

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday • January 30 • 2017

Dear Parents,

The staff and I welcome all families to Soldiers Point Public School for the 2017 school year. We trust you have had an enjoyable Christmas and summer break with many exciting, family adventures.

As many of you are aware students will remain in their 2016 classes this week or at least until our student population has settled. This is done so we can finalise our numbers and then create a class structure for the year ahead. We thank you for your patience and support at this time as it allows us to *fine tune* our school organisation.

I will publish more information about our class structure in our next newsletter, which will be on Monday, February 13.

Student Leaders for 2017

Following our student elections toward the end of 2016 our school captains for 2017 were announced. They are: Emma & Rowan, who will be capably supported by prefects: Ben, Demi, Estelle, Hunter, Joshua and Korie. *Unfortunately Rowan and Josh were absent so could not be included in the photo below.*



Staffing

In addition to welcoming many new students to SPPS this year, we also warmly welcome two new teachers to our school community. Joining us are:

- Ms Kate Johnson – Stage 1; and
- Mrs Sharon Massey – Stage 3.

I encourage students and parents to introduce themselves to Ms Johnson and Mrs Massey and make them feel welcome.

Time and Care

At the start of each school year it can take some students a little while to adjust to their new setting so it's really important that, as parents, we encourage our child to accept change by focusing on the positive aspects of their new environment i.e. a new teacher, new classroom and an opportunity to make new friends. All of our teachers are very aware of this transition and manage it with care and understanding and are keen to work with children to overcome this initial challenge.

Swimming Carnival

I'm sure the warm, summer days we been enjoying recently have encouraged many of our students to practise their swimming at the pool or beach. This practise will be very helpful at our 2017 swimming carnival, which will be held on Wednesday, February 8, at Tomaree Aquatic Centre.

As this is a school activity all primary students (8 years or above) are expected to attend. More details will be forwarded home along with a Permission Note later this week.

Term Dates

Term 1 – Week 1

Friday 27th January Staff Development Day

Term 1 – Week 2

Monday 30th January Years 1-6 Commence
 Tuesday 31st January Best Start for Kinder
 Wednesday 1st February Best Start for Kinder
 Thursday 2nd February Best Start for Kinder
 Friday 3rd February Kindergarten Commence

Term 1 – Week 3

Monday 6th February Kindergarten Photos
 Tuesday 7th February
 Wednesday 8th February Swimming Carnival
 Thursday 9th February
 Friday 10th February

Term 1 – Week 4

Monday 13th February
 Tuesday 14th February
 Wednesday 15th February
 Thursday 16st February
 Friday 17th February Port Stephens Zone Tennis trials
 Welcome BBQ

Term 1 – Week 5

Monday 20th February
 Tuesday 21st February
 Wednesday 22nd February
 Thursday 23rd February
 Friday 24th February

Term 1 – Week 6

Monday 27th February
 Tuesday 28th February
 Wednesday 1st March
 Thursday 2nd March
 Friday 3rd March

Term 1 – Week 7

Monday 6th March
 Tuesday 7th March
 Wednesday 8th March
 Thursday 9th March
 Friday 10th March

Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 13th March
 Tuesday 14th March
 Wednesday 15th March
 Thursday 16st March
 Friday 17th March

Term 1 – Week 9

Monday 20th March
 Tuesday 21st March
 Wednesday 22nd March
 Thursday 23rd March
 Friday 24th March

Term 1 – Week 10

Monday 27th March
 Tuesday 28st March
 Wednesday 29th March I
 Thursday 30th March
 Friday 31st March

Term 1 – Week 11

Monday 3rd April
 Tuesday 4th April School Photos
 Wednesday 5th April Interrelate Evening Classes
 Thursday 6th April Stage 3 Eggshibition
 Friday 7th April Term 1 Concludes

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 3rd February

NO ASSEMBLY

Book Packs

Book Packs are ready and available for purchase from the school's office. The cost of book packs is as follows:

Year	Amount
Kindergarten	\$110.00
Year 1	\$90.00
Year 2	\$90.00
Year 3	\$95.00
Year 4	\$95.00
Year 5	\$90.00
Year 6	\$90.00

Payments for book packs can be paid at the office, sent in with your child or paid over the phone with a credit card. I remind parents that book packs can be paid by instalments (each term) or financial assistance is available via application. Please call the office if you wish to apply for financial assistance.

Following your child's book pack being purchased they will be held at school and delivered to your child's classroom. Teachers will also be issuing a note informing you if books require covering or if there are additional stationery requirements.

What's in a Book Pack?

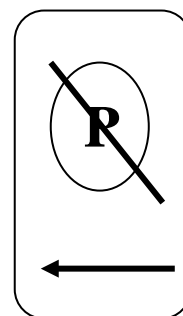
Book Packs include stationery items your child will require throughout the year including: text books, exercise books and additional equipment, such as pens, pencils, glue, ruler etc.

In 2015, Stage 3's Book Pack cost also includes a subscription to Mathletics, which students will be using instead of a text book for mathematics.

It's also important to note that a voluntary technology contribution of \$25.00 is included in the cost of each book pack. The funds we receive from your technology contribution go toward the purchase and maintenance of our technological equipment across the school. For example, as we will be gaining a new library and a new classroom this year, we plan to install interactive whiteboards into both rooms at a cost of approximately \$16,000.00.

Parking and Student Collection

For the safety of all school children your care and support of road rules is necessary. Please remember that it is illegal to stop or park your vehicle on or near any pedestrian crossing. Drivers should park safely in designated areas i.e. Cromarty Road & Bagnall Avenue, even if it means walking a little further to the school gates. Always drop-off and pick-up your children from the school's designated 'Kiss and Drop' zone, which is located just south of the pedestrian crossing on Bagnall Avenue. Please note that these signs also indicate times.



Parking *unsafely* puts children's lives at risk. Please assist by avoiding the following behaviours:

- Calling children across the road;
- Dropping / collecting children on the wrong side of the road;
- Dropping / collecting children in the staff car park;
- Turning your vehicle in the school driveway;
- Leaving children in a vehicle without supervision;
- Double parking;
- Parking in a bus zone;
- Making an illegal U-turn; and
- Exceeding the School Zone speed limit of 40km.

Please be aware that Port Stephens Council Rangers and Police regularly visit our area to observe traffic movement and parking and will issue infringements for the above unsafe behaviour.

Dear Defence Families,

Welcome back for 2017.

I hope you have all had a very restful holiday and have enjoyed spending time with your families and friends, and are ready for all the rewards and challenges that 2017 is sure to bring.

I would like to welcome all new families to our school and I am here to help make your child's transition to SPPS as easy as possible for them.

I have great local knowledge of Nelson Bay and the surrounding areas and am happy to help parents integrate into our school and the wider community.

Please note that RAAF Base Williamtown is holding a welcome day on Sunday 26th February 2017, 10am -12pm.

I encourage all new families to attend and find out lots of information from The Defence Community Organisation (see flyer in school newsletter)

My working days will be Tuesday/Wednesday at SPPS.

If you need any assistance or help I can be contacted through:

School-Ph 4982 7151

Email-danielle.robinson16 @det.nsw.edu.au

Mobile-0438 430 616

Looking forward to seeing you all again and all those cheeky smiley faces that greet me in the playground.

Bye for now.

Danielle Robinson DSTA



Soldiers Point Public School P&C Association
invite you to

Tea & Tissues

KINDY PARENTS
WELCOME MORNING TEA 2017

After dropping off your new Kindy please join us outside the school canteen for a chance to relax and have a cuppa with other Kindy parents.

All family members are welcome to celebrate this special milestone in your child's life.

You're welcome to invite the Grandparents and younger siblings!



Nelson Bay junior Rugby Union Club

REGISTRATION 2017

Monday 6th & 13th February
6pm to 7.00pm at Tomaree No.1 Field,
Nelson Bay.

Junior Team ages: Under 8s through to Under 17s

Registration fee \$170 (first child)

(Includes shorts, socks, training shirt and family membership for insurance purposes)

With additional Family members at \$130 each.

(includes shorts, socks and training shirt).

All players must attend registration for measuring and sizing of gear. New players must produce Birth Certificate.

Registration forms available on our website
www.nelsonbayjuniors.org.au

Payment options:

Direct deposit- put child's name and age group in reference Nelson Bay Rugby Union Juniors

BSB: 637-000

Account: 781022829

Or EFT/cash on the rego day

Enquiries to Registrar: Mitch Fraser

M: 0423 643 306

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HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY SALAMANDER BAY

2017

"Increase your child's
communication skills, self-confidence
and creative talents."

Improvisation, Scriptwork and Performance

DRAMA CLASSES – 2017

PRIMARY: 7 – 11 YEARS

4pm – 5pm

YOUTH: 12 – 16 YEARS

5pm – 6pm

MONDAYS: Tomaree Primary Hall

Enrolments now being taken Term 1.

Principal: Shane Skerly

Phone: 02 49 692338

Email: dramacorp@bigpond.com

Facebook: Helen O'Grady Drama Academy - Newcastle

Fun Languages for Little Linguists

The FUN way to become bilingual

à FRENCH for 5-12 year olds

Fun after school program at the Soldiers Point PS
In the school's library.

Every Tuesday from 3.10pm to 4.10pm

Lots of fun activities, drama,
music & games

Come and join us for a free trial!

Enrolling now for term 1 2017!



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NELSON BAY MARLINS JUNIOR AFL CLUB



Dick Burwell Oval, Tomaree Sporting Complex

2017 Registration Day at Dick Burwell Oval

Sunday 26th February 9.00am - 12.00pm

NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 8 Years

\$75 for 1st child (includes 2017 Auskick Pack)
\$65 for 2nd child (includes 2017 Auskick Pack)
Free for 3rd child (includes 2017 Auskick Pack)

Juniors – U9s, U11s, U13s, U15s, U17s & U16 Youth Girls

\$110 for 1st child (includes Club training singlet)
\$100 for 2nd child (includes Club training singlet)
Free for 3rd child (includes Club training singlet)

U12 Youth Girls

\$90 (includes Club training singlet)
(New registrations receive shorts and socks)

***** NO WEEKLY FEES *****

For further information please contact Wayne Anderson on 0425 293 769
or visit website www.nelsonbayjuniorafl@sportspulse.net



Australian Government
Department of Defence



Welcome to Williamtown!

Defence Community Organisation is hosting a family day and expo to welcome Defence families to Williamtown.

ADF members and their families are invited to a family day where there will be community information, free morning tea and children's activities including a jumping castle, face painting and more. Fun for everyone!

WHERE Fighterworld, Medowie Road, Williamtown
WHEN Sunday 26 February 2017, 10am–12pm
RSVP required. Email DCO.HunterRIMS@defence.gov.au with:
– member's name and PMKeyS number
– number of adults and children attending
– your contact number and email

MORE INFO www.defence.gov.au/dco



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