiter H Taylor
FRI 12/6	H Hingston M Burton B Lewis (12-2)

THE CANTEEN IS
SELLING PASTA
On Mon, Tue,
Wed at Recess.
Cost 80c.

Lost

Gold locket.
Reward offered.
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