

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday, 24 October 2016

Dear Parents,

Each year the school provides the opportunity for students in Years 3-6 to participate in the University of New South Wales testing in English, writing, mathematics, science & digital technologies. This year, two students, Adrian and Breanna, received High Distinctions. Adrian received his high distinction in mathematics and Breanna received hers in English. This is an outstanding achievement for both students as it places them amongst the best in the nation in their respective subject areas for their ages.



## Parent Survey

Thank you to all families who took the time to complete our annual Parent Survey. As I have mentioned previously, your feedback can provide us with ideas for future improvements. Now the survey is closed I will assess the findings and look for ways to improve our operations. The findings will also be published in our 2016 Annual School Report.

## Touch Success

Congratulations to our SPPS Girls' Touch Football team who placed 2nd in the Hunter Region. They made it through to Round 7 of the PSSA Touch Football Knockout, which is an outstanding achievement. The girls can be commended for their commitment, persistence, exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship.



We wish our boys' school cricket team well also as they will soon be playing their match against Ben Venue Public School in the final 16 schools.

## Organisation

As we move closer to the end of the 2016 school year we need to ensure that we are organised for 2017. One of our annual challenges is to know how many students will start school each year and to organise classes based on these numbers. To assist, we ask families with children in Kindergarten to Year 5, who will be leaving the school at the end of 2016, inform the school at your earliest convenience. This will enable us to plan our teachers and classes for next year.

If leaving, please inform the school via email, [soldierspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:soldierspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or call into the office by Thursday, October 15, so we can continue planning for next year.

*Our school community is committed to providing a supportive learning environment fostering respect, creativity and resilience. (2015)*

## Term Dates

### Term 4 – Week 3

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Shortland Wetlands - Stage 1
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	

### Term 4 – Week 4

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Claymation Workshop
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	

### Term 4 – Week 5

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Intensive Swimming
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Intensive Swimming
	P&C Meeting from 7:00
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Intensive Swimming
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Intensive Swimming
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Intensive Swimming

### Term 4 – Week 6

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Killarney Heights Band Visit
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Intensive Swimming
	Intensive Swimming
	Kindergarten 2017
	Information Session in Hall from 6:00
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Thinkfest for OC
	Intensive Swimming
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Intensive Swimming
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Intensive Swimming

### Term 4 – Week 7

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	PSSA State Cricket
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	PSSA State Cricket
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	PSSA State Cricket
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	PSSA State Cricket
	Stage 2 Camp
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Stage 2 Camp

### Term 4 – Week 8

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Kindergarten Orientation
	Twilight Bandstand @ SBPS
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Kindergarten Orientation
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Student Recognition assembly

### Term 4 – Week 9

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Kindergarten Orientation
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Kindergarten Orientation
	Band Workshop
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Kindergarten Orientation
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Celebration Day

### Term 4 – Week 10

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Term 4 Concludes for students

### Term 4 – Week 11

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Development Day

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October – 1.30pm

K-2

Hosted by 1/2D

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – 1.30pm

3-6

Hosted by 3A

**Student Collection**

We remind parents & carers to wait in the school's dedicated **Student Collection Area**, which is adjacent to our school canteen, each afternoon. All classroom teachers walk their classes to this area in the afternoon so there is no need to wait outside your child's classroom.

**Excursion Updates**

**Year 1 & 2 - Shortland Wetlands**  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October - \$20.00

**Intensive Swimming - Year 2**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November - \$65.00 (\$35.00 if you have a pool pass).

Notes for all the above have been sent home or will be sent home today.

*Please read notes carefully for payment methods.*

**OAKVALE FARM VISIT**

On Wednesday Kindergarten went on an excursion to Oakvale Farm. We started our day looking at the alligators, turtles, snakes, lizards, ducks and having a play on the playground before a tractor ride.

We then bottle-fed the baby animals, milked the cows, listened to the koala talk and patted a koala.

After lunch we met a few more animals before we then went for a long walk around Oakvale Farm. We saw lots of animals on our walk. Finally we had an ice block then caught the bus back to school.

A great day was had by all.





# P & C NEWS

## Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.30am – 9.30am

Friday 2.15pm – 3.15pm

Located behind the school canteen. Price List available on the school website, P&C website or via the Skoolbag App.

## Position vacant: P&C Secretary

The P&C are currently seeking a new secretary. Do you have basic admin skills and a few hours to spare each month? In this rewarding role you will attend the monthly P&C Meeting and meet other families attending the school. If you are interested we would love to hear from you! Please contact the P&C President at [sppspc@live.com.au](mailto:sppspc@live.com.au)

## Canteen

Thank you to Deanne Cosgrove, Rebekah Newell, Casandra Butterworth, Leanne Benbow and Karen Jones for all their help over the last two weeks.

### Roster

Wed 26/10	Michelle Campbell
Thur 27/10	Yr 6 Tamar H, Lexi B
Fri 28/10	Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow

Mon 31/10	
Wed 2/11	Karen Jones
Thu 3/11	Stella R, Ariel C
Fri 4/11	Liz Dennison, Rebekah Newell

Mon 7/11

The Canteen has some new products this term – all \$2 each:

- Frozen Yoghurt Twists in Watermelon/Mango flavour
- Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt
- Choc/Marshmallow Fandangles

## Fundraising Committee

Orders for the school commemorative tea towels and aprons have now closed. Ordered tea towels and aprons will be distributed to families late this week and early next week. For further information please contact Paula Adnam 0439 910 160.

## Meetings

All meetings are held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All welcome.

P&C Meeting: Tuesday 8 November

School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC) Meeting:

Wednesday 2 November

## Contact Us

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