

Tacking Point PS Newsletter

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Week 2, Term 4

26th October 2018

APPROACHING CALENDAR EVENTS

Sat 27 th October	Donation Day for Spring Fair – Hall 12pm-3pm
Sun 28 th October	Donation Day for Spring Fair – Hall 9am – 12pm
Mon 29 th October	Year 2 Swimming Program begins
Thu 1 st November	Kinder Parent Orientation 9.30am
Fri 2 nd November	K-2 Assembly 9.15am – General Assembly Stage 2 Assembly 2.00pm – Hosted by 3/4C
Sat 3 rd November	P&C Spring Fair
Thu 8 th November	Year 3 Camp
Fri 9 th November	Kinder Transition Day 9.30am K-2 Assembly 9.15am – General Assembly Stage 3 Assembly – 2.15pm
Friday 16 th November	Kinder Transition Day 9.30am K-2 Assembly 9.15am – General Assembly K-6 Colour Run 1.40pm
Friday 23 rd November	Kinder Transition Day 9.30am
Friday 7 th December	K-2 Christmas Concert
Wednesday 12th December	Presentation Assembly

From the Desk of Mr Harris

Dear students, staff, parents and carers,

It has been delightful to welcome all the students and staff back from their Spring holidays and to see everyone looking so well and relaxed after a nice long break. It's always lovely to see the students excited about being back at school. The walkways and classrooms have been abuzz with chatter and laughter as the students have enjoyed catching up with one another and sharing all their holiday news. A special welcome to our new families!

Break In:

As you are aware, the school was broken into over the holidays and several of our rooms were affected. The police have been diligent and 4 people have been held responsible for their actions. Some of our ipads have been recovered and the locks will soon be replaced. Our Connected Classroom was severely damaged and this will also be repaired. Mr Simpson did a marvellous job working with tradesman and police and a huge thankyou for staff coming in and cleaning up their rooms, so the rooms would be restored ready to commence Term 4.

This was a very motivated attack with the ipads being the target. We as a school, work hard to purchase resources for our children and it is so disappointing that this behaviour can happen and affect our school.

If anything ever looks suspicious, we ask local residents to ring the police immediately or contact the Security Unit on 1300 88 00 21

World Teachers' Day:

I would like to start our term by acknowledging the wonderful work done by the teachers of Tacking Point Public School. They truly are a team of professionals who spend many hours planning and preparing for their students, as well as being actively engaged in their own learning and refinement of their teaching practice.

It was not unusual to visit the school during the holidays to find teachers busily working. On your behalf, I would like to thank all our dedicated teachers.

Planning for 2019:

We are currently planning school organisation for 2019. This is a fairly intricate process and each year it is very difficult to predict school numbers and the nature of staffing which surrounds enrolments. It is therefore extremely important for us, to ascertain as closely as we possibly can, student numbers for next year. It would make this process easier for us if parents wherever possible, could indicate to us if students will not be returning to Tacking Point PS from Day 1 in 2019.

Each year we spend the first 3 or 5 days of the new school year ringing around to find out the whereabouts of students who have moved or are still on holidays, but will be returning. Our predicted enrolment for the beginning of next year is approximately 690+, so each year this task grows more difficult.

Similarly, if your child is commencing school in Kindergarten next year we seek this information as soon as possible. We are currently forming our Kindergarten classes for next year and it is important that we gather as much data and information about our new students as early as possible. As you can imagine, if we receive enrolments at the last minute, it makes it a difficult job to organise over 80+ new Kindergarten students each year. Thank you for your assistance with this issue.

Staff News:

Miss Fitsimmons will be continuing her Leave Without Pay next year and Mrs Karen Jones will also be taking leave in 2019.

Miss Croad has officially lodged her separation papers and will be retiring at the end of the year. Terri has been a passionate teacher and her career has always been about the children under her care and providing them with the best opportunities to make learning fun and meaningful. The local swimming scheme that our children attend, has been beautifully organised for years because of Terri's amazing organisational skills. Our school has been so lucky to have had Terri for 19 years and we wish her all the best in her next chapter. I'm sure we will see Terri around the school before the end of the year and celebrate her career in the fashion it deserves.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs McCann and her husband, on their announcement that they will be expecting a baby early next year.

Safe On Media:

My many thanks to the families who attended the information session on Monday evening. It was very confronting on how social media can affect our children and how certain practices and lack of privacy knowledge can leave information available for the public to view.

The digital footprint was discussed and how nothing is ever deleted on the internet.

There are some amazing resources on the Hasting Secondary School Website under the link called 'resources'. I encourage people to visit this section and download the flyers that are loaded with facts and ones as parents you need to be aware of.

The misuse of these apps can lead to tragedy and also affect future employment of our children, if the etiquette of using these apps, is abused. Remember nothing ever is deleted.

It was strongly suggested that we never post pictures of children in school uniform as it gives away information, and to make sure that all location settings are turned off. Please also be

mindful of hashtags as they are used for searching and grooming. Snapchat was one app we shouldn't be encouraging our children to use.

School Uniform:

A reminder that school uniform is to be worn at school at all times. Our school has always strived to be a school of excellence and our uniform showcases who we are and our reputation. We ask parents to support our Uniform Guidelines and ensure children are coming to school in full uniform.

Our Lost Property was cleared towards the end of term but it is also starting to grow. Please label all clothing.

Hats must also be worn at school to be able to play in the playground.

Tournament of Minds:

Our students performed magnificently. During their trip to Darwin in the October holidays for the international final, the team was required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from one of the disciplines. This is a challenging and rewarding experience that requires problem solving, creative thinking and team work. This competition is open to schools all over Australia and has expanded internationally. Students, staff and parents were understandably thrilled with their results. Tournament of the Minds is lots of fun, especially because the students love working as a team. Although we didn't get a place our students did extremely well and loved the challenges set. It was an amazing life experience and hopefully one, they will never forget.

I would like to congratulate all students who took part in Tournament of Minds in 2018. Thank you for your time, commitment and dedication to always doing your best. Our congratulations and thanks are extended to Mrs Garratt and Mrs Jordan for accompanying our students to Darwin.

Yours in education

Phil Harris – Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Safe on Social

We were fortunate enough to have Kirra Pendergast visit our area on Monday this week. Kirra gave an insightful and informative presentation to some of the teachers in the local area and presented again that evening here at Tacking Point Public School. The entire presentation gave us practical and relevant information to help support and understand the possible dangers that social media can play in people's lives. Here are some of the helpful tips for you as parents.

Kelly Jordan and Trevor Thompson
Deputy Principals



Social Media Tips for Parents

- Talk to children about online privacy issues, making sure they know to never identify their name, school or city/state in which they live.
- Respect people's privacy, don't share anyone else's personal information online.
- Don't tag photos of your children at their school if your account is not completely private. This is a child safety issue as anyone driving past can search the school on Instagram and see all of the photos that have been tagged in there by parents not set to private on Instagram.
- If you are going to post anything with a significant fact, check it first.
- Teach them to understand the importance of passwords, keeping them private and changing regularly.
- Learn how to recognise a scam. (You are not going to win free flights for a year for sharing something on Facebook). If it is too good to be true, it probably is.
- Make sure the apps you allow your kids to use are age appropriate.
- Don't be patronising or insulting to anyone ever. This kind of behaviour validates bad behaviour in children as they often see it if you are connected to social media.
- Remember that even an emoji can be taken out of context by someone reading it. Use your head and your heart and don't let emotion be the only thing driving you to post.
- Make sure you respect classification on games, they are there for a reason.
- Make sure the young people in your care know that under no circumstances they should go and meet up with anyone they meet online. Stranger Danger rules apply because they are now literally on digital steroids and 24x7.
- Ban devices from the bedroom from as young as possible. Set boundaries around use.
- Share pictures and videos only with consent. And respect the privacy of others.
- Keep your love-life and arguments off social media.
- Stay positive. If you see something you disagree with – don't engage.
- Consider the fact that children in the background of photos or videos you take at your child's school may be on "no publish" lists. Some children are in protective custody or witness protection and an innocent photo posted on social media could be disastrous.
- Teach young people not to say, or repeat anything that they wouldn't say if the person were standing right in front of them.
- Teach children to recognise that other people's opinions may be different to their own.

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 1 and 2:

KC Parker Begg, Scarlett Brook, Isaac Chapman, Lolani Collyer, Coco Cox, Sam Pomroy **KE** Harper Bargwanna, Louis Burton, Charlotte Rabie **KV** Flynn Apthorpe **KW** Isa Balkin, Harriet Houghton, Jack Morris, Hamish Pope **1/2G** Grace Ashton, Lillie Merrell, Adler Robinson, Hannah Ryan **1C** Mahalia Anderson **1J** Madeleine Chung, Benjamin Ryan, Noah Harris **1K** Alex Boath, Mikayla Fonyodi **2H** Walter Bull, Jarryd Morgan **2M** Tahlia Hall, Matisse Hazelton-Kelly, Max Norkett **2R** Annabelle Ashton, Noah Richards **3/4N** Ziva Balkin, Zachary Bibel, Lucas Boath, Evie Hewens **3J** Sam Browne, Keegan Pope **3K** Sophie Norkett **4H** Anastasia Griffiths, Lucy Richards **4R** Zaide Jones **5/6G** Aiden Moore-Jones **5L** Kelli Williams **5M** Brayden Simpson **6B** Ethan Apthorpe **6T** Bayden Connerty

Ms Lea Horan
Teacher Librarian

Hastings Secondary College

Hastings Secondary College are now accepting applications for our Year 7 scholarship program and we'd encourage you to apply!

Four (4) scholarships at each campus are available to incoming 2019 Year 7 students for excellence in Academic, Sporting, Cultural or Community Involvement.

Closing: 3pm Monday 19 November 2019

Apply by following the link.

<http://www.hastingssecondarycollege.schools.nsw.edu.au/news-and-events/2019-year-7-scholarships>



Odd Sock Day

Thanks to everyone for contributing today towards our spring fair. The day was so successful we are planning another one next week. Stay tuned. We loved all the odd socks throughout the school.



Concert of Excellence 2018

From a 'Daydream Believer' to the 'Greatest Showman' and Yothu Yindi, you know you 'Can't Hold Us', so just 'Cut to the Feeling' while 'Love is in the Air'. We're 'Stayin' Alive' feeling 'Joyful Joyful', and want to 'Celebrate Good Times', while we listen to the 'Music of the Night'. You always have 'A Friend Like Me' to sing that 'One Song' with. So, let's 'Go Bang' and 'Wipeout' of this massive 'Talent Show', with a little magic- 'Bibbiti-Bobbity-Boo' to help 'Cinders' find her happily ever after where there is 'Gold on the Ceiling'.



For those who managed to see the 'Concert of Excellence 2018', you will recognise some of these items from the Glasshouse on the afternoon and night of Wednesday 26th September. Another fantastic showcase of talent which is generated annually from the Tacking Point Public School students and teachers, has once again taken our breath away and left us wanting more.

This annual performance at the wonderful, world class facility, Port Macquarie Glasshouse, starts for some in Kindergarten and grows with each student at whatever stage they participate in a performance group. The Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program at Tacking Point Public School is open to all interested students who wish to participate, from Kindergarten to Year 6. Opportunities abound with choirs, dance groups, bands, the Y6 drama group and the public speaking competition winners.

Tacking Point has a very strong culture within the arts, with whole school involvement from classroom level to performance groups, enabling students to hone their individual skills, as well as develop their collaborative skills within groups, as they progress through the years. I believe the arts stimulate critical and creative thinking and increase confidence through expressing themselves to the wider community.

At Tacking Point Public School, we are extremely fortunate to have a staff who are committed to the arts and dedicate their own time to the various groups. The staff instil a genuine love of the arts in your children through enjoyment, confidence building and a sense of achievement. This is by ensuring success at every level for all students who participate.

The students start working hard from February and participate in various events throughout the year. They are motivated and conscientious, enabling the amazing display of talent and creativity that comes out of these performing groups. By the end of Term 3, all performers are well-rehearsed and ready to perform in the showcase that is, the Tacking Point Public School 'Concert of Excellence'.

Performing at the Glasshouse, the students rose to the occasion and all students in every performance shone on this world class stage, to parents, family and friends. Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 provided a spectacle of movement and colour, music and dance, instrumental and vocal, drama and public speaking. Memories are created at times such as this, for both the students and the audience. These are memories that will be treasured by many, for years to come, as one of the highlights in school life at TPPS.

The Tacking Point Public School 'Concert of Excellence 2018', has once again been a huge success. This year we introduced a second opportunity for parents and community members to come along and be entertained, with our Matinee performance going on sale to the public

for the first time. This proved to be a success enabling additional audience members to view the show.

Thank you also goes to every parent who supports our CAPA program. Without you having your children at early rehearsals, week in week out, dressed in uniforms or costumes as needed, and giving continual encouragement to keep them practising at home, the benefits would fade. Your support of your children in being the best they can be, through the performing arts, is immeasurable in the development of resilient, confident students with healthy self-esteem and a passion for the arts.

Warm Regards
Mrs Elyne Toft
Concert Co-ordinator



T.P.P.S Spring Fair



Here is what we are doing in our
grades K-6 for the fair
and how you can **HELP**.

Please assist us by sending the following items into your child's class.

K- Portrait Gallery (Kindy paintings for sale)

+ kids craft items, e.g. beads, pipe cleaners for the K-6 Craft Stall.

Yr 1- Cake Stall (Send in home made cakes/slices etc
the day before or early the day of the fair)

Yr 2-Hair Spray Booth (Send in coloured Hair Spray)

Yr 3- Egg Carton Herbs (send in packet herbs or potting mix)

Yr 4- Tombola (send in glass jars, empty or full of goodies)

Yr 5-Sustainable Shopping Bags (Send in unwanted, clean t-shirts)

Yr 6- Chocolate Toss (Send in chocolates from T4—weeks 2&3)

SRC- Lolly Bags (donations bags of lollies T4 –weeks 2&3)

K-6 Craft Stall– Mrs Reichelt & helpers needed!!

(Any donations of craft to sell or make would be welcome)

*Please return to your child's teacher if you can help out in any way.

I can help with my child's year group stall by: ☐ donating items

☐ Assisting on the day or ☐ sending in craft items to sell

Name: _____ Child's Class: _____ PH: _____

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

Mon 29/10	D.Gleave & help please
Tue 30/10	C.Clarke & help please
Wed 31/10	R.Brennan & help please
Thu 1/11	C.LoMonaco & R.Brennan
Fri 2/11	L.Wiggins & R.Brennan
Mon 5/11	C.Brumby & D.Gleave
Tue 6/11	R.Brennan & help please
Wed 7/11	H.Ryan & help please
Thu 8/11	M.Gavel & A.Brickman
Fri 9/11	H.Ryan, M.Brumby & R.Brennan

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

PORT MACQUARIE JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

We are urgently looking for players in the 10's, 11's and 12's age group. Cricket has changed, formats are shorter, all players get to have a go and be involved, parents don't lose their whole Saturday morning. If you want to know more please email secretary, Natalie Jordan at nataliejane.73@bigpond.com or message 0429821146.

You can also refer to our webpage for information -

<http://www.portmacquariejcc.nsw.cricket.com.au/pageitem.aspx?id=159736&id2=1&eID=4498&entityID=4498>

TERM 4 WITH SOUL SURFING!

A cracker of a term is lined up with our joyous and loved original After School Surfing running for 10 years bow! Still a few spaces available to jump on board and have beach and surfing fun! \$200.

ALSO filling kids with joy is our Kids Yoga Program 2 years on. 5 week block: starting November 1st Thursdays. 5-8yrs (all fun style) 4-4.45pm and 9-12yrs (fun and serene) 4.55pm-5.40pm. Both \$40 for the block. Contact via 0428480266, Facebook Soul Surfing or email us corey@soulsurfing.com.au

THE POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Presenting Summer Fest, The Greatest Show. Holiday kids club Kindy to Year 6. 14th-17th January 2019, four days only at Tacking Point Public School. 9.15am-12pm daily. Book now www.summerfestport.org.au.

WESTPORT TENNIS CLUB

Tennis Lessons- After school or Saturday morning. First lesson free. Classes held Monday 4.30pm, Tuesday 4pm, Thursday 3.30pm, Friday 4pm or Saturday 9am & 10am. Westport Tennis Club, Woods St. Please phone Mark Rawlingson 0412 834 336.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

Saturday 27 October, 10am-4pm and Sunday 28th October 10am-3pm. At Port Panthers, Bay St Port Macquarie. Large variety of craft persons and selected retailers. Entry is \$3 for all adults, children under 12 free, Secondary students \$2.



Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District

Healthy on Track Exercise Program

Mid North Coast Local Health District will be offering a free six-week Healthy Lifestyle program to all Aboriginal people in the Hastings Region.

Where: **Macquarie Park, Port Macquarie.**

When: **Every Monday & Wednesday from 5pm til 6pm**

Commencing: **Monday 29 October until
Wednesday 5 December 2018**

This program includes exercise catering for all fitness and skill levels including boot camp, games, circuits and boxing.

All participants are required to complete a registration pack before the program starts

Registration packs are available from;

- Werin Medical Clinic, Lake Road
- Birpai Local Aboriginal Lands Council, Aston Street
- Health Promotion office at Community Health, Morton Street Port Macquarie
- Or phone Jess Morris on 6588 2896

Registration packs can be returned to all of these places.



**SMALL STEPS
CAN MAKE
A BIG
DIFFERENCE.**

MAKE
HEALTHY
NORMAL

Artwork produced by Gumbaynggirr artist Brentyn Lugnan

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Supported Fun Playgroup Uniting Church Hall Laurieton 10:00-11:30am 22 Oct – 10 Dec	First Time Parents Supported Playgroup Uniting Burnside Port Macquarie 10:00-11:30am 16 Oct – 11 Dec	Mum & Bubs Walk it Out Cultural Group Riverside Wauchope (With Centacare) 10:00am-12:00pm 17 Oct – 12 Dec	Mitji Wambuyn Playgroup For Aboriginal Families 4-Square Bethel Church High Street Wauchope 10:00-11:30am 18 Oct – 13 Dec	<p>We also offer all of these courses on a one-to-one basis for those who find group interaction a challenge.</p> <p>You can call us to set up an individual assessment for in-home visiting support if you are struggling with managing multiple kids, isolation, or anything else that might be impacting your ability to enjoy your family.</p> <p>Contact us on 02 6581 6600 for all enquiries & bookings.</p> 
<p>Triple P Parenting Program Uniting Burnside Port Macquarie 5:00-7:00pm 17 Oct – 14 Nov</p>				
<p>RAGE for 10-13yr olds Re Navigating Anger & Guilty Emotions Uniting Burnside Port Macquarie 5:00-6:30pm 21 Nov – 12 Dec</p>		<p>Tuning in to Teens Emotional Intelligence Uniting Burnside Port Macquarie 5:00-7:00pm 18 Oct – 22 Nov</p>		
<p>Circle of Security Parenting Program Uniting Burnside Port Macquarie 10:00am-12:00pm 14 Oct – 19 Dec</p>				

Tournament of Minds

Congratulations to our Tournament of Minds team Ross A, Maeve K, Sally T, Annelise T, Erin R, Ashton N and Amelia M.

