

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Tuesday 19th July • 2016

Dear Parents,

The staff and I welcome all families back to Soldiers Point Public School for Term 3, 2016. We trust that you are reinvigorated and primed for an exciting term ahead.

Term 3 is a ten week term. It will be very active with a host of activities in and out of the classroom. Students will be engaged in numerous extra-curricular activities including: gymnastics, Education Week (Open Day assembly & walk-a-thon in Week 3), Book Week in Week 6, as well as numerous sporting opportunities.

Some of our students will also be offered the opportunity to explore the wider community as they participate in excursions to nearby destinations, including Stage 3's outdoor education adventure.

With Education Week being held in Week 3, we have scheduled Open Day for Friday, August 5. This will include a whole-school assembly, open classrooms for parents to visit, and a walk-a-thon after lunch. Parents are very welcome to join us for our Open Day activities.

Each child will shortly receive a Walk-a-thon Sponsorship Form. We ask parents to support this fund-raiser by supervising their child in obtaining donations for the school. Donations might come from your immediate neighbours, work colleagues or extended family. We are hoping to raise in the vicinity of \$3000.00 which will go directly toward the replacement of an interactive whiteboard.

Staff Development Day

Yesterday, we had the third of our Staff Development Days for the year. These days are of immense value for staff as it provides us with an opportunity to undertake professional learning which is then transferred into school practice. Some of yesterday's activities included:

- Increasing our knowledge of writing students' personalised learning plans;
- Familiarising ourselves with the school's new software (LMBR); and
- Spending time in our stage teams planning the term's activities.

NCCD

Over the next few weeks the school is required to participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). The NCCD provides vital information for the federal government about students attending SPPS who require educational adjustments i.e. additional support. I have attached additional information about the NCCD which I encourage you to read. Parents of students whose child receives educational adjustments will soon receive additional information from our Learning & Support Teacher, Mrs Beavan.

P-K Transition

Thank you to the many families who have already expressed interest in their child attending Soldiers Point Public School for Kindergarten in 2016. We have had a lot of interest from current and new families, which is very exciting. We'll be starting with the first of our transition activities, *Storytime*, on September 1, 8 & 15. More details can be found on the school's website.

Gymnastics Starts this Week.



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Term Dates

Term 3 – Week 1

Monday 18 th July	SDD Day
Tuesday 19 th July	Students Return
	THS – CAPA Auditions
Wednesday 20 th July	THS – Academic Extension testing
Thursday 21 st July	THS – Sports Trials
Friday 22 nd July	PSSA Hockey (Boys & Girls)

Term 3 – Week 2

Monday 25 th July	
Tuesday 26 th July	Touch Football Gala Day
Wednesday 27 th July	
Thursday 28 th July	AFL – Paul Kelly Cup
Friday 29 th July	National Tree Day

Term 3 – Week 3

Education Week

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

Term 3 – Week 4

Monday 8 th August	S1 Zone Public Speaking
Tuesday 9 th August	S3 Zone Public Speaking
	PSSA Zone Athletics - Field
Wednesday 10 th August	ES1 Zone Public Speaking
Thursday 11 th August	S2 Zone Public Speaking
Friday 12 th August	PSSA Zone Athletics - Track

Term 3 – Week 5

Monday 15 th August	
Tuesday 16 th August	
Wednesday 17 th August	
Thursday 18 th August	Robogals Visit
Friday 19 th August	

Term 3 – Week 6

Book Week

Monday 22 nd August	Stage 3 Camp
	Book Fair
Tuesday 23 rd August	Stage 3 Camp
	Book Fair
Wednesday 24 th August	Stage 3 Camp
	Book Fair

Thursday 25th August

Newcastle Permanent
Mathematics Competition
Book Fair

Friday 26th August

Term 3 – Week 7

Monday 29th August
Tuesday 30th August
Wednesday 31st August
Thursday 1st September
Friday 2nd September

Term 3 – Week 8

Monday 5th September
Tuesday 6th September
Wednesday 7th September
Thursday 8th September
Friday 9th September

Term 3 – Week 9

Monday 12th September
Tuesday 13th September
Wednesday 14th September
Thursday 15th September
Friday 16th September

Term 3 – Week 10

Monday 19th September
Tuesday 20th September
Wednesday 21st September
Thursday 22nd September
Friday 23rd September

Term 3 Concludes

Exciting School Events

Gymnastics – 10 week program. Will commence for all students this week.

Cost will be \$45.00 per student for the 10 weeks or \$5.00 per week. Full payment can still be made at the office this week.

Receipts will be sent home for those who pay in full. Those who pay weekly will be bulked receipted under the teachers name and no receipt will be issued. **Weekly payments must be CASH and to the classroom teacher.**

Thank you - Bronwyn Sherman

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 school 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 Terms 1 & 2 can be made at any time.

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

MEDICAL CONDITIONS, ASTHMA PLANS, CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBERS, CHANGE OF ADDRESS, CHANGE OF EMERGENCY CONTACTS EXPIRED MEDICATION

If any of the above pertains to your children can you please update your details at the school office as soon as possible?

This is imperative in the case of an emergency and you need to be contacted.

Simone Bradbury

WANTED – YEAR 6 FATHERS' DAY FUND-RAISING BBQ

If you are able to co-ordinate this event, to help with the raising of money for the Year 6 Farewell, please contact the office or Ms Pawley.

Thank you
Ms Pawley

CONCERT & ROCK BAND PAYMENTS

We have now set up fees for the above. Fees are now due for both Term 2 and Term 3.

Statements of Account will be sent home this week.

Thank you – Bronwyn Sherman

P & C NEWS

Fundraising Committee



Date: Sat 13 August
Time: 7pm
Place: Soldiers Point
Bowling Club

What a great response we have had from the community for the Trivia Night. Tables are filling fast but there is still room! If you are interested in booking a table of 10 or being placed at a table please contact the fundraising team via the P&C Facebook page or via email at:

sppsfundraising@gmail.com

If you have already booked a table, please email us or contact Kirsty after hours on 0410 509 467 for details on how to pay. Join in the fun and start thinking about your Olympics costume and how you might decorate your table. Don't forget that there will be a prize for best dressed on the night (dressing up is optional).

Canteen

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time on meal deal day (last day of Term 2: Friday 1 July). It was a great success.

Roster

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

Please see Paula for next weeks roster.

A Canteen price list is available on the schools website and via the Skoolbag App.

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

Email: sppspc@live.com.au

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P&C Website: sppspc.weebly.com

Soldiers Point Public School Parents

SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES PROGRAM

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TERM THREE 2016
MONDAY JULY 18 TO FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23

In partnership with the Yacaaba Centre we are holding:

Life Choices—What's Next

This course will be of benefit to any women who are currently or have in the past lived with someone who is violent, controlling and/ or abusive towards them.

Topics covered include:

- What Happened—how and why?
- Relationships - the good, the bad & the ugly
- Self Esteem—how to build it and keep it
- Boundaries—learning to say NO!
- Let's Communicate – keep it simple
- Time to talk/Time to listen

FOUR weekly sessions commencing:

WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST: 12.15 PM - 2.30 PM

FREE childcare

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Yacaaba Centre: 4984 2176 or Gan Gan Family Centre:
4982 1767

In partnership with the Benevolent Society,
Gan Gan Family Centre is holding

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

This **FOUR** session program uses the ideas of mindfulness & reflection to support parents to review and enhance patterns of communication with their children.

Topics covered include:

- Building positive and respectful relationships with your children
- Identify how to respond to your children's needs
- Understand parenting styles
- Be able to source information and support for your parenting roles

When: Monday July 25 – Monday August 15

Time: 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

FREE Afternoon Tea and Children's Activities

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

All parents/carers with children aged 3 – 8 years
are invited to come along to

Triple P Seminar Series

The Power of Positive Parenting

Triple P is an approach to parenting that emphasises the positive; it provides practical answers to everyday parenting concerns

We can support you to:

- Encourage the behaviours you would like from your child.
- Deal consistently & decisively with problem behaviour
- Take the stress out of parenting

FOUR weekly sessions commencing:

MONDAY 22ND AUGUST: 12.15 PM - 2.30 PM

FREE CHILDCARE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Partnership with the Benevolent Society & FamilyInSight



In partnership with the Benevolent Society,
Gan Gan Family Centre is holding:

Exploring the Seasons of Grief

This is a small group program for individuals who have experienced a significant change or loss in their life and are the parent/carer of a child at risk of developing a mental illness.

This change may include loss of a loved one, separation from a partner, relocating to a new area or even illness.

The group offers participants an opportunity for 'your own reflection' and group discussion, in order to better understand how to be more aware and manage your own personal experience of grief.

FOUR weekly sessions commencing:

WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST: 12.15 PM - 2.30 PM

FREE Afternoon Tea and Children's Activities

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

BAY GAPS(Grandparents as Parents): Every Wed@10 am

YOUNG PARENTS GROUP: Every Tues@10.30 am

FAMILY LAW CONSULT: Thurs by appointment

FOSTER CARERS MEETING: August 15th@10.00 am

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**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 4 AUGUST: 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 12 AUGUST 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 2017
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 28th July
BOOKINGS REQUIRED

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 19 JULY
10. 15 am – 12 noon
* Bookings essential.

**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

Are you caring for a child with a disability?

Playgroup NSW MyTime support groups are for mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone caring for a child up to age 16, with a disability or chronic medical condition.

MyTime is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services, and nationally coordinated by the Parenting Research Centre.



MyTime
supporting parents of children with disabilities

Wednesdays starting 27th July
10 am – 12 noon

For more info ring Tracy: 0410 476 128

**TOY LIBRARY @ THE CENTRE****TOYS ON TAP TOY & BOOK LIBRARY**

Quality toys, books & resources

OPEN WEEKDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM

9.00 AM – 11.00 AM.

NEW TOYS HAVE JUST ARRIVED

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