

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday • March 2 • 2015

Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many parents make time to attend our annual Parent Information Sessions. They really are a great opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and hear about the year ahead.

The feedback I've had so far has been positive but if there anything that wasn't covered in the sessions, please email the school on soldierspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au so we can answer your query and possibly include in future sessions.

If you did not attend the Parent Information Session and would like a copy of the school's *Effective Learning Code* or *Let's Talk* flyer, please contact the school's office with your details and we'll forward them home with your child.

I would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank our teachers who willingly offered the Parent Information Sessions after school hours so parents would be able to attend.

Building Update

School life is always exciting at SPPS, but the month of March is sure to be even more exciting with the installation of our new library and a classroom. The new library will be located on the southern side of Block J (two-storey building) and the new classroom will be located in on the southern side of Block H (Kindergarten classrooms).

Once installed, it will take us a few weeks to completely fit-out the rooms with carpet, electrical and data work, as well as bringing in new furniture etc. I anticipate both will be operational by the beginning of Term 2.

Updating our Records

Keeping up-to-date records for all families is essential. It is also a mighty challenge as families change phone numbers, move house, change jobs etc.

To ensure our records are accurate we will be sending home a copy of your eldest child's Enrolment Form for parents to assess & update. This will come home in a sealed envelope on Monday, March 9, with students from Year 1 to 5 and should be returned on Thursday, March 26.

It is important to remember that the information you include (or don't include) impacts directly on how our school is funded as it is based on the Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI). A school's FOEI is a reflection of our community's socio-economic situation.

We urge you to thoroughly assess the Enrolment Form details and adjust where necessary. If all details remain current there is no need to return the Enrolment Form.

Camo for Cooper

This Wednesday, March 4, is *Camo for Cooper* day, which is aimed at raising funds to support Cooper's family at this very difficult time.

Students are welcome to come to school dressed in camo (or something close) for a gold coin donation. Cakes & slices will also be available for purchase.

Term Dates

Term 1 – Week 6

Monday 2 nd March	
Tuesday 3 rd March	
Wednesday 4 th March	Camo for Cooper Day Zone Rugby League trials School Improvement & Finance Committee Meeting @ 7:00
Thursday 5 th March	
Friday 6 th March	

Term 1 – Week 7

Monday 9 th March	
Tuesday 10 th March	P&C Meeting @ 7:00
Wednesday 11 th March	
Thursday 12 th March	Selective High School Test
Friday 13 th March	Ride 2 School Day

Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 16 th March	
Tuesday 17 th March	Interrelate Classes
Wednesday 18 th March	
Thursday 19 st March	
Friday 20 th March	

Term 1 – Week 9

Monday 23 rd March	
Tuesday 24 th March	
Wednesday 25 th March	Parent Information Session - 7.00pm at Tomaree HS for 2016 Year 7 Parents
Thursday 26 th March	
Friday 27 th March	

Term 1 – Week 10

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

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 6th March – 1.30pm

K – 6 School Assembly

Hosted by 4W

All Welcome

Friday 13th March – 1.30pm

No Assembly

Interrelate – Thursday 19th 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).

UNSW Global Assessments

Competition Information for students in Yr 3 – Yr 6 will be sent home today.

All entries and money are due by Tuesday 31st March.

No late entries can be accepted.

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 has been sent out to all students.

Tell Them from Me

All students in Years 4, 5 & 6 will be bringing home a note this week about a survey we're keen for them to complete. The *Tell Them from Me* survey asks students a range of questions relating to school life, for example, participation in sports, effort, sense of belonging and teaching relevance.

The survey will provide our school leadership team with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and teaching practices at SPPS, from the perspective of students. We can then use this information to help us plan for school improvement.

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 which includes information about each sport, including costs and trial dates.

Ride 2 School Day

Next Friday, March 13, we'd love to see loads of families supporting **Ride 2 School Day**. Why not organize to meet up with other riders at a central point and ride to school together?

Book Club
is due Tuesday 17th March

No late orders can be accepted.

P&C news

SAVE THE DATE : P&C Annual General Meeting 2015

Our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 10th March at 7pm.**

The next SIFC meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th March at 7pm.

All welcome in the School Admin Building.

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.

Canteen

Thank you to all of those wonderful helpers over the last two weeks. Roster:

Wed 4/3	Amy Ellis
Thu 5/3	Year 6: Isabella T.; Jasmine D.
Fri 6/3	Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach, Cath Murray
Mon 9/3	Ella De La Motte
Wed 11/3	Julie Thomson
Thu 12/3	Year 6: Flynn T.; Joseph A/S.
Fri 13/3	Deanne Cosgrove, Liz Dennison, Lauren Fuller
Mon 16/3	Karen Jones

P&C Facebook page

Visit www.facebook.com and search for Soldiers Point Public School Parents.

2015 Welcome BBQ

Thank you to all the people who helped to make the 2015 Welcome BBQ a successful event. An especially BIG thank you to the following people:

- **ROTARY SALAMANDER BAY** for providing the BBQ and being such a lovely and generous group
- **Deanne Cosgrove and the Canteen Committee**
- **Michelle Hallam** for organising the baked goods
- **Tristen** for organising the jumping castles
- **Ella and Narelle** for popping popcorn and providing all of the containers and stickers free of charge.

We have such a terrific community, it's good to see such support for our school.



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!