

Tacking Point PS eNewsletter

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Week 10, Term 4 2020

Tuesday 15th, December 2020

APPROACHING CALENDAR EVENTS

2020	
Wednesday 16th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 Arch. Parents to meet in Area E behind the school• Last day of Term 4 for students
Thursday 17th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Holidays commence
2021	
Wednesday 27th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SDD
Thursday 28th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SDD
Friday 29th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School resumes for Year 1-6• Best Start Testing commences

From Mr Harris

This is our last eNewsletter for the term and also 2020.

On behalf of the staff, we would like to thank everyone for 2020. This year has been a year like no other and has been difficult on a number of levels.

We all have had to become more accepting of change, developed greater flexibility, showcasing optimism, and become resilient in accepting that there are some things we simply cannot change owing to regulations and protocols.

At the beginning of every school year, there are always highlights that our children look forward to. Unfortunately, this has been the year where school camps, orientations, major excursions, carnivals and our Concert of Excellence have all had to be forfeited owing to COVID.

Our children have had a combination of being at school full-time, working at home and for some a mixture of both. Some of our children have thrived with this and some of our children needed the routines of school as they knew no different.

The way of teaching changed this year and our children have become far more independent workers. It also proved that our children can learn in a number of varied ways from face to face, independently, via technology and have learned skills that can easily be transferable for years to come.

The COVID experience this year showcased that there is a strong need for human interaction. Our children missed these connections, and we hope the initiatives that we did over the year helped with this. We became very good at making movies!

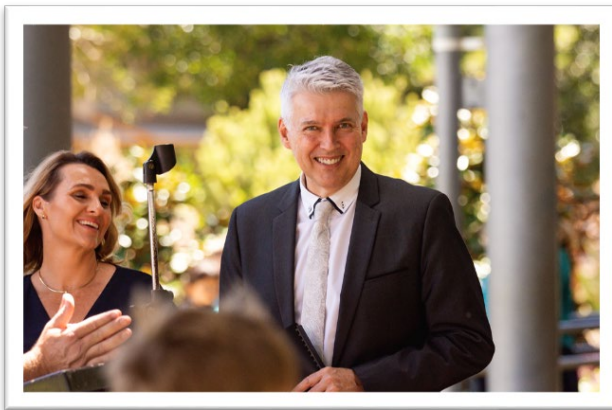
Our weekly assemblies had to be modified, staff meetings had to be altered, professional learning and even meetings with parents had to be addressed differently. Schools have never been known not to have parents on site ... and we missed this connection.

With a relaxation in protocols expected and an updating of current protocols, we are hopeful of having everyone back on site next year with the normality of school functions returning to normal.

We have over 100 kindergarten children starting next year ... all very excited and looking forward to the beginning of their next school chapter. We also farewell our Year 6 children this year and wish them all the best at high school. Another new chapter commences for many families.

Year 6 had a thoroughly enjoyable evening last week for their farewell which was a celebration of seven years at primary school. Lots of laughing, dancing and celebrating.

Many thanks to our parents who beautifully set up the hall for the evening and coordinated the event so beautifully. Our thanks go to Belinda Rayment, Aimee Davenport, Anthony Hopfe, Fiona Gordon, Jane Robinson, Jo Houghton, Julia Gray, Kathleen Soeyland, Kellie Strahorn, Melinda Robinson, Renee Goldie, Sarah Kearney and Vanessa Wilson.



Our Presentation Day went beautifully and my congratulations to Mrs Jordan on coordinating a very well-planned ceremony. Again, the impact of COVID meant that parents weren't on site and we were so pleased to see so many parents taking advantage of our school perimeter fence to be able to view this.

A huge congratulations to all our award recipients. The choices made are always one of the most difficult decisions our teachers have to do.

An official photographer was employed for the morning and these photos are available to our community free of charge. Likewise, a photographer was also employed for the Year 6 Farewell, so our families would have a lovely record of the evening. Only photos with "permission to publish" were placed on line.

My many thanks to the staff and children for their farewell during the proceedings. It meant a great deal.

We had hoped, that the air conditioners in our classrooms would have been installed this year as part of the Cooler Classrooms initiative that we were successful in applying for. We are now just waiting for an electrical upgrade. Hopefully we will have our air conditioners early next year. Unfortunately, this process has been slower than we all expected, but in the end, we will have our air conditioners!

When we welcome parents back on site you will notice a few changes. There will be new furniture in some of our rooms, the admin office will look different, there is a new cement area outside the kindergarten and Year One rooms which our parents will be able to sit at in the afternoons, new seating for that area will also be happening this week, Mr Simpson will have new accommodation at the beginning of next year and we hope to turn his old space into another learning space for our children, and finally our new playground markings will be happening over the holidays.

There are also big plans for our uniform shop in 2021 ...stay tuned!

Many thanks to the families who have already downloaded the Sentral for Parents app. From 2021, we will be migrating to this platform and all absences can now be completed via the Sentral Portal. Once approved, this immediately updates the teachers roll. There also is a calendar, which is in the infant stages which will contain more detail in Term 1.

I also would like to thank everyone for their best wishes with my next chapter. There is something very special and unique about Tacking Point and I have been blessed over the last five years to have been the Principal of this very special school.

This job is always about making a difference and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved in the last five years. The last 12 months has probably been the most difficult ever known. As I have said before, it is a bittersweet experience leaving a school that you have become incredibly attached too.

I wish our new SRC all the very best, lead by our new captains Gabby and Albie, and Vice Captains Milla and Sam. They will do a marvellous job!

A big shout to our P&C led by Tim Inman. What a talented and resourceful group they are! We thank you all for the year we have had and adapting to all that needed to happen..... from the canteen lead by Sandy and Leanne to the Uniform Shop coordinated by Michelle and Ben.

We also wish Mrs Hatton all the very best. The countdown is now on for the birth of her first child. Miss Robinson will be working at Wauchope PS for the next 12 months and we wish her all her all the best with this. Mrs Ostler will be returning in 2021; and Mrs Toft, Mr Cornish and Mrs Reichelt will be extending their leave into 2021. Mrs Schneider has made the decision to work casually next year and we hope to see her frequently.

Our classes will be temporary at the beginning of next year, until our numbers can be confirmed, which usually is when Kindergarten commence. We will welcome our Kindergarten children in the second week of school and Best Start testing will be happening prior to their commencement at school.

We wish all our families that are moving on, whether this being you last child in the family or leaving the area all the very best for the future and remember us kindly.

The school will welcome a new principal sometime in 2021 but in the meantime, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Kelly Jordan will be the Relieving Principal. She is incredibly excited, and our school will continue its future plans, vision, and new strategic directions under her leadership.

Merry Christmas and all the best 2021.

Kind regards always



Principal



Kelly Jordan and Trevor Thompson
Deputy Principals



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Students' Classroom Requirements for 2021

This list provides information of items required by students in Years 1-6. Kindergarten students are not required to provide any classroom items. By providing these items students quickly develop self-responsibility for their own belongings. **If you wish to provide extra supplies at the start of the year, please put them into a clearly labelled Snap-Lock bag for storage by the classroom teacher.*

YEARS 1 & 2

- Homework book (please wait for class teachers to request, as styles may vary).

OPTIONAL:

- Textas / Wind-up crayons

YEARS 3 & 4

- pencil case (not too big)
- coloured pencils & textas
- 2 erasers
- pencil sharpener (good quality)
- 5 HB lead pencils (good quality)
- red ballpoint pens (not rollerball or gel style)
- 2 black fine felt-tip pens (Artline 0.4 or similar, for Art)
- 2 glue sticks (good quality)
- scissors
- 30cm ruler with 'mm' (rigid but not metal)
- calculator
- headphones (compact, in a case)

TO BE PURCHASED LATER

- Homework book (A4) or display folder
- (please wait for class teachers to request, as styles may vary).
- student diary (the use of these varies in each classroom, and may not be required)

YEARS 5 & 6

- pencil case (not too big)
- coloured pencils & textas
- 2 erasers
- pencil sharpener (good quality)
- 5 HB lead pencils (good quality)
- red ballpoint pens (not rollerball or gel style)
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☞ Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

☞ Please note that students are not permitted to bring permanent markers, correction fluid or correction tape to school.

P&C Update

This has been an incredible year. Throughout 2020, we have had to make many adjustments to our operations to ensure that we remained COVID safe. Thank you to the school for providing guidance over this period.

I would like to thank Sandy and Leanne, our wonderful canteen managers, for their resilience during the early stages of COVID, and the ability to refine and adapt processes with short notice due to the reduced volunteer numbers available. The QKR uptake by our families in such a short period has been incredible, enabling further time savings in the canteen. Thank you to all the families who have provided feedback to help improve the way this payment platform is presented to you. Our menu will be the same for Term 1 next year.

With the limited opportunities to fundraise, we are very lucky to have Connie Button to support us. Thank you for all your support to the school for the annual Colour Run, the Father's Day gifts and the most recent Christmas Jams & Relish Packs.

Thank you to Ben and Michelle for taking over the reigns of the Uniform shop. The improvements made through the Online payments, as well as providing support around the revised Uniform Guidelines has been greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank all our Volunteers that have provided their time to support the school this year. In what has been the most unique year we have all experienced; the resilience shown by all to support the school has been incredible.

Finally, I would like to thank Phil Harris for his ongoing support of the P&C. We appreciated your calmness when COVID arrived, as well as your support when we reopened the canteen. We wish you well in your new role and we look forward to your continued support as a parent in the future!

Tim Inman
P&C President

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP

**** Counter Sales: Every Monday 8.30-9.30 in the hall****

Uniforms can be viewed and purchased via the P&C's Qkr! Payment site

Thursday 28 January 2021, 10am-12noon

The uniform shop will be open for parents to pick up online orders before the school term starts.

As is the new norm we need to be aware of numbers in the hall, so all orders need to be placed online with QKR! Before 5pm on Tuesday 26 January 2021.

ALL clothing measurements are listed with the item description in the QKR! App. Any orders placed after December 14 will be processed and available for collection on this date.

For this collection process to take entry will be at the bottom of the stairs into the hall and the exit will be the other side of the hall.

Our first regular uniform shop day will be Monday 1 February 2021.

Tuckerbox Canteen

The Canteen is looking forward to welcoming new volunteers in 2021. Please contact the canteen if you can help, one day per month 10am-2pm.

TUCKERBOX ROSTER		
You can place lunch orders via the P&C's Qkr! App		
Fri 29/1/2021	R. Brennen	H. Ryan
Mon 1/2/2021	A. Baker	
Tue 2/2/2021	R. Brennen	
Wed 3/2/2021	H. Ryan	
Thurs 4/2/2021	R. Brennen	
Fri 5/2/2021	R. Ferguson	M. McNaulty

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.

A lovely poem written to Farewell Principal Harris

By Sandy Hoogland

My dad always told me that a ship is only as good as its captain,
Yet not all ships sail the seas and sand as there are ones of bricks and
mortar built upon the land.
Five years ago there was a change at the helm
And Phil Harris became the captain of the Tacking Point realm.
And into the Tacking Point family you did enter
To encourage, teach lead and mentor.
The seas turned wild and wide as we entered waters unknown
As our world into chaos was thrown
The coronavirus was sent to try us
And its savagery knows no bias
Working and learning from home became the norm\and education was
thrown into major reform
We work as a team you did say
We're Tacking Point School and we lead the way
Yes, your crew rose to the challenge. To them did you say I knew you
could do it - I knew you'd manage
The day came when our kids to school could return
With face to face teaching again would they learn
In November an announcement you did make,
A directorship you would now undertake
And a sadness filled our hearts when we heard you would depart
So from this Tacking Point Family you must go,
I figure there's something you should know.
As our captain you've been great
We wish you well in your brand new start
And we hope you'll keep a piece of the Tacking Point Family in your heart.