

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday • March 14 • 2016

Dear Parents,

Well done to all students, parents & staff who supported National Ride 2 School Day on Friday, March 4. As you can see below in the picture below we had in excess of 100 students ride or scoot their way to school, which is a mighty effort.



The school's Student Representative Council's (SRC) thank everyone for their generous donations, which totaled \$385.70, and will go toward purchasing additional bike racks for the school.

## Awesome Sports

Already this year we have had numerous students vie for selection in a range of sports at school, Port Stephens Zone & Hunter Regional level. The following students have been successful at Zone level and have or will compete at the Hunter Regional or State level:

Sport	Students
Swimming	Ebony N
Tennis	Harrison W
AFL	Cooper L, Jake C & Nicholas D

Ebony will be competing in the 50 metre butterfly, backstroke & freestyle at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships at Homebush later this term.

Congratulations to all of the above students on their efforts so far and we wish them well with future events.

## NAPLAN 2016

All students in Years 3 and 5 will receive a letter outlining the dates and procedures for this year's National Assessment Program in Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN was also mentioned at the Parent Information Sessions earlier in the year. I recommend parents of students in Years 3 & 5 read the letter and phone the school if you have any specific questions.

## Clean Up Our School Day

On the 4th of March, our school participated in Clean Up Australia Day by cleaning up our school. Our class and some other Stage 3 classes cleaned up the area around the top oval. We had to wear gloves to pick up the rubbish. Two of our classmates were handed recyclable rubbish bags where we placed the rubbish when we found some. There wasn't much rubbish to clean up which was great because that means we are keeping our school tidy. Now our school is cleaner than before and we can now play in a clean and tidy area.

Korie C, 5/6SE

On the 4th of March 2016, students from Soldiers Point Public School participated in a school clean up day. We found lots of empty bottles and several lolly wrappers. Our teachers gave each class two big rubbish bags and every piece of rubbish that we found had the luxury of being put into one of the bags. Now our school is a cleaner place for us to play.

Will F, 5/6SE

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March, all of the Soldiers Point Public School went to different sections of the school and picked up rubbish. It was a surprise how much rubbish there was to the right of the top field. I found twelve TNT wrappers in the bush. We used special rubbish bags that could be recycled. This is very important because our school is very close to the ocean and if we didn't do it many animals could die by swallowing the rubbish.

Cooper T, 5/6SE

## Term Dates

### Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Rugby 7's has been cancelled
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Cricket (boys) V T
Thursday 17 <sup>st</sup> March	Zone Soccer Trials
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	3-6 Assembly @1.30pm

### Term 1 – Week 9

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Harmony Day
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Teddy Bears' Picnic - Kinder
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	School Athletics Carnival
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Tomaree High – Yr 7 Info Night
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Cricket (girls) V Tanilba Bay PS
	Visiting performance, <i>Being Brave</i> for Years 3-6
	Good Friday

### Term 1 – Week 10

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

### Term 1 – Week 11

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

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March @1.30pm  
3-6 Assembly Hosted by 5/6SE

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March - GOOD FRIDAY  
No Assembly

## Playground Open

The playground is now open & operating. The students are thoroughly enjoying their time on the equipment as can be seen below.



## School Photos

School Photo Day will be **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. Photo envelopes (see image below) will be sent home soon.

Parents may choose to either order online at [www.newcastleschoolportraits.com](http://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.

<b>Newcastle School Portraits</b> 21 Broadmeadow Rd Broadmeadow NSW 2292 admin@newcastleschoolportraits.com www.newcastleschoolportraits.com Ph: 4965 4114	
School: _____ Students Name: _____ Class: _____ Parents/Guardian Mobile: _____ Fathers Copy <input type="checkbox"/> Mothers Copy <input type="checkbox"/>	
To order online visit <a href="http://www.newcastleschoolportraits.com">www.newcastleschoolportraits.com</a>	
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**Years 3-6**

***Would your like child to learn a Musical Instrument with the aim of joining our wonderful Concert Band?***

At Soldiers Point School there are currently a variety of instruments available to hire. This is a great opportunity for your child to hire a musical instrument at a discount price.

Currently we have the following instruments available:

Flute - \$30/term	Trumpet - \$35/term
Alto Sax - \$40/term	Tenor Sax - \$40/term
Clarinet - \$30/term	Trombone - \$40/term

***If your child is interested in this opportunity, please come to the office for an expression of interest note.***

It is expected that upon hiring an instrument children will participate in lessons provided by our specialist music tutor Bianca Wilson. (These lessons are an additional cost and are invoiced and paid directly to Bianca.)

**HARMONY DAY**

Students are asked to celebrate Harmony Day on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Students have been asked what Harmony Day means to them and many students have shared their understanding through art. Some of these art works will be on display in the hall

To support this day students are asked to wear orange, the colour identified with harmony. No donations required – just smiles!

Reminder hats and enclosed shoes are required.

**YEAR 7  
CLASSES  
2017**

**TOMAREE HIGH  
SCHOOL**

**Year 7 - 2017 Information Night**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**

**Location:** Tomaree High School MPC

**Time:** 6pm School tour  
7pm Information session

In 2017 Tomaree High School will offer the following specialist classes

- Talented Sports Program
- Academic Extension
- Creative and Performing Arts

Application Packs available Term 1, 2016  
Applications close 2.00pm Thursday June 16 2016.  
CAPA Audition Day Tuesday July 19, 2016  
Academic Selection Day Wednesday July 20, 2016  
Talented Sports Selection Day Thursday July 21, 2016

**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 24<sup>th</sup> March    Years 3-6  
                 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April        Years K-2

## Yoga Kids



- Develops social/emotional awareness and skills
- Promotes relaxation, attention, mindfulness and focus
- Encourages physical fitness and character development
- Improves co-ordination, flexibility, strength and balance
- Develops self-esteem, confidence and creativity

### FUN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5 – 12 YEARS...

Located at: **BAYFIT**, Ground Floor – 5 Horizons Drive, Salamander Bay. Classes run: **Mondays and Wednesdays** 4:30 – 5:15pm  
Phone: **Debbie on 0490 190 284** for more info...



**FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!**

**Are you worried about your child's weight?**

Go to [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au) to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities and learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

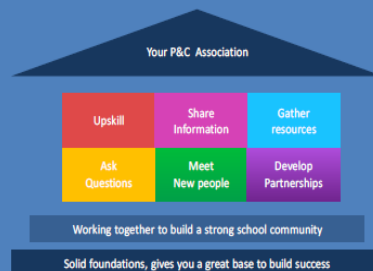
Go to [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au) or call 1800 780 900 to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

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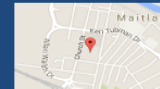
## Express Engage and Enlighten State-wide Forums

### "Building Capacity in Our P&Cs"

P&C Federation would like to cordially invite your P&C to attend our forum



Hunter Electorate



**When:**  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Where:**  
Maitland Public School  
70 Elgin St, Maitland NSW  
2320

**Time:** 10am – 2pm  
Registration from 9.30am

**Light lunch and refreshments provided**

**Registration Open Now!**

Click to [Register](#)  
For Further information  
Call Debbie:  
Ph: 1300 885 982  
or

Email: [projects@pandc.org.au](mailto:projects@pandc.org.au)  
RSVP: 5pm  
11<sup>th</sup> May 2016



# P&C news

## Meetings

Next SIFC meeting:  
**Wednesday 6th April at 7pm.**

Next P&C meeting:  
**Tuesday 10th May at 7pm.**

All welcome in the Admin Building.

## New P&C Office Bearers

At our AGM on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March new office bearers were elected. Welcome to our new P&C team:

- President: Paula Adnam
- Secretary: Frank Renner
- Treasurer: Janine Wright
- Canteen Convenor: Karen Jones
- Uniform shop Convenors: Karen Jones & Brooke Hill
- SIFC Officer: Tristen Cosgrove
- Publicity Officer: Brenda Madden
- Fundraising Officers: Melanie Bonniface, Kirsty Webb, Annette Buiwydas.

2016 is going to be good! Watch this space to see how you could be involved with the P&C to help make our kid's school an even better place.

## School canteen

Thank you to Karen Jones, Rebekah Newell, Liz Dennison, Michelle Campbell, Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow, Matt Connor and Lynda Simon for all their help over the last two weeks.

A HUGE thank you to all who helped at the Welcome BBQ. Two new industrial fans have been purchased and should be in operation very soon. The Canteen should be a much cooler place when these fans are installed. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Salamander Village Butcher for their generous support of the Welcome BBQ in providing the sausages.



### Canteen Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

Fruit, Choc Chip and Non-fruit Hot Cross Buns will be ordered fresh from Thomsons Bakery. Orders need to be in by 3pm Friday 18th March for fresh delivery on Wednesday 23rd March. You can pick them up from the Canteen or we can send them home with your child. An order form will be sent home today.

Please fill it in and return to the Office or Canteen with your payment by Friday 18th March. NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

### Roster:

Wed 16/3	Matt Connor
Thur 17/3	Yr 6: Erika L., Mackenzie L., Alannah B.
Fri 18/3	Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow
Mon 21/3	Corrin West-Richards
Wed 23/3	Frank Renner
Thu 24/3	Yr 6: Ryan B., Dane C.
Fri 25/3	GOOD FRIDAY

## Uniform shop

The Uniform Shop is open:

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

## P&C Facebook page

Visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Soldiers Point Public School Parents.