

# TACKING POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Principal: Mr David Munday



Week 8, Term 4 2021

26 November 2021

### APPROACHING CALENDAR EVENTS

**2021**

<b>Wednesday 8 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation Assembly 2021</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 9 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindergarten Graduation 2021</li> <li>• Year 6 Graduation, in the school hall</li> <li>• Year 6 Graduation Dinner (details to come)</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 16 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of Term 4 for students</li> </ul>
<b>Friday 17 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Development Day – staff only</li> </ul>



**2022**

<b>Friday 28 January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Development Day – Staff only</li> </ul>
<b>Monday 31 January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Development Day – Staff only</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 1 February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students in Year 1-6 commence</li> </ul>
<b>Tues – Fri 1-4 February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindergarten Best Start Assessments</li> </ul>

## Principal's Message

Thank you to all our families for their support while we battled through school closures, close and casual contact status and the associated timelines. We also acknowledge the unfortunate timelines of communication that we had to adhere to on advice from NSW Health. It was a very challenging time for our school community but we got through it together with overwhelming support and understanding from our families. So many teachers received beautiful feedback from families supportive of our efforts to keep in contact with them during a challenging time for everyone.

What a thrilling finale to the Colour Run fundraising – it is with great pleasure that I can announce that we have exceeded the target that will get Mrs Jordan and Mr Thompson covered in goo and slime. Woohoo! Well done to every student and family that have contributed to our “fun” fund raising targets. At this stage we are confident that the day will run on Friday December 10 in line with what we know about COVID restrictions etc. We anticipate that parents will be able to watch some of the action take place from the reserve behind the school.

The remaining events for the year will include Year 6 and Kinder Graduation assemblies, Year 6 Dinner, Kinder Transition and our annual Presentation Assembly. We are planning for all of these to go ahead, but we are restricted to school cohorts, which will limit our opportunities. Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend our presentation events, so we are currently planning to record or livestream those events. As it is stipulated to us, all of our normal reward-based activities are restricted to our school site only for the wellbeing and safety of our students.

The P&C have directed the funds raised from the Colour Run towards erecting shade sails over the concrete area between the Kindergarten and Year 1 classrooms. In initial conversations with our Schools Infrastructure staff, they have suggested that we also look at waterproof style sails which are more expensive but would add extra functionality to this space. The existing shaded tables will be relocated for use by the Year 3&4 classrooms on the grassed area behind the library. We are also looking at adding some external doors to the Kindergarten classes and pathways to increase our access to the Sensory Garden.

Other projects that are happening at the school over the next few months include:

- Our LED light upgrade will be completed in late December
- Our Canteen kitchen upgrade will be completed in late January and include some new appliances and a stainless steel layout for the entire canteen.

- The work replacing all of the rusted fascia around the school will commence in January and continue in Term 1 however disruption to classes will be minimal.
- The installation of air conditioning in all our learning spaces, via the Cooler Classrooms program has been moved to the Easter vacation period.

### **Lego League**

Very big well done to our Lego League participants, check out the full story on Page 6.

### **School Numeracy Targets - Updates**

Our school has had an enhanced focus on our mathematics programs across every classroom and as a result of our NAPLAN student performance this year our staff were invited to a forum hosted by Ms Lisa Muir, Executive Director, Regional North and West School Performance Directorate. The invitation to the forum was generated by the significant growth that we achieved in our school target – **Increase the achievement of Year 3 students from 45% to >53% (band 5 or above) and Year 5 students from 26% to >34% (band 7 or above) in the top 2 bands as measured in NAPLAN.**

We showcased the teaching and learning strategies we are using to a forum of Principals throughout our School Performance directorate. This year **59.4% of our Year 3 students were represented in the highest two bands (band 5 or above) and 30.5% of our Year 5 students were represented in the highest two bands (band 7 or above).** Attendance at the forum was a great acknowledgement of the effort our students and staff have been making in improving our numeracy results.

### **2022 Staffing Model**

At this stage with our enrolment numbers for 2022 we expect to form 25 classes across the school. This is 2 less classes than we had this year and reflects our enrolment of approximately 650 students. If your circumstances are changing or you are aware of families who are intending to enrol next year please let the office staff know.

**David Munday**  
Principal

## **Deputy Principal Forecast**

### **SRC 2022**

Congratulations to newly elected Tacking Point Public School Representative Council (SRC), 2022.

**Girls** - Olivia Trethewey, Annabelle Ashton, Siena Button, Grace Ashton, Lillie Merrell, Ruby Redman, Grace Morris

**Boys** - Levi Cooper, Thomas Smead, Mark Temple, Zayden Keedle, Ben Oakeshott, Tom Buckby, Archie Wallace

We are confident that they will contribute to form a strong student leadership team for next year and look forward to working with them!

These seven boys and seven girls will present their election speeches to a wide audience via 'Teams' on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of November. Each candidate will have the opportunity to convince the audience of their specific qualities and contributions to what would make them the most suitable School Captain for Tacking Point Public School in 2022. We will send out the recorded speeches of the students to the relevant parents as a link to your family email, so the parents have an opportunity to see their children as well.

After listening to the speeches students and staff cast their votes of one boy and one girl; this will determine the school captains, vice-captains for 2022.

The successful 2020 School Captains and Vice Captains will be announced at our annual Presentation Assembly.

### **Presentation Assembly**

As the end of the year is rapidly approaching and students enter the final few weeks of school, they will be very busy and engaged in a variety of culminating fun activities in classrooms. It will also be a time to celebrate on the successes of the year and the fantastic growth both academically and socially. We will have our annual Presentation Assembly on Wednesday 8 December and a recording will be available to enable parents to view this special occasion for their child/ren. Details will be forthcoming for families to access.

### **End of Year**

Students will also bring work home that they have completed and their personal effects – some of the artefacts that arrive home will be beautiful keepsakes.

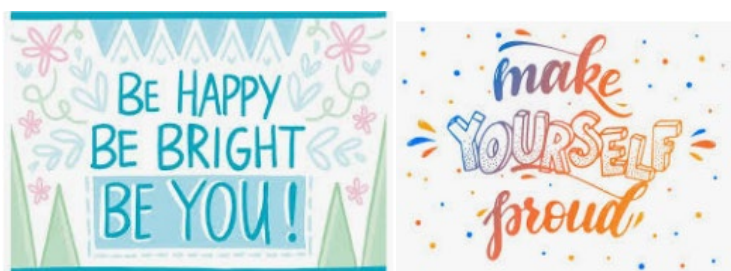
### **Lost Property**

Lost property continues to accumulate and unfortunately, most of it has no name printed on it. It is in the school hall for students and double vaccinated parents to access, to hopefully identify and collect.

### **Colour Run**

We are looking forward to the Colour Run in Week 10 which is a fun activity that we are still able to proceed with. Congratulations to the community for getting behind this fundraising event as we have now reached the target of over \$30 000!! That is amazing!! The only fallout is that we, along with Tim Inman will now be joining the others to be slimed... not really sure how we feel about this ...

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



# Crossing the Curriculum

Parents and carers can make a difference to a child's reading journey. Your role as an advocate for your children's reading success cannot be overestimated. It has a direct impact on the ease and confidence with which they pursue their reading and writing. There are many proven benefits of reading aloud with your child. Reading together may help to motivate your child and instil a love of books.

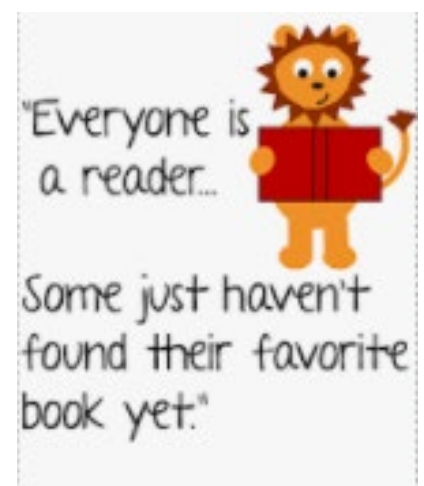
Reading begins at a very early age when children start to take notice of the print that surrounds them and the talk that includes them. Children begin to engage with reading and writing experiences that attract their attention and interest before they go to school. They pay attention to books they like and often insist on many re-readings of their favourites.



Conversation is also a key to literacy learning. Children enjoy opportunities to interact. Recent research indicates that children are more adept at communicating when they are involved in extended conversations. Children need to be included in interactions with significant others and to ensure that happens, electronic devices may at times, need to be limited. It is in the context of engaged conversations that children expand their vocabulary, increase their understandings of the world, learn about themselves, and learn the nuances of the language and effective communication.

Encourage your child to borrow and care for books. It can be a good idea to rotate books and make them readily accessible. Older children may benefit from a bed light to read at night. Introducing children to different kinds of books — humorous books, books with beautiful illustrations, rhyming books, pop-up books, electronic books, novels, and factual texts promote reading and help to maintain interest in books. With your children, you can visit places such as the local library, markets and bookstores to find books that are interesting and fun to share.

It is the joy of sharing a good book on a daily basis that can set the foundation for reading success. Reading regularly with your child and encouraging independent reading with conversations about what the book is about, helps to support language comprehension and can tell you what your child can understand from their reading. Providing a regular, reading routine at home assists children in their quest for reading success.



**Cherry Nelson - Curriculum Leader**

## From the Office

### Communicating with families

We have had an increase in the request to ensure that both parents receive emails from the school, the department systems are not able to have more than 1 main family email address on file.

To overcome this issue, we recommend that an email address be created just for school and sport communications and that is for the student/s and have all involved parents/carers access this email. This will assist with information shared to all varying family dynamics.

### Classroom Celebrations

A reminder that if you are providing Zooper Doopers for class celebrations, they do need to be delivered to the school FROZEN. Packs of Zooper Doopers take a long time to freeze, unless the bag is broken up and separated around the freezer.

Quelch sticks can be ordered from the canteen in class numbers for celebrations, through the QKR app.

## Lego League Team

The Tacking Point Lego League Teams competed in the Port Macquarie Regional on Friday 19 November.

They were very successful coming away with the Motivator Trophy, Rising Star Trophy and the Coach/Mentor Trophy.

The Purple Peripherals team will be competing at the National Championship East on 4 December.



## Library

**Congratulations** to the children and their families who have completed their Read Aloud Bookmarks Term 4 Weeks 5-8:

**KJ** Lola B **KW** Ainslee C **1B** Miranda R **1V** Tim H, Kaylum W **1W** Noah B, Jake M, Sam S **2C** Chloe H, McKenna R **2J** Mackenzie K **3/4T** Madeleine C, Noah H **3K** Elizabeth V **4C** Mikayla F, Lily P **4H** Olivia H

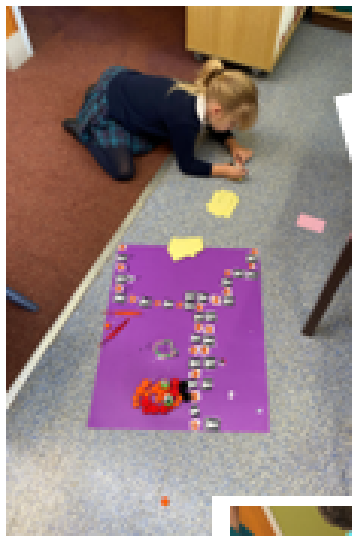
**Overdue library notices** have been sent home with children this week. If your child has already returned their books, please disregard this notice.

**Lea Tracy - Teacher Librarian**

# 1B Innovation

This term students in 1B have been busy planning and building their own board games to demonstrate their creativeness and innovation skills. We spent many afternoons gathering our resources and ensuring they had everything they need before they started. Students used their knowledge of their favourite games to help with the design process and took charge on design day. We invited 1W and 1V in for a play during the afternoon session.

We had so much fun.







# Operation Art News

Congratulations to Olivia D from 1W who has had her artwork selected for display at Bear Cottage in Manly. Bear Cottage is the only children's hospice in NSW, which is a very special place dedicated to caring for children with life-limiting conditions.

Olivia's artwork will be formally handed over to Bear Cottage on 24th November. Her artwork features herself as a superhero zooming through the sky. No doubt it will fill the hearts of the patients at Bear Cottage with hope and inspiration. It is such a fun and clever piece of art.

Congratulations Olivia! We are all so proud of you!

**Kylie van Klink and Megan Essex**

## 1V Art Creation

Thank you to Rohen Chung, Gabrielle Gott, Zara Norberry and Emily Hartnoll-White for creating this enormous artwork for our school office area. This year our class, 1V, has explored the artistic style of the Australian artist, Janine Daddo. The students have used acrylic paint to create tone. They have done a spectacular job and this artwork is so colourful and fun.

We plan to purchase two more large canvasses and I will be selecting students from older grades who have a strong passion for art, to create more artworks.

**Kylie van Klink**



# Year 6 Sock Day Fundraiser

All the colour of the Crazy Sock Day Fundraiser certainly brightened the rainy playground today.

\$1111.05 was raised for the Year 6 Gift.



## 4C

We made these projects in class about a waterpark for all people including people with disabilities. We were inspired by a girl with disabilities and how made her feel when she could have fun like everyone else.

- **Brooke Young and Stella Herring**





# GREAT NEWS

**We've just been awarded  
a Woolworths Junior  
Landcare Grant!**



We've been successful with our application for a 2021 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for our project, Hen Pen and Vegetable Garden Regeneration.

The Environment Team has worked hard all year to plant vegetables, run the compost system, feed the hens and care for the garden space. The Environment Team and Mrs Ireland would especially like to thank Mr Simpson for installing the sleepers to make our garden a secure space!

Tacking Point Public School is one of 1,609 primary schools and early learning centres throughout Australia receiving a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to help grow our next generation of environmental champions.

The grants are being funded with a 10c contribution from each sale of the Woolworths Bag for Good at full price, which was launched in 2018 when Woolworths went single-use plastic bag free.

The children and teachers have enjoyed working on and learning from this project and they are quite proud of their results – especially the carrots and tomatoes!

Mrs Ireland – Environment Team Co-ordinator



## P&C Update

### Colour Explosion – 10 December!

We hope to see all the students have a great time at the colour run and well done for all the efforts to raise above the hoped target!

### P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Monday 6 December at 7pm, in the staffroom. It will be the last one for the year and we would love to see some new faces to become involved in the happenings at school for 2022.

**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

The uniform shop will be open for sales on Monday 6 December from 8.30 – 9.30am.

If you have any questions for the uniform shop do not hesitate to email: [uniformshop@tackingpointpandc.org.au](mailto:uniformshop@tackingpointpandc.org.au)

## Tuckerbox Canteen

The Canteen will be open on the last day of Term, 16 December. There will be limited options available, subject to stock levels.

### TUCKERBOX ROSTER

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

Mon 29/11	R. Brennan		
Tue 30/11	R. Brennan		
Wed 1/12	H. Ryan		
Thurs 2/12	S. Lukic	S. Thomas	
Fri 3/12	R. Ferguson	R. Brennan	I. Redfern
Mon 6/12	R. Brennan		
Tue 7/12	C. Baker		
Wed 8/12	M. Brumby		
Thurs 9/12	A. Brinkman	M. Delaforce	
Fri 10/12	H. Ryan	R. Brennan	I. Redfern

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.

# Class Awards

K-2 Term 4 Week 7 & 8		
KB	Hannah B	Eliana B
KJ	Lincoln P	Arki H
KO	Opie M	Ruby J
KO	Madi C	Hudson R
KW	Ezra F	Stella D
KW	Ainslee C	Cooper L
1W	William H	CJ G
1W	Sam F	Zach H

Year 3-4 Term 4 Week		
3K	Henry F	Willow G
3K	Ivy O	Luke D
4C	Tyler D	Stella H
4C	Flynn C	Brooke Y

Year 5-6 Term 4 Week		
5N	Amy F	Pierre P
5N	Ollie M	Olivia T
5/6M	Evie H	Mikayla C
5/6M	Otis D	James O
6B	Lani W	Jack C
6B	Ellie K	Sharlotte M
6G	Charlee H	Noah M
6G	Ellie-Jo L	

# Community Notices



## Summer Holiday Schedule

### CHRISTMAS WEEK 20- 24th December

Whether you are a working parent, have a Christmas lunch or appointment to attend or need to get your Christmas shopping done - drop your kids to The Club and let us entertain them!



### January Holiday Club 3rd - 28th January

With a focus on fun, participation and having a good time, The Club is suitable for all primary school aged children. Activities include team and group games, multi sports such as soccer, basketball, cricket and Tball, table tennis, jumping castle, daily competitions with prizes, arts and crafts and much more, all delivered in a safe, inclusive and social environment.

Whether your kid is mad about sports or being creative, there is something for everyone and everyone is welcome.

**Sessions available**

FULL DAY ✓ 

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### 2021 SHOE GUIDE



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# GIRLS COME & TRY AFL SESSION

All girls aged 9-16  
years are welcome  
Have fun, try  
something new - no  
experience needed

WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER  
4.30-5.30PM

WAYNE RICHARDS PARK

PEOPLE 16+ MUST BE DOUBLE VACCINATED & BRING EVIDENCE

## Soul Surfing Stoke this Summer!

Join us in one or more of these programs. Suitable for kids and /or adults to have a blast. Get fit, connect to nature and learn the joy of surfing along the way!

FAB FUN DAYS - December 22, January 18th, 20th and 25th. 9-3.30pm. \$70 p/day (\$80 on 20th).

INTENSIVE 5 PACK surf lessons - \$180

GENERAL LESSONS daily \$50 (2 hours)

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# Drawn to Art!

## JANUARY 2022 SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS

Creative Arts Provider, Art Teacher/Artist Jane Whitfield BA Fine Arts

### Everything you need to know

**Where:**

Jane's NEW Art Studio

Bay 4/35 Merrigal Road, Port Macquarie

Snack/drink, paint shirt

**Please Bring:**

**Tutor Supplies:**

All materials, except where specified

**Cost per Workshop:**

\$33.00 (GST-Inc) p.p.

**Bookings:**

0438 803 992 | Drawn to Art | (Follow my page for all updates)

Email: [drawntoart@bigpond.com](mailto:drawntoart@bigpond.com)



### Creative Kids Vouchers - Redeemable at Drawn to Art Art Workshop Bundle

When redeeming the voucher it must be used over the current 2 week school holiday program.  
3 workshops in total must be booked in under the same student's name on the creative arts voucher.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Bookings before Tuesday, 4th January, please.

Vouchers (including child's DOB) MUST be sent via email by the 4th January, 2022.

**\*\* WORKSHOPS MUST BE PAID WITHIN 24HRS OF BOOKING BY DIRECT DEPOSIT ONLY\*\***

ANZ BANK - Acct Name: Drawn to Art BSB: 012 804 Acct No: 643 074 193

**☑ Please confirm payment by photo message.**

**\*\*Would you please use your CHILD'S NAME as a Reference on your deposit\*\***

Your child will not be able to attend classes unless they have paid. Payments are non-refundable or transferable as materials are purchased prior to the workshops & are included in the cost.

### Workshops 1 & 2 - Tropical Bird Art

Monday, 10th January, 2022

10.00 am - 12.00 pm Cost:\$33 (includes materials & tutoring)

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Cost:\$33 (includes materials & tutoring)

Students will use a variety of mixed medias to paint their very own spectacular Macaw bird in flight painting. Gouache, watercolours and more will be explored in this exciting workshop.



PTO FOR MORE AVAILABLE WORKSHOPS

### Workshops 3 & 4 - Dolphin Art

Tuesday, 11th January, 2022

10.00 am - 12.00 pm Cost:\$33 (includes materials & tutoring)

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Cost:\$33 (includes materials & tutoring)

Create your own colourful Dolphin painting using specialised vibrant inks while learning splatter brush techniques.



### Workshops 5 & 6 - Beachscapes

Wednesday, 12th January, 2022

10.00 am - 12.00 pm Cost:\$33 (includes materials & tutoring)

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Cost:\$33 (includes materials & tutoring)

Students will work with painting resists, texture paste applications and acrylic paints to construct a unique abstract landscape of where the shoreline meets the sand.



### Workshops 7 & 8 - Portrait Drawings

Monday, 17th January, 2022

10.00 am - 12.00 pm Cost:\$33 (includes materials & tutoring)

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Cost:\$33 (includes materials & tutoring)

Bring to this workshop a picture of your favourite star. It may be a movie, book character, sports person or celebrity. We will learn how to draw realistically using a wide range of drawing tools.



### Workshops 9 & 10 - Emotive Eye

Tuesday, 18th January, 2022

10.00 am - 12.00 pm Cost:\$33 (includes materials & tutoring)

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Cost:\$33 (includes materials & tutoring)

Our eyes say more than what we could with words. Students will learn how to capture emotion through their eye paintings. We will use painting mediums and acrylic paints.



### Workshops 11 & 12 - Eco System Art

Wednesday, 19th January, 2022

10.00 am - 12.00 pm Cost:\$33 (includes materials & tutoring)

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm Cost:\$33 (includes materials & tutoring)

Create your own geographic area of plant life, animals and other organisms that work together to form a bubble of life. These beautiful organisms will make the perfect underwater artwork. Metallic & pearlescent paints with posca pen overlays will be used.

