

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday • June 1 • 2015

Dear Parents,

This Wednesday evening (7:00-8:30) we'll be holding a Parent Reference Group to discuss *communication* at Soldiers Point Public School. We're keen to find out what's working well, what needs improving and also listen to ideas on how we can improve communication.

The Parent Reference Group meeting will be held in Room 1 (Mrs Wagland's classroom) or the timber classroom to the left of the hall.

## Open for Business

Our new library is now up & running and we (teachers & students) think it's very cool. As you can see in the photos below, we have tried to make the library a bright and inviting space for students to enjoy. Much of the furniture is bright & colourful.



## Student Achievement

As primary school teachers it's always special to see or hear how past students are fairing in their endeavours. Last week I was very impressed to see past student, Reid Butler, now a journalist with Channel 9, doing a news report on television. I was equally proud to read about past students, Luke Rymer and Noah Connick, who have both been selected in the Sydney Swans Academy.

There is so many amazingly talented students sitting in each and every classroom at our school. Later in this newsletter you'll enjoy articles prepared by some very talented students about events which have occurred throughout the term.

## A Bit Damp

Well done to those families who supported Walk Safely to School Day. Unfortunately the weather wasn't too friendly which meant our numbers were down on previous years with 76 students walking to school, as well as 12 who chose to ride or scoot; a mighty effort considering the conditions.

## Bus Passes

At last week's assembly I reminded students of the importance of being organised and having their bus pass with them each day they wish to catch the bus. This is becoming quite a problem of late with many students *forgetting* their bus pass. Additionally, I remind parents of students who do not qualify for a bus pass i.e. they live within a radius of 1.6 km of the school, your child should pay the appropriate fare.

Travelling to school on a bus is a privilege and should be respected as such. It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures safety and comfort of other passengers and the driver.

## Term 2 Dates

### Term 2 – Week 7

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Parent Reference Group from 7:00 in Room 1
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Footsteps K-6 U10 All Schools Knockout
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Rugby League V Tomaree

### Term 2 – Week 8

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	P&C Meeting from 7:00
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Footsteps K-6
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	

### Term 2 – Week 9

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Footsteps K-6
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	

### Term 2 – Week 10

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Footsteps K-6
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Term 2 Concludes

**Bookclub Orders**  
due in by

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

*No late orders will be accepted*

## Reminder

School Banking  
***Every Tuesday***

### Responsible Pet Ownership Program

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will be having a presentation from the Responsible Pet Ownership program to teach the students safe behaviour around dogs.

Please inform your child's teacher if you do not want your child to attend. There is no cost for the program.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Week 7 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June*  
*No Assembly*

*Week 8 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June*  
*K-6 Assembly*  
*Hosted by 4/5E*  
*1.30pm All Welcome*

### Representative School Sports

We have quite a number of Soldiers Point School representative sports shirts, jerseys and socks that have ***not been returned*** to school. Could you please check your child's wardrobe at home and return any items to school ASAP.

# Mother's Day Update

Thanks to all the parents who contributed to our Mother's Day events way back in week 3. We had a number of Stage 3 fundraising activities which included candle decorating and a gift swap. We must thank Michelle and Noel Ford of Get Smart Promotional Products, who kindly donated the gorgeous candles, which many mums and special relatives received as gifts. These activities raised \$720 for Stage 3, who are now busy working out what they might like to purchase as a farewell gift to the school.

It was wonderful to see so many mums, grandparents and other special visitors to the school, joining the activities and enjoying time with our students and picnicking in the school grounds. Thank you also to the Canteen and P&C for supporting this event and making the day that little bit more festive through the delicious treats for purchase on the day.

Stage 3 2015



Thanks to all those who helped make our Mother's Day activities such a successful event.

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# SRC NEWS

## Grip Leadership Conference



The GRIP Leadership Conference was a fun and captivating way of learning the roles of leadership. I personally took away the idea of **'Paying it Forward'**. Learning to do a good deed and keep paying this forward, without expecting anything in return.

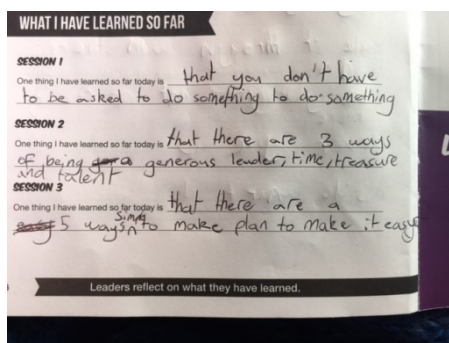
We also looked at the **'four ways of standing up'**. Standing up for **what is right**, standing up for **others**, standing up for **yourself** and standing up **when there is an opportunity**. What I thought was important was standing up when there is an opportunity, meaning you don't have to be asked to do something, if you see an opportunity for it.

At the conference we played many activities, some involving getting up on stage while your school cheered you on and talking and sharing ideas with leaders from other schools. This taught us to develop **confidence** to share our ideas and values with others, which will help us in our leadership journey. – **Pearl**



The GRIP Leadership Conference was a great opportunity for all student leaders. The conference gave us many tools for leading our school. One of the main messages I took from the conference was that being a leader is not about your badge or title; it's about what you do. I hope our schools leaders continue to attend the conferences that are held to ensure our school student leadership team has many tools to give our school a brighter future.

- **Dylan**



Throughout our day at the GRIP Conference, we were taught there were always opportunities to lead, even when they aren't first apparent. Our purpose as a leader is always to help others. The leadership conference taught us how to make a plan and put it into action, so we can solve any problems. The GRIP Leadership Conference was a very valuable experience, and I know I learnt a lot about different leading techniques, and how I can help others. - **Abbie**



## School Hours

I remind families that our school hours are:

**8:55 AM – 2:55 PM.**

Parents should refrain from dropping their children at school before 8:25 AM and ensure they are collected soon after the 2:55 PM bell to go home. Students arriving at school before 8:25 AM will not be supervised by school staff.

## 2015-16 Entertainment Books (Digital and Hardcopy)

are now available for purchase from the school office.

Still just \$60, featuring Newcastle, Central Coast and The Hunter.

20% of every book sold contributes to our school fundraising



**FIND US ON FACEBOOK**

**NEWCASTLE  
CELEBRATING UNITY  
IN DIVERSITY  
FESTIVAL**

**LET'S UNITE!**  
CELEBRATING THE HUMAN RACE  
MIGRANTS • REFUGEES • AUSTRALIA'S FIRST  
NATIONS PEOPLE • ALL RELIGIONS AND CULTURES

**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE**  
WALK FROM NEWCASTLE MUSEUM AT 11AM  
TO FESTIVAL AT CIVIC PARK

**LIVE MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES • FOOD STALLS**



# Port Stephens Library

## July 2015 School Holiday Activities

### Storytimes

**Winter Storytime**  
Tomaree Library  
Tuesday 30 June 10.30-11.15am  
Suitable for ages 2+  
Cost: \$1.30

**Dress Up Storytime & Craft**  
Raymond Terrace Library  
Tuesday 30 June at 10.30am – 12.00pm  
Suitable for ages 5+  
Cost: \$1.30

**Furry Friends Storytime**  
Tomaree Library  
Tuesday 7 July at 10.30-11.15am  
Suitable for ages 2+  
Cost: \$1.30

### FREE Movie Screenings

**HAPPY FEET**  
Raymond Terrace Library  
Friday 3 July 10.30am-12.15pm

**LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS**  
Tomaree Library  
Thursday 9 July 5.15pm-7.15pm

### Activities

**The Art of Origami**  
Tomaree Library  
Wednesday 1 July 10.30am - 12.00pm  
Suitable for ages 8-12  
Cost: \$5.00

**Nature Craft**  
Raymond Terrace Library  
Monday 6 July 10.30am-12.00pm  
Suitable for ages 5+  
Cost: \$5.00

**Games Extravaganza**  
Tomaree Library  
Wednesday 8 July 10.30-11.15am  
Suitable for ages 5-10  
Cost: \$5.00

**Unicorn Fun**  
With Children's Author Jess Black  
Raymond Terrace Library  
Thursday 9 July 10.00am-12.00pm  
Suitable for ages 5+  
Cost: \$1.30

Places for all activities are limited so booking is essential.

For further details and bookings contact Raymond Terrace Library on 4980 0111 or 4980 0112

Port Stephens LIBRARY  
Start here, go anywhere.

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# P&C news

## Meetings

Next SIFC meeting:

**Wednesday 3rd June at 7pm.**

*COMMUNICATION Parent Reference Group.*

Join us to talk about improving two-way communication between the school, staff and families.

Next P&C meeting:

**Tuesday 9th June at 7pm.**

All welcome in the Admin Building.



## Upcoming speakers at meetings

**Tuesday 9th June.**

*Mrs Egan will be making a presentation about the new Maths Syllabus. Come and listen to what it's all about!*

**Tuesday 11th August.**

*Mrs Sue Xenos, principal from Tomaree High School, will come to the meeting and talk about our local high school.*

These are terrific opportunities for us to find out what's going on in the school and community.

## 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.**

## School Disco 2015

**Be prepared for a BIGGER, MORE EXCITING School Disco 2015!**

When: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June; Infants 5-6pm, Primary 6.30-7.30pm.

Where: Soldiers Point Bowling Club in the Auditorium.

DJ Tim Halls will be working his magic, along with some special guests to get your children moving!

Volunteers are needed to help make this event run smoothly, please contact Trish (0425 336 934) or Anna (0414 672 252).

Watch out for a note coming soon.

## Canteen

Thank you to Belinda Lavers, Michelle Campbell, Nicole James, Danielle, Karen Jones, Frank Renner, Megan Hunt, Leanne Benbow and Deanne Cosgrove for all their help over the last two weeks. Roster:

Wed 3/6 **HELP NEEDED**

Thu 4/6 Year 6: Taj N, Oscar C

Fri 5/6 Danielle, Cath Murray

Mon 8/6 Public Holiday

Wed 10/6 Cassandra Butterworth

Thu 11/6 Year 6: Tahlia HS, Ashleigh B

Fri 12/6 Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach

A huge thank you to Glenn and Julie Thomson, Dean and Karen Jones, Julianne Mamotte, Frank Renner and Belinda Lavers for their help at the Athletics Carnival.