

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

Dear Parents,

The staff and I welcome you back to Soldiers Point for the fourth and final term of 2017. We hope you've had a refreshing holiday with many fun adventures as a family.

Term 4 is a 10-week term concluding on Friday, December 15, for students. Some of our planned activities include: Stage 2 Sydney excursion, Kindergarten's excursion to Oakvale Farm, Hunter Thinkfest for our Opportunity Class, sports gala days, a further orientation for our 2018 Kindergarten students, Twilight Bandstand, as well as our annual Celebration Day, and the Year 6 Graduation.

The term's highlight will undoubtedly be our school's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, which we'll host on Saturday, November 4.

## Organisation

As we move closer to the end of the 2017 school year we need to ensure that we are organised for 2018. One of our annual challenges is to know how many students will start school each year and to organise classes based on these numbers. To assist, we ask families with children in Kindergarten to Year 5, who may be leaving the school at the end of 2017, inform the school at your earliest convenience. This will enable us to plan our teachers and classes for next year.

If leaving, please inform the school via email, [soldierspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:soldierspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or call into the office by Friday, October 20, so we can continue planning for next year.

## Onesie Fun

Thank you for your support of the Student Representative Council's *Crazy Hair / Onesie* fund-raising initiative supporting the Australian Artificial Pancreas Program.

Your generosity enabled us to raise \$291.40, which is a mighty effort.



## Park Safely

Parking in and around any school at drop off & pick up times is a challenge. Our school is no different as we have cars, buses, bicycles and pedestrians moving in all directions. To ensure our children's safety it is imperative that we all respect and follow local road & parking rules. Failure to do so may result in a fine being issued by the NSW Police Force or Port Stephens Council Rangers.

I remind parents that the car park on the northern side of the school's hall is available for staff & parent parking, *it is not a drop off / pick up zone*. Our pick up & drop off zone is on Bagnall Avenue (south of the staff car park).

Parking must be in the bays provided and cars should be parked with their rear to the kerb. Parents are also urged not to drive up the gutter and park on the grass.

## Term Dates

### Term 4 – Week 1

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October     | Students return to School                         |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October   | Yr 6 Taster Lessons at THS<br>9.30am – 1.30pm     |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October | Stage 2 Excursion Sydney<br>Woodworking S1 & 3/4S |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October  | Woodworking S1 & 3/4S                             |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October    | Year 6 Games Day                                  |

### Term 4 – Week 2

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| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October    |                                    |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October   |                                    |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October |                                    |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October  | Soccer Gala Day                    |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October    | Oakvale Farm Excursion -<br>Kinder |

### Term 4 – Week 3

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| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October    |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October   |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October  |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October    |

### School's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Term 4 – Week 4

|                                    |                    |
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| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October    |                    |
| Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October   | Coffee Club @ SPBC |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November |                    |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November  |                    |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November    |                    |

### Term 4 – Week 5

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| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November    | Intensive Swimming                                |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November   | Intensive Swimming                                |
|                                    | Claymation Workshop                               |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November | Intensive Swimming                                |
|                                    | Parent Forum (SIFC)                               |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November  | Intensive Swimming                                |
|                                    | Touch Gala Day                                    |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November   | Remembrance Day<br>Assembly<br>Intensive Swimming |

### Term 4 – Week 6

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| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November    | Kindergarten Orientation<br>Intensive Swimming  |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November   | Kindergarten Orientation<br>Intensive Swimming<br>Parent Information Evening<br>for Kindergarten 2018 |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November | Intensive Swimming<br>Kindergarten Orientation<br>Intensive Swimming                                  |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November  | Intensive Swimming  |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November    | Intensive Swimming  |

### Term 4 – Week 7

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| Monday 20 <sup>rd</sup> November    |                              |
| Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November   |                              |
| Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November | Thinkfest                    |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November  |                              |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November    | Student Recognition assembly |

### Term 4 – Week 8

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| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November    |  |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November   |  |
| Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November | Year 6 Orientation @ THS<br>Scripture Assembly @ 10:20<br>Twilight Bandstand |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November  |  |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December     |  |

### Term 4 – Week 9

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| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December    |                            |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December   |                            |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December | Scripture Assembly @ 11:30 |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December  |                            |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December    | Celebration Day            |

### Term 4 – Week 10

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| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December    |                  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December   |                  |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December |                  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  |                  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December    | Term 4 Concludes |

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
No assembly*

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Class Councillor Induction  
Whole School at 2.15pm*

*All Welcome*

### Bus Travel – Year 3 – 2018

All students who will be in Year 3 in 2018 will need to apply for a new bus pass.

## CARD ART

During the last weeks of Term 3, your child will be/has been involved in a **Whole School Art Program** in order to produce a piece of artwork which may be reproduced into greeting cards, calendars, diaries or notebooks.

This activity has been well supported within our school community in previous years. The aim of the program is to celebrate art, not to raise money, therefore costs have been kept to a minimum.

**Cards & Calendars - \$10.00 each**

**Diaries & Notebooks - \$15.00 each**

Samples will be available in the office foyer.

*To order, simply fill in the required number of items in the boxes on front of the artwork, along with your child's name and return the artwork and money to the school office. **Orders cannot be accepted after Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.***

Thank you  
Rose Aitchison

## Buskers Needed

for the SPPS 70<sup>th</sup> B'day Celebration

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov



Can you play a tune on your guitar?  
Perhaps you love to sing?  
Do you have a song that you recently learnt on your instrument that you would love to share?

For more information, please contact Emma Bowen (via the SPPS facebook page or after Friday's band practice) or find Ms Susan Sala at school.



\*All money collected will go towards the SPPS music department\*

# NEWS



## Fundraising Committee

### School 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

Saturday 4 November

#### Student Stalls

If any students would like to run their own handmade craft stall please contact us. They will need to have their own table, chair, float and parent helper.

#### Show Bags

Please check school bags for a Showbag Order Form which will need to be returned to the school canteen by Friday 13 Oct. An email was also sent to all families at the end of Term 3 with the Order Form attached.

#### Volunteers

We are still in need of volunteers to help run stalls. So please if any mums, dads, grandparents, older brothers or sisters have even an hour they can spare on November 4<sup>th</sup> we would love to hear from you. If we can't lock in helpers we will need to drop some of our stalls. Thank you to the volunteers who have already put their hand up to help make this event a success.

#### Raffle tickets

Remember to keep selling any raffle tickets you have and to return any stubs that you have sold. All tickets sold go towards class totals - the winner earning a class pizza party.

## Canteen

Welcome back - I hope everyone had a great holiday.

#### Roster

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|-------------|--|
| Wed 11/10   | Ken Harper, Davina Gamble              |
| Thurs 12/10 | Yr 6 – Ashley T.J, Breanna R           |
| Fri 13/10   | Leanne Benbow,<br>Deanne Cosgrove      |
| Mon 16/10   | Help needed                            |
| Wed 18/10   | Ken Harper, Davina Gamble              |
| Thurs 19/10 | Yr 6 – Amy T, Esha CS                  |
| Fri 20/10   | Leanne Benbow,<br>Casandra Butterworth |
| Mon 23/10   | Ange Heame                             |

## Get involved in your P&C

We are a friendly group of parents who work in partnership with the school and local community to support student wellbeing and the school environment including:  
Managing and operating the School Canteen and the Uniform Shop; Organising fundraising activities and social events; Work in collaboration with staff to help establish and maintain a positive welcoming school environment. We welcome your input. If you would like more information please contact us via the email below.

## Meetings

**P&C Meeting:** Tuesday 10 Oct held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All welcome.

**School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC) Meeting:** Wed 8 November. Meet in the School Library at 6.30pm. This meeting will be a Parent Focus Group session for the new School Plan providing an opportunity to comment on teaching/learning, student wellbeing and school community initiatives. What's working well and what could be done better?

## Uniform Shop

Open Tuesday 8.30am – 9.30am and Friday 2.15pm – 3.15pm

## Contact Us

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