

NEWSLETTER

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Term 2, Week 2

4 May 2022

Up Coming Events

Term 2

Week	Date	Event	Time
2	Friday 6 May 2022	Basketball	Morning
2	Friday 6 May 2022	STEM Day at Rollands Plains Upper	
3	Monday 9 May 2022	Lower North Coast Cross Country in Kempsey	
3	Tuesday 10 to Thursday 12 May 2022	NAPLAN	
3	Wednesday 11 May 2022	Operation Art	Late Morning
5	Monday 23 to Friday 27 May 2022	Years 5 & 6 School Camp to Lake Keepit	All Week



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“ LIFE DOESN'T COME WITH A MANUAL.
IT COMES WITH A MOTHER.”

- UNKNOWN

Principals Report

Welcome to the commencement of what will be an extremely dynamic and engaging Term 2 at Telegraph Point Public School. We trust everyone was able to find time to connect with family and friends over the Easter term break.

Before we look forward to the term ahead, it is timely to reflect on what was an extremely busy final week of the term and a vibrant school holiday period for our students.

Easter Hat Parade

On the final Thursday of last term, the Easter Hat Parade was a great success. It was wonderful to see so many community members in our school enjoying time with their children. The children had fun designing and making their Easter hats as a part of the Creative and Practical Arts program. The 'Birdie Dance' was a hit with students, parents and staff to conclude the event.

Rewards Day

Students who consistently upheld our school values of being **Safe, Respectful**, and doing their **Personal Best** throughout the term, were rewarded with a fun day on the last day of the term. Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 participated in an excursion to Billabong Zoo whilst students in Years 3-6 went to Stoney Aqua Park. Our school was joined by students from Rollands Plains Upper Public School. It was a great way to end the term for our students.

School Library

There was much activity in the school over the holidays with some of our staff members starting to get the library up and running. There are still significant resources to be purchased and organised but a great start has been made!

Premier's Reading Challenge

We will be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year, and I strongly encourage all students to get involved. Classroom teachers will be supporting all students to enter book titles in the hope that all Telegraph Point Public School students can complete the challenge this year.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students from Kindergarten to Year 10, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

2022 Challenge dates

Challenge opens: Monday 28 February 2022

Challenge closes for student entries: Friday 19 August 2022

An extremely busy start to Term 2 is on the way. Please consider the following as you plan your week:

COVID Protocols – Beginning of Term 2. Below is a detailed overview of how we are continuing to ensure our school remains COVID-safe through our updated Term 2 settings. Some of the layered COVID-smart measures you've come to know in recent months will continue this term. These 'baseline measures' are aligned to the NSW Government's general community settings and include:

- rapid antigen testing for symptomatic students and staff
- vaccinations – including booster shots (from 3 months after your child's primary COVID-19 dose) are encouraged for all eligible students and their families. Staff and volunteers on school grounds are to follow vaccination guidelines
- ventilation
- good hygiene practices
- enhanced cleaning

Continuing with these baseline measures allows us to prioritise student and staff wellbeing while giving our learners a consistent and productive learning environment this term.

What's new in Term 2?

As we head into the cooler months, our COVID-smart measures have been updated in consultation with NSW Health, to provide additional protection to our school community. Change to close contact isolation requirements include:

- On 20 April the NSW Premier announced that from 6pm 22 April 2022, close contacts (including household contacts) could leave home isolation with certain restrictions. The announcement means that from Week 1 of Term 2, students and staff who are identified as close contacts will be able to attend school with the following risk mitigations in place:

- You must notify the school if you/your child have been identified as a close contact and are intending to return to school. You/your child should conduct a daily rapid antigen test (RAT) and receive a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 subsequent school days as part of your personal responsibility to minimise the risk of transmission.
- Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors at all times (except when eating or exercising).
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.
- Visitors in contact with students including volunteers, allied health partners and staff providing professional learning who are close contacts should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending a school or ECE site.
- If attending a school site and interacting with students for an extended period of time, the visitor should advise the school that they are a close contact. In line with these changes, students with health conditions should speak with their treating medical practitioner or specialist to review their health support plan or COVID-19 action plan and speak with the school around any local considerations.

NSW Teacher's Federation Industrial Action

As many of you may have read, the NSW Teacher's Federation has authorised industrial action for Wednesday, 4th May. As advised in an email on 2 May, our school will be fully operational and we expect that all classes will be covered.

Cross Country

Last Friday, our cross country was held at Westport Public School in conjunction with Westport Public School students. The weather conditions were quite warm and all students participated to the best of their ability. Congratulations is extended to the following students who received a top four placing and will now represent our school at the Lower North Coast carnival on Monday 9 May in Kempsey.

NAPLAN Assessment

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will sit the NAPLAN tests on the following dates:

Tuesday 10 May at 9.15am – NAPLAN Writing Test (Year 3 and Year 5)

Wednesday 11th May at 9.15am – NAPLAN Reading Test (Year 3 and Year 5)

Thursday 12 May at 9.15am– Language Conventions

Thursday 12 May (after Language Conventions) – NAPLAN Numeracy Test (Year 3 and Year 5)

Results of these tests will be communicated to parents and the school later in the year.

Operation Art

Telegraph Point Public School students will be participating in Operation Art. This is an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the NSW Department of Education. On Wednesday 9 May students from Hastings Secondary College will be at school to judge all the student's artwork. For those artworks selected, a letter will be sent home so the artwork can be released and shown as part of Operation Art.

Netball

Our netball team played their first game against Wauchope Public School yesterday 3 May 2022. They played really well but after a courageous effort they went down 9-15. We are really proud of your efforts, girls!



Baby news!

We are very pleased and excited to be able to share with you that Ms Hoelzl gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Luca was born on Sunday morning 10 April 2022 (1st weekend of the school holidays and less than 48 hours after term finished!).

I am currently on school business this week coaching and managing the North Coast PSSA tennis team in Sydney at the NSW state carnival. Nicole Jackson is the Relieving Principal in my absence.

Duncan Adams

Principal

P&C Report

Our Next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 9 May at 5.30pm in the School Library.

Mary Cas

P&C President

Assembly Award Recipients - Term 1 Week 11

class	safe	respectful	personal best	teacher
K - Red	Summah F	Charlee M	Claire Q	Hunter G
1/2 - Blue	Lincoln S	Ebony S	Evie P	Zandah G
1/2 - Teal	Meika T	Oliver B	Matilda G Violet G	Vivienne M
3/4 - Green		Dakota L	Sebastian C	Grace B
4/5 - Purple	Kobi G	Coopah C	Henry C	Jayce F
5/6 - Lime		Zac C	Cohen T	Evie C





Minutes lost = days lost per year




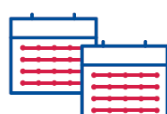
A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss days per year
5 mins per day  = 3 days 	 <p>Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.</p>
30 mins per day  = 18 days 	

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss weeks per year	and years over their school life
1 day per fortnight  = 4 weeks  = Over 1 year missed		
1 day per week  = 8 weeks  = Over 2.5 years missed		

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Class Report - K Red

Kindergarten have been enjoying daily phonics lessons. They are learning to crack the alphabetic code by identifying each letter taught and giving the sound it makes. I am very impressed with their enthusiasm and effort in this important foundational skill. Students have been listening carefully to the beginning, middle and final sounds in three letter words and are even starting to write them or make them with magnetic letters! They are also learning to decode them during guided reading sessions. Well done, Kindergarten!

Mrs Connolly



Voice of the People...

Q. What is something that makes you smile?

A. Being Happy!

Q. If you could meet someone famous, who would it be?

A. Sonic the Hedgehog.

Q. If you were a potato how would you like to be cooked?

A. Flat potato

Xander P - 1/2B



Q. What is something that makes you smile?

A. My classmates and monkeys.

Q. If you could meet someone famous, who would it be?

A. Taylor Swift

Q. If you were a potato how would you like to be cooked?

A. Frying Pan.

Petra - 1/2B

Q. What is something that makes you smile?

A. Playing games with friends.

Q. If you could meet someone famous, who would it be?

A. Mario Friends

Q. If you were a potato how would you like to be cooked?

A. In a pan

Liam T - 1/2B



Voice of the People...

Q. What is something that makes you smile?

A. The sun.

Q. If you could meet someone famous, who would it be?

A. Taylor Swift

Q. If you were a potato how would you like to be cooked?

A. Hot chippies.

Arabella E - 1/2B



Q. What is something that makes you smile?

A. My cat Cubby.

Q. If you could meet someone famous, who would it be?

A. Tomas and Friends

Q. If you were a potato how would you like to be cooked?

A. Hot Chips.

- 1/2B

Q. What is something that makes you smile?

A. Eating chicken chips.

Q. If you could meet someone famous, who would it be?

A. Doctor Zomboss.

Q. If you were a potato how would you like to be cooked?

A. Fried.

Lincoln S - 1/2B





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OPEN NIGHT INVITATION

Transitioning from Year 6 into Year 7



Monday 16th May 6pm - Westport Campus hall (MPC)
Wednesday 18th May 6pm - Port Macquarie Campus hall (MPC)

Invitation: College Open Nights

We would like to warmly welcome Year 6 families to our Open Nights.



Experience first hand snapshots of education and learning at Hastings Secondary College.

Meet our wonderful staff and students and get to know other families for a BBQ and refreshments afterwards.



Anzac Day March 2022

Teachers and students from Hastings Valley Public Schools (HVPS) proudly came together this morning to march in the annual ANZAC Day parade. Student leader representatives from each school laid a commemorative wreath on behalf of their school community.

The march and wreath laying are symbols of commemoration of those who lost their lives serving Australia in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Lest we forget.



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Lake Cathie PS



Telegraph Point PS



Port Macquarie PS



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