

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



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Dear Parents,

As you can see in the photo below, the new library has finally arrived at Soldiers Point Public School. This is a very exciting development for our school community. Now installed, we'll have a busy few weeks to prepare the library before it's ready for classes to use.



Preparations have also commenced for the installation of another demountable for our 15<sup>th</sup> class. I anticipate both the library and classroom will be operational by the beginning of Term 2.

## NAPLAN 2015

All students in Years 3 and 5 will receive a letter outlining the dates and procedures for this year's National Assessment Program in Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN was also mentioned at the Parent Information Sessions earlier in the year. I recommend parents of students in Years 3 & 5 read the letter and phone the school if you have any specific questions.

## Awesome Sports

Already this year we have had numerous students vie for selection in a range of sports at school, Port Stephens Zone & Hunter Regional level. The following students have been successful at Zone level and have or will compete at the Hunter Regional or State level:

Sport	Students
Swimming	Ebony N
Rugby League	Luke P, Ezra & Dominic P
Tennis	Harrison W
AFL	Cooper L & Nicholas D

Congratulations to all of the above students on their efforts so far and we wish them well with future events.

Ebony will be competing in the 50 metres freestyle at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships at Homebush.

## Working Bee

This Sunday, March 22, we will be holding a much-needed Working Bee to spruce up our school grounds. The main goal of the Working Bee will be to work on the bush area to the east of the top field, including our Remembrance Garden.

The Working Bee will commence at 10:00 AM and conclude at about 12:00 PM.

It would be terrific to get as many parents as possible to assist with the tidying of our school grounds. We will need your help with weeding, whipper snipping and mulching of gardens. Please bring along shovels, whipper snippers, wheelbarrows, utes and / or trailers.

## Term Dates

### Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 19 <sup>st</sup> March	Interrelate Classes
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Working Bee (10-12)

### Term 1 – Week 9

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Information Session - 7.00pm at Tomaree HS for 2016 Year 7 Parents
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Zone Cross Country

### 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

Please note that *school photos* will be held on Monday, March 30. All students should attend school in their full school uniform, including black shoes, on this day.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Week 8 - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March*  
*K-6 hosted by 1/2L*  
*All Welcome*

*Week 9 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March*  
**NO ASSEMBLY**

**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).

### UNSW Global Assessments

*All entries and money are due by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.*

***No late entries can be accepted.***

### 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.

### 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.

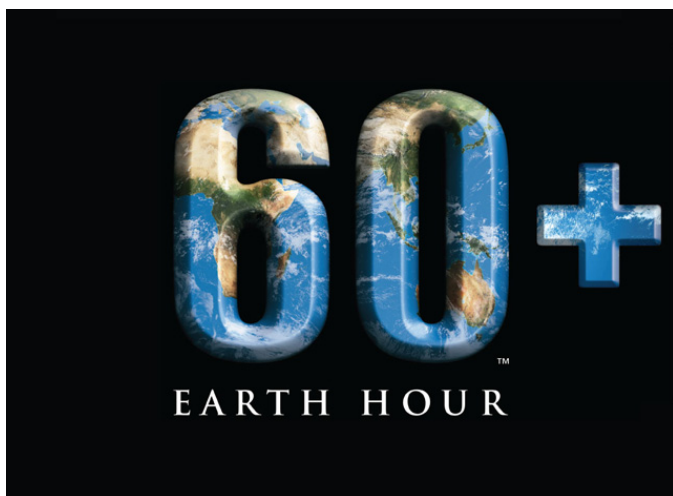
Permission notes and information has been sent out to all students.

### Ride 2 School Day

Well done to all who rode to school on National Ride 2 School day on Friday, March 13. Unfortunately the weather wasn't so favourable which meant our numbers were slightly down on 2014. This year we had 42 students ride or scoot to school supported by 12 parents.

### Book Club

is due Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
No late orders can be accepted.



**Don't forget to support Earth Hour on Saturday, March 28, from 8:30-9:30 PM. We encourage all families to switch off the lights, break out the candles and settle in to play a few board games on the lounge room floor.**



Each Thursday and Friday a group of Stage 1 students have the pleasure of reading to Miss Millie and Keith as part of the Delta Dog program.

The program aims to foster beginning reading skills as students are highly motivated to read to our special visitors. If you have a pet at home your child may like to read to them as a treat.

Sharon Egan

## School Photos

School Photo Day will be on Monday 30th March.

Photo envelopes have been sent home today. **Please return forms on the day of photos – not before.**

School Photos can be ordered online at [www.newcastleschoolportraits.com](http://www.newcastleschoolportraits.com) or send the **correct money** in the photo envelope **on photo day**. (Photo envelopes will be handed directly to the photographers on the day, no change will be given.)

Family photo envelopes are also available from the school office

## Year 7 2016

Expression of Interest Forms for placement in Year 7 2016 have been sent out to all Year 6 students.

These forms must be completed even if you do not require placement in a NSW government school.

**Please complete and return by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

## DSTA News

Hello Defence Families,  
We are organising a "Working Bee" on Sunday 22nd March, 10-12pm (Midday) to give some much needed TLC.... to our school Remembrance Garden.

I would love as many families to come along and help us in this venture.

Please can you RSVP by email to me if you wish to come along and lend a hand on this day.

You will need to bring any gardening tools that you think would be useful! (Shovels ,gloves,whipper snipper,wheelbarrow etc)

Morning tea will be provided but please bring some water and mozzie spray.  
Hope to see you there :)  
Kind regards

Danielle DSTA  
[danielle.robinson16@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:danielle.robinson16@det.nsw.edu.au)

Updated Enrolment Forms have been sent out to all families.

Could you please update these forms wherever necessary and return to the school office.



# P&C news

## Your P&C Office Bearers for 2015 are:

- President: Tristen Cosgrove
- Vice President: VACANT
- Treasurer: David Smail
- Secretary: Anna-Marie Ford
- Uniform Convenor: Belinda Lavers
- Canteen Convenor: Karen Jones
- Canteen Treasurer: Deanne Cosgrove
- Publicity Officer: Anna Webster
- Fundraising Convenors: Trish Bray and Anna Webster
- Grounds Convenor: VACANT

As you can see, there are two positions still vacant. If anyone is interested in taking up these roles please join us at the next meeting or register your interest at [sppspc@live.com.au](mailto:sppspc@live.com.au)

Next P&C meeting: **Tuesday 12 May at 7pm.**

The next SIFC meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6 May at 7pm.**

All welcome in the School Admin Building.

## 2015 School Disco

Pencilled in for either Friday 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> June. Watch this space!

## 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!

## 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.

**Remember, School Photos are on Monday 30<sup>th</sup>!**

## Feedback

One of our lovely parents has come up with the suggestion of school banking for the students at the school. Feedback is appreciated from you on this matter at [sppspc@live.com.au](mailto:sppspc@live.com.au) or at our Facebook page (visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Soldiers Point Public School Parents).

## Canteen

Thank you to Deanne Cosgrove, Liz Dennison, Lauren Fuller, Julie Thomson, Ella de la Motte, Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach and Leanne Benbow for all their help over the last two weeks. Roster:

Wed 18/3	Cassandra Butterworth
Thu 19/3	Year 6: Leyka E.; Kara-Jayde B.
Fri 20/3	Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach
Mon 23/3	Belinda Lavers
Wed 25/3	Amy Ellis
Thu 26/3	Year 6: Nicholas G.; Joshua L.
Fri 27/3	Deanne Cosgrove, Liz Dennison, Lauren Fuller
Mon 28/3	Karen Jones

A huge thank you to all those who helped in the Canteen on Camo for Cooper Day. A well done to the whole school community for their patience on Friday 13th when the school lost power right on 11.30 and lunchtime was very chaotic indeed.

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**21 MARCH**  
**7PM**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**

**22 MARCH**  
**3PM**

**DOORS OPEN AT 2PM**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DOOR**

**ANNA BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL HALL**  
**TWO PERFORMANCES ONLY!**