

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



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Dear Parents,

*Take a bow Soldiers Point - the musical was **epic**.*

The recent school musical, 2015 – *A Space Oddity* was a truly amazing reflection on what our children can do. The entire performance from was simply awesome, which is all due to the students' thorough preparation and direction from Mrs Wagland.

The script was witty, the performers confident, which all made for a great production. I congratulate all of the students involved: performers, singers & stage helpers, you made your school proud. Indeed, I had to remind myself that some of the performers were as young as 9 years of age.



I would like to thank the wonderful staff at Soldiers Point and the wider community for your generous assistance with props, sound, lighting, costumes, publications, supper etc. We really appreciate your willingness to support.

Happy Holidays

As this will be the final newsletter for Term 3 I would like to wish all families a happy & safe holiday. Next Friday, September 18, will be the last day of Term 3. Term 4 will commence on Tuesday, October 6.

Parents Talking to Parents

The Parent Reference Group and Parents Facebook page are opportunities for parents to talk with parents about our school community. Recent discussions have included:

- *communication*
- *accessing care for children in our area*
- *ethics classes*
- *our fantastic school musical*
- *opportunities to get involved.*

On Friday, after the school assembly, members of the P&C invite parents to continue these discussions. *Join in the conversation 2.15-2.55pm Friday 11 September in the School Hall.*

Additionally, this Wednesday, September 9, families who receive the newsletter via email will receive an email asking you to complete a Parent Survey. This year, we will be using the *Partners in Learning* parent survey. The survey asks parents questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Your responses will help us understand parents' views on their child's experience at school, including: communication, activities and the school's support of learning and behaviour. Your valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey should take 15 minutes or less to complete and is confidential. The survey will close on October 16. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary and your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>. Again, the link for the survey will be sent home on Wednesday, September 9.

State Athletics

Congratulations to Cale G (800m) for successful selection into the Hunter Regional Team for the NSW State Athletics Carnival to be held on 14/15th October.

Term 3 Dates

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	
Thursday 10 th September	Storytime 3
Friday 11 th September	Touch Gala Day

Term 3 – Week 10

Monday 14 th September	Rugby Union Gala Day
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	

On the Move

During the school holidays you might notice a few changes occurring at the school. These include:

- Mrs Freeman's classroom (K/1F) will be relocated to the area adjacent to 2H; and
- The old library will be removed from the site.

The removal of the old library will enable us to finish the Creative Play Spaces project with the installation of playground equipment. This final stage of the project will take most of the term to complete as it will involve some excavating as well as construction work.

This final stage of the project would not have been possible without the financial assistance of our very supportive P&C. It is estimated that this final stage, which has been planned for nearly 4 years, will cost in excess of \$75,000.00. The P&C is contributing most of this money through their fund-raising efforts and applying for grants.

Card Art 2015

“every child is an artist” Pablo Picasso

Students in all classes will soon begin to work on their designs for our annual visual arts project. Designs can then be professionally copied onto quality greeting cards, diaries or calendars.

This is not a fund raising project. Prices are kept to a minimum.

Designs and order forms will be sent home in Term 4 for parents and caregivers to view.

Samples of cards, diaries and calendars can be viewed in the office foyer.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Week 9– Friday 11th September
K-6 hosted by SRC
Student Recognition Assembly

Week 10 – Friday 18th September
No Assembly



A very generous gift to Soldiers Point School

Bianca Wilson who is our specialist music tutor, went to pick up a donated keyboard and quickly realised that this was no toy! Its owners Mr & Mrs Crombie were full of humble stories of a lifetime of joy and success that music has brought to their lives.

Jim and Dot Crombie started playing piano in their early primary years and spoke of the importance of music for children, where they are able to discover more about themselves than just music.

Jim said that although they were sad to see it go, they were very happy to know that it was going to be used by many children for generations to come!!!

Thank you so much for your generosity, the children will be able to deliver the highest standards with such a beautiful instrument!!

Stage 3 **Overnight Excursion to Canberra**

Stage 3 students are looking forward to their overnight excursion to our nation's capital. You can follow our escapades via Twitter, look for @Stage3SPPS.

I will send home another copy of our itinerary and packing list, as well as an emergency contact number by the end of the week.

Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you bright and early on the morning of the 16th September.

Ashlee Pawley
Stage 3 Supervisor

Lilly & Kimberley

Lilly & Kimberley will be cutting their hair to support the Princess Charlotte Alopecia Program.

They are raising money & donating their hair. \$2,145 has been raised by the girls so far.

Lilly and Kimberley are hoping to cut their hair after games day activities on Tuesday 15th September.

Stay tuned for more information to come.
<https://alopecia.everydayhero.com/au/lilly-cate-and-kimberley-rose-hair-donation>

Stage 3 Fundraising Updates

Father's Day Events

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our BBQ Breakfast and Gift Swap for Father's Day this year. Both events were very successful and helped raise \$800 towards our Year 6 Farewell and gift to the school. The SRC are busy talking to Stage 3 students to decide on a suitable gift to the school.

It was wonderful to see so many special visitors, particularly Dads, at our BBQ breakfast. This event would not have been possible without the support and barbequing skills of so many wonderful mums and dads. Well done on such a fabulous event and thank you so much for your support.



Thank You!

GAMES DAY 2015

Celebrate the (almost) end of term at the Year 6 Annual Games Day!

Lots of great games to try!

A silver coin per play!

Tuesday 15th September 2015



Our school community is committed to providing a supportive learning environment fostering respect, creativity and resilience. (2015) Page 4
This is a Stage 3 Fundraising event, your support is appreciated.

P&C news

School musical

Thank you to all of the wonderful people who helped to make the P&C involvement with the musical a success!

We're pleased to say that the Mufti Day, Space Café and Raffle were very worthwhile, raising \$1495 for the school.

A big thank you to Tanya Mackenzie for organising the raffle prize donations. Below are the sponsors and winners.

A Beautiful Occasion: Voucher Di K.

Cignall: Photo Frame Sue W.

Coast Massage: Voucher Tayha

Corrin West Richards: Tupperware Bruce

McCauleys: Red Wine Charlotte C.

McCauleys: White Wine Pauline C.

Megan Webster: Manchester Millie B.

Nelson Bay Locksmith: Gift Pack Pauline C.

NKD's Photography: Voucher Iesha

Salamander Village Butchery: \$25 Voucher Ciara C.

Salamander Village Florist: \$40 Gift Voucher Charlotte C.

Studio 61: Facial Voucher Kiera M.

Village Grind Café: 2 x \$30 Vouchers Lucky Door Prizes

Wanda Beach Pharmacy: Lady's Pack Libby T

Wanda Beach Pharmacy: Men's Pack Daniel C

Wear Kids Play: Kids Activity Pack Karen J.

All winners have been notified.

Meetings

Next P&C meeting:

Tuesday 8th September at 7pm.

Next SIFC meeting:

Wednesday 7th October at 7pm.

All welcome in the Admin Building.

School canteen

Thank you to Cath Murray, Rebekah Newell, Deanne Cosgrove, Karen Jones, Leanne Benbow, Megan Hunt and Danielle Sharpe for all their help over the last two weeks. Roster:

Wed 9/9	Frank Renner
Thu 10/9	<i>Yr 6 Nicholas G., Josh L.</i>
Fri 11/9	Deanne Cosgrove, HELP NEEDED
Mon 14/9	Cassandra Butterworth
Wed 16/9	Megan Hunt
Fri 18/9	Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach, Deanne Cosgrove

I will be away the first week of Term 4.

Deanne Cosgrove will be running the Canteen for me and any help would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know ASAP if you cannot be there for the first two weeks so I can organise a replacement before the end of term.

Wed 7/10	Frank Renner, Michelle Campbell
Thu 8/10	<i>Yr 6 Emma C., Bree F.</i>
Fri 9/10	Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove, Rebekah Newell
Mon 12/10	Karen Jones
Wed 14/10	HELP NEEDED
Fri 16/10	Rebekah Newell, Deanne Cosgrove
Mon 19/10	Cassandra Butterworth

Have a great break and thank you again for all your help in the Canteen.

Uniform shop

The Uniform Shop is open:

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

Parents talking to Parents

Friday 11 September 2.15pm

Join us in the school hall to talk about communication in our school community, accessing child care, ethics classes and opportunities to get involved.



Education & Communities

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Nelson Bay Touch - Junior 2015/16 Registrations

Cost: \$55 per player

Where: Tomaree Sporting Complex

(Age divisions are based on State Cup Criteria for 2016)

New players must bring Birth Certificate or Passport for sighting.

Registrations close on 18th Sept 2015, so get a bunch of friends together and come down and have some fun!!

To re-register or register your team for the first time, your team manager will need to go onto Nelson Bay touch website and register your team, this will give you your unique code. Once you have that you are ready to register for the summer 2015/16 summer season simply log into www.nelsonbay.touch.asn.au and follow the prompts. This unique code will need to be passed onto each of your team members.

*If you do not have a team to play in simply register as an individual and the club will place you in a team.

All player registrations MUST BE PAID prior to taking the field. If a player has not paid their registration and is injured they are not covered by insurance & teams will forfeit competition points for every week the unregistered player plays.

If you require any further information please contact Maree Edmond Jnr Co-Ordinator 0417616865, or Elissa Doherty Jnr Co-Ordinator 0435751965



Sign On Day 13th September 2015 12.30—3pm

- ♦ Birubi Point Surf Life Saving Club
- ♦ Fees \$50 per Nipper and \$25 for one parent per family
- ♦ New members must produce a birth certificate
- ♦ For more information or to join online visit www.birubipointslsc.org.au
- ♦ Or e-mail our Junior Development officer Adam at birubinippers@outlook.com