

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Thursday • April 28 • 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Soldiers Point for what will be a *wonderful* term. I trust families had a fun holiday with opportunities to spend some special time together.

Thank you to the families who joined us for the 2016 ANZAC Day march and service in Nelson Bay. This year we had approximately 40 students participate in the march who were supported by several staff members and parents.

Adjacent is a photo of Jorja & Harrison laying the school's wreath.



Tomorrow, April 29, we will continue with our commemoration of ANZAC Day with a whole school assembly at 1:30pm in the school hall. We will have a guest speaker from Williamstown RAAF Base attending along with other guests.

I would like to extend my thanks to Danielle Robinson, our Defence Transition Aide, for her coordination of this year's activities.

Staffing Update

As some of you will be aware, Miss Enseby relocated to the north coast of New South Wales at the end of Term 1 to be closer to her family. This position has now been filled by Miss Michelle Lawrence. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Miss Lawrence to Soldiers Point Public School.

Grounds Update

As you may have noticed, the school has had a number of improvements carried out during the break. A new path has been constructed on the northern side of the school's administration block; and several trees were removed from the area adjacent to the playground equipment.

I'd like to extend my thanks to the staff and community members who made time to join us on Saturday, April 9, for the Working Bee. The morning was spent tidying up the Remembrance Garden, along with several other gardens, which was a huge help.

• NAPLAN 2015

As was mentioned at the end of Term 1, our Year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) shortly.

Tuesday, May 10	Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday, May 11	Reading
Thursday, May 12	Numeracy

• We wish all our Year 3 and 5 students well with their assessment tasks.

Newsletter Dates

Throughout Term 2 our administration staff will be undertaking a significant amount of professional learning as we transfer to new Department of Education administration software. As this will impact on our office management, the school newsletter will be distributed on the following dates:

Newsletter 2	Friday, May 13
Newsletter 3	Friday, May 27
Newsletter 4	Friday, June 10
Newsletter 5	Friday, June 24

Term Dates

Term 2 – Week 1

Monday 25 TH April	ANZAC Day
Tuesday 26 TH April	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 27 th April	Students Commence
Thursday 28 th April	
Friday 29 th April	Girls' Softball
	ANZAC Day Assembly

Term 2 – Week 2

Monday 2 nd May	
Tuesday 3 rd May	
Wednesday 4 th May	School Improvement & Finance Committee Meeting from 7:00pm
Thursday 5 th May	Rugby 7's
Friday 6 th May	Port Stephens Zone Cross Country

Term 2 – Week 3

Monday 9 th May	
Tuesday 10 th May	NAPLAN
	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 11 th May	NAPLAN
Thursday 12 th May	NAPLAN
Friday 13 th May	

Term 2 – Week 4

Monday 16 th May	Paul Kelly Cup (AFL)
Tuesday 17 th May	
Wednesday 18 th May	Girls' Soccer v Tanilba Bay
Thursday 19 th May	
Friday 20 th May	

Term 2 – Week 5

Monday 23 rd May	
Tuesday 24 th May	
Wednesday 25 th May	
Thursday 26 th May	
Friday 27 th May	

Term 2 – Week 6

Monday 30 th May	
Tuesday 31 st May	Musica Viva
Wednesday 1 st June	
Thursday 2 nd June	
Friday 3 rd June	

Term 2 – Week 7

Monday 6 th June	
Tuesday 7 th June	
Wednesday 8 th June	School Improvement & Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday 9 th June	
Friday 10 th June	

Term 2 – Week 8

Monday 13 th June	Public Holiday
Tuesday 14 th June	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 15 th June	
Thursday 16 th June	All Schools Knockout (Under 10 rugby league)
Friday 17 th June	

Term 2 – Week 9

Monday 20 th June	
Tuesday 21 st June	
Wednesday 22 nd June	
Thursday 23 rd June	
Friday 24 th June	

Term 2 – Week 10

Monday 27 th June	Life Education
Tuesday 28 th June	Life Education
Wednesday 29 th June	Life Education
Thursday 30 th June	Life Education
Friday 1 st July	Life Education

HUNTER SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL

If you wish to apply for your child to attend the above school in Year 7 in 2017, please apply on-line at www.huntersports.com.au

Applications close 2nd May 2016. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 29th April @ 1.30pm

K-6

ANZAC Assembly

Hosted by SRC

Friday 6th May @ 1.30pm

K-6

Class Councillor Induction

Hosted by SRC

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 for hire. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn 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.)

Year 5 Entry to OC class in 2017

Application are now open

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Website closes on 13th May 2016. No late applications will be accepted.

TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7 – 2017 specialist Classes

Application packages are available from High School Office or at www.tomaree-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Applications close 2pm 16th June 2016

From the Office

Our school will transition to a new NSW public schools' finance system on **15th June 2016**.

This change will have an impact on the school's office in the following ways.

- Simone and Bronwyn will be out of the office for 11 days for training. These days are spread across this term and Mrs Denise Diemar will be in the office on these days.
- **Between 6th June and 15th June 2016**, we will not be able to accept any payments at the office or online.
- On **Tuesday 14th June** the office will be closed to enquiries, payments etc and will be only dealing with students who are sick or need assistance.

Newsletter will be produced and distributed on Fridays in Term 2.

As from **16th June 2016** cash, cheque, EFTPOS and online payments (POP) will be accepted as before in the same manner.

Once the new finance system goes live you may notice a difference in student invoices, cash register receipts or reports that you request.

Any questions please contact Bronwyn Sherman in the office. Thank you

P&C news

Fundraising Committee

Lawn Sale

Thank you for all of your generous donations. The Lawn Sale is set for Saturday, 30 April starting at 8am. We still require some extra helpers on the day so if you have an hour or two to spare it would be most appreciated. Please let Kirsty know if you are able to assist (kirstymw@hotmail.com). We are also having a **cake stall** so if you love to bake please donate items to us on the morning of Lawn Sale. Drop in and say hello!

Event: Lawn Sale (garage sale)

Date: Saturday 30 April, 2016

Location: Soldiers Point Public School

Time: 8am – 12 noon

Parent Connect Session

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Parent Connect session in early April. Results from face-to-face and online surveys will be made available soon.

Meetings

Meetings are held in the School Administration Building at 7pm on the date shown. All are welcome to attend.

School Improvement and Finance Committee

(SIFC) Meeting

Wednesday 4 May, 2016

Thank you to parents who participated in the Focus Group discussion with representatives of Tomaree High School during our April meeting.

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 10 May, 2016

School Banking

A reminder that school banking day is TUESDAY each week. Bank books are collected in classrooms each Tuesday and usually returned to students the following day.

Canteen

Welcome back all our wonderful volunteers, we hope you had a fantastic break.

Roster

Fri 29/4	Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove,
Mon 2/5	Karen Jones
Wed 4/5	Matt Connor
Fri 6/5	Rebekah Newell, Liz Dennison
Mon 9/5	Cassandra Butterworth
Wed 11/5	Frank Renner
Fri 13/5	Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove

Canteen staff would like to respectfully request that parents do not send two minute noodles to school that require boiling water. Boiling water is a burn hazard. One of our Mums has suggested preparing them before school in a small insulated flask. These flasks are available from the major supermarkets for around \$8.00. Thank you for your cooperation.

Uniform Shop

Winter polar fleece jackets & bomber jackets have arrived! The Uniform Price List is available on the 'Skoolbag App' and on the school website www.soldierspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Opening times:

Tuesday 8.30–9.30am

Friday 2.15–3.15pm

Contact Us

Have a suggestion or need more information?

P&C President

Ms. Paula Adnam

E: sppspc@live.com.au

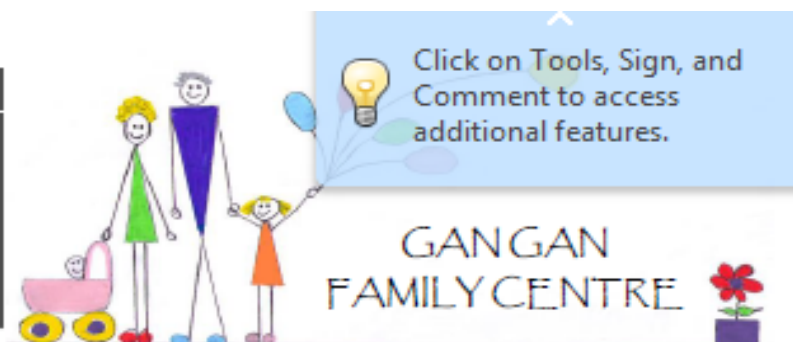
School Parent Facebook page

Visit www.facebook.com and search for 'Soldiers Point Public School Parents'.

NOTE: This is a school *parent coordinated* Facebook page (closed group) not to be confused with the School's NEW Facebook page 'Soldiers Point Public School' which will be coordinated by school staff

SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES PROGRAM

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191 Gan Gan Road Anna Bay NSW 2316
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TERM TWO 2016

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27 - FRIDAY JULY 1

Family Support Newcastle's Family Relationship Skills Project and Gan Gan Family Centre, would like to invite parents or care-givers of children under the age of eight years to a

FREE 4 session group program

**Staying focused on Kids
in the midst of life's challenges**

Discussions may include:

- Naming the range of challenges we face in our day to day lives
- Effects of difficult life circumstances on ourselves and our relationships
- Where does the time go? – Prioritising the ten thousand things
- Doing what matters most and in turn, reducing stress
- Does "Guilt" get in the way?

When: 10th June to 1st July, (FRIDAYS over 4 weeks)

Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

FREE Morning Tea and Children's Activities provided
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

In partnership with the Benevolent Society, Gan Gan Family Centre is holding the Internationally acclaimed parenting program:

Circle of Security

The Circle of Security is a six session practical program which helps parents and carers to understand their children's relationship needs and how to support them.

This course gives suggestions for:

- building supportive relationships between parents/carers and children
- developing children's self-esteem and ability to handle their emotions

When: Monday May 9 to June 20,
(Mondays over 6 weeks)

Time: 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

FREE Afternoon Tea and Children's Activities
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Do you have a child starting school on the Tomaree Peninsula in 2017 ?

**You are invited to a community
Transition to School event.**

Talk to representatives from schools on the Tomaree Peninsula

Listen to guest speakers such as a Speech Therapist, an Occupational Therapist and an Educational Consultant.

Find answers to some of your questions:

When do I enrol my child and how do I go about it?
How can I help my child have a good start to school?
What can I do to help my child's learning?

Where: Tomaree Public School Hall
Salamander Way, Salamander Bay

When: WEDNESDAY 25th May
Time: 6.30 pm

TOMAREE YOUNG PARENTS GROUP

For all parents who are under 25 years old. Come along to meet other parents, share your experiences, join in some activities or sit back and relax.

DATES: Every Tuesday: 10.30 am to 12 noon
Morning tea provided

For more information or to RSVP Contact:
DANIELLE @ YPN on 0439 750 310

MEETING DATES THIS TERM:

BAY GAPS(Grandparents as Parents): Every Wed@10 am
YOUNG PARENTS GROUP: Every Tues@10.30 am
FAMILY LAW CONSULT: Thurs by appointment
VICTIMS SUPPORT COUNSELLOR: Weds by appointment

 Find us on
Facebook

TERM TWO 2016

GROUPS FOR NEW PARENTS

EARLY PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP

For new mums and dads with babies aged 0 – 3 months.

Facilitated by the Child & Family Health Nurse.

Come along and chat about the joys and challenges of parenting.

Four weekly sessions commencing:

THURSDAY 5 May: 10.00 am to 12 noon.

For more info phone: 4924 2588.

BABY MASSAGE (Newborn to 6 months)

A course for parents & their babies to enhance bonding & empower parents in the care of their baby.

Assists with colic and digestion, stimulates baby's growth & development & helps baby sleep better.

FRIDAY 20 May 10 am to 12 noon

Booking Required. \$35.00 for the five sessions.

Ring Clare: 0421 678 680

PLAYGROUPS AT THE CENTRE



**READY, SET
FOR SCHOOL**

A TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PLAYGROUP!

The READY, SET FOR SCHOOL program targets children commencing school in 2016

Our fun structured 90 minute sessions allow your child to develop their skills and confidence through play based learning experiences.

Held each **THURSDAY 10.00 am – 11.30 am.**

Younger Siblings are Welcome.

**STARTS THURSDAY 12th May
TAKING BOOKINGS NOW**

MESSY PLAY

Messy Play program is for children aged 0 -5 years.

Childcare staff from Good Start Early Learning, Anna Bay facilitate the session each week.

Come and join us for structured messy play activities and learn the importance of sensory play with your child.

TUESDAYS commencing 3 May
10 am – 12 noon

* Bookings essential.



PLAYCONNECT PLAYGROUP

A fun, educational playgroup for families with children, 0-5 years with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Autism like symptoms

Your child does not need a diagnosis to join.

Every **WEDNESDAY 10.00 am – 12 noon**

*Booking required.

Ring Tracy; 0410 476 128

SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP (Newborn to 5 Years)

Supported Playgroup is held in partnership with the Benevolent Society and provides opportunity for parents and children to enhance their relationship in a supportive environment, increase their skills and confidence and develop valuable social and family support networks.

Held every **MONDAY** in the School Term.

Time: 9.30 am -11.30 am. *Booking required

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OPEN WEEKDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM

9.00 AM – 11.00 AM.

NEW TOYS HAVE JUST ARRIVED



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