

# Tacking Point PS Newsletter

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Week 4, Term 6 2019

22 November 2019

## APPROACHING CALENDAR EVENTS

2019	
<b>Tuesday 26 November</b>	HCH Boys Cricket Trials Canteen will close after recess. No lunch / orders P&C Volunteers Lunch
<b>Wednesday 27 November</b>	First Lego League Regional Qualifier
<b>Thursday 28 November</b>	Bel Canto Performing – Count Down to Christmas Year 1: Dinosaur Beach Excursions
<b>Friday 29 November</b>	K-2 Assembly – General Assembly Stage 2 Assembly – <b>Hosted by 3/4B</b> , 1.45 in the Hall
<b>Tuesday 3 December</b>	High School Transition day
<b>Wednesday 4 December</b>	Manly Selective High School Band visit and workshop Band: Evening Concert
<b>Friday 6 December</b>	First Lego League Junior Expo Zenith Expo, Charles Sturt University
<b>Wednesday 11 December</b>	Presentation Assembly, 9.15am – 11am Bel Canto Awards concert, 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 12 December</b>	Year 6 Graduation, 1.40pm in School Hall Year 6 Farewell 6-9pm at Westport Club
<b>Thur 12 – Fri 13 December</b>	Year 3 Camp – Adventureland
<b>Friday 13 December</b>	K-2 Christmas Concert, 9am-11am
<b>Monday 16 December</b>	Kinder Graduation 10am-11am Semester 2 Reports Home
<b>Wednesday 18 December</b>	Stage 3 – Pool Party Last school day for 2019

## 2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

2020	
<b>Tuesday 28 January</b>	Staff Development Day – no students to attend school
<b>Wednesday 29 January</b>	First day of school for Year 1 – 6 students, 2020.
<b>Monday 3 February</b>	Swimming Carnival
<b>Wednesday 5 February</b>	Kinder 2020 commence school

*From the Desk of Mr Harris*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This has been an incredibly busy 2 weeks. The weather conditions have been problematic and placed an enormous stress on the entire community.

I would like to thank families for your support and concern over the last weeks. We have provided regular updates and kept our community extremely well-informed.

The closure of schools is a direction made from District Office via the Department of Education. All local information is provided, to assist them in any decision.

At all times, if parents were uncomfortable and/or felt that they wanted their children home to maintain air quality, you were fully supported in your decision. Let's hope the air quality clears up and we regain our normally blue skies and our beaches are back to being pristine without ash and charcoal.

Our Kinder Orientation program concludes this week and at this stage we will have 3 Kindergarten classes in 2020.

Our current numbers indicate that we will commence 2020 with 26 classes. This is a reduction of 2 classes across the school. We are closely monitoring these numbers and again we ask if, any families are moving, could they please contact the office immediately. Often, one child can equate to maintaining a class!

Congratulations to our Year 2 and 3 children on a successful swimming Scheme. Certificates were presented this week.

Please remind students to hand in commendations for their 'Lighting The Way Awards'.

Teachers are also reminding children about our mobile phone policy at school. They are not to be used during schools hours and must be turned off and kept in school bags at all times. Your support with this protocol is requested.

In light of the recent fires, the school has become aware of children using inhalers. Please ensure an Asthma Plan is provided to the school to ensure accurate information is available at all times. Our database with emergency contacts and phone numbers also needs to be accurate. If any circumstances change, please contact the office immediately information can be updated.

A reminder for all families to use the Skoolbag app. This is a free app and all communication with information is relayed with this system. Can I strongly suggest that if you don't have this app, then it becomes a priority to download and subscribe to the school for updates and notifications.

Again, thank you for all the many beautiful comments and accolades for our school in the recent weeks. The staff have appreciated your support.

**Phil Harris**  
**Principal**

## Message from the Deputy Principals

### Remembrance Day on the Town Green

Remembrance Day 11/11/19, (sometimes known as Poppy Day) is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth of Nations member states since the end of the First World War to remember the members of their armed forces who have died in the line of duty.

Ms Jody Bond joined our impressive looking Tacking Point Public School, School Captains 2019; Ashton Newton, Isabella Campbell, Ashton Cooper and Amelia Mace to the Remembrance Day service down on the Town Green last Monday.

It was a particularly memorable day with the fires still looming so close to our beautiful township. We joined many school and community groups to pay our respects for fallen soldiers.

It was a moving service that we were very proud to be a part of.



### **Lest We Forget**

**Kelly Jordan and Trevor Thompson**  
**Deputy Principals**

## From the Library

Congratulations to the children and their families who have completed their Read Aloud Bookmarks this week Term 4 Weeks 5 and 6:

**K/1W** Isaac Chapman **KC** Rylee Chambers, Annabelle Courtney Ella Hamilton, Evelyn Noble, Zali O'Neill, Amelia Pirie **KE** Macie Barry, Harshavardhan Nambiar, Henry Shepherd **KO** Chloe Hall 1K Scarlett Brook, Flynn Apthorpe 2I Alex Boath **2J** Mahalia Anderson, Olivia Hamilton **2S** Ethan Noble 2T Karsanth Mohanaranjan **3/4M** Grace Ashton, Nessa Kinchington, Aurora Mavros, Lillie Merrell, Keegan Pope **3D** Maddison Lyons-Pascoe 4B Lucas Boath **5/6N** Erin Rapley **5B** Anastasia Griffiths

**Ms Lea Tracy**  
**Teacher Librarian**

## Australian Mathematics Competition 2019

In this year's school results, 16 of the 76 participants received Credit or Distinction Awards. There were 1 Distinction, 15 Credits and 56 Proficiency certificates being awarded. The following students achieved credit or distinction results. Congratulations to Francis on his award for 'Best in School'.

### Credit Awards

Grace Ashton, Lennox Phillis, Xavier Romero, Anna Piri, Archie Wallace, Wilson Huang, Luca Giddins, Natalie Ertl, Zachary Bibel, Milla Northam, Bella Riches, Charlotte Memmott, Cameron McLean-Prosser, Cory Thiele, Chloe Keedle

### Distinction Award

Francis Neild

## Knitting Club

This term in the Library, children grades 3-6 were invited to join a lunchtime Knitting Club.

Thinking I might get 20 participants, I was pleasantly surprised when I was inundated with eager students, both boys and girls ready to learn. Over 70 students in all.

I was able to source 80 sets of knitting needles from local op shops, and bargain new yarn for \$2 a ball. Children either brought in their own wool or paid \$2 to join the group.

To prepare for the first lesson, I needed 25 stitches cast on, and a few rows run to start the children off.

The cavalry arrived in the form of a retired neighbour, a grandmother stranded in Port Macquarie because of the fires and some Lions ladies! Thank you!

I was amazed at how quickly the children have picked up this new skill. The children are so excited that they have mastered it. Shrieks of, "Look I'm knitting!!!" are priceless! It makes all the logistical headache worth it! Some students had been so adept, they now come and volunteer at lunchtimes to be peer tutors. This role gives our peer tutors confidence and a strong sense of belonging.

Knitting is a fabulous life skill for many reasons. Knitting is valuable for developing fine motor skills, especially for children and teens. Knitting makes the left and right side of the brain cooperate and communicate effectively. Equally important, knitting is a skill for life to practice mindfulness, meditation, relaxation and is a wonderful outlet for creativity. Creativity nourishes the soul.

The children are working on producing either a shoulder bag or a scarf. They come into the Library at lunch times, or alternatively many have opted to take their knitting home.

An unexpected bonus of the project has been the uniting of generations. Children report that they have elicited the help of grandparents and elderly neighbours as knitting teachers. What a wonderful way to build relationships, and create memories with our families. This project empowers grandparents and parents as being the source of important knowledge and skills.

We look forward to seeing the completed colourful creations!

## Lea Tracey



*We salute our Fire Fighter Heroes!*

### **Town Library Display**

The catastrophic fires have impacted every child and family in our community including evacuations, school and road closures and days of thick blanketing of smoke, ash and embers.

Hundreds of homes and businesses have been saved purely by the extraordinary efforts and bravery of our fire fighters, many of which are volunteers from the local and incoming rural fire brigades.

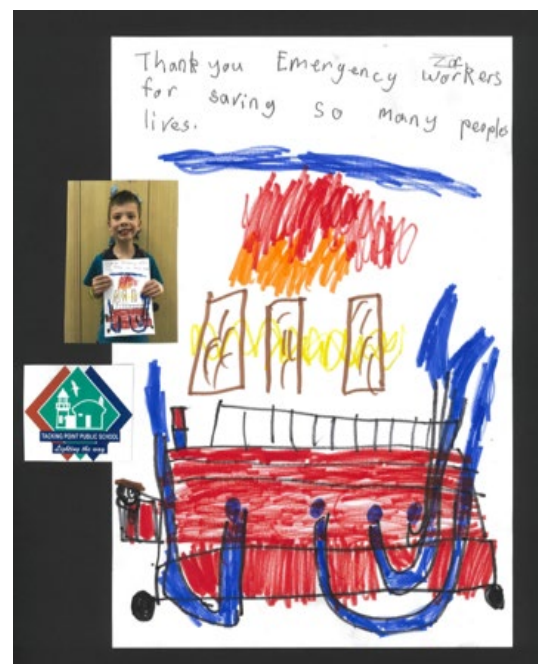
This fact is not lost upon our students who have illustrated and composed poems and cards of appreciation, for all of these incredibly hard working fire personnel.

I will be dropping these precious pieces of appreciation off to the local fire brigade.

I have been so impressed with several pieces of art work in particular, which are very emotive and special. They are bright and clear, conveying the triumph of the human spirit over disaster. We are sharing the children's expression of thanks and gratitude with the community by mounting a display in the Town Library from Friday November 22 to December 6.

If you are interested, please go and visit the Town Library to enjoy the celebration of children's published works.

**Lea Tracey**



# Crazy Hair Day

## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November Year 6 Fundraiser

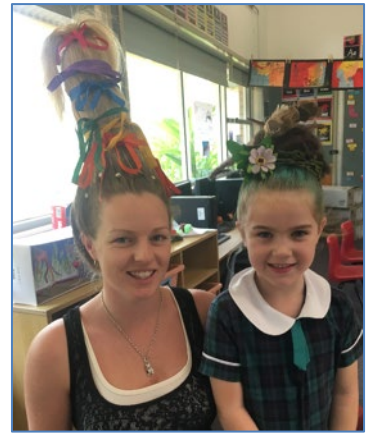
Our Year 6 students and staff organised a wonderful day of frivolity and fun to raise money to go towards their Farewell.

Students came to school with some very creative and colourful 'hair dos'!!! There are obviously some very creative parents out there who came up with some spectacular designs!

With the recent weeks of heavy smoke such novelty was a welcome release and distraction. The children had a brilliant day with a kaleidoscope of coloured hair sculptures and glitter – much to the distraction of our cleaners!

Thank you to our Year 6 teachers especially Mrs Nicole Schneider and Mrs Sally Norman, who organised and supervised the 'Crazy Hair' for our children. Also a big 'Thank you!' to our wonderful parents who so generously participate and support our initiatives here at school, to ensure our children have a magical childhood for as long as possible.

## Lea Tracey



## Lost Property

We have a number of items in lost property that have been at the office for a while now. If you see anything that belongs to your child/ren, please come to the office to claim.



## Tuckerbox Canteen

The Canteen will be closed for lunch on Tuesday 26 November for the Volunteers Christmas Lunch.

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### Qkr! Important Information

A reminder that all the QKR orders cut off at **9.15am**.

You are also able to **process multiple students and orders in one transaction**, it is as easy as selecting the next child's initials at the top of the screen (in a colour bubble). As you add different items, for recess, lunch and uniform shop all in the one transaction.

**[CLICK HERE FOR Qkr! Instructions](#)**

TUCKERBOX ROSTER		
You can place lunch orders via the P&C's Qkr! App		
Mon 25/11	R. Brennan	
Tues 26/11	RECESS ONLY	<b>CLOSED FOR LUNCH</b>
Wed 27/11	K. Williams	N. Varga
Thurs 28/11	<b>HELP PLEASE</b>	
Fri 29/11	F. White	<b>HELP PLEASE</b>
Mon 2/12	<b>HELP PLEASE</b>	
Tues 3/12	<b>HELP PLEASE</b>	
Wed 4/12	H. Ryan	
Thurs 5/12	D. Johnson	J. Johnson
Fri 6/12	R. Ferguson	M. McNulty
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.		
<b>UNIFORM SHOP</b>		
Open Mondays & Wednesdays 8.30 – 9.00am		
Location: Assembly Hall		
Uniforms can be viewed and purchased via the P&C's Qkr! Payment site		

## Merit Award Recipients

Congratulations to our Merit Award Recipients for Term 4, Weeks 5 and 6:

K-2 Week 5 & 6		
<b>KC</b>	Evie Noble	Daisy Powell
	Foster Peir	Annabelle Courtney
<b>KE</b>	Ava Rutter	Holly Groves
	Tillie Williams	Mia Noble
<b>KO</b>	Patrick Brockenshire	Eloise Proberts
	Evie Paine	Luka Tillman
<b>KP</b>	Talitha Ferguson	Josie Tait
	Glaysious Cowan	Nathan Maetzig
	Lucas Johnson	Jack McNulty
<b>K/1W</b>	Josie Neild	Isaac Chapman
	Drew Dunkley	
<b>1K</b>	Isabella Johnston	Louis Burton
	Reuben Stack	Harry Stephens
<b>1R</b>	Jayden Ashley	Flynn Apthorpe
	Lyla Eia	Elizabeth Venter
<b>1V</b>	Milla Bourne	Parker Begg
	Soetkin Nuyttens	Hendrix Jaeger
<b>2I</b>	Edie Edwards	Ceanna Godley
	Layla Buxton	Lachlan Hamblin
	Billy Scott	Kade Bartlett
<b>2J</b>	Sam Moore	Andrew Wasson
	Max Browne	Allirah Rootes
	Tyler Dutton	
<b>2S</b>	Horatio Charlton	Fraser Lutz
	Mitchell Bates	Charlie Treasure
	Chihiro Randall	
<b>2T</b>	Chloe Beazley	Jack Webster
	Elliot Moen	Angyl See

Year 5-6 Week 6		
<b>5B</b>	Hayden King	Katrice Millar
	Joseph Grattan	Hannah Vinter-Forth
<b>5G</b>	Rhianna Petrou	Catalina Toth
	Chase Thompson	Charley Woodham
<b>5L</b>	Brianna Waller	Sam Ayton
	Henry Petrie	Ava Phillips
<b>5R</b>	Taylor Callinan	Judd Williams
	Paxton Blake	Megan Goldie
<b>6N</b>	Riley Callinan	Huxley Stewart
	Bonnie Keys	Celia Pritchard
	Jason Shuttleworth	
<b>6S</b>	Rose Chetwynd	Logan Bird
	Ella Ross	Isabelle Baird
<b>6T</b>	Ewan Burke	Ashton Daley
	Emily Castiglioni	Caleb Jackson
<b>5/6N</b>	Mason White	Gilbert White
	Ashton Cooper	Lucy Strahorn

## Magical Christmas Crafts at The Seed!

<https://www.theseedcreativeworkshops.com/christmas-holiday-fun>



### Magical Kids Christmas Craft Days!

19th, 20th & 23rd Dec  
9am - 3pm

**CRAFTS INCLUDE:**

- Macrame tree
- DIY wrapping paper
- DIY Christmas cards
- Mosaic Christmas tile
- Decorate Christmas cookies
- Paint a framed Christmas scene

**Full Day \$50**  
**Half Day \$25**



## KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CAROLS

Saturday 14 December  
KEMPSEY RACECOURSE  
Gates Open 5PM - 8PM

**Food**  
**Rides and Kids Activities**  
**Music**  
**Special Appearance by Santa!**  
**Gold Coin Entry**

KEMPSEY Shire Council  
KEMPSEY MEDICAL CENTRE  
KEMPSEY-MACLEAN  
Scouts  
1st Kempsey Scout Group  
lorraine lea  
artistic licence



SunSmart Snippet

## The simplest way

... to be SunSmart this summer.

Consider UV levels when planning your summer activities.

**When UV is 3 or above you need to PROTECT your skin in 5 ways:**

- **Slip** on sun-protective clothing
- **Slop** on SPF 30 sunscreen or higher
- **Slap** on a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat
- **Seek** shade
- **Slide** on some wrap-around sunglasses



Download the free SunSmart app to know what the UV levels are in your location to help plan your summer fun.

**SunSmart App is available on the App Store and Google Play**

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to [www.sunsmartnsw.com.au](http://www.sunsmartnsw.com.au)



## Christmas at the Coliseum

David Campbell and the magnificent Sydney Symphony Orchestra are taking to Sydney's newest stage, Sydney Coliseum Theatre, West HQ just in time for the festival season!

**Friday 13th December 2019 @ 20:00**

Inspired by David's cherished memories and love for Christmas, this spectacular, fun-filled event is an exclusive collaboration between the award winning swing king, David Campbell and Australia's premier symphony orchestra and will include a showcase of songs from David's album 'Baby It's Christmas', including the titular track, 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree' and 'When My Heart Finds Christmas'. Other festive favourites including 'Silent Night', 'Sleigh Bells' and 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' will also appear. The concerts will feature new orchestral arrangements specially curated for the performance by Australia's premier orchestra.

**\$395.00 pp Twin Share | \$485.00 pp Single Room**

**Includes:** Door to Door transport, 1 x night accommodation @ Novotel Sydney West HQ, 1 x Premium ticket and 1 x Buffet Breakfast.

Phone or Message Trish on 0425 247 747  
Email [tours@portbus.com.au](mailto:tours@portbus.com.au)

**Day 1:** Departing Friday morning we will stop for lunch at Westfield Tuggerah at 12:30 then onto our accommodation. Dinner then we head to the show at 19:15.  
**Day 2:** Enjoy a buffet breakfast before boarding at 9am when we head to the Christmas Warehouse in Penrith! Get excited Santa Claus is coming to town, well soon anyway. Lunch at Hornsby RSL before rolling North on the Yellow Brick Road home.

**PORT BUS**  
charters, tours & rentals



**SUMMERFEST**

**A MEDIEVAL QUEST**

THE POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH

KINDY - YEAR 6 (IN 2020) 13-16TH JANUARY 2020

**✦ HEAR YE, HEAR YE ✦**

YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED:  
**MONDAY - THURSDAY 13-16TH JANUARY 2020**  
**9.15-12PM DAILY**  
**TO GO ON A QUEST OF EPIC PROPORTIONS!**

BIBLE-BASED CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM,  
 GAMES, DRAMA, SPORT, CRAFT, FRIENDSHIP & FUN

FAMILY FUN NIGHT @ 5:30PM THURSDAY 16TH  
 BBQ, JUMPING CASTLES, FACE PAINTING &  
 MEDIEVAL MADNESS FOR EVERYONE!

HASTINGS SECONDARY COLLEGE  
 PORT MACQUARIE CAMPUS, OWEN STREET

Register online to secure your place:

DAILY	WEEKLY
\$10 / CHILD	\$30 / CHILD
\$25 / FAMILY	\$75 / FAMILY

[summerfestport.org.au](http://summerfestport.org.au)

**✦ PARENT CAFE ✦ YOUTH NIGHT ✦**

<b>9:30 TUES - THURS</b> COFFEE, CAKE & GUEST SPEAKERS	<b>YEARS 7 - 12</b> <b>FRIDAY 17TH JAN</b> 6:30-9PM FREE
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**BY ROYAL DECREE ✦**