

# Tacking Point Public School Newsletter

8 May 2009  
Week 2, Term 2



## Building Program

There is quite a bit of building activity happening and expected to happen in the near future at Tacking Point. This includes:

- **Installation of Rainwater Tanks.** This program is underway and will be completed once the grounds are firm enough to allow a mobile crane on the grassed areas. When completed rainwater captured from the class blocks should be sufficient to supply the needs of students' toilets. The works include plumbing alternative water feed pipes and pumping systems. Hopefully this will be fully operational in a few weeks.
- **Toilet Refurbishment.** \$220 000 has been allocated for a complete refurbishment of students' toilets. This work is scheduled to be completed in the 2010-2011 works program. In the meantime we will be doing minor repairs and repainting from school resources.
- **New Demountables.** This week classes 4N and 4/5M occupied two brand new demountables that have recently been installed. These rooms are great and very welcome after housing the classes in the computer room and library for term one.
- **New MDR.** We are expecting the arrival of a new MDR (same as double classroom occupied by classes 2MP and 2L) within weeks. To accommodate this improvement 2 classes will have a short period of time in relocated teaching spaces while their demountables are removed and the relocatable MDR put in their place. MDR buildings are excellent provisions and blend in well with the main body of the school.
- **BER.** The federally funded Building Education Revolution program has announced the schools to receive funding for the round of building improvements

program. Tacking Point was not included in the first round but we anticipate being included in either round two or round three. We have applied for a permanent double storey brick building to take the place of six demountable classrooms. We have also applied for another building or MDRs to replace a number of the remaining demountables. Our application also included an extension to the school assembly hall. We wait with some excitement to see which of these programs will be funded.

- **Maintenance Program.** Part of the federal injection of funds into schools program includes an allocation of up to \$200 000 for outstanding maintenance works. We have nominated widening of footpaths and associated drainage/landscaping works to be completed in areas not affected by future building works. Our application also includes building additional covered ways to classrooms.

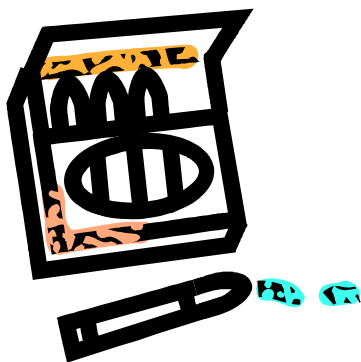
There are huge improvements taking place. No doubt the building programs will cause some disruption to play areas and temporary relocation of learning spaces, but the gains will be fabulous and worth the disruption.

Parents can be reassured that in all works undertaken on school sites the safety of students is the highest priority. All contractors must abide by strict OH&S conditions and vehicle access and construction sites are securely fenced off.

At Tacking Point we already enjoy excellent facilities but we are certainly excited by the known and anticipated extensions. I doubt we will have all of our "wish list" funded but will be grateful for any improvements that make school life more comfortable and more productive for our students.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ MON 11/5/09  
HCH Netball
- ◆ TUES 12/5/09  
NAPLAN  
Language and Writing
- ◆ WED 13/5/09  
NAPLAN  
Reading
- ◆ THUR 14/5/09  
NAPLAN  
Numeracy
- ◆ FRI 15/5/09  
NC Football  
(Grafton)
- ◆ TUES 19/5/09  
Westport High School  
Enrichment Day  
Yrs 4 & 5  
  
Kindergarten -  
Fire Safety Talk
- ◆ THUR 21/5/09  
Oz Opera -  
Cinderella



ASSEMBLY ROSTER	
NEXT FRI 9.10am	Yrs K - 2 Hosted by 1RK
NEXT FRI 2.00pm	Yrs 3 & 4
UNIFORM SHOP	
8.30am 9.15am	Mondays
8.30am 9.15am	Wednesdays
UNIFORM SHOP ROSTER	
Monday 11/5	R Williams
Wednesday 13/5	L Perkins

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Mr Terry Robinson

## Representing Our School

This week Max (Y5) and Elliot (Y6) are representing North Coast teams in state PSSA championships. Max is a member of the N.C. tennis team while Elliot is in the N.C. basketball team.

## Success Continues for School's Ex Student

One of our former outstanding students and last year's school captain, Olivia, has continued her outstanding sporting achievements. This week Olivia won the Hunter Region Independent Schools' Cross Country Championships at Newcastle. Congratulations Olivia, we continue to be proud of you.

## Education Week

- **Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May** - Education Week will be launched on this evening at a special function being conducted at Panthers Club Settlement City. This celebration of public education will begin at 6.00pm and include performances by the Valley Vox choir (students from Hastings Valley Community of Schools) as well as presentation of Education Week Awards to members of the various school communities.
- **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May** - AFL Paul Kelly Cup
- **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May** - Open classroom sessions Early Stage One, Stage One and Stage Two. Parents are welcome to visit rooms 10.15 - 11.00am. The Science Fair will be held in the Y6 rooms and the assembly hall from 10.15am until 1.00pm. All other students will visit the Science Fair and parents and friends are invited to come and see the variety of demonstrations and experiments students have devised in attempting to solve a problem or demonstrate a scientific principle.

- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May** - Lower North Coast Cross Country Championships Students, 8 years and older, who were successful at our school championships (i.e. finished in first four places) progress to the next level to be held at Kempsey.
- **Static Display** - A display of selected works completed by students will be on display at Port Central Shopping centre from Tuesday until Friday.

Terry Robinson (Principal)

## State Swimmers

Unfortunately Sam was left out of last week's article as he had qualified for the State heats in the 50m backstroke, sorry Sam! I had also listed Sam as competing in the 50m Free when it was the 100m free, memory lapse as I was so overwhelmed by the talent of our swimmers on the day! I'd like to state again how talented our group of relay swimmers were. The senior team consisted of Sam, Matt, Nick and Joel. Our junior team members were Sam, Max, Angus and Lachlan.

Well Done, all boys.

Lisa Kirkland

## Friday Night Rugby

Friday night Rugby got off to a smashing, speedy and try scoring start to the season. This year Tacking Point has two teams in both years 3/4 and years 5/6. This season's players would like to thank the P&C, Sportspower and Port Macquarie Private Hospital for the new jerseys. The two teams wearing the new strip looked fantastic, even after the first tackle! We are now buying a second strip for the other two teams. If anyone is interested in having their business logo on this strip could they please ring Laura Begbie on 0438821209 immediately. This is a fantastic advertising opportunity and there are no sponsors yet for the second strip.

L. Begbie

## Valley Vox

This choir is made up of students from all 6 Port Macquarie local schools and is conducted by Mrs Ryan and managed by Mr Pleasance, and whilst on leave by Ms Moritz.

It is only open to students who belong to an existing school choir - in our case Bel Canto so it is an honour to represent the school in this bigger group.

Rehearsals are here at school on selected Tuesday mornings and our first performance is very soon in Education Week at Panthers. Next rehearsal is 19 May.

Congratulations to all involved in this wonderful initiative we look forward to hearing you at the end of the month and at other performances throughout the year.

Ryan Ryan

## From the Library

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

### Klndergarten

Kayleigh KC, Milla KC, Arwen KC, Cory KC, Dane KC, Sam KC, Luke KC, Jared KC, Levi KJ, Brandan KJ, Sarah KJ, Zac KJ, Hannah KL, Mali KL, Emily KL, Jock KL, Jaidyn KL, Lachlan KL, Emily KL, Caitlin KL, Angus KL, Chelsea KS, Ben

KS, Aurora KS, Mitchell KS, Luke KV, Zac KV, Tallulah KV, Payten KV, Max KV, Jasmine KV, Tallulah KV, Luke KV, Cameron KV.

### Stage 1

Rohan 1-2G, Liam 1-2G, Liam 1-2G, Ellie 1-2G, Charlie 1-2G, Alex 1-2G, Nataya 1-2G, Lochie 1-2G, Ella 1-2G, Chris 1-2G, Corey 1-2G, Ryan 1K, Harry 1k, Brooke 1K, Monique 1K, Anastasia 1K, Alexander 1K, Brooke 1K, Lleyton 1RK, Byron 1RK, Kasey 1RK, Breanna 1RK, Byron 1RK, Nicholas 1G, Tyler 1W, Rachel 1W, Ben 1RD, Renne 1RD, Brendan 1RD, Josie 1RD, Sarah 1RD, Matthew 1RD, Mitchell 2C, Mitchel 2C, Sienna 2C, Alex 2C, Tara 2L, Alisha 2L, Hugh 2MP, Tahlia 2MP, Lachy 2MP, Ella 2MP, Alycia 2MP, Chloe 2MP, Kieran 2MP, Lachlan 2MP, Tayla 2P, Isza 2P, Ambrose 2P.

### Stage 2

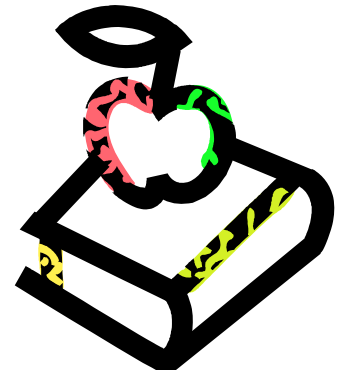
Stephanie 3-4P, Tommy 3-4P, Mitchell 3-4P, Lachlan 3-4N, Jack 3-4P, Tom 3C, Molly 3C, Lleyton 3C, Tom 3C, Grace 3J, Ben 3J, Liam 3R, Jade 3R, Jack 3SG, Tyla 3SG, Blake 4-5M, Tom 4-5M, Courtney 4-5M, Emerald 4-5M, Ashleigh 4C, Thomas 4C, Georgia 4C, Elise 4C, Kiara 4K, Emily 4K, Zara 4K, Shaina 4K, Jack 4K, Kristy 4K, Kayne 4K, Jack 4K, Lachlan 4N, Portia-Dee 4N, Jorga 4N, Amelia 4T, Charli 4T, Taylah 4T, Sam 4T, Tiffany 4T.

### Stage 3

Todd 5C, Courtney 5C, Jack 5R, Cassie 5R, Ashleigh 5R, Anthony 5R, Charlie 5M, Brady 6C, Ryan 6C, Kataryna 6K, Charlie 6K, Crystal 6K, Ashleigh 6S, Jessica 6S, Tiffany 6S, Hanna 6S, Jaki 6S.

## Vocal Eisteddfod

During the recent school holidays Sarah and Claudia from 5-6N travelled to Taree to perform in the Vocal Eisteddfod, they performed in the under 12 Vocal Duet section and sang a Bel Canto song "900 miles" they sang beautifully and were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place. Claudia was also awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place for the 10 years and under Vocal solo section. Well done girls.



### CANTEEN ROSTER

MON 11/5	R Marquez L Richards
TUE 12/5	K Murray J Hegarty
WED 13/5	K Sanger K Pritchard
THU 14/5	J Rossiter H Taylor
FRI 15/5	H Hingston C Sorensan S Coubrough (12-2pm)

The canteen is selling Pasta at recess on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at a cost of 80cents.

## School Cross Country (Primary)

The school cross country was run on Wednesday. Congratulations to all the students of Watonga House who were crowned Overall School Cross Country Champions for 2009. Watonga finished with 265 points, Endeavour were second with 200, Flinders 3<sup>rd</sup> with 179 and Reliance were 4<sup>th</sup> with 128.

There was 1 record broken on the day by Jack Pilgrim in the 11 Years boys' event, well done Jack!!!!

Congratulations to the following students who were placed in their respective age groups.

8 Years Boys - 1<sup>st</sup> Joe \*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kadyne \*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Max \*, 4<sup>th</sup> Lewis

8 Years Girls - 1<sup>st</sup> Jade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brooke, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamie, 4<sup>th</sup> Ellie

9 Years Boys - 1<sup>st</sup> Logan \*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sam, 4<sup>th</sup> Mason

9 Years Girls - 1<sup>st</sup> Sophie \* Allannah \*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Caitlin \* 4<sup>th</sup> Georgia \*

10 Years Boys - 1<sup>st</sup> Kobe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jacob, 3<sup>rd</sup> Max, 4<sup>th</sup> Sam

10 Years Girls - 1<sup>st</sup> Molly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amelia, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lakisha, 4<sup>th</sup> Kayla

11 Years Boys - 1<sup>st</sup> Jack, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben, 3<sup>rd</sup> Glen, 4<sup>th</sup> Jarrod,

11 Years Girls - 1<sup>st</sup> Rhiannon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashleigh, 3<sup>rd</sup> Amy, 4<sup>th</sup> Bronte

12/13 Years Boys - 1<sup>st</sup> Sam, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben, 4<sup>th</sup> Reid

12/13 Years Girls - 1<sup>st</sup> Hazel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maddison, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah, 4<sup>th</sup> Samantha

We will be sending a strong team to the Lower North Coast trials in Kempsey in a few weeks. A note will go home to students who finished in the top 4 positions in each division except for the 8's and 9's division which is combined for PSSA. Students who have an asterisk next to their names above in the 8's and 9's will be receiving a note.

Thanks to all parents who helped with jobs on the day especially to the parents who were checkpoint marshalls around the course, it made the events run very smoothly.

M Connolly

## K-2 Cross Country

Congratulations to all the children who ran in the cross country this year, everyone should be very proud of themselves.

A special thank you to all the volunteers and helpers, your assistance on the day is very much appreciated.

Well done to the following children who came a place at this year's event.

A fantastic effort by all!

The results for this year are as follows:

### Boys

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5yrs	James Class KJ	Nate Class KS	Daniel Class KV
6yrs	Cian Class KS	Jared Class KC	Luke Class KV
7yrs	Hayden Class 1G	Mitchell Class 2C	Nathan Class 2MP

### Girls

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
5yrs	Laura Class KL	Kirsten Class KC	Jasmine Class KV
6yrs	Holly Class 1G	Grace Class KL	Halle Class 1K
7yrs	Jessica Class 1/2G	Tasha Class 1/2G	Anastasia Class 1K

K Chandler