

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday • February 16 • 2015

Dear Parents,

## A tribute to TJ...

Cooper Taylor-Jones, known affectionately to the students in 5/6SB as TJ, showed us all the way life should be lived. Everyone lucky enough to meet him was surely affected by that genuine smile that lit up his face, by his enthusiasm for science and technology, for laptops and Minecraft, by his ever-surprising talents and his love for all things camouflage.

We will all cherish those memories we have of birthday cupcakes made lovingly with his mum, Talia, and will treasure the homemade Sweet Spice Popcorn recipe Cooper generously shared with us all. Attempting to replicate a batch will no doubt become a Christmas tradition for many Soldiers Point families in years to come, a reminder to us all of Cooper's spirit and friendship.

Words cannot express the sadness and sense of loss we feel at this time, although each one of us feels our lives have been made all that much richer for having known him and having shared so many precious days with Cooper at school.



We wish his family love and comfort at this time and assure them that Cooper's memory will be treasured by us all forever.

## Parent Information Sessions

This week & next we'll be holding our 2015 Parent Information Sessions for all classes. These sessions are designed to provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's teacher, hear about class expectations, practices and other organisational matters. Dates and times for the Parent Information Sessions are listed below:

Stage	Date	Time	Venue
Early Stage 1 (KC, KM & KF)	Thursday, February 19	4:30-5:15pm	HB1&2
Stage 1 (1F, 1/2E, 1/2L, 1/2S & 2H)	Thursday, February 19	5:15-6:00pm	HB3&4
Stage 2 (3A, 3N, 3/4W & 4E)	Wednesday, February 25	4:30-5:15pm	Hall
Stage 3 (5E, 5/6G, 5/6P, 5/6C & 5/6SB)	Wednesday, February 25	5:15-6:00pm	HB7&8

## Welcome BBQ

The P&C will be holding the annual Welcome BBQ on *Friday, February 27*, which all school families are welcome to attend. The Welcome BBQ is a social night and a terrific opportunity for families new to the school to meet some of our established families. So please join us on the night.

Please note: as this function is being held at school and children are present the consumption of alcohol is not permitted.

## Scripture

Scripture classes will commence this Wednesday, February 18, from 1:30-2:05. Scripture classes will be offered for both Protestant & Catholics students. Students electing not to attend scripture will also be accommodated during this time.

## Term Dates

### Term 1 – Week 4

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Radio Visit
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Scripture Commences
Thursday 19 <sup>st</sup> February	Parent Information Sessions
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Port Stephens Zone Swimming

### Term 1 – Week 5

Monday 23 <sup>th</sup> February	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Information Sessions
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Welcome BBQ

### Term 1 – Week 6

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	School Improvement & Finance Committee Meeting @ 7:00
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	

### Term 1 – Week 7

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	P&C Meeting @ 7:00
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Selective High School Test
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	

### Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Interrelate Classes (TBC)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 19 <sup>st</sup> March	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	

### Term 1 – Week 9

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	

### Term 1 – Week 10

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photos
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Term 1 Concludes
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 1.30pm**  
*No Assembly*

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February – 1.30pm**  
*K – 6 School Assembly*  
*Hosted by 5/6P*

*All Welcome*

## Interrelate – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 from 6.00pm

**Cost:** 1 session (\$25.00 family), 2 sessions (\$30.00 family)

Interrelate's high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to our school.

**Session 1:** Where did I come from? (1-hour session, Years 3-6)

**Session 2:** Preparing for puberty (1-hour session, Years 5-6, Years 3-4 at parent's discretion).

**Flyers will be sent home this week.**

### Footsteps – Ten Week Program

As part of our school's PDHPE program, all students will be participating in the Footsteps dance program.

At Soldiers Point we run the Footsteps dance program every second year. This year, the program will be held each Thursday of Term 2.

Permission notes and information will be sent home later this week.

### Memorable Outcome

Our recent Swimming Carnival was a great success. It was particularly memorable, however, for the winning house, Everitt, as this is the first major event they've won for many, many years.

There were some notable times taken on the day which will see some of our students qualify for representation at the Port Stephens Zone Carnival.

I congratulate the students on their excellent behaviour, which helped the day run so smoothly. A mighty thank you to Mr Nix and the teaching staff for their efforts in organising the day so well. I also extend a huge thank you to those parents whose help was not only valuable but vital to the carnival's success.

The age champions for 2015 are listed below:

Age group	Boys	Girls
Junior	<i>William F</i>	<i>Ebony N Tiggy S-B</i>
11 Years	<i>Michael B</i>	<i>Sophie F</i>
Senior	<i>Cooper J</i>	<i>Jessica C</i>
Winning House	<i>Everitt</i>	

### Dogs @ School

Please note that dogs or other animals are not allowed on school grounds during or after school hours. This does not include companion animals.

If you wish to bring an animal to your child's class for "show and tell" please contact the teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Thanks

### Hunter Sports High School

Applications are now available for students seeking enrolment in the above school in 2016.

Information is available from their website [www.huntersports.com.au](http://www.huntersports.com.au) which includes information about each sport, including costs and trial dates.

# P&C news

## P&C Annual General Meeting 2015

Our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.**

The next SIFC meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.**

All welcome in the School Admin Building.

## Working Bee

**Sunday 22nd March 2015, 10-12pm.**

Come for an hour and help out with some much-needed gardening in the Remembrance Garden. Bring any gardening tools that you think would be useful! (Shovels, whipper snipper, wheelbarrow, gloves etc.)

Morning tea provided!

## 2015 Welcome BBQ

**Friday 27 February 2015**

**5pm–7pm**

**JUMPING CASTLES  
ROTARY SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
CANTEEN OPEN**

If you have any ideas or feedback for the event, please email us at [sppspc@live.com.au](mailto:sppspc@live.com.au)

**PLEASE HELP THE  
WELCOME BBQ BE  
A SUCCESS WITH:**

**Baked goods:** Please donate any baked goods on the day to help raise money for the school. Details to come.

**Volunteers:** Please drop in to the canteen and help out for half an hour.

One of the ideas we have for this event is an information booth. If you are a local not-for-profit organisation that would like to be involved in this, please contact us.

## Canteen

Thank you to Amy Ellis, Rebekah Newell, Julie Thomson, Liz Dennison, Lauren Fuller, Ella de la Motte, Karen Jones, Deanne Cosgrove and Tammy Peach for all their help. Roster:

Wed 18/2 Cassandra Butterworth,  
Charlotte Wiltshire  
Fri 20/2 Rebekah Newell, Tammy  
Peach  
Mon 23/2 Belinda Lavers  
Wed 25/2 Danielle Whitmore, Deanne  
Cosgrove, Michelle Campbell  
Fri 27/2 Liz Dennison, Lauren Fuller  
Mon 2/3 Karen Jones  
Wed 4/3 Amy Ellis  
Fri 6/3 Rebekah Newell, Tammy  
Peach  
Mon 9/3 Ella De La Motte

**Thank you for your support, without  
volunteers we wouldn't have such a  
wonderful school canteen!**

## P&C Facebook page

Visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Soldiers Point Public School Parents.

## Uniform shop

The Uniform Shop is open:

- Tuesday from 8.30–9.30am and
- Friday from 2.15–3.15pm.

We accept cash or cheque **only** for your payment. (There is NO EFTPOS available.)

If you would like to volunteer in the Uniform shop, please contact Belinda.



### NELSON BAY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB INC

Rugby League is a great way to make new friends and be part of a team, all the while learning some skills and having plenty of fun. We are currently seeking new players across a number of age groups for our 2015 season. Registrations can be completed online:

<https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v6/regofrm.cgi?alD=94&pKey=ad46b0ab6a2db5494e5cc77a712b3dd3&clD=12078&formID=41072>

More information is available using the contact details listed below. Make sure you find us on Facebook!

PO BOX 232, SALAMANDER BAY 2317  
PHONE: 0409900340 (Belinda Williams – Registrar)  
Email: [nelsonbayjuniorrugbyleague@hotmail.com](mailto:nelsonbayjuniorrugbyleague@hotmail.com)  
[www.nelsonbayjrl.league.net.com.au](http://www.nelsonbayjrl.league.net.com.au)



### NELSON BAY CLASS

SENIOR CITIZENS HALL  
6 NORBURN AVENUE

TUESDAY & FRIDAY  
6:00PM - 8:00PM

INSTRUCTOR ALEX SORENSEN  
ITTA CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR

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### 2015 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR St Michael's Catholic Church, Nelson Bay

Attention to all parents/carers of children wishing to receive the Sacraments this year.

Program evenings for each Sacrament commence on:

CONFIRMATION - 24th June 2015  
FIRST COMMUNION - 6th May 2015  
RECONCILIATION - 14th October 2015

If you wish your child to participate in the Sacramental Program this year, please contact the church office for further information.

Phone: (02) 4981 1069  
Email: [stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:stmichaelsnb@mn.catholic.org.au)



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Gropers Junior Rugby Union Presents



**"Night in White"**  
**Major Fundraiser**  
**2nd May 2015**

Fingol Bay Surf Club  
Dress is White. Mire-Smart  
*Canapés on Arrival followed by Entree*  
*Dinner served @ 7pm, Drinks from 6pm - 11pm*  
*Beer wine & soft drink Inc*  
*Live Band playing from 7pm until late*



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*To book your ticket pls contact*  
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