Tacking Point PS Newsletter

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Week 8, Term 4

7th December 2018

APPROACHING CALENDAR EVENTS	
Mon 10 th December	Kinder Graduation Morning Tea
Wed 12th December	Presentation Assembly
Thu 13 th December	Year 6 Farewell
Fri 14 th December	Stage 2 Assembly 2.00pm – General Assembly
Wed 19 th December	Stage 3 Pool Party
	Last day of school
2019	
Tue 29 th January	Staff Development Day
Wed 30 th January	Students return
	Kindergarten Best Start
Tue 5 th February	Swimming Carnival
Wed 6 th February	Kindergarten commence

From the Desk of Wr Harris

Dear Parents and Carers.

It's hard to imagine that the 2018 school year is almost over. This has been one of the busiest years I have ever known. With our normal school commitments, we also created our new three year plan and were involved in the External Validation process. All will benefit our school and further improve on the practices we have at Tacking Point.

We are blessed with hardworking staff who strive for excellence and the children under their care have grown in student achievement, maturity and personal self-growth. Our Leadership Team have simply shone with the EV process and my sincere thanks for all they have achieved. Our directions for the future are exciting and we look forward to implementing many positive initiatives in 2019.

STEM Hour of Code

My sincere thanks to Miss Tonkin for securing this initiative for our school and to Mrs Smith for coordinating this with our K-2 children. The day was amazing and the engagement that was seen by our children was electrifying. They loved all the activities and couldn't wait to be involved in all of them. The feedback from our staff was wonderful as well and we hope to do something similar next year. Our commitment to STEM will continue into the future.

Staff News

Planning has commenced for 2019. At this stage, we have 27 classes commencing at the beginning of the year. If there are any families leaving, we request that the school be informed immediately. At this stage, 2 demountables are going to be taken over the holidays but this could change with new families enrolling in the new year. We are monitoring enrolments very closely.

Mrs Mangold will be continuing her leave in 2019 and Mr Thompson will be our Relieving Deputy Principal. Some of our temporary staff will also change in 2019, as vacancies depend on staff leave.

We wish to congratulate Mrs Kate Connolly on securing a 12 month engagement at Telegraph Point Public School. We wish Kate all the very best and know that she will be a great asset to Telegraph Point. She has taught many Tacking Point families over the years and I'm sure in the years ahead we will see you back with us. Enjoy the new challenges and we wish you all the very best!

We also farewell Mrs Lyndall Higgins from our front office. Lyndall is one of the hardest working people I have ever met. She is thoughtful, dedicated and professional and is adored by the staff, parents and children alike. We wish her and her family all the best in their new chapter.

Girls Cricket Team:

Congratulations to our Girls Cricket team who travelled to Campbelltown this week; second in the state is an achievement to be extremely proud of. I know Mrs Ireland is, and has written a report later in our eNewsletter. Well done girls!

Bel Canto Award Evening

What a beautiful evening we all had on Wednesday for their annual recognition assembly. Bel Canto sang beautifully and the children received many accolades on their talent and being the choir that many schools can only aspire to be like. The choir sang 'Thankyou For The Music' to acknowledge Mrs Ryan who will be leaving us and starting a new chapter in her life. We thank her for the many years of passion, music and skill that she has passed on to our children and staff. My many thanks also to Mrs Jordan for her beautiful words on the evening as well.

K-2 Christmas Concert:

Another successful and entertaining concert by our Junior School was held on Friday. Every class sang and performed beautifully to the delight of parents and grandparents. It's a magical time of the year and I was so proud of all the children. I'm sure there were many photos and proud parent moments had by all! A sincere congratulations and thanks to Mrs Kate Jones for co-ordinating, producing and hosting the event. Thanks to all K-2 staff for all that they did to entertain us today, it was amazing.

Presentation Assembly/Year 6 Farewell:

Next week we will have our 'new look' Presentation Assembly that Mrs Jordan excels in with her organisation and coordination. Congratulations to all our award recipients. This is often one of the most difficult times for teachers, as many children meet the criteria for these awards. My sincere congratulations to all our children on having a successful year. Our school reports will also go home on Friday of Week 9.

We wish our Year 6 all the very best for the future and trust they will have a wonderful night on their Farewell. Our farewells are always a wonderful celebration of 7 years of education and the annual Year Book is always a treasured keepsake.

2019:

Children will be placed in temporary classes at the beginning of the school year until our numbers stabilise. We hope that they will be stabilised within the first week. Staff return to work on Tuesday 29th January and Years 1-6 return on Wednesday 30th January, 2019. Kindergarten will have Best Start assessments in the first week and will commence in Week 2.

Have a wonderful Christmas break and enjoy the family time that comes with holidays. On behalf of our staff we wish you all the very best for 2019.

Yours in education Phil Harris – Principal

From the Deputy Principals

There is so much to be proud at the end of the school year; we have all set goals and worked hard to achieve them. There is recognition across the school throughout the year for many of the things that have been achieved some reaching the point of recognition at the Presentation Assembly next Wednesday 12th December. However, the ultimate accomplishment comes from within. As you stand and look in the mirror the most important thing is be proud of YOU, remain positive, no matter what the outcome may be. If you gave the very best of you nobody else could ask for more.

The staff are here every day supporting our students to be the best that they can possibly be. They inspire them to reach their goals and push them along when they need the support and guidance. Along with you, the parents, our students are supported to thrive and grow as a whole person that we are all very proud of.

We would like to take the opportunity to once again thank the entire Tacking Point School staff and community as it is from your support, commitment, enthusiasm and sense of teamwork that you bring to school and the students each day that makes our school so successful.

We have all done an amazing job this year in which we sincerely thank you and congratulate you.

We wish all of our families a very safe and happy festive season and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

To those families leaving us, a special thank you for your contribution over your time with us and all the best in the future.

Kelly Jordan and Trevor Thompson Deputy Principals



From the Library (Information and Resource Centre)

Congratulations to the children and their families who have completed their Read Aloud Bookmarks this week Term 4, weeks 7 and 8:

KC Jayden Ashley, Isaac Chapman, Lolani Collyer, Sam Pomroy KE Lucille Archibald, Harper Bargwanna, Lucas Browne, Myles Esson, Chloe Moye KV Kaleb Hayter 1/2G Grace Ashton, Lillie Merrell 1C Mahalia Anderson 1J Madeleine Chung, Noah Harris, Shaniyah Okpegbue 1K Alex Boath, Ava English, Mikayla Fonyodi, Angus Hawken 2H Elsie Strahorn 2M Lily Castiglioni, Sonnie Chippendale 2R Annabelle Ashton, Joshua Ball, Noah Richards 3/4N Evie Hewens 4H Anastasia Griffiths, Katrice Millar, Lucy Richards, Pippa Wilson 4R Jesper Robinson, Brianna Waller 5D Isabella Campbell, Indies Collyer 5L Kellie Williams 5M Sufia Sayad 5/6G Aiden Moore-Jones 6T Isabella Fonyodi

Wishing all families a safe and happy festive season. Happy holiday reading!

Russ the Story Bus Sydney Writers' Festivals' RUSS THE STORY BUS Visits Tacking Point Public School Tuesday 4th August, 2018





Our Stage 3 students (Years 5 and 6) were delighted and enthralled with our visit from the Sydney Writers' Festival 'Russ Bus'!

On board the Bus, the children get the chance to talk with one of the Festival's special guest Australian authors, who each accompany Russ for a week. Authors meet with young readers and writers around the State to chat about their craft, tell a story, and share some writing tips in an informal workshop. For our leg of the tour we welcomed author Martine Murray, a National and International award winning author whose work has been translated into more than 20 other languages.

The Russ Bus is a bright and colourful mobile creative space decked out with bookshelves full of the latest children's books. When the children board the Russ Bus, they get to select a book from his shelves to take home as a souvenir reader linking literacy to family and homes.

Since the program's inception in 2014, Russ has toured 20 authors to 167 primary and special schools across New South Wales, Victoria and the ACT, providing more than 18,000 children with a unique introduction to Australian literature. Russ Bus and his staff are fun and engaging, encouraging young readers to explore the wonders of literature and illustration. Pure excitement and wonder lights up the face of every child who gets to hear the magic words, "Come aboard *Russ the Story Bus*, pick a book and then you can keep it forever".

Now in its fifth year, Russ the Story Bus is part of a long-term Sydney Writers' Festival strategy to introduce young readers to authors and illustrators, to inspire them in their own aspirations for the future and to engender a lifelong universal love of storytelling, fun and adventure with books.



Many thanks to our author Martine Murray who spoke so beautifully to the children, so much so she was wrapped in many shy hugs after her workshop and extremely patient book signings! Russ staff Vanessa Hutchins and Isaac Gallagher were also so welcoming and lovely with the children also!





Vanessa Hutchins and Isaac Gallagher – Russ Bus driver and staff!





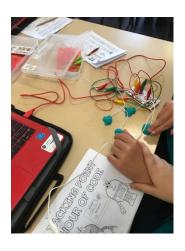
Ms Lea Horan Teacher Librarian

Hour of Code - Stage ! and Early Stage!

On Tuesday 4th December, K–2 children were immersed in an Hour of Code! Throughout the day, everyone participated in STEM activities and explored numerous digital technologies. We would like to thank Kath and Mel (our STEM share ladies) and Ms Cass Tonkin for giving us this opportunity.

Students interacted with Ozobots, Lego WeDo, Minecraft, Unplugged activities, Virtual Reality, Makey Makey's, Blubots, Green screen filming and Dash's.

The children thoroughly enjoyed these activities and gained a snapshot of future learning opportunities.



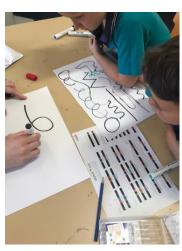
















Girls Cricket Team

Girls Cricket Team 2nd Best in NSW!

On Tuesday, 4th of December 2018, the girls' cricket team travelled to Campbelltown to play for the Lord Taverner's Shield. In the semi-final, they played Eleebana Public School. We lost the toss but were lucky that the opposition elected to bowl first. The girls played out the 25-over innings, ending up with 8/112. Captain Alex Mavros retired on 42 runs off 36 balls. We then bowled and Eleebana were all out after 22 overs for 58. Some notable achievements included Lara Inman taking two catches, Ruby Bryant bowling 2 players, and other wickets taken by Alex Mavros, Eloise Reichelt, Sally Temple, Adabella Jones, Brin Fullerton and Jade Bryant.

After a quick lunch, the girls progressed to the final against Wellington Public School. Wellington also elected to bowl first. We were all out for 63 after 22 overs. Wellington ended up chasing us down after 21 overs. Adabella Jones took the only wicket with an LBW. Even though the girls didn't come away with a win, they played so well.

I am so proud of their efforts and achievements on the day. The girls will be presented with their silver medals at the next school assembly.

I would also like to thank the parents for all of their support. The girls and I are so fortunate to have such a dedicated team of parents to provide transport, coaching and encouragement to the girls. I also want to wish our year 6 girls the very best with their future endeavours with cricket! Thank you for a great year!



Miss Xanthe Kerr - Coach

Prize Gilling Donations

Students at Tacking Point have many opportunities to have their efforts and achievements recognised. At the end of each year, we hold an assembly to present awards for efforts and achievements across the year. At this assembly, selected students receive a certificate or a certificate and a voucher to purchase a book.

Each year the prizes are funded through the generosity of parents and the business community. If you would like to contribute to this prize giving, please forward your donation in an envelope to the school office marked "Award Donation" with your name.

All donations will be published in the e-Newsletter.

Thank you

Westport Club Mathletics Challenge

On Wednesday 14th November at the Wesport Club, two students Keegan Pope and Brad Jordan competed in the Live Mathletics Speed and Competency Challenge. Both boys competed brilliantly and reached the final three competitors in their respected divisions. In the final, both boys finished 3rd. A fantastic achievement boys. Five students were randomly selected to win prizes on the night as a result of achieving 1000 points in Mathletics activities. Congratulations to Brad Jordan, Tahlia Hall, Harley Rayment, Piper Brennan-Riley and James Owen.

We would like to thank the Westport Club for their continued support of funding Mathletics in our school over the last four years. Both students and teachers have enjoyed using this resource

in their classrooms.





Excellence in Mathematics

Congratulations to Brodie Ferrett who went to Sydney last week to receive his ICAS Mathematics medal. Brodie was one of a number of students who achieved top marks in the state. This is an outstanding achievement Brodie. Well Done.

This is an example of a question Brodie answered correctly.

Paul had a square piece of paper.

He cut out a rectangle from the paper that was 4 centimetres by 9 centimetres.

The area of the left over paper was 108 square centimetres.

What was the length of the sides of Paul's original square?

- (A) 9 centimetres
- (B) 11 centimetres
- (C) 12 centimetres
- (D) 13 centimetres



Bel Canto 2019

Students in Years 2-5 who are <u>interested in auditioning</u> for Bel Canto are encouraged to discuss this with their families. Auditions will be held next week and interested students will be asked to come to the hall. Permission notes for the auditions were sent home on Monday of this week, and should be returned to the Bel Canto box in the office by Monday of next week.

If you have any questions about the choral program, please email bel.canto.tpps@gmail.com or send a note to Mrs Moritz with your child.

Existing Bel Canto members will not be rehearsing next week but they have an informal concert on Monday 10th December at 12pm in our hall with Savvy Singers, a senior citizens' choir, with Mrs Ryan and Allegro.

Kind regards, Dayna Moritz & Robyn Ryan OAM

Bel Canto Concert and Awards Evening

Bel Canto students had their annual concert and awards evening on Wednesday 5th December in our school hall. The evening was a beautiful showcase of the choir's talents and a dedication to Mrs Robyn Ryan OAM who formed the choir in 2001 and has been an amazing talent in our school. We also farewelled a large group of wonderful Year 6 students (photo following) who will be missed as they move onto the next stage of their musical journeys next year.

Thank you to the families and friends who attended and showed their support of this outstanding group of singers.



Band Program 2019

For those students who have taken a registration form for the Band program for 2019, please return these forms as soon as possible as all enrolments need to be finalised this term.

Thank you

Ann Hamilton

CANTEEN ROSTER		
You can place lunch orders via the P&C's site http://www.flexischools.com.au		
Mon 10/12	M.Dunn & D.Gleave	
Tue 11/12	C.Clarke & C.Baker	
Wed 12/12	N.Mace & help please	
Thu 13/12	M.Gavel & A.Brinkman	
Fri 14/12	M.Brumby & H.Ryan	
Mon 17/12	L.Speedy & D.Gleave	
Tue 18/12	J.Moye & help please	

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.

CANTEEN CLOSED ALL DAY

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

PORT PHYSIE

Wed 19/12

Physical Culture is a fun, inexpensive sport for women and girls of all ages! We are Edith Parsons affiliated and classes are held at Westport Public School. For more information contact Cheryle Waterlander 0408231253.

WESTERN PHOENIX FC SOCCER CLUB

2019 squad applications are now open for all ages. Places are limited and applications close December 21st. admin@westernphoenixfc.com

SUMMER FEST HOLIDAY KIDS CLUB

Monday to Thursday 14th Jan-17th Jan 2019. At Tacking Point Public School. 9.15am-12pm daily. Daily cost is \$8 per child or \$20 per family. Presented by The Point Community Church.

EXTRAVADANCE PORT MACQUARIE & WAUCHOPE

Pre-School to Adult classes. Focus on fun, fitness and friendship. Offering ballet, Jazz, ACRO, baby ballet, tap, hip hop, performance, private lessons, contemporary/lyrical and break dance. Principal Amy Henson, phone 0412856525. info@extravadancestudios.com.au

ENCORE STUDIOS PORT MACQUARIE

16^{th and 17th} January – Actors bootcamp.

18th January Music theatre Kickstarter.

www.encorestudios.com.au, 0474999905, facebook.com/Encoreportmac

PORT MACQUARIE YOUTH HUB

For more information or to book in for activities, please contact Jayson or email info@pmyh.org.au or drop by to see us at 140 Horton Street. Registration is essential.

SWIMWELL PORT MACQUARIE

January 2019 school holidays morning intensive swim program.

Week 1 – 7th January to 11th January

Week 2 – 14th January to 18th January

Week 3 – 21st January to 25th January

Bookings are taken on a per week basis. Names are being taken now. Port Macquarie Olympic Pool, 28 Gordon St. Phone 65831635 email swimwellpmg@gmail.com

BECOME A HOST FAMILY IN 2019

Request a free info pack, sms 'host' to 0428 246 633 Wep.org.au/host, 1300 884 733, email info@wep.org.au

PORT CITY BREAKERS JRL

Registration for 2019 at McDonalds near Settlement City. 8th December, 12th January, 19th January, 16th February 11am-1pm. \$120 to register.

Email portcitybreakersjrlfc@yahoo.com.au for further information.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Explore the Museum with a treasure map and learn about the history of Australia. Cost is FREE, bookings essential, email museum@rba.gov.au, phone 95519743.

*** PLAY OR REFEREE FOOTBALL IN 2019 ***

Opportunities to play and referee football at varying levels exist. There is competitions to suit everyone from a beginner to an experienced player or match official.

2019 Information will be posted here in due course - http://footballmidnorthcoast.com/

The NSW government is also offering a \$100 Active Kids Rebate in 2019. See the above link for all details on the rebate voucher and how to register in 2019.

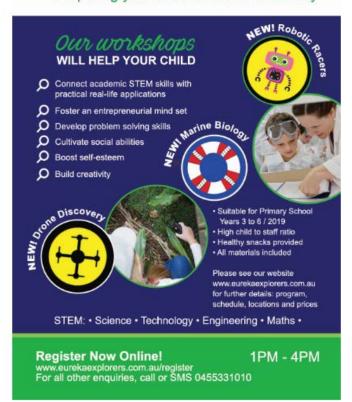
Football Mid North Coast invites all those interested in playing or refereeing to register. Who knows, the next Socceroo, Matilda or FIFA Match Official may be you!

For more information please contact the FMNC Office on 0265 850 351.

FMNC wishes everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.







Dear parent,

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years, who are above a healthy weight. Best of all it's **absolutely FREE!**

WHEN DOES GO4FUN RUN? Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks after school during the school term, and children attend a fun filled 2-hour session each week with their parent.

WHAT DO WE DO AT GO4FUN? Every week children play fun and interactive games and activities to get their heart rates up and enjoying being active. You and your child also learn about healthy eating, setting goals, portion sizes, label reading and more. The child receives up to 3 attendance prizes, and parents a \$20 fresh fruit and vegie voucher each session they attend. School-aged siblings welcome.

Registration for Term 1, 2019 is open with limited places in the FREE, FUN Port Macquarie Go4Fun which runs Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 - 5.30pm at Port Macquarie Public School and pool, commencing February 6th.

Register NOW at Freecall 1800 780 900 or at www.go4fun.com.au





Vacation Care is for 5-12-year-old children attending primary school. Children are to be signed in and out by a parent/guardian. PG rated movies and G rated video games may be shown at centre.

Prescription medication can only be administered by staff once the required medical form provided by Active OOSH Vacation Care has been completed by the parents/guardians.

What to bring to Vacation Care

Enclosed Shoes (No sandals, thongs or slip on shoes please), Hat, Water Bottle, Morning Tea, Lunch and a spare change of clothes. Please ensure that children come in clothes that can get messy!

Pricing

Bronze Day - \$55 per day (In most cases after the full Child Care Subsidy is applied there will be a gap to be paid of ONLY \$10.59)

Silver Day - \$65 per day (In most cases after the full Child Care Subsidy is applied there will be a gap to be paid of ONLY \$12.51)

Gold Day - \$75 per day (In most cases after the full Child Care Subsidy is applied there will be a gap to be paid of ONLY \$14.44)







Water Safety

Water Safety is a major aspect with the delivery of Vacation Care Programs. Some of our activities have water elements and with this we take every safety precaution possible. All excursions have risk assessments and staff are qualified with First Aid. Supervision maps are made for educators to minimize all risks.

Excursions & Incursions

All Incursions and Excursions have risk assessments completed on the proposed activity. Active OOSH strives to ensure complete safety when dealing with our children. Staff Meetings are completed daily in relation to the advised activity, mapping out the entire excursion so all staff are aware of the day's proceedings. Supervision maps are drawn for the educators, all excursions adhere to the National Regulations. Any queries about excursions and details please see the nominated Supervisor.

Bus Transport

Excursions that require bus services are outlined on the Vacation Care Program. For large groups, we use a registered bus service and all buses are equipped with seatbelts. Outlines of the transporting system will be displayed for families day by day.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Lake Cathie Public School Opening Hours: 7am – 6pm Co-ordinator: Sherri McGuigan

Contact us: 0418 985 315 | lakecathie@activeoosh.com.au



Find us on Facebook @ Active OOSH Lake Cathie for more information involving our holiday program



Please make sure you confirm your enrolment using MyGov to reduce your fees.

SENSE RUGBY

Does your child need help to be part of a team or a group?

Sense Rugby is a rugby based Occupational Therapy program and we are teaming up with All Together Therapy to launch at Port Macquarie!

We use modified rugby drills to help kids:

- Process sensory information
 - Focus on activities
- Work on their coordination
 - Manage their emotions
- Have fun with other kids!

Come and try it at our launch day! Not only will it be free and fun, but it will be run by Australian Rugby Sevens Olympian – Jesse Parahi.

When: Sunday 17th January 2019

Time: 9am - 2 pm (NB: hour time-slots allocated on sign-up)

Where: To be confirmed (oval in Port Macquarie)



Sign up on our website at

http://www.senserugby.com.au/sign-up-for-free-launch-dateshere/ or contact on Hello@senserugby.com.au.

Our Founders Jesse Parahi

Jesse has been a regular fixture in the Rugby Sevens World Series for the past 6 years. He won a bronze medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014, participated in the Sevens Rugby World Cup in Moscow and was awarded the 2012 RUPA Rugby sevens excellence award. In 2015, he helped the team qualify for the Olympics in Rio and became an Australian Olympian in 2016.



Carlien Parahi

Carlien is an experienced Paediatric Occupational Therapist who spends her days helping children and their families to get to the bottom of learning, developmental and social-emotional delays. She has significant experience in helping parents to understand more about and help children to overcome or improve Sensory Processing Disorders/difficulties, delays in gross motor or fine motor skill development, Autism Spectrum Disorders, Socialemotional difficulties, ADHD and many more. Carlien has a special interest in sport and its therapeutic use. Her empathetic nature and knowledge in child development has helped hundreds of children become more successful at their daily activities.

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