

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



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Dear Parents,

It was awesome to see nearly every child dressed as one of their favourite book characters in support of Book Week. We had an array of book characters including: Tigger, Wally, Pinocchio & the Mad Hatter.

Congratulations and thank you to our teacher-librarian, Mrs Merriman for her thorough organisation of our Book Week events including the Book Fair and Parade. Thanks also to our library monitors for their assistance with running the assembly.

Our Book Week parade is always a lot of fun and we sincerely thank all parents for their support. We appreciate that organising your child's outfit takes a lot of time and effort but, as you will have seen on the children's faces, it's well worth it. More photos will be uploaded to the website soon.



2015 – A Space Oddity

Next Thursday & Friday (September 3 & 4), more than 100 students shall be taking to the stage as they participate in the school's first musical, 2015 – A Space Oddity. The musical is an exciting opportunity for our students to perform for a wider audience and be involved in an authentic theatrical experience.

We wish all our students well with their performances.

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.

Whilst your pre-schooler is participating in Storytime, parents are very welcome to join us in the staffroom where school staff will provide general information about the school, the enrolment process, student wellbeing and health care, as well as uniforms, canteen and the Parents & Citizens Association (P&C).

Hunter Regional Athletics

Congratulations to all students who participated in the recent Port Stephens Zone Athletics selections. Five of our students gained places in their events making them eligible for the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival. They are: Jade (Long jump & 100m), Baeden (Discuss), Tyla (Discuss), Cale (800m), & Edward (800m). The Hunter Regional Carnival will be held Friday, August 28, at Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale.

Term 3 Dates

Term 3 – Week 7

Monday 24 th August	
Tuesday 25 th August	Boys' Softball
Wednesday 26 th August	Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition
Thursday 27 th August	Storytime 1
Friday 28 th August	Hunter PSSA Athletics Fathers' Day Breakfast

Term 3 – Week 8

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

Term 3 – Week 9

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

Term 3 – Week 10

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

Term 4 – Week 1

Monday 5 th October	Public Holiday
Tuesday 6 th October	Staff & Students Return
Wednesday 7 th October	
Thursday 8 th October	
Friday 9 th October	

Road Safety Initiative

The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights at all schools by the end of this year, to alert motorists of the 40 km per hour speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times.

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering this safety initiative and plans to install signs outside your school in the week beginning Monday 31st August 2015.

This work will be undertaken outside of the 40 km per hour school zone hours, and is expected to take up to two hours to complete, weather permitting. Lights will be installed on pre-existing poles or new poles will be put in place if needed.

Partial traffic lane closures may be in place whilst work is undertaken to ensure safety of all road users and workers, and there will be some noise associated with this work. Roads and Maritime Services advises every effort will be made to minimise these impacts.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Week 7 – Friday 28th August
No Assembly*

*Week 8 – Friday 4th September
No Assembly*

Sports Update

Touch Representative - Congratulations to Jade B. who was selected in the Hunter Regional Touch team. Jade has just returned from competing at the 2015 State PSSA Girls Touch Championships where her team placed 3rd overall.

Rugby Union Representative - Congratulations to Louis G who was selected in the Hunter Regional Rugby Union team. Louis has just returned from competing at the 2015 State PSSA Rugby Union Championships where his team placed 9th overall.

Sports Clothing - At present we're missing a number of our school's representative team sports shirts & socks. We ask parents to check their child's cupboards or drawers and return any school-owned items immediately as we regularly require this clothing to compete in team sports.

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.

Tickets and/or DVD can be paid for at the office, over the phone or sent home with your child using the booking form.

Stage 3 - Canberra Update

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian government is contributing funding of \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs.

The \$20.00 has been deducted from your child's initial cost and the rebate will be paid directly back to the school after the excursion.

Thank you

Uniform Price List

Please note that the new price list becomes effective on 1st September 2015.

Lists are available on the school website, P&C website, skoolbag app and from the school office.

Thank you

Book Week 2015

A big thank you to the school community for another successful Book Week. It was wonderful to come to school on Friday and see so many children as book characters for the parade. There were minions, princesses, fairies, rugby players and even creepers! I know that a lot of effort and time goes in to organising these costumes and the results were wonderful.

The book fair was very busy yet again so thank you all parents, grandparents and carers for coming to the new library and buying a book. The book fair raises significant money for resources in our library and is an important part of our school year. It could not be held without the assistance of staff Janne Dowker and Claire Hendley. There were some wonderful volunteers who helped make this possible so thank you to Kylie Herdegen, Samantha Hartmann, Karen Jones and Leanne Benbow.

I can not give a book fair report without mentioning a very important person in our school community. Belinda Lavers was again invaluable to me in organising and running the fair. This is Belinda's last year at the school and I know the library will miss her tremendously. Thank you Belinda!

Happy Reading.

Ms Merriman



Nelson Bay Tennis Club

Holiday Tennis Camp

Date: 22-24th September 29-1st October

\$35 per day \$20 Siblings 9-2pm
free sausage sizzle

RSTVP by 20th September

Coach Blake Denison - 0403 634 667

Hotshots returns with Coach Blake in
Term 4
Visit our website

Are you Tsunami safe?

FREE Information Evening

Wednesday 26th August 2015 – 6.30pm

What would happen if a tsunami occurred in Port Stephens?

The next Port Stephens Marine Discovery Series presentation will attempt to answer that question, with notable scientists and the NSW SES to talk about the science behind tsunamis, and the responsibilities of the NSW SES and other agencies in warning of and managing the effects of a tsunami.

The NSW SES is responsible for planning for and coordinating the initial response to tsunami in NSW. In planning for tsunami, the NSW SES has worked closely with other State and Federal Government agencies in the development of a NSW Tsunami Sub Plan. This plan outlines the responsibilities of the NSW SES and other agencies in warning of and managing the effects of a tsunami.

The NSW SES can provide tips on the simple things to do before, during and after a tsunami. Residents and visitors to coastal areas can find out how to find out more about tsunami and their impacts, and how tsunami warnings are disseminated.

Free entry, no bookings and refreshments provided

For more information please contact Charlene Wellard
Phone 4980 0251 | Email charlene.wellard@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

P&C news

School musical

Space-Cafe Open Pre-Show and Interval at School Musical

Some of the items we will have for sale:

- Savoury options (TBC), for eg pizza bread, cheesymite scrolls, cheese & bacon rolls
- Chocolate/brownie slab cake
- Popcorn bags
- Chips/crisps
- Lolly bags
- Zooper Doopers
- Tea/coffee/hot chocolate
- Water/juice

Please let us know if you would like to help out!

Anna (0414 672 252) & Trish (0425 336 934).

Musical BBQ

Thank you to Julie Thomson and Karen Jones for their help, and all of the people who donated baked goods for the musical BBQ on Sunday.

It was a huge success with sizzling sausages and lots of delicious baked goods to keep our talented kids (and teachers!) happy.

Meetings

Next SIFC meeting:

Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm.

Next P&C meeting:

Tuesday 8th September at 7pm.

All welcome in the Admin Building.

School canteen

Thank you to Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach, Danielle Sharpe, Deanne Cosgrove, Frank Renner, Leanne Benbow, Michelle Campbell and Karen Jones for all their help over the last two weeks.

A huge thank you to those fantastic Year 6 helpers on Friday 14th August when I had only one parent to help in the Canteen. Friday is the biggest day of the week and I could not have provided fresh, hot food on time without Alissa M, Jasmine D, Izzy S, Emma C, Joseph AS, Cooper J, Baeden C and Mikey. Thank you so much guys. Roster:

Wed 26/8 Megan Hunt, Sarah Stokes

Thu 27/8 *Yr 6 Isabella T., Jasmine D.*

Fri 28/8 Danielle Sharpe, Deanne Cosgrove, **HELP NEEDED**

Mon 31/8 Leanne Benbow

Wed 2/9 Michelle Campbell

Thu 3/9 *Yr 6: Flynn T., Joseph AS.*

Fri 4/9 Cathy Murray, Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach, Deanne Cosgrove

Mon 7/9 Karen Jones

Thanks, Paula 0448771336.

Uniform shop

The Uniform Shop is open:

- Tuesday from 8.30–9.30am and
- Friday from 2.15–3.15pm.

Please note: There will be a new Uniform Pricelist effective from 1st September 2015.

P&C Facebook page

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

AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person?

**You are invited to Carer Connections
Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers
and listen to our Guest Speaker!**

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Guest Speaker:

**Fiona Hodson - Clinical Nurse Consultant Pain Management
Hunter Integrated Pain Service**

Topic:

***“Chronic Pain: Hunter Integrated Pain Service’s approach to
Improving Life”***

WHERE: Soldier Point Bowling Club, 118 Soldiers Point Road,
Soldiers Point

TIME: 10.00am – 12.00pm

COST: FREE - includes Morning Tea

WHEN: Thursday 17 September 2015

RSVP: Thursday 10 September 2015



**For more information or to Register Contact
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter**

**on: 4924 6146 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)**



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