

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday, 15 August 2016

Dear Parents,

What an inspirational time it is as we watch our athletes compete in their respective sports at the Olympic Games in Rio. It really is motivating to hear of the athletes' stories of persistence and resilience which has got them to be amongst the best in the world. What's equally impressive is that many of the athletes are still teenagers. Maybe we'll see some future Olympians at our infants' mini Olympics?

## A Fun Week

Education Week was terrific. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents & friends join us for Open Day. It was an entertaining assembly and a great opportunity for parents to visit their child's classroom. A mighty thank you goes to the P&C, Paula & all the canteen helpers for providing such a yummy lunch for everyone.

It was particularly exciting to recognise our Education Week Award recipients for all they do or have done for our school. I'd like to extend my sincere congratulations to our award recipients and thank them for all they do for our school community. These individuals are really making a difference:

- Excellence in Student Achievement – Libby T;
- Excellence in Teaching – Mrs Fuimaono;
- Outstanding Contribution by a School Community Member - Tristen Cosgrove; and
- Outstanding Contribution by a Non-teaching Member of Staff – Howard Cameron

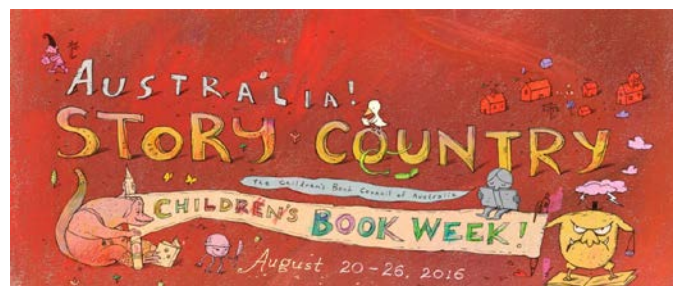
## Zone Athletics

Due to the wet weather experienced during Week 3, the Port Stephens Zone Athletics had to be postponed. The events will now be held at Vi Barnett Field in Raymond Terrace on Tuesday, August 16 (Field Events), & Friday, August 19 (Track Events). We wish all members of our team well in their respective events.

## Book Week 2016

Next week is Book Week across Australia and we are keen to provide a number of opportunities for our students to promote a love for reading, these include:

- Our annual Book Fair, which will be held from Monday August 22 – Thursday August 26. Each class will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair through the week and parents can visit from 8.30 am till 8.55am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm;
- A Book Week Assembly, which will incorporate a character parade on Friday August 26. Parents are welcome to join us for the Book Week Assembly from 10:00am in the Hall.



## Consideration Required

Most parents choose to do the right thing when driving and parking in and around our school, which is both expected and appreciated. There are still a number of parents, however, who continue to park dangerously and use the staff car park as a drop off zone for their children, which is not permitted for safety reasons.

We have made requests to Port Stephens Council rangers and the NSW Police to monitor the behaviour of drivers in and around the school to assist us in providing safe access to the school for all children. Please be considerate and adhere to all road rules.

## Term Dates

### Term 3 – Week 5

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Walkathon
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	PSSA Zone Athletics – Field
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	PSSA Zone Athletics – Track

### Term 3 – Week 6

#### Book Week

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Stage 3 Camp
	Book Fair
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Stage 3 Camp
	Book Fair
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Stage 3 Camp
	Book Fair
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Newcastle Permanent
	Mathematics Competition
	Book Fair
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Book Fair

### Term 3 – Week 7

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Storytime
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	

### Term 3 – Week 8

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Storytime
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	

### Term 3 – Week 9

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Storytime
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	

### Term 3 – Week 10

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

### On Leave

Commencing Monday, August 22, I shall be taking some leave until Wednesday, September 14. Whilst I'm away Mrs Wagland will be relieving as principal.

### 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.

### Stage 3 Camp

Next week nearly 100 Stage 3 students will be heading to Morristet for an outdoor education experience. Students will participate in activities such as: abseiling, high ropes, orienteering, rock climbing, archery just to name a few, which are often challenging.

### Toys @ School

The school discourages students from bringing toys to school as they may go missing or be damaged, thus causing the child to become upset. At present, some students are bringing Pokemon cards to school, which has created a number of incidents between students. I have now placed a ban on Pokemon cards from school to avoid such problems. Parents are requested to ensure their children do not bring these cards to school.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August @ 1.30pm

K-2

No item

## Book Week Parade

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August @ 10.00am

K-6

All Welcome



## Book Week 2016 Australia – Story Country Book Parade Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> August to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## YEAR 6 FATHERS' DAY FUND-RAISING BBQ

At this point we've had a number of parents volunteer to help set up and serve on the day of the Fathers' Day BBQ Breakfast, thank you.

Unfortunately, we have not yet had any volunteers to coordinate, count and tally orders and order supplies. We are urgently in need of some volunteers to take on these roles in order for the BBQ to go ahead. Please advise the office or Miss Pawley by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> if you are able to assist.

Thank you  
Miss Pawley

## P & C NEWS

### Trivia Night Snaps



MC's Paula (Freeman) and Finn (Mojo Office) Adnam



Competitors at the ready – next question please!



Oro (gold) for Spain - felicitaciones (congratulations)!



# P & C NEWS

## Fundraising Committee

On Saturday over 160 people took part in the 2016 Olympics Trivia Night. Thanks to the enormous generosity of the school community we raised over \$6000! The fundraising committee would like to thank the following officials and supporters:

- Paula and Finn Adnam for their entertaining role as the event MC's and to Soldiers Point P&C committee members (past and present) for all their guidance, support and advice.
- Paula and volunteers in the school canteen for collecting payments.
- Simone and Bronwyn in the front office for the endless use of your photocopier.
- Soldiers Point Bowling Club for allowing us to use their facilities.
- All the amazing local businesses that donated prizes and money to support our event.
- Everyone who helped out behind the scenes including Katie Allen, Tanya Mackenzie, Anna Webster, Brenda Madden and many others.

And especially to everyone who came along, dressed up, decorated tables and brought with them a true Olympic spirit. The rounds were very competitive with Spain taking out the gold closely followed by Japan who claimed silver on the night. Congratulations!

## Canteen

Thank you to Deanne Cosgrove, Samantha Hartman, Leanne Benbow, Karen and Dean Jones, Melissa Lonie, Corrine West-Richards, Julie-anne Mamotte, Liz Dennison, Danielle Robinson, Geoff and Joy Gibbons for all their help at the Education Week Sausage Sizzle on Friday 5th August. A very special thankyou to Dean Jones for cooking all the tasty sausages and to Deanne Cosgrove for approaching and liaising with Woolworths Salamander Bay who donated sausages, bread, onions and sauces for this event. We are very grateful for their support.

### Roster

Wed 17/8	Matt Connor
Thur 18/8	Yr 6 - Erika L. Mackenzie L
Fri 19/8	Leanne Benbow, Liz Dennison
Mon 22/8	Karen Jones
Wed 24/8	Michelle Campbell
Thur 25/8	Ryan B, Dane C
Fri 26/8	Rebekah Newell, Liz Dennison
Mon 29/8	Cassandra Butterworth

We have NEW take-away cups for serving hot chocolates. They are more solid and safer to use at school. The price will increase from \$1.00 to \$1.50 this week.

## Meetings

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

**School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC) Meeting:**

Wednesday 7 September

**P&C Meeting:** Tuesday 13 September

## 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](mailto:sppspc@live.com.au)

P&C Website: [sppspc.weebly.com](http://sppspc.weebly.com)



Soldiers Point Public School Parents

# Cricket is Cracking this season!

The new season is almost upon us and it's time to slap on the sun cream, slip into your club shirt and cap, and get back on your field for **Nelson Bay Cricket Club**. And what a season it looks like, with cracking cricket at every level:

- Saturday mornings game time 8.30am-midday •
- Milo for the under 9's one afternoon during Term 4 •
- Look out for the Super 7's again this season •

## GRAB A MATE & SIGN UP!

Registrations Fridays in August 5.30-6.30pm  
Salamander Sports Complex  
(behind Recycle Centre)

Check registration details on the club website at:  
<http://nelsonbaycricket.nsw.cricket.com.au/>

More information is also available on their Facebook page:  
**Nelson Bay Cricket Club.**

Please contact Club President Craig Astley for more information  
on Registration Dates: (m) 0418 433 909

**LIVE IT. BREATHE IT. CRICKET.**



## BECOME A SURF LIFE SAVER

Come and see  
what we're about!



Do you enjoy helping others, being close to the ocean and part of a team? If your answer is yes, then.....  
**YOU could train and become a Surf Life Saver or a Junior Surf Life Saver (Nipper)**

Please come along to Birubi Point Surf Life Saving Club's

**Information and Registration day:**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 3.00-5.00pm**

The Club bar will be open and there will be a sausage sizzle to enjoy.

Please note – cash only payments accepted for Training Courses. Our Registrar will take cash for membership and instruct new members on how to join online (credit card required).

Further information can be found on our website: [www.birubipointslsc.org.au](http://www.birubipointslsc.org.au)  
or contact our Chief Instructor Alison Gannon: [alisonctobirubi@gmail.com](mailto:alisonctobirubi@gmail.com)



\*\*\* You can still become a surf lifesaver if you are a non-swimmer or unable to complete the mandatory swim test, as long as you can complete the first aid and radio operation training \*\*\*