

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday, 5 December 2016

Dear Parents,

With the end of the school year only a matter of weeks away, I've included dates of some of our school events to assist with your organisation. The following activities will take place over the next fortnight:

- *Our scripture Christmas assembly will be held on Wednesday, December 7, from 11:30-12:00 in the hall. All students who normally attend weekly scripture shall be attending;*
- *We'll be recognising our Year 6 students at their Farewell on Thursday, December 8; and*
- *Friday, December 9, we'll be holding our 2016 Celebration Day.*

Celebration Day is unquestionably the most significant of our annual school events. It is intended to be a reflection on the school year where we share & celebrate the impressive talents of our students.

Our Celebration Day assembly will be held in the school hall from 9:30AM.

Merry Christmas

As next Friday, December 16, will be the last day for our students, I would like to wish all families a merry Christmas and a happy start to 2017.

I look forward to seeing you in 2017 poised and prepared for school. All students in Years 1-6 will be commencing on Monday, January 30.

Students starting Kindergarten will be undertaking their Best Start assessment from Monday, January 30, until Thursday, February 2, and then commencing on Friday, February 3.

Book Packs 2017

To assist with your organisation for next year I have included the anticipated cost of Book Packs.

Year	Amount
Kindergarten	\$110.00
Year 1	\$90.00
Year 2	\$90.00
Year 3	\$95.00
Year 4	\$95.00
Year 5	\$90.00
Year 6	\$90.00

What's in a Book Pack?

Book Packs include *all* stationery items your child will require throughout the year. Each Book Pack comprises items such as: text books, exercise books, pens, pencils, glue, ruler etc. In 2017, all Book Packs include a subscription to Mathletics, which students will be using instead of a text book for mathematics. Stage 3's Pack also includes a subscription to School Magazine, which is a literacy resource.

As has been the case since 2013, each Book Pack includes a *voluntary technology contribution*. This voluntary contribution, which will be \$20.00 in 2017, enables the school to sustain and improve our current technological resources.

Since introducing the voluntary technology contribution, we have been able to install wireless access points (Wi-Fi) across the school, purchase additional iPads, as well as replace data projectors and interactive whiteboards. In 2017 we aim to replace a further 4 interactive whiteboards (IWB) which will cost in excess of \$28,000.00.

Families finding it difficult to meet these initial expenses are most welcome to make part-payments throughout the year.

Student Reports

On Wednesday, December 14, all students will be given their Semester 2 Student Report. The reports will be given to all children in a sealed envelope and it is expected that it will be delivered home to parents unopened. We encourage parents to read the report together with their child discussing the positives and possible goals for future improvement.

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, to inform the school at your earliest convenience. This will enable us to accurately 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 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	Stage 1 Party Day
Tuesday 13 th December	Early Stage 1 Party Day Stage 2 Movie / Pizza Day
Wednesday 14 th December	Stage 3 Picnic 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

CELEBRATION DAY ASSEMBLY

Friday 9th December at 9.30am

All Welcome

Band & Choir Workshops – don't miss this fantastic opportunity

When: Tuesday 6th December

Time: 11.30am – 2.00pm

Choir – Vocal Workshop with Jacki Cooper

Band – Band Workshop with John Morrison

Cost: \$6.00 payable to the school office

Update - Year 6 to 7 Transition Parent Information night/disco on Monday 5th December

For your convenience, the office at Tomaree High School will remain open during the Parent Information Night/social on Monday December 5.

This will give parents the opportunity to buy Year 7 Book Packs which cost \$47.00 and/or pay school fees and the Year 7 camp deposit. Get in early and beat the rush!

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop

The last day the Uniform Shop will be open in 2016 is Friday 16 December. General opening times during the 2017 school term will be:

Tuesday 8.30am – 9.30am

Friday 2.15pm – 3.15pm

To assist in preparation for Term 1, 2017 the Uniform Shop will also open on

Monday 30 January between 9-10am.

The shop is located behind the school canteen. A price list is available on the school website, P&C website or via the Skoolbag App.

Meetings

Last meetings for 2016! We provide a friendly space to chat. All are welcome.

SIFC Meeting: Wednesday 7 December

P&C Meeting: Tuesday 13 December

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

Canteen

Thank you to Michelle, Matt, Julie, Rebekah, Deanne, Karen, Leanne, Casandra and Liz for all their help over the last two weeks. If you are not sure about the roster for the last two weeks of term please see Paula in the canteen on or after Wednesday 7 December.

The canteen may run out of some items as we prepare for closing over the next two weeks. If student orders cannot be filled, a similar alternative will be offered.

Also, a friendly reminder about the canteen volunteer dinner being held on Thursday 15 December at Soldiers Point Bowling Club from 6.30pm. All canteen volunteers are invited to celebrate the end of another successful year - only made possible by your dedicated efforts.

We wish you and your family a happy and safe festive season.

Contact Us

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Soldiers Point Public School Parents



Welcome to Williamtown!

Defence Community Organisation is hosting a family day and expo to welcome Defence families to Williamtown.

ADF members and their families are invited to a family day where there will be community information, free morning tea and children's activities including a jumping castle, face painting and more. Fun for everyone!

WHERE Fighterworld, Medowie Road, Williamtown
WHEN Sunday 26 February 2017, 10am–12pm
RSVP required. Email DCO.HunterRIMS@defence.gov.au with:
 – member's name and PMKeyS number
 – number of adults and children attending
 – your contact number and email

MORE INFO www.defence.gov.au/dco

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Coffee and Chat Morning Tea DCO Hunter



Defence Community Organisation is hosting a Coffee and Chat morning tea

DCO Hunter would like to invite Defence spouses/partners to a morning tea.

This is a great opportunity to meet other Defence spouses/partners in a social, child friendly setting. DCO Hunter will provide a FREE coffee and cake.

The morning tea is open to ALL Defence spouses/partners. Please RSVP for catering purposes.

WHERE McDonalds Williamtown (Party Room)

WHEN Tuesday 06 December 2016

RSVP DCO.HunterRIMS@defence.gov.au by COB 29 November 2016



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