

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Tuesday • July 14 • 2015

Dear Parents,

The staff and I welcome all families back to Soldiers Point Public School for Term 3, 2015. We trust that you are refreshed and prepared for a full and entertaining term ahead.

Term 3 is a ten week term. It will be very active with a multitude of activities in and out of the classroom. Students will be engaged in numerous extra-curricular activities none more exciting than our very own school musical. The musical is entitled *2015: A Space Oddity* and will be performed on September 3 & 4. Other activities include: Open Day (assembly & walk-a-thon) in Week 3, Book Week in Week 7, as well as numerous sporting opportunities.

Some of our classes will also be offered the opportunity to explore the wider community as they participate in excursions to nearby destinations, including Stage 3's capital adventure to Canberra.

Our Open Day will be held on Friday, July 31. This will include a whole-school assembly, open classrooms for parents to visit and a walk-a-thon after lunch. Parents are very welcome to join us for our Open Day activities.

Each child will receive a Walk-a-thon Sponsorship Form later this week. We ask parents to support this fund-raiser by supervising their child in obtaining donations for the school. Donations might come from your immediate neighbours, work colleagues or extended family. We are hoping to raise in the vicinity of \$3000.00 which will go directly toward the purchase of technological equipment for our students.

Staff Development Day

Yesterday, we had the third of our Staff Development Days for the year. These days are of immense value for staff as it provides us with an opportunity to undertake professional learning which is then transferred into school practice. Some of yesterday's activities included:

- Increasing our knowledge and teaching strategies to support the teaching of spelling;
- Familiarising ourselves with new student attendance procedures; and
- Shared some technology tips & tricks.

NCCD

Over the next few weeks the school is required to participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). The NCCD provides vital information for the federal government about students attending SPPS who require educational adjustments i.e. additional support. I have attached additional information about the NCCD which I encourage you to read. Parents of students whose child receives educational adjustments will soon receive additional information from our Learning & Support Teacher, Mrs Fuimaono.

P-K Transition

Thank you to the many families who have already expressed interest in their child attending Soldiers Point Public School for Kindergarten in 2016. We have had a lot of interest from current and new families, which is very exciting. We'll be starting with the first of our transition activities, *Storytime*, on August 27, September 3 & 10. More details can be found on our school website.

Term 3 Dates

Term 3 – Week 1

Wednesday 15 th July	
Thursday 16 th July	Touch (girls) V Anna Bay PS
	Debating V Wirreanda PS
Friday 17 th July	NSW PSSA Cross Country

Term 3 – Week 2

Monday 20 th July	
Tuesday 21 st July	
Wednesday 22 nd July	Opportunity Class Test
	Academic Selection Day @ THS
Thursday 23 rd July	
Friday 24 th July	National Tree Day

Term 3 – Week 3

Education Week

Monday 27 th July	
Tuesday 28 th July	Stages 2 & 3 Theatre Visit – <i>The 26-Storey Treehouse</i>
Wednesday 29 th July	
Thursday 30 st July	Debating V Tanilba Bay PS
Friday 31 st July	Open Day

Term 3 – Week 4

Monday 3 rd August	
Tuesday 4 th August	Zone Athletics – Field Events
Wednesday 5 th August	Zone Public Speaking – S3
	School Improvement & Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday 6 th August	Stage 2 Excursion to Sydney
	Rugby League Gala Day
Friday 7 th August	Zone Athletics – Track Events

Term 3 – Week 5

Monday 10 th August	
Tuesday 11 th August	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 12 th August	
Thursday 13 th August	
Friday 14 th August	

Term 3 – Week 6

Monday 17 th August	
Tuesday 18 th August	
Wednesday 19 th August	PCYC Basketball Gala Day
Thursday 20 st August	
Friday 21 st August	

Term 3 – Week 7

Book Week

Monday 24 th August	
Tuesday 25 th August	
Wednesday 26 th August	Storytime 1
Thursday 27 th August	
Friday 28 th August	

Term 3 – Week 8

Monday 31 st August	ES1 & S1 Theatre Visit – <i>Cranky Bear</i>
Tuesday 1 st September	
Wednesday 2 nd September	Storytime 2
	SIFC Meeting
Thursday 3 rd September	
Friday 4 th September	

Term 3 – Week 9

Monday 7 th September	
Tuesday 8 th September	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 9 th September	Storytime 3
Thursday 10 th September	Rugby Union Gala Day
Friday 11 th September	

Term 3 – Week 10

Monday 14 th September	
Tuesday 15 th September	
Wednesday 16 th September	S3 Canberra Excursion
Thursday 17 th September	S3 Canberra Excursion
Friday 18 th September	S3 Canberra Excursion
	Term 3 Concludes

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Week 1 – Friday 17th July

K-6 Assembly

Councillor Induction – Hosted by 5/6G

Week 2 – Friday 24th July

No Assembly

Reminder
School Banking
Every Tuesday

LIBRARY NEWS

**Week 6 – Book Week
Assembly & Book Fair**

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.

Changes to Medical Details

Please update any changes with the school office

Thank you

We all wish Edward W. and Cale G. well in their respective State PSSA Cross Country races.



WALLA RUGBY REGISTRATION 2015

Walla Rugby is back!

A fantastic introduction to Rugby that incorporates games

& training in the correct technics of tackling, catching and passing.

All Walla Coaches are qualified under the ARU Smart-Rugby program.

Commences Sunday 19th July 2015
and is run each Sunday for 9 weeks.

Small presentation on last week 13th September 2015.

Registrations taken from 8.30 am on 19th July 2015
Registration forms are available on the day.

Weekly start Sunday morning 9am– finish approximately 10am,
at Tomaree No.1 Field on Nelson Bay Rd (between Council Depot and AFL Ground).

Age groups: 4 – 9 years - Girls and Boys welcome.

Registration fee \$40.00 includes shirt
(as well as sausage sandwich & can of drink each week).

Enquiries please contact Junior Club President and Secretary

Mitch Fraser 0423643306 –

flashgroper@yahoo.com.au

Dion Cooper 0409641450 –

dioncooper@nti.com.au

P&C news

Meetings

Next P&C meeting:

Tuesday 14th July at 7pm. First day back (for the kids) at school for Term 3!

Next SIFC meeting:

Wednesday 5th August at 7pm.

All welcome in the Admin Building.

Upcoming speakers at meetings

Tuesday 11th August.

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

Canteen

Watch this space for the next Canteen Roster!

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.)

School disco

What a night! A successful fundraiser - raising \$1517 for the school.

So many people came together to make this event successful. We would especially like to thank Stella and Danielle for their ZUMBA moves and awesome motivation to get the kids (and parents) up and moving! A big thanks to DJ Tim Halls who also donated his time and groove to the event.

Our parent volunteers enabled the event to run extra smoothly this year: Deanne Cosgrove, Brenda Madden, Karen Smail, Laura Miles, Dan Liston, Karen Jones, Michelle Whatham, Emma Bowen, Fin Adnam, Stephen Price, Trish and Rick Bray, Anna Webster, Christina McClafferty, Traci Northey, Viv Alexander, Samantha Hartmann, Liane Saunders.

Thanks to the staff who attended and help keep the excitement under control: Miss Pawley, Mrs Hendley, Mr Nix, Mrs Wagland, Mrs Sproule, Mrs Egan, Mrs Fuimono, Miss Condon, Miss Ensbeys, Miss Champion.

Finally, thanks to SP Bowling Club for hosting this event.





Connecting with Challenging Children

Are you a parent with a child who is:

Easily annoyed
Often angry
Argumentative
Defiant
Oppositional

Wavelengths is offering a parenting group tailored specifically to parents of children with challenging behaviours. Learn how to develop and foster a positive relationship with your child and reduce conflict in the family home.

Email info@wavelengths.com.au for more information

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HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY TOMAREE SCHOOL HALL **2015**

"Increase your child's
 communication skills, self-confidence
 and creative talents."

(Improvisation, Scriptwork and Performance)

DRAMA CLASSES – 2015

PRIMARY : 7 – 11 YEARS
 4pm – 5pm

YOUTH : 12 – 15 YEARS
 5pm – 6pm

MONDAYS: Tomaree Primary Hall

Enrolments now being taken.

Principal: Shane Skerly

Ph: 02 49 692338 – dramacorp@bigpond.com

Facebook : [helenogradydrama](https://www.facebook.com/helenogradydrama) Newcastle.

Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.



We're bringing the exciting news that an intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

- 75 x iPad minis Wi-Fi 16GB
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo² Headphones
- 200 x \$30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

Help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win

To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning a prize. (Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning).

Win books for your school library

We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 sets of children's books for their school library, valued at \$200.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/prizeportal



Things to know before you Can: Conditions apply, see commbank.com.au/prizeportal. Promotion starts 9:00am AEST 13/7/15 and ends 11:59pm AEST 25/9/15. Student Element: Entry is open to all Youthsaver customers aged 4–13 years. 1 entry received when 3 deposits are made through the School Banking Program. 1 bonus entry received when completing a Money Mission activity at commbank.com.au/prizeportal and submitting a fully completed entry form. Max. of 2 entries per person. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 400 prizes comprising 75 iPad mini Wi-Fi 16GB space gray tablets valued at \$299 each, 125 Beats by Dr. Dre Solo² On-Ear Headphones valued at \$259.95 each, and 200 \$30 Booktopia Gift Certificates, will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. The winners' names will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 23/10/15. School Element: Entry is open to all schools operating in Australia who participate in the School Banking Program and have at least 1 student entered into the Student Element of this promotion. Limit of 1 entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 75 prizes of a selection of children's books to the value of \$200 for each winning school's library will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. Prize draws will take place at 12 noon AEDT 13/10/15 at Commonwealth Bank, Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney. Total prize value \$75,918.75. Apple is not a participant or sponsor of this promotion. 'iPad mini' and 'Beats by Dr. Dre' are trademarks of Apple Inc., registered in the US and other countries. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. NSW Permit No LTPS/15/02908; ACT Permit No TP/15/05517; VIC Permit No 15/520; SA Permit No T15/632.