

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday 23rd October, 2017

Dear Parents,

Each year the school provides the opportunity for students in Years 3-6 to participate in the University of New South Wales testing in English, writing, mathematics, science & digital technologies. This year, three students: Beau (Year 4), Scarlett (Year 5) and Breanna (Year 6), received High Distinctions in the writing test. This is an outstanding achievement for the three students as it places them amongst the best in the nation in writing for their ages.



Furthermore, Adrian (Year 5) has been selected to represent his school and the Hunter Region in the State Premier's Spelling Bee on November 8. We all wish Adrian well as he will be competing against the state's best spellers.



Budding Builders

On October 11 & 12 Stage 1 and 3/4S were fortunate enough to spend time with volunteers from The Woodworkers doing some woodwork. Students were able to choose from a variety of items to make including: bird boxes, tool boxes, tissue box and a BBQ caddy.

With patience and good humour the volunteers set about helping the students construct their wooden project.

Sticky fingers, bent nails and lots of persistence from the students saw an industrious hour and a cacophony of hammers hitting nails. The smile on the faces of the students and on the volunteers was priceless.

The students were polite and respectful to the volunteers and the volunteers were very patient. As a teacher watching on, it was so nice to see the students engage with members of our community in such a positive way. Watching one generation pass on skills to the next was a privilege.



The students were completely engaged and very focussed (on not hitting their fingers with the hammers) and they all had such a memorable time. The pride the students felt when they got to walk away with their handmade project was immense.

When reflecting on their experience the students had many positive things to say:

- "It was a little bit hard getting the nails to go in straight but it was lots of fun" Lexi
- "It was fun and only a little bit hard. The volunteers were nice to us and helped us" Ruby
- "We put them together and hit the nails - it was fun. We put my bird box in my tree house." Lincoln
- "It was fun and I've made something I can use at home." Sachin

Term Dates

Term 4 – Week 3

Monday 23 rd October	
Tuesday 24 th October	
Wednesday 25 th October	
Thursday 26 th October	
Friday 27 th October	Year 6 Games Day

Term 4 – Week 4

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

Saturday, 4th November School Birthday Party

Term 4 – Week 5

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

Term 4 – Week 6

Monday 13 th November	Kindergarten Orientation
	Intensive Swimming
Tuesday 14 th November	Kindergarten Orientation
	Intensive Swimming
	Parent Information Evening for Kindergarten 2018
Wednesday 15 th November	Intensive Swimming
	Kindergarten Orientation
Thursday 16 th November	Intensive Swimming
Friday 17 th November	Intensive Swimming

Term 4 – Week 7

Monday 20 th November		
Tuesday 21 st November		
Wednesday 22 nd November	Thinkfest	
Thursday 23 rd November		
Friday 24 th November	Student assembly	Recognition
	Walkathon	

Term 4 – Week 8

Monday 27 th November	
Tuesday 28 th November	
Wednesday 29 th November	Year 6 Orientation @ THS
	Scripture Assembly @ 10:20
Thursday 30 th November	2018 SRC Speeches
	Twilight Bandstand
Friday 1 st December	

Term 4 – Week 9

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

Term 4 – Week 10

Monday 11 th December	
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 13 th December	
Thursday 14 th December	
Friday 15 th December	Term 4 Concludes

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 or call into the office by Friday, October 27, so we can continue planning for next year.

Type Onesie Day

The students raise \$290 for the Hunter Kids with Type 1 Diabetes. A great achievement.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 27th October
Class Councillor Induction

Yrs 3-6
At 1.30pm

K-2 Induction and KF item
At 2.15pm

Friday 3rd November 3-6
3/4W
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.

P&C News

Canteen

Thank you to Casandra Butterworth, Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow, Davina Gamble and Tania Noble for all their help over the last two weeks.

Roster

Wed 25/10	Matt Connor
Thur 26/10	Yr 6 - Demi B, Sienna P
Fri 27/10	Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow
Mon 30/10	Deanne Cosgrove, Help needed
Wed 1/11	Davina Gamble, Tania Noble
Thur 2/11	Yr 6 - Chantelle D, Harry C
Fri 3/11	Leanne Benbow, Casandra Butterworth
Mon 6/11	Help Needed

If anyone can help out in the Canteen at the **70th Birthday Celebration** on Saturday 4 November please let me know on 0448 771 336. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Paula

Special Menu Items available at the 70th Birthday Celebration:

Saturday 4 November 10am – 2pm

Pork and Coleslaw Roll	\$6
Beef and Gravy Roll	\$6
Chicken and Caesar Wrap	\$6
Homemade Sausage Roll	\$3
Soft Drinks & Water	\$2
Ice creams also available	

Fundraising Committee

It's less than 2 weeks until the Birthday Celebration event! Here's hoping that as many families as possible can make it to the event on **Saturday 4 November 10am - 2pm**. It will be great fun for the whole family. Tell all your friends, family and neighbours!

Raffle

Can all raffle tickets (sold or unsold) please be returned to the school office this week. Winners will be drawn at 1pm during the Birthday Celebration event.

Children's Stalls

If any of our SPPS students would like to run their own handmade craft stall please contact us. They will need to have their own table, chairs, float and adult helper.

Donations

We are looking for donations of colourful material, lucky jars, chocolate blocks and books for the Birthday Celebration event. Please drop undercover near the Uniform Shop.

Working with Children Check

Could all volunteers please submit either their WWCC forms or a signed Statutory Declaration to the front office.

Thank you to all of the wonderful people who have volunteered countless hours to get this year's biggest event off the ground. We could not have done it without you.

Meetings

School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC):

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?

P&C Meeting: Tuesday 14 November held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All welcome.

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.

Contact Us

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TERM FOUR 2017

MONDAY OCTOBER 9 TO TUESDAY DECEMBER 19

NEW GROUPS

Gingerbread House Workshop

Come along, get in the festive mood and have fun with our gingerbread house workshop.

Create a gingerbread house that makes a delicious Christmas gift or a special treat on the Christmas table.
Cost: \$5.00

ALL INGREDIENTS INCLUDED

FREE Children's activity group available

WHEN: Monday December 4

TIME: 12 noon to 2.30 pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
LIMITED NUMBERS

FREE Pre-Schooler Art Program

ART with DEB

Our NEW creative arts program is designed for children aged 3 to 5 years (Younger siblings welcome to come along). Children are encouraged to experiment with a variety of art mediums, be creative and most of all have fun.

create, explore, have fun, meet others
Some materials supplied.

WHEN: OCT 24 - Nov 26

TIME: 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm

Booking required.

Family Support Newcastle and Gan Gan Family Centre present

The Celebrating Parent

Stresses less and laughs more.

This workshop is for anyone who wants to improve their life and relationships. Topics include:
basic rules to getting through the stress of Christmas, idea sharing and planning for happiness and joy.

WHEN: Thursday November 30th

TIME: 9.30 am to 12 noon

Free child care

Followed by a Family Xmas Party



In partnership with the Family Action Centre, Gan Gan Family Centre is holding:

Uni 4 You – (Uni prep course)

Find out all you need to know about starting Uni, including prep courses, support options, study tips.

When: Wednesdays from Oct 18 (Six Sessions)
Time: 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Free childcare

Yoga for Kids

In partnership with Namaste yoga therapy we are holding a six session yoga course for children aged three to five years. Classes are designed to teach children to listen to their body and to calm their minds. Classes include basic yoga poses, visualisation, creative play, relaxation, dance and games.

Dates: Thursday 19th Oct to Thursday 23rd Nov
Start time: 12.30 pm (40 min session)
Cost: \$30.00 for six sessions per family

BOOKING ESSENTIAL PH: 4982 1767

MEETING DATES THIS TERM:

BAY GAP8 (Grandparents As Parents): Every Wed@10am

YOUNG PARENTS GROUP: Fortnightly Tues@10.30 am

FAMILY LAW CONSULT: Thurs by appointment

TOYS ON TAP TOY LIBRARY: Mon to Fri 9am to 11am

Find us on Facebook

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 10 OCTOBER

10.15 am – 12 noon

* Bookings essential.

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 9 NOVEMBER: 10.00 am to 11 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 17 NOV : 10 am to 12 noon

Booking Required. (\$35.00 for the four sessions)
Ring Clara: 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 2018.

Our fun structured session allow your child to develop their skills and confidence through play based learning experiences.

THURSDAYS starting 19th OCTOBER

9.45 am – 11.45 noon.

Younger siblings are Welcome.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED



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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