

TACKING POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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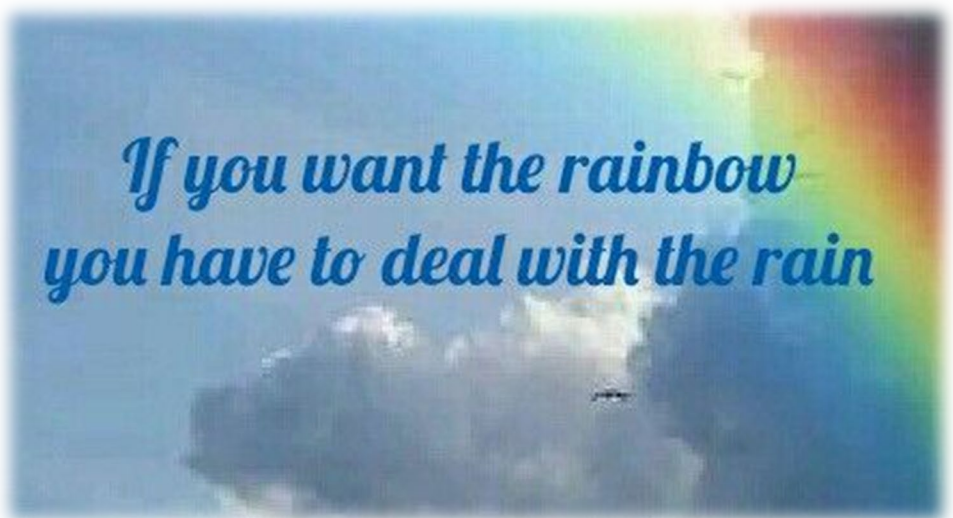
Week 2, Term 4 2021

15 October 2021

APPROACHING CALENDAR EVENTS

2021

Thursday 4 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergarten 2022 Orientation – COVID style, details further along in this newsletter
Friday 5 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colour Explosion Run 2pm
Friday 12 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergarten 2022 Transition 1
Wednesday 17 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K-2 Athletics Carnival
Friday 19 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergarten 2022 Transition 2
Thursday 25 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 fundraising Fun Day for K-5
Friday 26 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kindergarten 2022 Transition 3
Wednesday 8 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation Assembly 2021
Thursday 9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 Graduation, in the school hall• Year 6 Graduation Dinner (details to come)
Thursday 16 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day of Term 4 for students
Friday 17 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Development Day – no students



*If you want the rainbow
you have to deal with the rain*

Principal's Message

It seems each term this year we have started off with some form of disruption which has impacted on school operations and our families. Thank you for your wonderful support on the first day whilst our LGA was still operating under "stay at home" orders.

Our school is still operating under Level 3 guidelines, which prevents non-essential visitors accessing our school. If our school moves to Level 2 – there are still significant restrictions on activities and visitors to the school. These ongoing restrictions will impact on the range of end of year activities we will be able to offer, however we always strive to have a positive influence each day.

Some of our programs have been able to operate virtually and I would like to congratulate Ben R (3/4T) on his performance in the **Multi-Cultural Public Speaking** competition. A fantastic effort Ben.



We also had 2 students successful at the next level of the **NSW Premiers Spelling Bee** with Noah H. (3/4T) and Keegan P. 5/6M winning their respective age groups. This competition had to be modified and the spelling Bee finishes this year at the regional level.

Work continues on several worthwhile projects at the school and we are expecting the shade sails to be in place in the next few weeks over the sensory garden. This will see the culmination of a joint project between the school and our amazing P&C and their fundraising committee. The shade sails will enable the sensory garden to be incorporated into daily learning activities by all classes.

Additional works will be carried out throughout the term and finished over the vacation period with our school benefiting from three exciting programs:

- **Cooler Classrooms** – Air conditioning every learning space throughout the school, creating an even more engaging atmosphere in all classrooms.
- **LED Light Renewal** – all internal lights in the school are being replaced with new efficient LED lighting, reducing our energy costs and contributing to minimising our carbon footprint.
- **Rural Access Gap** – providing staff with new teaching and learning laptops, an additional 95 student laptops for use around the school and a new interactive whiteboard in every learning space.

School Programs/Activities

- Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Year 4 Excursion to Wolstoncroft Point – Mr Harris will be sending information out to all families with information about how refunds will be made.
- Concert of Excellence as we have previously advised will not be going ahead. We are looking at what performance opportunities there may be for our students in the last few weeks of the term.
- Year 6 Dinner and Year 6 Graduation Ceremony at school will take place but may be modified depending on the Level our school is operating under at that time.
- Kindy Orientation activities will still take place with modified access for parents and carers.
- A new QR code for the school check in starts at our school from Monday for all visitors coming into the school.
- I'm extremely excited about joining into my first **Tacking Point Run4Fun Colour Explosion** (week 5 Thursday) and hoping that the fundraising targets results in myself and several of the teachers being slimed. A big thank you to the P&C Fundraisers for their behind the scenes efforts.

David Munday
Principal

Deputy Principal Forecast

Colour Run

We are so looking forward to our P&C Run4Fun Colour Explosion fundraiser scheduled for Friday 5 November 2021. It is a wonderful opportunity to bring exhilarating fun, mess and laughter into our playground for our students and teachers!



Students will come to school out of uniform, wearing as much white as they can, ready for a splash of colour by the end of the day! After lunch students will complete a novelty obstacle course whereby teams of senior students, parents (if possible) and teachers colour bomb as they pass.

The 'Colour Run' concept is taken from the ancient Indian religious festival 'Holi'. This is a festival that lasts for one night and one day where the end of winter and the beginning of the spring and harvest are celebrated. It is a special day in the Indian calendar as it brings together the whole nation regardless of their caste. Everyone joins in the high-jinks and good-natured teasing and play! Everyone is equally smeared and drenched in water and colours, to the point that it is almost impossible to recognise anyone! Everyone on the street is fair game and 'equal' for one day of the year. The festival also raises attention to letting old grudges heal and work to repair damaged relationships. Friends and enemies are reconciled if only for the day.



We hope that you are busy raising money for our school as we have an even bigger incentive this year with the 'sliming' of some of favourite teachers – so the more money raised the more teachers will 'feel our love' from you all with a bucket of slime!!

K-2 Athletic Carnival

Our annual K-2 Athletics Carnival will be on Wednesday 17 November 2021. We are looking forward to the students having the opportunity to participate in this traditional school event. COVID-19 restrictions will be reviewed closer to the date with possible opportunities for parents to be part of the day opening up ... fingers crossed!



Kelly Jordan and Trevor Thompson - Deputy Principals

Crossing the Curriculum

We are so excited to have all of our students back and learning face-to-face in the classroom. Last term, we looked at multiplicative thinking strategies (recognising and working with relationships between quantities- multiplication and division). Our school continues to have a strong focus on multiplicative thinking. Our students continue to build their knowledge in developing efficient numeracy strategies in working flexibly with an extended range of numbers that are suitable for their stage of learning.



Building strong number sense requires an understanding of numerical relationships, the use of strong mental imagery and the active making of connections between representations, situations, concepts, experiences and language. As students move from concrete to abstract representations of multiplicative situations, it is important that they continue to use the language that is associated with multiplicative thinking. I have included a multiplication table by Professor Dianne Siemon. This provides a representation of number facts to 100 and supports the language of multiplication by providing a concrete reminder of the meaning of multiplication for students.

Multiplication table

X	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1 one 1	2 two 2	3 three 3	4 four 4	5 five 5	6 six 6	7 seven 7	8 eight 8	9 nine 9	10 ten 10
2	2 ones 2	4 twos 4	6 threes 6	8 fours 8	10 fives 10	12 sixes 12	14 sevens 14	16 eights 16	18 nines 18	20 tens 20
3	3 ones 3	6 twos 6	9 threes 9	12 fours 12	15 fives 15	18 sixes 18	21 sevens 21	24 eights 24	27 nines 27	30 tens 30
4	4 ones 4	8 twos 8	12 threes 12	16 fours 16	20 fives 20	24 sixes 24	28 sevens 28	32 eights 32	36 nines 36	40 tens 40
5	5 ones 5	10 twos 10	15 threes 15	20 fours 20	25 fives 25	30 sixes 30	35 sevens 35	40 eights 40	45 nines 45	50 tens 50
6	6 ones 6	12 twos 12	18 threes 18	24 fours 24	30 fives 30	36 sixes 36	42 sevens 42	48 eights 48	54 nines 54	60 tens 60
7	7 ones 7	14 twos 14	21 threes 21	28 fours 28	35 fives 35	42 sixes 42	49 sevens 49	56 eights 56	63 nines 63	70 tens 70
8	8 ones 8	16 twos 16	24 threes 24	32 fours 32	40 fives 40	48 sixes 48	56 sevens 56	64 eights 64	72 nines 72	80 tens 80
9	9 ones 9	18 twos 18	27 threes 27	36 fours 36	45 fives 45	54 sixes 54	63 sevens 63	72 eights 72	81 nines 81	90 tens 90
10	10 ones 10	20 twos 20	30 threes 30	40 fours 40	50 fives 50	60 sixes 60	70 sevens 70	80 eights 80	90 nines 90	100 tens 100

Building mental strategies for multiplication facts

Adapted from 'Building mental strategies for multiplication facts', Dianne Siemon 2008

Based on known facts/strategies, arrays and regions

The following strategies need to be interpreted in relation to the Multiplication Table below.

Note: facts are read ACROSS the rows.

1. The 2s facts

eg, 2 ones, 2 twos, 2 threes, 2 fours, 2 eights

DOUBLES, eg, "2 sevens ... double 7, 14"

Establish RELATED facts, eg, 7 twos, think 2 sevens

2. The 3s facts

eg, 3 ones, 3 twos, 3 threes, 3 fours, 3 eights, 3 nines

DOUBLES AND 1 MORE GROUP

eg, "3 eights ... double 8, 16 and 8 more, 20 ... 24"

Establish RELATED facts, eg, 8 threes, think 3 eights

3. The 4s facts

eg, 4 ones, 4 twos, 4 threes, 4 fours, 4 eights, 4 nines

DOUBLE DOUBLES

eg, "4 sixes ... double 6, 12, double 12, 24"

Establish RELATED facts, eg, 6 fours, think 4 sixes

4. The 5s facts

eg, ... 5 threes, 5 fours, 5 fives, 5 sixes 5 eights, 5 nines

RELATE TO TENS

eg, "5 eights is half of 10 eights, 40

Establish RELATED facts, eg, 8 fives, think 5 eights or 4 tens

OR RELATE TO READING TIME ON A CLOCKFACE

see 1, 2, 3, 4, read as 5, 10, 15, 20 minutes past the hour

eg, "minute hand on 4 means 20 minutes past the hour

5. The 9s facts

eg, ... 9 sixes, 9 sevens, 9 eights, 9 nines

TEN GROUPS LESS 1 GROUP

eg, 9 eights is less than 10 eights, it is 8 less, 72"

Establish RELATED facts using the same strategy,

eg, 8 nines is less than 8 tens it is 8 less, 72



Cherry Nelson
Curriculum Leader

Wellbeing Matters

October is Mental Health Month in Australia. The Department of Education is recognising this through our own Wellbeing Week. This week we have taken time to think about mental health and wellbeing. Our students have enjoyed participating in activities and online events focused on building mental, emotional and physical health. To grow mentally strong communities, it is important we have open and honest conversations about wellbeing. Kids Helpline has a range of helpful resources for families to guide conversations around mental health and wellbeing <https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents>

Between 19th October and 18th November, the Australian eSafety Commissioner's Office is offering a series of webinars to provide parents and carers with an understanding of how online activity can affect the mental wellbeing of our young people. These webinars cover current research on young people, time spent online and mental health impacts. They will provide information about steps to take if your child is exposed to inappropriate content while online and discuss how to use games and apps to support mental wellbeing. The following link will take you to the registration site for these informative webinars: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

Jody Bond
Student Engagement Leader



School Visitor Check-in

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW [COVID-19 mandate](#).[External link](#)
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Watch our short [parent video](#)[External link](#) to see how it works for parents or our [contractor video](#)[External link](#).

Who can use School Visitor check-in

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.

Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in.

School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools.

For more information visit School Visitor Check-in on the department website.

Library

Congratulations to the children and their families who have completed their Read Aloud Bookmarks Term 4 Weeks 1 and 2:

1V Elyse B, Emily M **2D** Ella H **3/4T** Isaac C, Madeleine C **4H** Olivia H **4S** Meela M **5/6M** Keegan P

Lea Tracy
Teacher Librarian

KN – Winners!

KN enjoyed their prize of a movie afternoon after winning the most profiles set up for the Fun Run.



The Premier's Spelling Bee 2021

During the year, each class in Years 3-6 participated in The Premier's Spelling Bee Competition at school level. This involved all students being given a random word to spell across various categories which included: Arts & Entertainment, Science & Technology, Geography, Plants & Animals, Food & Nutrition and a General category. Students progressed to the next round if they succeeded, each time creating a new level of difficulty.



Each class continued until they had two students who progressed to participate in our school final. The finals saw students facing some very tricky words and they certainly demonstrated some amazing spelling skills. The competition resulted in a Stage 2 and Stage 3 winner.

Noah (Year 4) and Keegan (Year 6) were the winners of each division at the school level. These students were supposed to represent Tacking Point PS in The Premier's Spelling Bee across NSW, however, due to Covid restrictions this became very difficult and the decision was made to cancel the finals competitions this year. Noah and Keegan still retain their respective title of 'TPPS Spelling Bee Winner', of course. Congratulations to these super spellers!

Kindergarten 2022

Orientation

In the past, we have always had a parent and child session to provide information to ensure a successful transition into primary school. This meeting was scheduled for Thursday 4 November, however due to COVID-19, this initial session can no longer take place. There will now be a virtual presentation for you to watch at your leisure. This information will be provided to you by email when finalised.

Transition

The three scheduled transition dates remain unchanged however only one adult/parent can drop their child off to our School Hall. Staff members and senior students will then take groups to the classroom for their activity time in the classrooms. Due to social distancing protocols, this process needs to be conducted quickly with one adult bringing their child into the Hall and then promptly leaving by an alternate exit. Signage will be displayed in the Hall and there will be students and staff to assist.

The three transition dates are

- **Friday 12th November**
- **Friday 19th November**
- **Friday 26th November**

The times for these transitions will be **9:30 in the morning and will conclude at 10:30**. The teachers will walk students back to the Hall for a quick collection and hand over at the end of the transition time.

All Kindergarten 2022 parents will be emailed with this information soon.



Tacking Point Public School

Welcome to our school where great minds grow!

Kindergarten Orientation
Thursday 4 November 2021
Time - 9:30am - 10:30am in our school hall

Kindergarten Transition to School Program
Friday 12 November 2021
Friday 19 November 2021
Friday 26 November 2021
Time - 9:15am - 10:30am

Bangalay Drive, Port Macquarie NSW 2444
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Placement in selective high schools for Year 7 entry in **2023** Information for applicants

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 in 2023?

You must apply online at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



Key Dates

Application website opens:
19 October 2021

Application website closes:
17 November 2021
You must apply before this date.

Test centre and test authority advice released:
24 February 2022

Selective High School placement test:
10 March 2022

Placement outcome expected to be released:
8 July 2022

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

There may be changes to the procedures in this document.

Check the website at education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the website for information before you contact the Team.

After applying, you will be able to log into your application dashboard to change details and send and receive messages.

The Selective High Schools placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team. It is referred to as 'the Team' in this document.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Telephone: 1300 880 367

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

P&C Update

Colour Explosion

Excitement is building for the Colour Explosion on Friday 5 November and we will update everyone in the next newsletter on how the parent community can get involved.

Students who raise \$10 or more will also receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school! You can even donate to a charity if you prefer instead of selecting the prizes. Details are in your sponsorship form.

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids.

If you have any questions about the Crazy Colour Day please contact the School Fun Run Office on 1800 FUN RUN.

Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

Tim Inman
P&C President

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP

**** Counter Sales: The first Monday of the month (during school terms)
8.30-9.30 in the hall****

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

If you have any spare time on a Monday morning, please contact the Uniform shop by email: uniformshop@tackingointpandc.org.au it would be great to see some new faces helping out.

Tuckerbox Canteen

TUCKERBOX ROSTER

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

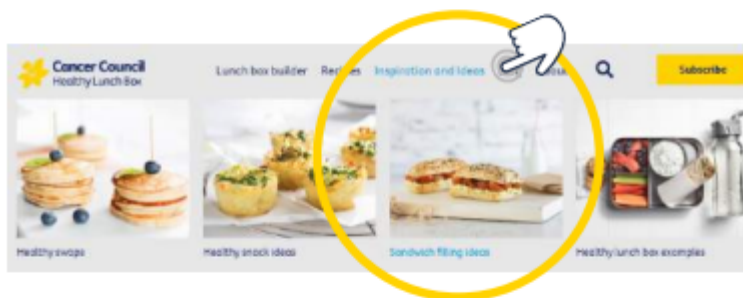
Mon 18/10	L. Speedy	
Tue 19/10	R. Brennen	
Wed 20/10	H. Ryan	
Thurs 21/10	S. Lukic	R. Brennen
Fri 22/10	H. Ryan	R. Brennen
Mon 25/10	HELP PLEASE	
Tue 26/10	C. Chatler	
Wed 27/10	M. Brumby	
Thurs 28/10	R. Brennen	S. Lukic
Fri 29/10	H. Ryan	A. Tanati

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.

Nutrition Snippet

DITCH THE HAM SANDWICH.

Click on out our [sandwich filling ideas](#) tab for lots of healthier alternatives



Read more about why we need to limit ham at healthylunchbox.com.au

For this and more visit:
healthylunchbox.com.au





**Attention: Principal and SRE/SEE Coordinator
Tacking Point Public School**

We hope you are well as we commence the new term with students again learning from home - though soon to return to school.

Primary Ethics is proud to offer an alternative while ethics classes cannot be run in schools. For Term 4, we have prepared a brand-new series of **Bites!**

Bites! are our specially designed bite-sized lessons for students to chew over at home and practise their skills in close listening and ethical reasoning, based on material from our Department-approved curriculum.

Each week we will post a new ethical dilemma to our **Bites!** web page. Here is the link: <http://primaryethics.com.au/education>

We'd really appreciate if you could share this link with all your students and their families, through the school newsletter, your website and any appropriate school social media.

We can quickly send you an image and some words to place in your newsletters or online. [Please email us here for that >>](#)

Bites for the K-2 age group are designed for students to tackle individually, assisted by an adult. **Bites** for Years 3-6 are designed for students to work on individually or with a family group. An adult learning supervisor may like to take part by helping to read the stories and questions and guiding students to think for themselves about the dilemma we pose. (Each **Bite** will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.)

We hope all your students will appreciate having access to this online series and look forward to having our volunteer ethics teachers back in classrooms in the future.

Thank you,

The Primary Ethics team

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING BIG SCHOOL IN 2022?



Give your child their best chance of a happy start to big school.

Through games and sport, Kindy Kids develops age appropriate learning concepts and expectations such as:

- Listening skills and the ability to follow directions.
- Social skills - turn taking, cooperation, teamwork.
- Positive self-esteem and confidence.
- Resilience and a growth mindset.
- Number, sequence and counting skills.



Lessons have a strong emphasis on team games and sportsmanship, as well as the notions of winning and losing, which will help your child navigate the playground at big school.



CLASSES RUN MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY MONRINGS AT THE PORT MACQUARIE INDOOR STADIUM.

www.sprocketsportmacquarie.com.au

