

Tacking Point PS Newsletter

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Week 4, Term 1

23rd February 2018

APPROACHING CALENDAR EVENTS

Mon 26 th February	K-2 Interviews as requested
Tue 27 th February	Lower North Coast Swimming Carnival – Kempsey 3-6 Interviews as requested
Thu 1 st March	Big Vegie Crunch Day
Fri 2 nd March	Clean-Up Australia Day K-2 Assembly 9.00am Stage 2 Assembly 1.50pm
Wed 7 th March	North Coast Swimming Carnival -Murwillumbah
Fri 9 th March	K-2 Assembly 9.00am Stage 3 Assembly 1.50pm
Fri 16 th March	K-2 Assembly 9.00am Stage 2 Assembly 1.50pm
Thu 22 nd March	Public Speaking
Fri 23 rd March	K-2 Assembly 9.00am Stage 3 Assembly 1.50pm
Fri 30 th March	Good Friday
Mon 2 nd April	Easter Monday
Thu 5 th April	Grandparent's Day – Year 2
Fri 13 th April	Last day of term

Events Term 2 – Claim The Date

Wed 9 th – Fri 11 th May	Year 4 Camp – Point Wolstoncroft
Mon 21 st – Fri 25 th May	Year 6 Camp - Canberra
Tue 22 nd –Thu 24 th May	Year 5 Camp - Collaroy

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Welcome to Week 4.

Meet The Teacher

My sincere thanks to all our parents who attended last weeks 'Meet The Teacher' meetings. It was relaxed, informal and a chance to meet staff and flag the need for a separate interview, should this be required.

That afternoon was never meant to replace interviews but to touch base and commence 2018 in a positive light and for parents to access an interview if so desired. Most feedback has been positive with some great suggestions to make it even better in the future. Interviews were booked for next Monday and Tuesday afternoon. All parents requesting an interview will have these then.

Voluntary School Improvement Fund

Our schools fees for this year are \$53, which includes a \$5 paper levy. Invoices for this will be issued shortly. Approximately \$25 000 was generated from this fund last year, which was targeted to technology, literacy and numeracy resources for all the children at school. This year, it will be targeted to new whiteboards and to access the Athletics program. The cost equates to approximately \$1.20 per week to have your child at Tacking Point. Your support with this Fund is imperative to have much needed funds accessible to our children.

Swimming

All the very best to our swimmers who are competing at Port Macquarie today. We wish them all the best and hope we have many children progressing to the next level.

Hasting Secondary College

We had a wonderful response with our Year 6 parents attending to find out valuable information about the college for Year 7 2019. Many thanks for attending and big thanks to our Stage 3 team for attending.

Attendances

We have a new roll marking system through the Department of Education. This system aligns directly with DoE policy, therefore an explanation for an absence must be provided to the school within 7 days or the system will automatically mark the absence as 'unjustified'. Thanks in advance for your co-operation with this.

Kind regards,

Mr Phil Harris
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Connecting at school

We would like to thank all of the parents who were able to make it to our 'Meet and Greet' evenings last week. It was a lovely way to make a connection and begin the school year on a positive platform.

It is important to us that parents and carers feel welcome and at ease to get the most out of being involved with their children's school. We know that when parents and carers are involved and connected with school, children are better learners and have better mental health and wellbeing.

Being **connected** at school is not about having mobile phones and computers. It is about knowing you can get support, that you will be listened to, and that you can work together with school staff to help your child learn and develop. **Working together** to care for children is the best way for schools and parents/carers to support children's mental health.

- When schools and parents and carers work together, children find it easier to understand what is expected from them and are better able to manage. They have fewer behaviour problems and do better at school
- When parents and carers are connected to school it helps them get support when they need it. Support may come from talking with teachers or other school staff, or from making connections with other parents and carers. Schools help families to connect through having lots of different activities that parents and carers can get involved in.
- Being connected to the school helps keep parents and carers informed. Parents and carers who are informed about what their children are learning at school and about opportunities to get involved are able to support them better at home.

School is a place for adults to make new friends too! Having opportunities to get to know other parents and carers, to find out how to support your children's learning, or to get involved in class activities can help parents and carers feel connected to the school.

How parents and carers can be connected to the school:

- Make contact with your child's teacher and keep in touch. Ask for help if you don't understand something
- Check for notices that are sent home and keep informed about school activities through the school eNewsletter
- Attend information sessions and social activities at the school whenever you can
- Make contact with other parents and carers at your school: perhaps meet up informally with parents or carers of other children in your child's class, find out about parent social groups that meet at or near the school, or join a parent committee
- Take an interest in the school council and consider joining it if you have the time and skills

Be assured that we are all here to provide the best educational experience for your child/ren and if at any time you need to make contact start with the classroom teacher and go forward from there.

We may see you next week at the one on one parent/teacher interviews held on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Mrs Kelly Jordan and Mrs Ros Mangold
Deputy Principals



Choir Program

All of our choirs are now up and running for the year. Congratulations to all of our fabulous singers who are enjoying this very special opportunity which our school excels in!

Bel Canto students are reminded to please return their notes promptly so that sound files can be emailed to parents and practice can begin in earnest.

Mrs Dayna Moritz

School Arrival Time

Just a reminder to all parents that students should not be at school before 8:30am. Families who have early work, or other, commitments need to arrange suitable before-school care. Teachers are not on active supervision duty until 8:30am.

Students who have early band, choir or drama rehearsals are an exception as they are under the direct supervision of teachers.

Futsal Stars

The next generation of futsal stars are making their mark today!

Two Tacking Point Public School champions, Hayden King and Mitchell McGuinness, along with two other Port Macquarie students Zora Boskovski and Lachlan Parke, have been playing representative Futsal and soccer together for the past 12 months. They have trained hard and played hard all year to kick the first of what we hope will be many goals in their Futsal careers.

In September 2017 they represented Far North NSW at the National School Championships in Brisbane. Playing against teams from Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland and NSW above their age group, they matched it with the best of them, and were thrilled to be selected to represent Australia in the 10/11 Year's Futsal Team to compete at the USA Nationals in July 2018.

This is an amazing opportunity for these young, talented athletes, who are already in training. Not only will they be representing their country, they will also be representing the very proud community of Port Macquarie that has developed many world-class athletes across various sporting codes. Whilst on tour they'll take part in the US National Futsal Championships and other matches against regional teams. They'll work hard, have fun, explore, grow and learn from this experience.

Congratulations Hayden and Mitchell, our school community is very proud of you!



Road Safety

Council has teamed up with the Police to improve road safety around Tacking Point Public School and address non-compliance as we commence operations for 2018. You may see Council Rangers, Council's Road Safety Officer and the Police on the roads and footpaths around your school for a two week period commencing the 5 February 2018. Council Rangers and the Police will be ramping up their efforts around TPPS and issuing fines and infringements for illegal behaviour.

Council will also be distributing school safety information to parents and carers. Ongoing enforcement will be continued for the remainder of the year by both Council rangers and the Police.

SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

In the interest of CHILD SAFETY there is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and Road Rules in the vicinity of a school. Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school;

	<p>NO STOPPING</p> <p>Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.</p>	<p>Penalty: \$330.00 + 2 demerit points each time you disobey a NO STOPPING sign (school zone)</p>
	<p>NO PARKING</p> <p>You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers.</p> <p>You must not stop for more than two minutes. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle.</p>	<p>Penalty: \$183.00 + 2 demerit points) each time you disobey a NO PARKING SIGN (school zone).</p>
	<p>BUS ZONE</p> <p>You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a bus.</p>	<p>(Penalty: \$330.00 + 2 demerit points) each time you stop in a BUS ZONE (school zone).</p>
	<p>CHILDREN'S CROSSING</p> <p>You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing.</p>	<p>Penalty: \$439.00 + 2 demerit points each time you stop on/near a children's crossing (school zone).</p>
	<p>DOUBLE PARKING</p> <p>A driver must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.</p>	<p>Penalty: \$330.00 + 2 demerit points each time you double park (school zone).</p>

**THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL
DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU**

From the Library Information and Resource Centre

Congratulations to the children and their families who have completed their Read Aloud Bookmarks this week Term 1 Weeks 3 and 4:

1/2G Grace Ashton **1K** Charlie Byrne **2H** Siena Button **2R** Riley Ross **3/4N** Zachary Bibel, Georgia Freeman, Evie Hewens, Nessa Kinchington, Gabby Turner, **3J** Sam Browne, Oscar Byrne **4C** Marli Connerty, Arshak Martirosian, Lucy Robinson **4H** Anastasia Griffiths **4R** Zen Steep-O'Brien **5D** Isabella Campbell, Indies Collyer **5M** Kobyn Deathridge **6B** Ryan McLean-Prosser **6M** Emily Elliott, Charlotte Shee **6T** Bayden Connerty, Hannah Young

Bookclub orders for Term 1

Closing date: Friday 2nd March

Each year at Tacking Point the Library offers families the opportunity to purchase books through the Scholastic Bookclub program. Children receive paper brochures at school to take home to parents to consider. Please do not feel any pressure or obligation to purchase any items.

What we do purchase as a total, the school does receive a very generous rewards program from Scholastic of 10% of total amount spent. This usually is about \$330 per term, four times a year in free books for our Library.

The Bookclub ordering process is now 'cashless'.

All payments are made by parents online via the 'LOOP' system. There is nothing for you to return to the school. The books usually arrive within a week or the close date, which this term is 2nd March to the school and are delivered to your child's classroom.

If you have not received your paper catalogue or have misplaced it, you are able to view it and order by following this link: <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/catalogue.asp>

Thank you again for your generous support of this extra program that encourages our children to read and be excited about books as treats! Any questions please call me.

Kinder Library students

Gentle reminder to please teach your Kinder child to be able to say clearly and confidently their first and last name. This is an important life skill and really paramount in the Library as you can imagine! It's rather tricky when some children either don't know their last name or only can give you their middle name as a surname. This is difficult as we do have families with surnames for example Taylor, Rose, Mitchell etc. Thank you!! That would be brilliant!



What's My Name?

Warm regards,
Ms Lea Horan
Teacher Librarian

2018 Bookclub instruction to pay online

1. Go to the Scholastic website: <http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/>



2. TPPS is registered for 'Loop for Parents'
Select 'Loop for Parents'

3. If you have used Scholastic online ordering before log in with your username and password.
If not click on 'Register'



Sign In

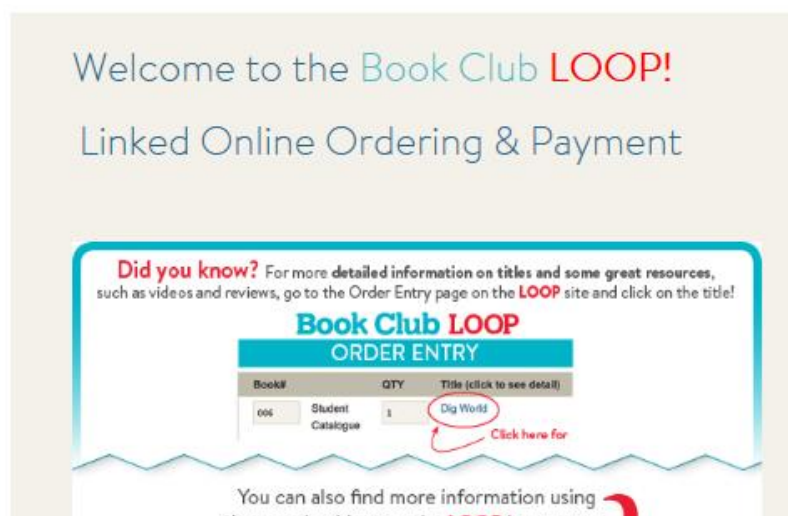
Username:

Password:

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LOG IN

Not a member - [Register](#) | [Forgotten Details](#)



4. Fill in the blank boxes and submit. No paperwork to school.

REGISTER

[HOME](#) | [ABOUT](#) | [REGISTER](#) | [HELP](#)

NEW REGISTRATION

YOUR DETAILS (PARENT)

First Name*

Last Name / Initial*
Please enter a last name

Password*
Please enter a password

Password Confirm*
Please enter a password

Email Address *

Remember: This email address will become your username

Phone Number

☒ Notify me via email of Scholastic offers and promotions

Note: If you have already registered please login to update your profile and your children's details.

CHILD'S DETAILS

ADD NEW CHILD

Stored Child's Details	School	Class

CHILD DETAILS

Child's Name

Last Name

Gender ☐ Boy ☐ Girl

SELECT SCHOOL AND CLASS

State*

SEARCH BY

Suburb or PostCode

AND/OR

School Name

Tip: Enter first 3 letters in 'School Name' input to find schools.

Year Level

Select Class

SAVE

SUBMIT

Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 2nd March 2018, our school is participating in the CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY.

Each class teacher will be taking their class outside to help clean up our school playground. Children are welcome to bring in some cleaning gloves to wear whilst picking up rubbish. The children will be supervised at all times during this activity at school.

Mrs Lina Jackson
Clean Up Australia Day Coordinator



60 Seconds With...

Our SRC wanted to have a little bit of fun and profile our new staff members. Ms Tonkin was interviewed by Alex Mavros.

What job did you have before being at TPPS?

Before moving into teaching, I worked for NSW Department of Sport and Recreation as a Program officer.

What is your most memorable moment?

Winning the 400m at little athletics when I was 10.

Do you have any hobbies?

Kayaking and hiking, love being outdoors.

If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?

Batman

Which subject do you prefer and why?

Biology. I love science, seeing how things work organically.

If you could invent anything, what would it be?

An automatic homework marking machine and report writer.

Who is your favourite sportsperson and why?

Laila Ali, she is an awesome boxer.

What is your favourite sport?

Netball and European Handball

What is your favourite food?

Baby spinach, it goes with pretty much everything.

Who is your favourite band?

Audioslave, Baker Boy, Vera Blue, Michael Franti, Neil Young. I love music

What is your favourite quote?

Think Big, Think Deep, THINK!

Do you have any pet hates?

Small talk, I like conversations with passion.

What would you say your best qualities are?

Storytelling, teaching and most definitely talking.

What is your claim to fame?

Held the record for fastest running McDonalds drive-thru for 2 years.

If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you want with you?

Everlasting water, hammock and a helicopter (fully fuelled)

Name three people, alive or dead, you would love to invite to a dinner party.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky, The women of the Eureka Stockade, Queen Elisabeth 1st



Canteen

Please contact the Canteen if you are able to volunteer one day per month or for any of the days below. Thank you.

CANTEEN ROSTER

You can place lunch orders via the P&C's site <http://www.flexischools.com.au>

Mon 26/2	M Dunn and *Help Please*
Tue 27/2	C Clarke and * Help Please*
WED 28/2	K Schmidt and K Williams
THU 1/3	B Mills and C Lo-Monaco
FRI 2/3	J Gray, S Cole and *Help Please*
MON 5/3	A White and C Brumby
TUE 6/3	A Baker and *Help Please*
WED 7/3	H Ryan and E Corcoran
THU 8/3	M Gavel and A Brinkman
FRI 9/3	M Brumby, E Corcoran and H Ryan

In accordance with WH&S regulations, it would be appreciated if volunteers could please wear enclosed footwear and have long hair tied back. Thanks Leanne and Sandy.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open Mondays & Wednesdays 8.30 – 9.00am

Location: Assembly Hall

Uniforms can be viewed and purchased via the P&C's site <http://www.flexischools.com.au>

Community Notices



PLAY OR REFEREE FOOTBALL IN SEASON 2018

EST 2005
FOOTBALL MID NORTH COAST

***** 2018 REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW *****

www.footballmidnorthcoast.com/2018-registrations/
Find all information about the NSW Government \$100 Active Kids Rebate at above web address

Opportunities to play and referee at varying levels exist. There are also competitions to suit everyone from a beginner to an experienced player or match official. Competitions also cater for those able to travel or for those who'd like to be involved locally.

PLAY FOOTBALL

Clubs - <http://footballmidnorthcoast.com/fmnc-clubs/>
Find a club that suits your needs at the above link.

For more information, please contact the FMNC Office on 0265 850 351.
Community Football Competitions - admin@footballmidnorthcoast.com
High Performance Squads - larry@footballmidnorthcoast.com

REFEREES WANTED

Get Paid to officiate on matches at all levels within the zone!

FMNC are looking for more referees (beginners or experienced).
There are courses to suit all levels coming up in March.

Please contact Club and Referee Development Officer Justin McIntyre.
justin@footballmidnorthcoast.com or in the office 0265 850 351.

Kickin' Goals FUNDRAISER




MORE FUN
than ever imagined!

Kickin' Goals

Kickin'Goals 2018 is putting the FUN in fundraising at Stoney Aqua Park.

Suitable for ages from 6 all the way up to the elderly.

All profits will assist our four Futsal Champions make their dream to kick goals at the USA Nationals a reality.

Tickets: \$26.09
includes: 1 x session
1 x sausage sandwich & soft drink

BOOK ONLINE!

Sat. 3 Mar 2018
2.30pm-4.30pm

Stoney Aqua Park
Hacks Ferry Road
Telegraph Point

TICKETS online. Follow the link on Eventbrite
OR www.facebook.com/kickinggoals2018

Port United Football club

GIRLS FOOTBALL

FMNC clubs will have lots of options for girls only teams in 2018.

- **U12-14 Girls Comps** – in North and South to be played on Friday nights (6,9 or 11 a-side dependent on numbers).
- **Girls Miniroos** – looking for further growth on top of U7 and U9 North comps in 2017. U11's this year would be great!
- **U16 and U18 Comps** – these competitions will be on again. If there is insufficient numbers in the South, teams can play in the North competitions.
- **High Performance** – we have some vacancies in U17 and U20 WPL. If interested, contact asap. Girls can play for club as well.

For more details on 2018 registrations or the Active Kids Program \$100 voucher, head to the registration information page on the FMNC website - <http://footballmidnorthcoast.com/2018-registrations/>

PORT CITY BREAKERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE 2018 Registrations are now OPEN!!

A family friendly club that strives to cater for all children that wish to play Rugby League. We have mixed gender teams from UNDER 6s – UNDER 12s also this year we have girls League Tag UNDER 14s – UNDER 16s and Boys Rugby league Unders 13s – Under 16.5s. Registration can be done online at the below or in person at wood street fields next to the tennis courts on the left hand side. We are there Tuesday and Thursday in March between 3 - 5pm

<https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?aID=98&pKey=a944837aab28435337a193d57ec99c4d&cID=12400&formID=53641>

Registration fees are \$120.00 first child - \$110.00 second child - \$100.00 third child, 4th is free. NSW Government Active Kids vouchers will be accepted. Registration includes Club training shirt, training shorts , club playing socks, insurance, presentation and trophy. For further information please go to our facebook page (closed you will need to request to join) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1388698044731387/>

Training begins first Tuesday in March, players need to be registered before they train.

For more details you can contact President Raymond Weatherby 0410 137 595.

Secretary Belinda Fisher 0403 198 063 or Registrar Gail McArdle 0448 984 799.

Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 4 March

Clean Up Australia Day is an opportunity for all Australians to bring family, friends, neighbours and colleagues together to take action to protect their local environment by removing rubbish before it damages our precious parks, bushland, waterways and oceans.

"Signing up for 2018 Clean Up Australia Day is the ideal way for every Australian to take a positive position - lots of small actions like picking up local rubbish can help reduce the 8 million tonnes of plastic entering oceans worldwide each year," said Ian Kiernan AO, Chairman and founder of Clean Up Australia. Visit www.cleanup.org.au to find a clean-up site near you, or to register your own site.

Rebel Female Football Week Festival

These festivals offer opportunities for young girls to engage in additional skill development sessions to improve their confidence and coordination, and will include fun football games. An opportunity to engage and celebrate with other enthusiastic girls, and a chance for girls aged 4 to 11 to experience football before the 2018 season starts.

Registration is \$22, each participant will receive a rebel Female Football Week shirt and drink bottle.

Limited spaces apply, register now!

Date: Saturday 10 March 2018

Time: 9am to 11am

Cost: \$22 pp

Locations:

Northern NSW Football – Speers Point

Hunter Valley – Singleton

Football Far North Coast – Lennox Head

Football Mid North Coast – Taree

North Coast Football – Coffs Harbour

Northern Inland Football – Tamworth

Cancer Council 2018 Hastings Relay For life!

Relay for Life is an inspiring, overnight fundraising even which involves teams of people banding together to beat cancer for good.

Hastings Relay For Life will be held on 19th and 20th May at Oxley Oval Port Macquarie. Starts at 10.00am Saturday and runs through to 10.00am on Sunday.

If you would like more information please contact Katie Mead 6659 8409 or Chris Collins 0429 812 153 or email mel_collins@ymail.com. Alternatively, simply register online at: www.relayforlife.org.au/hastings

Hastings Baseball Association including Hastings Junior Baseball Association

We are inviting players from 5 years to Seniors 16years & up to Play Baseball. We are registered with Active Kids so children will be able to use their vouchers.

More information may be obtained by going to Facebook Hastings Baseball Association or Hastings Junior Baseball Association.

info@hastingsbaseball.com.au Phone 0265852076 or 0418279954

PORT MACQUARIE WOMEN GOLFERS - PINK JACKET DAY

Have you ever wanted to give golf a go? Come along and join in the FUN of our Annual Pink Jacket Day. Will you be the next to have your name embroidered on the Pink Jacket?

Date: Monday 12th March 2018

Time: Meet at the Pro Shop at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm hit off

Event: 9 hole Ambrose followed by refreshments

Cost: \$20 all inclusive

Inexperienced or new to golf? It doesn't matter. Want some tips?

To register or if you have any further questions, please call Elizabeth Fraser on 6582 4442 or Roberta Hogan on 6582 0741