

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday • February 29 • 2016

Dear Parents,

As a community, it's important that we generate a respect for our environment and manage it in a responsible way. It is for this reason we regularly engage our students with environmental initiatives at school. This week we will be participating in a number of activities and would appreciate your support. Activities include:

Date	Activity
Friday, March 4	Ride 2 School Day
Friday, March 4	Clean Up Our School
Saturday, March 19	Earth Hour (8:30-9:30)

On Friday, March 4, we'd love to see lots of families wheeling their way to school in support of **Ride 2 School Day**. Not only will students feel fresh and alert after their morning ride, there will be fewer cars around the school which will ease congestion at drop off & pick up time.

This day will also be the Student Representative Council's (SRC) first fund-raiser for 2016. The SRC is keen to raise funds to purchase some additional bike racks for the school. At present we can accommodate up to 36 bikes in our bike racks but we would love to see this grow to around 50.

To show their support, students are permitted & encouraged to come to school dressed out of uniform on Friday, March 4. Students are asked to donate a gold coin, which will go toward purchasing additional bike racks.

Ride 2 School this Friday

For **Clean Up Our School Day** (also Friday, March 4) all students will be cleaning a specific area within or just outside the school grounds. Please send along a glove with your child on this day.



Playground Update

The playground is due to be completed this week. We anticipate the builder will be returning to finish spreading the soft-fall later this week, either Tuesday or Wednesday. This should see us removing the fencing and opening the playground by Thursday. I sincerely thank the students for their patience as I know they're all keen to open the playground.

Welcome BBQ

The P&C will be holding the annual Welcome BBQ on Friday, March 4, which all school families are welcome to attend. The Welcome BBQ is a social night and a terrific opportunity for families new to the school to meet some of our established families. So please join us on the night.

Please note: as this function is being held at school and children will be present the consumption of alcohol is not permitted.

Term Dates

Term 1 – Week 6

Monday 29 th February	
Tuesday 1 st March	
Wednesday 2 nd March	School Improvement & Finance Committee Meeting @ 7:00pm
Thursday 3 rd March	Hunter Region Swimming Carnival
	School Bus Safety Talk K-6 at school 12.00pm
Friday 4 th March	Ride 2 School Day Clean Up Our School Welcome BBQ

Term 1 – Week 7

Monday 7 th March	
Tuesday 8 th March	Hunter Region AFL P&C Meeting @ 7:00pm
Wednesday 9 th March	
Thursday 10 th March	Selective High School Test
Friday 11 th March	

Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 14 th March	
Tuesday 15 th March	Rugby 7's @ Medowie
Wednesday 16 th March	
Thursday 17 st March	
Friday 18 th March	

Term 1 – Week 9

Monday 21 st March	
Tuesday 22 nd March	
Wednesday 23 rd March	
Thursday 24 th March	Visiting performance, <i>Being Brave</i> for Years 3-6
Friday 25 th March	Good Friday

Term 1 – Week 10

Monday 28 th March	Easter Monday
Tuesday 29 st March	School Photos
Wednesday 30 th March	
Thursday 31 st March	
Friday 1 st April	

Term 1 – Week 11

Monday 4 th April	
Tuesday 5 th April	
Wednesday 6 th April	
Thursday 7 th April	Visiting performance, <i>Being Brave</i> for Years K-2
	Pedlar's Parade
Friday 8 st April	Term 1 Concludes

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 4th May @ 1.30pm
3-6 Assembly Hosted by 5/6M

Friday 11th May @ 1.30pm
K-2 Assembly Hosted by 1/2E

Tennis - Congratulations to Harrison W for being selected to represent the school at the Hunter Regional Tennis Trials.

Swimming - Congratulations to Ebony N for being selected to represent the school at the Hunter Regional Swimming Trials on Thursday 3 March. Ebony will be competing in Butterfly, Backstroke and Freestyle.

AFL - Congratulations to Cooper L, Jake C and Nic D for being selected to represent the school at the Hunter Regional AFL Trials on Tuesday 8 March.

National Ride2School Fund-raiser

This coming **Friday 4th March 2016** is National Ride to School Day. This year SPPS SRC are holding an out of uniform day to help raise money for the **purchase of more bike racks**. There are many students that ride their bike to school and we are running out of room to store them safely.

Each student who is out of school uniform is asked to bring a **gold coin donation** to support our fund-raising.

Do Not Wear: singlets or thongs.

Do Wear: a hat, it doesn't have to be a school hat but make sure it is sun safe and wear appropriate shoes.

School Photos

School Photo Day will be **Tuesday 29th March**. Photo envelopes (see image below) will be sent home soon. Parents may choose to either order online at www.newcastleschoolportraits.com **Shoot Code: 165632** or by returning the photo envelope **on photo day**, with the correct money enclosed. **(No change can be given)**

Family photo envelopes are available from the school office or order online with code above.

Newcastle School Portraits 21 Broadmeadow Rd Broadmeadow NSW 2292
 admin@newcastleschoolportraits.com www.newcastleschoolportraits.com Ph: 4965 4114

School: _____

Students Name: _____ Class: _____

Parents/Guardian Mobile: _____ Fathers Copy ☐
 Mothers Copy ☐

To order online visit www.newcastleschoolportraits.com Soldiers Point Public School Shoot Code 165632

Standard Packages

Qty Ordered **B Pack** \$40
 1-15x7 1/2 (2.5x3.5) 4-Vallets
 5.6x12" Enlargement
 Cover Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo
 Free low res Digital Image of individual

Qty Ordered **C Pack** \$35
 1-15x7 1/2 (2.5x3.5) 4-Vallets
 Cover Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo
 Free low res Digital Image of individual

Qty Ordered **D Pack** \$22
 Cover Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo

Qty Ordered **E Pack** \$20
 1-15x7 1/2 (2.5x3.5) 4-Vallets

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____
 Sorry No Change given

Or Payment enclosed with siblings. NAME: _____ Class: _____

Please return envelope on photo day with money enclosed. Please do not return it using online ordering system.

Family photo envelopes are available from your school office or order online.

From the Office

If your child requires medication to be administered at school or has an asthma or medical plan, please come to the office to check all details are correct.

If you have a new home address or changed personal or emergency phone numbers, please let us know ASAP. This is imperative for your child's welfare and safety.

The office accepts cash, cheque or EFTPOS for all school payments (excluding uniform shop).

We are also now accepting payments online via the school's Website.

<http://www.soldierspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

By selecting the **\$Make a payment** link you will be taken to the secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page. (when requested to enter the student registration number, use the Student Name)

Thank you

BEING BRAVE

Brainstorm Productions

Brainstorm Productions will be presenting 'Being Brave', a performance about strategies for building resilience and emotional wellbeing.

Being Brave is a live theatre production which will help students accept change, deal with their emotions and bounce back when things go wrong. The production is inspirational and empowering, providing kids with strategies such as good communication and positive self-talk, to help make them more resilient and able to navigate life's storms.

Cost: \$5.00 per student

When: Thursday 24th March Years 3-6
 Thursday 7th April Years K-2

Reminder

Year 7 - 2017

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held at Tomaree High School on Thursday 10 March @9.00am.

Parents should drop students off at the test centre by 9.00am and return promptly at 1.30pm to pick them up.

P&C news

Welcome Back BBQ 2016

Friday 4th March.

5-7pm.

ALL WELCOME!

Come along to welcome back in 2016 – all kids from all years welcome.

Jumping castles, BBQ sausages, drinks and snacks available.

BYO fold up chairs and picnic rugs.

If you would like to help out, please contact Paula or Deanne in the canteen.

Uniform shop

The Uniform Shop is open:

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

Meetings

Please note that the next P&C meeting is our annual AGM.

Next SIFC meeting:

Wednesday 2nd March at 7pm.

AGM meeting + P&C meeting:

Tuesday 8th March at 7pm.

All welcome in the Admin Building.

General info about your P&C

The P&C is in need of volunteers to fill the executive roles. If these positions are not filled, there will not be a P&C.

We have an Annual General Meeting where all positions on the P&C become vacant and are then filled by volunteers.

If you would like to be involved, please come along to the AGM on Tuesday 8th March.