

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Friday 10th June • 2016

Dear Parents,

As we quickly approach the end of Semester 1, our teachers are busily drafting reports for the students in their class. The primary purpose of our school-based report is to provide parents (and student) with valuable feedback on each child's achievements in learning as well as their social development.

Each report will contain information about what students know about each of the key learning areas i.e. English, mathematics, science, CAPA, history, PDHPE & geography. It will also provide parents with areas their child may require further attention, thus becoming future goals for the student. Parents are encouraged to support their child's learning each and every day by helping with homework, reading books, cooking, playing games etc. It's important to remember that any investment of time you can give to your child is never wasted.

Practical Ideas to Support Your Child's Reading

At next week's P&C Meeting, two teachers from Soldiers Point will be attending to provide interested parents with information about how we monitor a child's reading progress. We will also provide parents with some practical strategies which may assist parents when reading at home with their child.

The P&C Meeting is being held on Tuesday, June 14, at 7:00 PM in the school's library.



Perfect Score

I recently spent time reviewing our students' attendance and was pleased to see more than 40 students have not missed a day of school this year. This is a mighty achievement which I will acknowledge with these students later in the term.

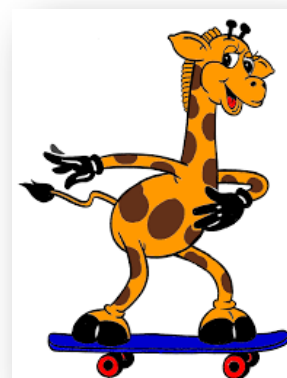
Obviously, to get the most out of a good education, you need to be at school. School attendance has a major influence on every child's educational outcomes i.e. students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results at school and are more likely to complete their schooling.

Parents can make it easier for their child to attend school by having a positive attitude to learning and education.

Poor school attendance patterns can start as early as Kindergarten. It is important that from the first day of school parents set an expectation that their children will be at school every day. Missing an average of ten days of school a term adds up to missing two full years of schooling by the end of Year 10.

Harold's on his Way

As you can see below, Healthy Harold is coming to Soldiers Point, which we are all very excited about. Harold will be here in Week 10 of this term. You will all receive Permission Notes next week. Parents interested in finding more information about Life Education should visit <http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/>.



Term Dates

Term 2 – Week 8

Monday 13 th June	Public Holiday
Tuesday 14 th June	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 15 th June	UNSW – Writing
	UNSW - Spelling
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
	Reports Home
Wednesday 29 th June	Life Education
Thursday 30 th June	Life Education
Friday 1 st July	Life Education
	Recognition Assembly @ 1.30pm

Please note - THERE ARE TO BE NO DOGS ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS (EVEN ON LEADS) UNLESS THEY ARE A REGISTERED ASSISTANCE DOG. If you wish to bring an animal for "show and tell" please check with the class teacher.

Next newsletter - Friday 24th June 2016

Newsletters will then be produced on Mondays from Term 3

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 17th June @ 1.30pm

3-6

Hosted by 3/4W

Friday 24th June @ 1.30pm

K-2

Hosted by 1/2D

Friday 1st July @ 1.30pm

Student Recognition Assembly

Hosted by SRC

All Welcome

Sports Update

Soccer – On Monday, the boys' soccer team headed to Tomaree Sports Complex to contest two games. The first was to be played against Anna Bay PS and the second to be decided based on results from game one.

Despite the wet weekend weather, games were on and the boys were keen. From the moment we arrived they showed great enthusiasm; from pre-allocating positions to running their own warm up with effective leadership and organisation from Captain Cale, they were raring and ready to go!

The team had a fierce start with Ryan slotting one away in the first 15 minutes. A valiant and persistent effort from our central defence Ed, Cooper and Keeper Kane ensured a 1-0 lead coming in to half time. Second half rolled around and after an aggressive soccer sandwich from Anna Bay, Ryan was granted a dot shot which he tucked away with ease. Anna Bay then hit back bringing the score to 2-1.

A hat trick from Ryan sealed the deal with 5 minutes to go, lobbing the ball from outside the 18 yard box.

A win on our part meant the second game of the day was to be played against Shoal Bay PS. The boys were 5 minutes in and to their dismay, conceded resulting in an early 1-0 lead to Shoal Bay. With great resilience, the boys kept their heads up and kept at 'em.

The first half presented many of opportunities with plenty of quick breakaways from Jesse and Cale in the midfield. Persistence paid off with a well-placed goal by Cale to tie up the scores. Quick to follow was Dane, scoring their second goal for game two. Several super saves from Jordan secured a 2-1 lead coming into the second half.

Fueled with Mr G's half time oranges, the game looked promising. The midfield fought bravely with some life-saving deflecting kicks from Kai, Rowan and Alex at the back, and some speedy getaways through the mid from Cale, Oliver and Harry. Locking in the win, Dane delivered a perfect through ball for Ryan, resulting in another 3-1 win for Soldiers Point.



Netball – our school netball team proved too strong for Tanilba Bay PS in their recent game with Soldiers Point winning comfortably. The girls will meet Wirreanda PS in their next game as part of the PSSA Knockout.

Rugby League – The school's Under 10 rugby league team is preparing for the All Schools Knockout, which will be held on June 16. I remind parents that training is each Wednesday afternoon from 3:40-4:30 at the Salamander Sporting Complex.

Two Exciting School Events

Healthy Harold Life Education – will be held for all students week commencing Monday 27th June. Cost will be \$10.00 per child. Information and permission note will be coming home on Tuesday 14th June.

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. Information and permission note will be sent home Tuesday 14th June.

Thank you

From the Office

Our school will transition to a new NSW public schools' finance system on **14th June 2016**.

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 slips 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

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

P & C NEWS

Fundraising Committee

School Disco

Join in the fun with live DJ, lights, bubbles and Zumba moves. Tickets are \$5 per student. Tickets can be pre-paid at the front office. Pre-paid ticket holders go in the draw to win a dinner voucher at Whitesands Bistro. If you are able to volunteer one hour of your time at the event please contact the Fundraising Committee: sppsfundraising@gmail.com

Date: Wednesday June 29

Location: Soldiers Point Bowling Club

Time: Kindergarten – Year 2 (5-6pm),
Year 3 – 6 (6.30-7.30pm)

We are now planning for our next event – Trivia Night! Check the P&C Facebook page for updates. We are seeking local businesses willing to donate prizes and auction items.

Canteen

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

Roster

Mon 13/6

Wed 15/6

Thu 16/6

Fri 17/6

Mon 20/6

Wed 22/6

Thur 23/6

Fri 24/6

Casandra Butterworth

Matt Connor

Year 6, Ethan H

Rebekah Newell, Liz

Dennison

Casandra Butterworth

Frank Renner

Year 6, Cooper L, Ed W

Deanne Cosgrove,

Leanne Benbow

LOL fruit drinks are no longer available from our supplier. A Canteen Price List is located on the schools website.

The next **Canteen Meal Deal Day** will be held on the last day of Term 2, Friday 1st July: Cheeseburger and a drink for \$5.00. The meat patties will be freshly prepared by Good Foods (Georges Road) and the rolls from Bakers La Vie (Soldiers Point Road). A pre-order form will come home soon. Any help on the day would be greatly appreciated.

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 14 June

Guest Speakers: Teachers from SPPS will attend to discuss how student reading levels are determined and strategies to support your child reading at home.

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.

Contact Us

Email: sppspc@live.com.au

P&C Website: sppspc.weebly.com



Soldiers Point Public School Parents

Nelson Bay Tennis Club

July School Holiday Tennis Camp



Wk 1: Tues 5th Wed 6th Thurs 7th

Wk 2: Tues 12th Wed 13th Thurs 14th

Half day 9-12pm \$25

Full day 9-2pm \$ 40 (lunch included)

Contact Coach Blake 0403634667

Port Stephens Library

July School Holiday Activities and Programs

Activity/Program	Date	Time	Venue	Cost	Age
Teddy Bears' Picnic Storytime and Morning Tea Bring your favourite toy	5 July	10.30-11.30am	Tomaree Library	\$1.40	2+
Drive-in Movie Legend of the Guardians - the Owls of Ga'hoole Create your own car, pick up your free popcorn and 'drive' to the movie You can choose to attend one or both programs	6 July	1.30-2.30pm Car making 2.30-4.00pm Movie commences	Raymond Terrace	\$5.00 (craft) Free if not making a car	All
Create-a-Car Create your own car to 'drive' to the movie on 7 July	6 July	10.30-11.30am	Tomaree Library	\$5.00	4-8
Drive-in Movie Pinocchio Bring your car and 'drive' to the movie	7 July	4.00-5.30pm	Tomaree Library	Free	All
Space Construction Craft Decorate a space rocket and make your own astronaut	11 July	2.30-3.30pm	Raymond Terrace	\$5.00	6+
Imagination Storytime	12 July	10.30-11.30am	Tomaree Library	\$1.40	2+
Dazzling Disco Join in the music, glow lights, dancing and games	14 July	1.30-3.30pm	Tomaree Library	\$5.00	2+

Places are limited for all activities and programs so booking is essential.
Contact Raymond Terrace Library on 4980 0111 or Tomaree Library on 4982 0670.

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