

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



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Welcome to Education Week...

This week we acknowledge and celebrate Education Week along with all public schools across New South Wales. This year's theme is *Celebrate Local Heroes*, provides us with an opportunity to celebrate those in our community who selflessly help others.

Our school has a proud history of helping others. Indeed, each week we have up to 30 volunteers who come into our school to support our youngest learners with their learning. They do this because they value education and want to help. This culture is a beautiful strength we have at Soldiers Point Public School and we need to nurture it because it does make a difference.

I encourage parents to join us for our Open Day activities this Friday July 31. We've included the program for Open Day later in this newsletter which may assist with your organisation. We hope you're able to join us.

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.

Athletes Ready

This year Soldiers Point will be represented by nearly 30 students at the 2015 Port Stephens Zone Athletics Carnival, which will be held at Vi Barnett Field in Raymond Terrace on Tuesday, August 11 (Field Events), & Friday, August 14 (Track Events). We wish all members of our team well in their respective events.

Public Speaking

Eight of the school's strongest speakers will be participating in the Zone Public Speaking Finals next week. Our speakers will impress their audiences with a range of topics, which I've included below:

| Stage | Name | Title of Speech |
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| ES1 | Kimberley D - KC Sam B - KM | "Survival" "Mum says I'm a fussy eater" |
| S1 | Joshua C - 1/2D Charlie H - 2H | "My guitar" "Humpback Whales" |
| S2 | Jared Weaver - 3N Benjamin C - 4W | "Attraction & Repulsion" "Attraction & Repulsion" |
| S3 | Jorja D - 5/6SB Abbie B - 5/6SB | "Survival" "Barr vs Wild" |

We wish our speakers every success in their respective finals and thank their parents for their support with preparation and transporting them to and from the venue.

Soldiers Point will be hosting the Stage 3 Zone Public Speaking finals on Wednesday, August 5, in the Hall.

Thank you, Miss Ensby & Mrs Aitchison, for coordinating the public speaking for our school, including the organisation of the Stage 3 Zone final.

Term 3 Dates

Term 3 – Week 3

Education Week

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

Term 3 – Week 4

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| Monday 3 rd August | |
| Tuesday 4 th August | Debating V Medowie PS |
| Wednesday 5 th August | Touch (girls') V Wirreanda PS |
| Thursday 6 th August | Zone Public Speaking – S3 |
| Friday 7 th August | School Improvement & Finance Committee Meeting |
| | Stage 2 Excursion to Sydney |
| | Rugby League Gala Day |

Term 3 – Week 5

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| Monday 10 th August | |
| Tuesday 11 th August | Zone Athletics – Field Events P&C Meeting |
| Wednesday 12 th August | |
| Thursday 13 th August | |
| Friday 14 th August | Zone Athletics – Track Events |

Term 3 – Week 6

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

Term 3 – Week 7

Book Week

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| Monday 24 th August | |
| Tuesday 25 th August | |
| Wednesday 26 th August | Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition |
| Thursday 27 th August | Storytime 1 |
| Friday 28 th August | Hunter PSSA Athletics |

Term 3 – Week 8

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| Monday 31 st August | |
| Tuesday 1 st September | |
| Wednesday 2 nd September | SIFC Meeting |
| Thursday 3 rd September | Storytime 2 |
| Friday 4 th September | School Musical |
| | Fathers' Day BBQ |
| | School Musical |

Term 3 – Week 9

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| Monday 7 th September | |
| Tuesday 8 th September | ES1 & S1 Theatre Visit – <i>Cranky Bear</i> |
| Wednesday 9 th September | P&C Meeting |
| Thursday 10 th September | Rugby Union Gala Day |
| Friday 11 th September | Storytime 3 |

Term 3 – Week 10

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| Monday 14 th September | |
| Tuesday 15 th September | Games Day |
| 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 3 – Friday 31st July
Open Day – 11.25am

Week 4 – Friday 7th August
K-6 – Hosted by K/1F
1.30pm

Walk-a-thon – all school

As part of our Education Week activities a Walkathon has been planned at 1.30pm this Friday. All to stay and watch our students raise money for their school
Thank you

Music Camp 2015

On Sunday 12 July, Josh L and I went to the week-long State Music Camp. It was held at the Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre in Sydney. My music teacher, Bianca, had recommended that I apply to attend.

We stayed in cabins, in groups of 10, where we made excellent friends. Everyone survived the camp food, which was really quite yummy! They even cooked hot breakfasts for us! In the mornings, we were woken up at 7am and after morning assembly, we did our Ensemble 1 activities.

My Ensemble 1 was voice where we spent the time practicing for the end of week concert. In the afternoons, we worked on our Ensemble 2 activities, which for me was flute. We also chose from a selection of sport and recreation activities, including archery, flying fox and rock climbing. We mostly had to turn our lights out at night by 9.30pm. It was freezing in the cabins, so we layered up in our PJs and sleeping bags.

The teachers were excellent, with fantastic musical skills. My singing teacher was Mr Paul Jarman who has travelled the world, writing songs and teaching singing. The voice training will help with the aural part of my piano exam and I can now play new lower notes on my flute.

The highlight of the week was the final concert where we had the opportunity to perform with some extremely talented musicians. After the concert my new friends and I exchanged contact details and said 'good bye' to each other.

If you ever have the opportunity to attend music camp, then I would highly recommend that you go. I had a fabulous time and will never forget the experience.

(Sophie F – 5/6SB)

Music Camp 2015

On Sunday 12th July 2015 I drove with my parents to the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation at Narrabeen. It took about three hours to get there. First of all, my dad dropped my mum and myself off at the top of the hill. Then he had to find somewhere to park his car. While my father drove off, my mother and I went into the dining hall and I had to collect my name tag and choose what ensemble 2 I wanted to be in. Then we had to find the dorm I was allocated to. It said the dorm name on my name tag. I was in dorm 9A. Once we had found the dorm I chose out of 12 beds. Then we went back to the dining hall I said goodbye to my parents for a week. Once everyone was settled into the dining hall we met the staff. They told us about the rules and what we would be doing for the week. Then we had to do auditions to see what ensemble 1 & 2 we got into. Then we went to dinner. We had spaghetti bolognese and chocolate mousse for dessert. Then we went down to the gymnasium. The gymnasium was big enough to hold the size of a jumbo jet. We then listened to an American band play for us. We then had supper and went to bed. For the next few days we did mostly the same thing with some changes. We woke up at 7:00am and had breakfast. Then we had our warm up. We then were allocated to our ensemble 1 & 2 Rooms. I was in Grainger for ensemble 1 and brass ensemble for ensemble 2. Then we practised for camp item which had 2 parts. The choir or the orchestra. I was in the choir. We had to sing 3 different songs which were accompanied by the orchestra. They were Ave verum corpus, Volta do mar largo and Shosholoza. Then we had lunch. After lunch we had afternoon recreation. Some days we played games, one day we went bushwalking and on Tuesday and Wednesday we got to do our chosen activities. I did archery. That's what we did on Monday to Wednesday. Then on Thursday afternoon we had the ensemble 2 performance and followed by a dance party. Then on Friday it was all serious about camp item and ensemble 1.

We had a morning practise for both and then a final rehearsal in the gymnasium. We watched a movie as the different ensemble 1's rehearsed. Then it was the concert where we saw our parents and then went home at 9:00pm. I had a great time and want to go again next year!

By Joshua Lavers



SCHOOL MUSICAL

2015 - A SPACE ODDITY

When: Thursday 3rd September & Friday 4th September

Tickets: \$12.00 each (no concession)

DVD: \$25.00 each for pre-paid special. The DVD will be of professional quality, taken with high definition cameras, with menus, navigation menus in a high quality presentation case.

Booking Form for tickets and DVD will be going home today

Soldiers Point Public School

★ ★ ★ Open Day 2015 ★ ★ ★

Celebrating Local Heroes

Program

11:25 am School Assembly featuring:

- Band Performance
- Welcome by Captains
- Public Speaking
- Slideshow
- Principal's Address
- Public Speaking
- Concert Band
- Public Speaking
- Choir

12:00 pm All classrooms will be open for parents and invited guests

12:30 pm Barbecue lunch

1:30 pm Walk-a-thon

What's Happening in the Classrooms

Each of the school's classes has prepared a display based theme or topic of investigation.



Congratulations to Edward W. and Cale G. for their efforts in their respective State PSSA Cross Country races. Ed came in 33rd position in his 3km race & Cale came in 31st in his. Both awesome results for the boys.

P&C news

Meetings

Next SIFC meeting:
Wednesday 5th August at 7pm.

Next P&C meeting:
Tuesday 11th 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.

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.)

Events & Fundraising

The Events and Fundraising arm of the P&C is meeting on Friday 7th August at 10am at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club.

One of the main topics will be the upcoming school musical (performances are on 3rd and 4th September) and how we can help the fabulously talented staff and students leading up to the event, and also on performance nights.

Please come along and be a part of it!

P&C Facebook page

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

School canteen

Thank you to Deanne Cosgrove, Danielle Sharpe, Danielle Whitmore and Karen Jones for the help over the last two weeks.
Roster:

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| Wed 29/7 | Michelle Campbell |
| Thu 20/7 | Yr 6: Elli-Mae C., Josie P. |
| Fri 31/7 | EDUCATION WEEK |
| | OPEN DAY – all help greatly appreciated |
| Mon 3/8 | Leanne Benbow |
| Wed 5/8 | Frank Renner |
| Thu 6/8 | Yr 6: Katie S., Jade B. |
| Fri 7/8 | Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach |
| Mon 10/8 | Karen Jones |

Friday 31st July is Education Week Open Day

The Canteen will be offering:

- a sausage sandwich
- tea, coffee and cakes

No pre-order necessary!

Normal lunch orders will also be available. To make the day run as smoothly as possible any help will be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you can spare even an hour on the day.

Thanks, Paula 0448771336.



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Soldiers Point Public School FUNDRAISING Code: SPPS14

CLANS ON THE COAST CELTIC FESTIVAL - NELSON BAY SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 2015



TOMAREE SPORTS COMPLEX NO.1 OVAL
NELSON BAY RD, NELSON BAY
Adult/ \$15 Pensioner/ \$10 under 18 FREE
8.30am - 4.30pm

Mass bands, Entertainment all day, Kid Fiddlers, Highland Dancers, Irish Dance Group, Irish Folk Band
East Coast Strongman Championships, Medieval Fight Group, Stalls, Clan tents, Food and Beverages, & more

Games with prizes to be won

Info contact: RON SWAN 0418 495 336

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TERM THREE 2015

TUESDAY JULY 14 to FRIDAY SEPT 18



Wrapped in Angels is a group for mums to make a blanket out of your strengths and things that bring you love, hope, joy and beauty.

The course will run for six Mondays

Starting Date: 27th July

Time: 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Some sewing materials & equipment will be provided.

FREE childcare is available

To book contact Jane: 0428 2564 962

Held In Partnership with the Benevolent Society

Family Support Newcastle and Gan Gan Family Centre invites dads, or men who have a role in raising children to:

**Dads and their
Relationship**
working on what matters
A four hour workshop.

Suitable for all dads
Morning tea and lunch provided

When: Thursday 10th September
Time: 9.30am – 2pm

FREE children's group
available on premises

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Ring Jacqui on 4982 1767

Young Parents Network
Invites you to the:

TOMAREE YOUNG PARENTS GROUP

For all parents who are under 25 years old.
Come along to meet other parents, share your experiences, join in some activities or sit back and relax.

DATES: Tuesdays starting 21 July to 15 September
TIME: 10.30 am-12 pm

Morning tea provided

For more information or to RSVP Contact:
Katelyn @ YPN on 0439 750 310

LMC LAWYERS

Local Specialists in Family Law
We now have FREE initial consultations regarding family law matters such as parenting matters, property settlements & recovery orders.
Each Thursday at Gan Gan Family Centre with a female Lawyer.
Bookings Essential PH 4982 1767

MEETING DATES THIS TERM:

BAY GAPS(Grandparents as Parents): Every Wed@10 am

YOUNG PARENTS GROUP: Every Tues@10.30 am

FAMILY LAW CONSULT: Every Thurs by appointment

TOYS ON TAP

TOY & BOOK LIBRARY

Providing quality toys, books
& resources.

OPEN WEEKDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM

9.00 AM – 11.00 AM.



For more information on the
GAN GAN Centre Programs
please see the attached flyer.

Thank you