

# Tacking Point PS Newsletter

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Week 4, Term 2 2020

22 May 2020

*From the Desk of Mr Harris*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Week 4. We certainly are in very interesting times and about to start the next chapter in schools with COVID-19.

As you are aware, schools return next Monday and we are looking forward to having all our children back.

Our numbers have been consistently high over the last couple of weeks and my many thanks to our families for supporting our Phase 1 plan.

Our children have all had their technology skills increased and learnt so much about online learning and being able to work independently in a home setting with the expectations of completing schoolwork.

Most of our children have thrived in this learning environment and enjoyed the variation in routine that has come with this. These new skills that children have learned will continue to be used in the classroom setting and will become the new norm with classroom work and homework.

Our main priority next week is for the safe return of all our children and returning to the old 'norm' of attending school. For some it will be getting back into routines and even getting out of bed a little earlier! For others, it will be just moving forward and returning to school and reconnecting with their teachers and friends.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period.

If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

What children can do:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities

What students can't do:

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead

**There should be no visitors on our school site unless they are classified as essential.**

Parents will continue to drop children off at any of our gates and meet children there in the afternoon.

Children will continue eating in their classrooms at recess time and lunch and we are very fortunate with the size of our playground to ensure that children are distributed over all of them.

With 4 gates to arrive and leave by, there will be no congestion.

The school has made the decision that the Concert of Excellence for 2020 will be cancelled. With this concert only three months away and with social distancing guidelines for adults, we have felt at this time it places an unneeded pressure on staff, children and our community.

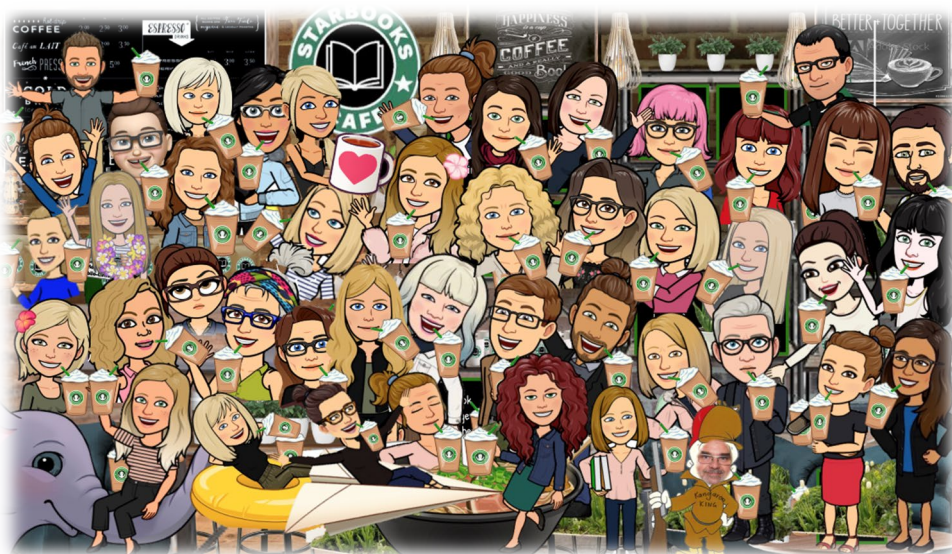
Our major focus for our children on their return will be about core learning, concentrating on literacy and numeracy and reconnection.

At present, our school is working on a modified version of a Semester 1 Report and once a timeline is devised, we will let parents know when reports will be available.

If there are any concerns about returning to school next week, we ask you to contact the school and we are only more than happy to discuss this with you.

Our canteen will continue to be operational five days a week.

*Phil Harris*  
**Principal**





## Classroom Requirements

As we return to school, please ensure that your child/ren have their class supplies.



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## Students' Classroom Requirements for 2020

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. From time to time it is very helpful to check and replenish supplies throughout the year.

### 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)
- student dictionary (Macquarie)
- calculator
- headphones

#### 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
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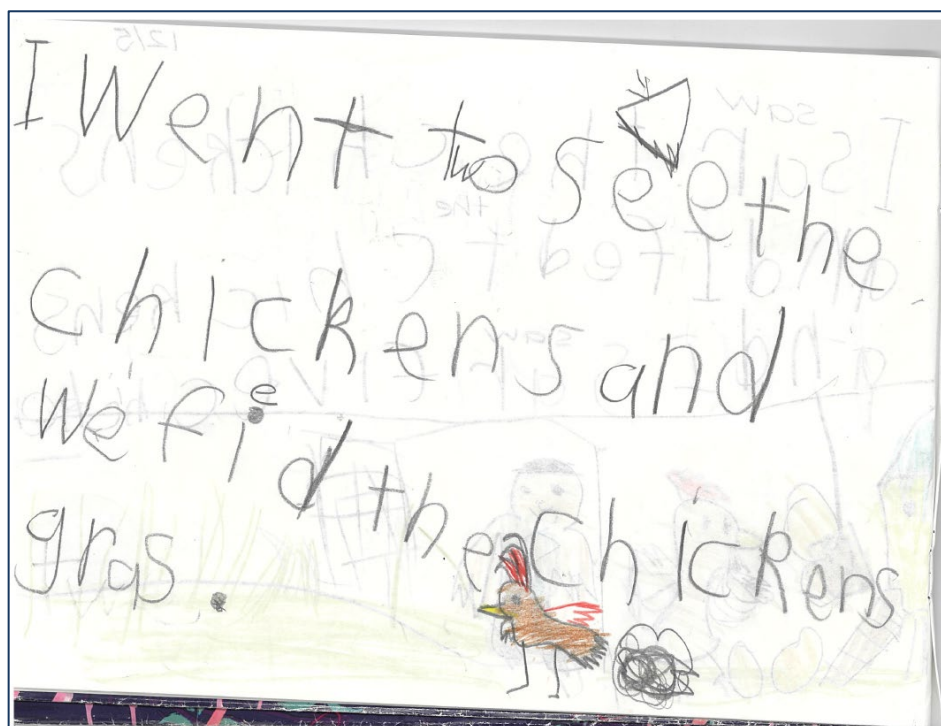
☞ Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

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

Student Work from Kindy



TIM



ROHEN

I fed the chickens <sup>one</sup> one apple.  
 I went to see the chickens.  
 We saw three eggs.  
 I went to the ~~the~~ hen pen.

15/5

Mrs. Wignall says  
**WELL DONE**  
 Keep up the quality work!

TOBY

I went to the chicken pen.  
 and I saw <sup>one</sup> one tomato.  
 The chickens <sup>saw</sup> saw a surfboard.  
 in the chicken pen.

15/5

Mrs. Wignall says  
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SUNNY

Poetry

I stared at him in hope,

Waiting in silence,

Thunderous echoes boomed,

Waiting to cause violence.

Footsteps crept up,

I heard the news,

It was not good.

I would not believe it,

I refused.

Thinking about what I want to be,

My feelings crumbling, everything rushing back,

I wanted to see who I was as far as the eye could see,

Pressured to choose.

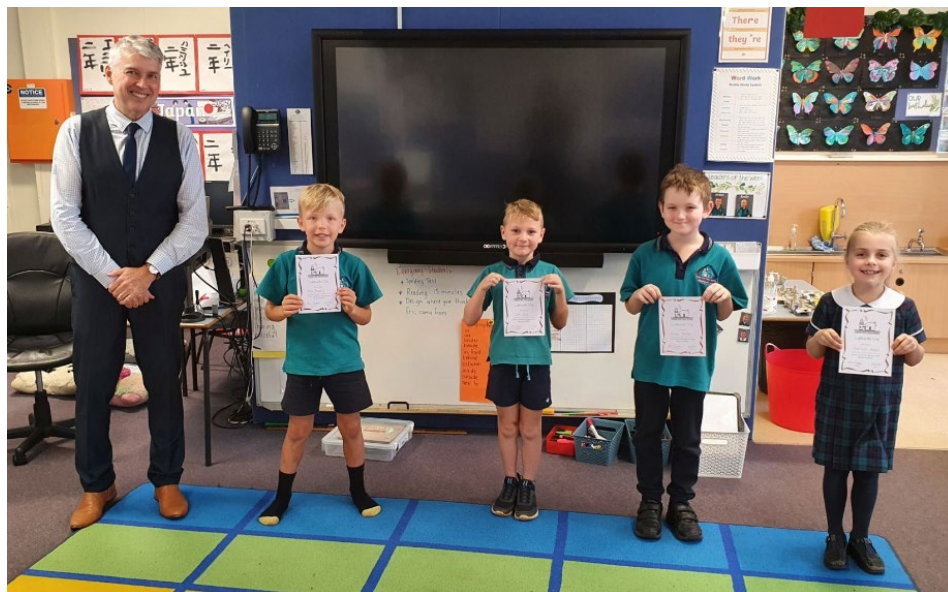
Looking into my future,

Seeing if my choice was the right one.

I didn't know, but I knew that it would be an adventure...

Daisy Dunbar 5/6N

## Lighting the Way - 2C



## Tuckerbox Canteen

### TUCKERBOX ROSTER

You can place lunch orders via the P&C's Qkr! App

Mon 11/5	OPEN – no volunteers required
Tues 12/5	OPEN – no volunteers required
Wed 13/5	OPEN – no volunteers required
Thurs 14/5	OPEN – no volunteers required
Fri 15/4	OPEN – no volunteers required

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

Online orders only

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



# The simplest way

... to use Autumn fruit and veg.

Apples, bananas, pears, and cucumbers are in season and usually cheapest in Autumn.



## Try these snack ideas:

- [Stewed apples and sultanas](#)
- [Banana bread](#)
- [Cucumber and cream cheese sandwiches](#)
- Sliced pear drizzled with lemon juice

For these recipes and more visit [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

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Community News



Hearts 'n Minds  
Learning

## Helping your child to thrive



**We provide support for anyone who struggles with learning in any area of life.**

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, support will be via ZOOM :

- Tuesdays to Fridays
- from 9.30 am to 8pm.

**Please call or email for further information.**

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