

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday, 7 November 2016

Dear Parents,

Last week I had the opportunity to look through your responses to the recent *Tell Them From Me* survey which families had the opportunity to complete earlier this term. Your feedback has given us some ideas for 2017 and beyond which we're already looking into.

Of particular interest were your responses to the question, *As part of our Partners in Learning initiative, which workshops would you most likely attend?* Nearly 40% of families selected:

- *Supporting my child's mental health and wellbeing; and*
- *Cyber safety.*

These topics were far more popular than others, such as helping your child with reading and / or maths.

The staff and I will certainly look closely at how we can provide additional information and advice on these topics in 2017.

It was also great to read some of your comments responding to the question, *please tell us some things you like about our school or things that would make it even better?*

One comment which I appreciated was; *I love the way the kids all know one another as it is a smaller school, interact very positively and are encouraged in all areas.*

I sincerely thank the author of this comment and I can proudly say that I'm privileged to witness these 'positive interactions' on a daily basis.

Indeed, when I was out in the playground last week, one of our Year 5 students, Kayla, saw that a scripture teacher could do with some help taking her resources to the classroom. Kayla approached the scripture teacher and offered assistance, which was clearly appreciated. Kayla's kindness is an example to us all.



Applications for selective high school placement 2018

Parents are reminded that applications for placement into Year 7 in a selective high school in 2018 will close on Monday, 14 November, 2016. If you're interested in your child being placed into a selective high school in 2018, please ensure you submit your application on time as late applications will not be accepted. Enquiries can be made directly to the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367.

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 or call into the office so we can continue planning for next year.

Term Dates

Term 4 – Week 5

Monday 7 th November	Intensive Swimming
Tuesday 8 th November	Intensive Swimming P&C Meeting from 7:00
Wednesday 9 th November	Intensive Swimming Card Art due
Thursday 10 th November	Intensive Swimming Boys' Cricket V Ben Venue PS
Friday 11 th November	Intensive Swimming Remembrance Day Assembly

Term 4 – Week 6

Monday 14 th November	Killarney Heights Band Visit Intensive Swimming Selective High School Applications close
Tuesday 15 th November	Intensive Swimming Kindergarten 2017 Information Session in Hall from 6:00
Wednesday 16 th November	Thinkfest for OC Intensive Swimming
Thursday 17 th November	Intensive Swimming
Friday 18 th November	Intensive Swimming

Term 4 – Week 7

Monday 21 st November	Evening of Music @ SPPS PSSA State Cricket
Tuesday 22 nd November	PSSA State Cricket
Wednesday 23 rd November	PSSA State Cricket
Thursday 24 th November	PSSA State Cricket Stage 2 Camp
Friday 25 th November	Stage 2 Camp

Term 4 – Week 8

Monday 28 th November	Kindergarten Orientation Twilight Bandstand @ SBPS
Tuesday 29 th November	Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday 30 th November	Kindergarten Orientation
Thursday 1 st December	SRC Election Playtime in the Park
Friday 2 nd December	Student Recognition assembly

Term 4 – Week 9

Monday 5 th December	Kindergarten Orientation
Tuesday 6 th December	Kindergarten Orientation Band Workshop
Wednesday 7 th December	Kindergarten Orientation Combined Scripture
Thursday 8 th December	Year 6 Farewell
Friday 9 th December	Celebration Day

Term 4 – Week 10

Monday 12 th December	
Tuesday 13 th December	
Wednesday 14 th December	Student Reports Home
Thursday 15 th December	Talent Quest
Friday 16 th December	Term 4 Concludes for students

Term 4 – Week 11

Monday 19 th December	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 20 th December	Staff Development Day

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Friday 11th November
Remembrance Day – Whole School
10.30am

K-2 – 1.30pm
Hosted by KC

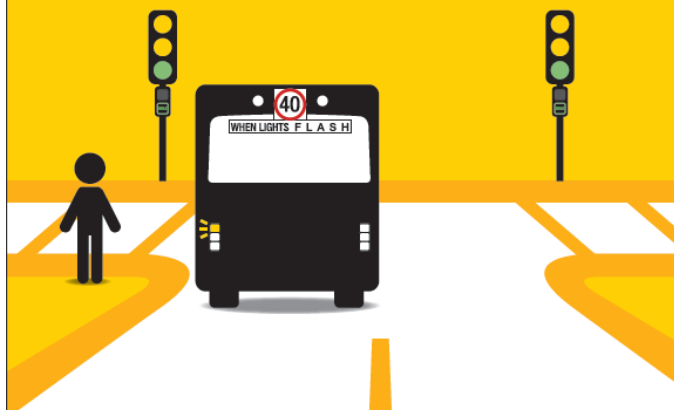
Friday 18th November – 1.30pm
3-6
Hosted by SRC

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.

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**Sunday
11th
December**

Traditional Christmas Carols

**Fly Point Park
Nelson Bay**

5:30 Community Performers
7:00 Main Event
9:00 Fireworks Display

Mary's Boy Child
Little Town of Bethlehem
Deck the Halls
God Rest You Merry Gentleman
While Shepherds Watch their Flocks
O Christmas Tree
Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer
Good King Wenceslas
Santa Clause is coming to Town
Aussie Jingle Bells
Silent Night
O Come Let Us Adore Him
Joy to the World
...and More!

Born is the King!
O' Holy Night
Jerusalem
We Three Kings
Angels we have Heard on High
Away in a Manger
Hark the Herald Angel Sings
O' Come All Ye Faithful
Aussie Jingle Bells
12 Days of Christmas
Do You Hear what I Hear
The First Noel
Little Drummer Boy

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2016



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Email:

enviroevents@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Or phone: 4980 0251



SAVE MONEY, EAT WELL, WASTE LESS

Saturday 5th November 9:30am to 11:30am

Medowie Community Centre

- A free workshop on how to reduce waste, save money and cook delicious meals.
- The workshop is about using locally produced, seasonal fresh food and cooking from scratch using a meal plan.

WASTE TOUR

Wednesday 9th November 10am to 11am

Places are limited for this once a year offer for National Recycling Week. Learn about Council's waste management practices by joining this tour of the Advanced Resource Recovery Technology (ARRT), where waste from your red bin is composted.

ENERGY OPPORTUNITY WORKSHOPS

The NSW Solar Bonus Scheme is coming to a close at the end of the 2016 year. The NSW Department of Industry invites all NSW Solar Bonus Scheme customers to attend an Energy Opportunity Workshop, where an independent energy expert will explain how the changes to the feed-in tariff will affect you, what you need to do in the lead up to the closure and the important steps you need to take. The sessions will also cover a range of clean energy opportunities/ways you can become more energy efficient to minimise your electricity bills and more. To view all the venues, dates and times for these workshops and to book your seat visit www.energyopportunityworkshops.eventbrite.com.au

This event is free of charge but there is limited seating. Please book to reserve your seat. For further information about Scheme closure visit www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/energy-consumers/solar/solar-bonus-scheme

MARINE DISCOVERY SERIES NIGHT

Wednesday 23rd November 6:30pm

Tomaree Library and Community Centre, Town Centre Circuit,
Salamander Bay

The night will showcase some of the various citizen science activities which are being conducted by organisations and groups in our local marine environment. Annual dolphin census, rockpool/marine surveys, Sea Slug Census, migratory whale numbers and the various populations inhabiting Cabbage Tree Island. Come along and see what amazing marine life we have in our backyard as well as have the opportunity to speak further with these timeless warriors and their citizen science crusades.

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.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8 November**. All meetings are held in the School Administration Building at 7pm.

All welcome.

Canteen

Thankyou to Paula Adnam, Michelle Campbell, Rebekah Newell, Deanne Cosgrove, Karen Jones, Leanne Benbow, Casandra Butterworth and Liz Dennison for all their help over the last two weeks.

Roster

Wed 9/11	Matt Connor
Thur 10/11	Yr 6 - Nicholas D, Cale G
Fri 11/11	Leanne Benbow, Julie Thomson
Mon 14/11	Casandra Butterworth
Wed 16/11	Michelle Campbell
Thur 17/11	Yr 6 - Grace B, Abbey L
Fri 18/11	Liz Dennison, Rebekah Newell
Mon 21/11	Help Needed

Thankyou
Paula

Contact Us

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