

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June • 2016

Dear Parents,

It has been a privilege to observe the growth of our students as they have progressed through Semester 1. Many of our youngest children are now reading familiar words with greater confidence and trying to write basic sentences, whilst our seniors are reading more demanding texts that have increasing levels of technicality. We certainly have some clever and creative students at SPPS who, with our combined guidance and encouragement, will continue to grow.

Each semester I relish the opportunity to read our students' reports. It is wonderful to read about the progress each child has made, whether in the key learning areas or their overall development as learners. So many of our students are curious about the wider world, genuinely care for others and demonstrate true enthusiasm for learning. All of this reinforces to me that our school is a great place to learn.

Your child's Semester 1 report will be sent home with your child on Wednesday, June 29. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, each report documents the expected learning that has taken place throughout Semester 1. It may also identify areas which may require specific attention and this is where parents can really help.

I urge every parent to take time to sit down and discuss the report with your child. Congratulate your child on the positives and perhaps negotiate some areas to work on in the future. Setting goals will give your child a focus for improvement and it also shows that you greatly value their education.

I would like to acknowledge the time and effort our teachers have put into compiling their students' reports. Our teachers spend many hours of their own time carefully preparing each child's report and for that I'd like to thank them.

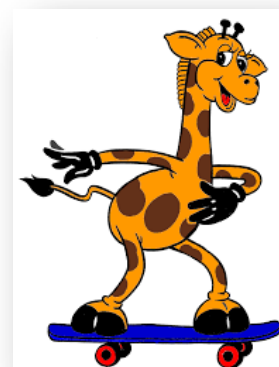
## Almost There

I'm sure you will all join me in wishing the De Souza family well in coming weeks with the pending birth of their second child. Mrs De Souza shall be commencing maternity leave from the beginning of Term 3. We look forward to hearing the exciting news and meeting baby soon. Miss Shand will be teaching 1/2D for Semester 2.

## Harold's Here

Harold is now on site at Soldiers Point Public School, which is very exciting, although he did request a beanie and scarf this morning. Parents interested in finding more information about Life Education should visit

<http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/>.



## Term Dates

Term 2 will end this Friday, July 1. I wish all families an enjoyable two-week break. I hope you all get to spend some special time together with your children.

Term 3 will commence for all students on *Tuesday, July 19*. Monday, July 18, is a Staff Development Day when all teachers will be participating in a variety of professional learning activities.

## Term Dates

### Term 2 – Week 10

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Life Education PSSA Netball
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	PSSA Soccer Life Education
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	PSSA Touch Football Life Education
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	PSSA Basketball Reports Home
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Life Education Life Education Recognition Assembly @ 1.30pm

### Term 3 – Week 1

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	SDD Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Students Return
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	

### Term 3 – Week 2

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Touch Football Gala Day
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	National Tree Day

### Term 3 – Week 3 Education Week

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Open Day

### Term 3 – Week 4

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	S1 Zone Public Speaking
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	S3 Zone Public Speaking
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	ES1 Zone Public Speaking
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	S2 Zone Public Speaking
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	

## Two Exciting School Events

**Healthy Harold Life Education** – will be held for all students this week, commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Cost is \$10.00 per child.

**Gymnastics** – 10 week program. Will commence for all students in the first week of Term 3. Cost will be \$45.00 per student for the 10 weeks or \$5.00 per week. This program is part of the school curriculum

Thank you

## From the Office .....

Our school has transitioned to a new NSW public schools' finance system. Payment for your child's activities can now be done in the following ways –

- Cash
- Cheque
- EFTPOS
- Parent On-line Payment (POP) through our website
- **NEW** Parents can now put a dollar amount on their child's account and this can be used as activities arise.
- Parents can pay by credit card over the phone

You will also notice on Permission Notes that the actual person who is paying the account/fee/cost will need to indicate who they are. This is now a legal requirement.

You can also indicate on the Permission Note if you have money on your child's account.

Overdue accounts have been recorded in the new system. Payments for Book Packs and band fees from Term 1 can be made at any time.

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



Fingal Beach Surf Life Saving Club will be running a **Bronze Medallion Course.**

**Date: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

**Venue: Fingal Beach SLSC training rooms**

**Time: 6pm.**

This is a great opportunity to receive a nationally recognised certification that will enhance your personal survival skills, and give you the confidence to save others.


This course provides the minimum standard to become a Life Saver, and can help with employment opportunities.

If you already have kids in Nippers, it allows you to participate with your child in the water.

If you would like to come along and meet some new people and improve your knowledge and fitness, contact

[Training@fingalbeachslsc.com](mailto:Training@fingalbeachslsc.com), or attend the induction evening on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

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# WORIMI LALC NAIDOC EVENTS 2016

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Port Stephens Council Morning Tea**

Meet @ Raymond Terrace Cenotaph 9:00am  
 Marching to Port Stephens Council Forecourt @ 9:30am  
 (Arrive 10 – 10:15am)  
 Flag Raising / Speeches 10:30am  
 Morning Tea 11:00am  
 Close 11:30am


*Proudly Supported by Port Stephens Council*

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Community BBQ**

Meet @ Nelson Bay Bowling Club 9:00am  
 Marching to Apex Park Cenotaph 9:30am  
 (Arrive 10 – 10:15am)  
 Laying of the Wreath 10:15 – 10:30  
 (Welcomes to Country / Prayer)  
 Light BBQ and Entertainment  
 Close 2pm


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**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Murrook Culture Centre Family Fun Day**

Family Fun / Entertainment / BBQ  
 10am – 2pm



# P & C NEWS

## Fundraising Committee

### School Disco



Get set to disco this Wednesday! Don't forget - pre-pay for your tickets to go into the draw for a \$50 meal voucher courtesy of White Sands Bistro.



Time to organise a babysitter for Saturday

August 13th for TRIVIA NIGHT! Book a table of 8-10 or talk to us about joining a table to meet new people. Register your table or purchase tickets at the P&C stall outside the school hall this Friday 1 July following assembly. Great prizes and giveaways on the night. Pre-paid ticket holders go into the draw for a great prize! Tickets \$15 each (or \$150 for a table of 10). Contact us on Facebook or by email if you would like more information.

## Canteen

Thank you to Frank Renner, Casandra Butterworth, Rebekah Newell, Liz Dennison, Matt Connor, Karen Jones, Deanne Cosgrove and Leanne Benbow for all their help over the last two weeks.

### Roster

Mon 27/6	Karen Jones
Wed 29/6	Michelle Campbell
Thur 30/6	Yr 6 - RJ R, Jarod N
Fri 1/7	Rebekah Newell, Liz Dennison

Friday 1/7/16 is MEAL DEAL DAY - ALL HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

### Term 3

Wed 20/7	Matt Connor
Fri 22/7	Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove

Have a great break. See you next term.  
Paula

## Meetings

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

### School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC) Meeting

Wednesday 3 August

### P&C Meeting

Tuesday 9 August

If you would like to suggest a topic to be discussed at the next P&C or have an idea for a guest speaker please let us know by email.

## Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.30am – 9.30am

Friday 2.15pm – 3.15pm

Located behind the school canteen. Price List available on the school website or Skoolbag App.

## School Banking

Bank books are collected each

Tuesday in class and returned to students the following day.

The P&C are planning a major overhaul of the P&C website. If you would like to be listed in the Local Business Directory on the website please send your details to us via email.

## Contact Us

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