

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday, 1 August 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Education Week...

This week we acknowledge and celebrate Education Week along with all public schools across New South Wales. This year's theme is *Shared stories, better learning, stronger communities*, which provides us with an opportunity to celebrate our entire school community.

Our school has a proud history of helping others. Indeed, each week we have up to 30 volunteers who come into our school to better the learning of our youngest learners. They do this because they value education and want to help. This culture is a beautiful strength we have at Soldiers Point Public School and we need to nurture it because it does make a difference.

I encourage parents to join us for our Open Day activities this Friday, 5th August. We've included the program for Open Day later in this newsletter which may assist with your organisation. We hope you're able to join us.

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 2017. 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.

Public Speaking

Eight of the school's strongest speakers will be participating in the Zone Public Speaking Finals next week. Our speakers will impress their audiences with a range of topics, which I've included below:

Stage	Name	Title of Speech
ES1	Jemma H Finley W	My Favourite Toy The Earth
S1	Joshua C Gus A	Magic Not a Speech
S2	Ayla M Jarrod W	York Dreams
S3	Jorja D Libby T	Connections with Movies Star Wars

We wish our speakers every success in their respective finals and thank their parents for their support with preparation and transporting them to and from the venue.

A big thank you to Mrs Aitchison, for coordinating the public speaking for our school.

Athletes Ready

This year Soldiers Point will be represented by nearly 30 students at the 2016 Port Stephens Zone Athletics Carnival, which will be held at Vi Barnett Field in Raymond Terrace on Tuesday, August 9 (Field Events), & Friday, August 12 (Track Events). We wish all members of our team well in their respective events.



Term Dates

Term 3 – Week 3

Education Week

Monday 1 st August	
Tuesday 2 nd August	
Wednesday 3 rd August	SIFC Meeting
Thursday 4 th August	Education Week Awards Ceremony at THS from 6:00
Friday 5 th August	11.25am Education Week Assembly, Open Day & BBQ

Term 3 – Week 4

Monday 8 th August	S1 Zone Public Speaking
Tuesday 9 th August	S3 Zone Public Speaking
	PSSA Zone Athletics – Field
	P&C Meeting
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
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 25 th August	Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition
	Book Fair
Friday 26 th August	Book Fair

Term 3 – Week 7

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

Term 3 – Week 8

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

Term 3 – Week 9

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

Term 3 – Week 10

Monday 19 th September	
Tuesday 20 th September	
Wednesday 21 st September	
Thursday 22 nd September	
Friday 23 rd September	Term 3 Concludes

Public Speaking



During the last weeks of Term 2, students in all stages presented speeches to their peers and teachers. Teachers were very impressed with the quality of content, but even more so, with the confidence students demonstrated whilst presenting their speech. The staff also appreciate your efforts in supporting and encouraging your child/children with this task. Public speaking can be very daunting for some.

Two finalists were chosen from each stage and will be presenting their speeches at the Zone Finals in Week 4. You will also hear these speeches at our Education Week Assembly. Come along and be entertained!

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

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Friday 5th August @ 11.25am
Whole School*

***Education Week Assembly
Hosted by SRC***

*Friday 12th August @ 1.30pm
K-2
Hosted by KM*



Book Week 2016 Australia – Story Country Book Parade Friday 26th August

Each year at Soldiers Point Public School we celebrate Australian books, authors and illustrators. This term in the library we will be reading the shortlisted books. As part of celebrations we will be having a book parade on Friday 26th August. Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character or something from an Australian story. Everybody is welcome to come and watch the parade.



Scholastic Book Fair Before and After school Monday 22nd August to Thursday 25th August

Another part of our book week celebrations is the annual book fair. The money raised at our book fair enables our school to purchase valuable resources. Please come along to the library and take a look.



Education Week Open Day 2016

Friday 5th August

- 11:25am Whole School Assembly
- 12:15pm Open Classrooms for Parents & Guests
- 12:40pm P&C BBQ Lunch (No Pre-order Required)
- 1:30pm Walkathon

ALL WELCOME - Hope to see you there!

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 Miss Pawley.

Thank you
Miss Pawley

Skoolbag

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

Simply search for Soldiers Point School name in the App or Google Play Store on your phone.

After the app is installed make sure you select "Ok" to allow push notifications . Also, click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.

P & C NEWS

Fundraising Committee



Date: Sat 13 August
Time: 7.30pm
Place: Soldiers Point
Bowling Club

Only 4 seats left for the Trivia Night! Last chance to book your place in an Olympic team by contacting us at 0410 509 467 or sppsfundraising@gmail.com Final payment of \$15 per ticket is due by this Friday (5th August). Do not pay at the front office. Please use 1 of 3 options below:

1. Use the drop off box at the Canteen - please include your name(s) and name of person organising the table as well as correct money.
2. Visit the P & C stall this week located next to the Canteen after school on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons.
3. Direct Bank Deposit to:
Soldiers Point Public School P&C Association
BSB 032 533 - Acc number 212854
Please include your name and the table organiser's name in description.

Thank you to the generosity of local business with over 60 great prizes to be raffled, auctioned or won on the night.

Canteen

Thank you to Matt Connor, Deanne Cosgrove, Brianna Cosgrove, Casandra Butterworth, Karen Jones, Rebekah Newell and Liz Dennison for all of your help over the last two weeks.

Roster

Wed 3/8	Michelle Campbell, Leanne Benbow
Thurs 4/8	Yr 6 - Ariel S, Isabel B
Fri 5/8	Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow

Education Week Open Day: Sausage
Sizzle - *ANY EXTRA HELP GREATLY
APPRECIATED*

Mon 8/8	Karen Jones
Wed 10/8	HELP NEEDED
Thurs 11/8	Yr 6 - Kane W, Bailey S
Fri 12/8	Liz Dennison, Rebekah Newell
Mon 15/8	Casandra Butterworth

The Canteen will be offering a sausage sizzle for students and visitors on Friday 5th August for the Education Week Open Day. No need to pre-order.

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.

Contact Us

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P&C Website: sppspc.weebly.com

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