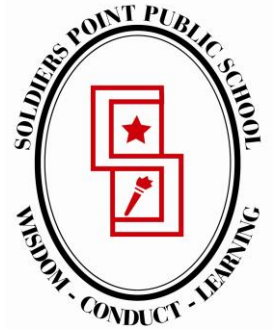


The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday, November 6, 2017

Dear Parents,

The purpose of Saturday's 70th birthday party was to celebrate our school, its history and the wider community of Soldiers Point. We achieved this goal.

I wholeheartedly thank our tenacious P&C for their time, thought and energy, which culminated in a fun community day. It really was a treat to meet past students and chat to them about their days as a student here in the past and I know they really enjoyed coming back to school.

I sincerely thank our many sponsors, donors & stall holders who generously supported the day. Similarly, I thank our students and teachers for their contributions. Whether busking, dancing, singing, playing with the band or making items to sell, your efforts are appreciated and added greatly to the success of the day.

Thanks

also to the many parent helpers who

assisted by attending the stalls throughout the day.



Parent Forum

Some of you will have heard the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." I believe this to be so true and encourage you, as parents, to come together as the Soldiers Point 'village' and join us at Wednesday's Parent Forum.

The purpose of the forum is to hear directly from you about some of the school's current practices and

share ideas for future improvement. We will also be discussing future directions, which will guide us in our planning.

The Parent Forum will be facilitated by one of our parents, Brenda Madden in the school's library from 7:00-8:00 PM.

Maths Masters

Congratulations to our Stage 3 students for their achievements in this year's Hunter Region Primary Mathematics Competition. Two students, Hannah and Adrian, did exceptionally well receiving high distinctions with a further 16 students receiving a distinction.



Games Day

On Monday, October 30, Year 6, accompanied by Year 5 helpers, hosted Games Day. Games Day was a blast and managed to raise more than \$820.00 toward the Year 6 Graduation. What was really special about the day was seeing all the smiles on everyone's faces. People were just glad to join in. This year's Games Day was memorable. (Keira)



Term Dates

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
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Day Assembly Intensive Swimming

Term 4 – Week 6

Monday 13 th November	Kindergarten Orientation Intensive Swimming
Tuesday 14 th November	'A Night of Music' @5pm 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	Kinder Oakvale Farm Exc Intensive Swimming

Term 4 – Week 7

Monday 20 th November	Kindergarten Orientation
Tuesday 21 st November	Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday 22 nd November	Thinkfest Kindergarten Orientation
Thursday 23 rd November	
Friday 24 th November	Walkathon

Term 4 – Week 8

Monday 27 th November	
Tuesday 28 th November	Picnic in the Park
Wednesday 29 th November	
Thursday 30 th November	2018 SRC Speeches Twilight Bandstand
Friday 1 st December	Student Recognition Assembly

Term 4 – Week 9

Monday 4 th December	
Tuesday 5 th December	Year 6 Orientation THS
Wednesday 6 th December	Scripture Assembly @ 11:30
Thursday 7 th December	OC Orientation Day
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 the office on 49827151 so we can continue planning for next year.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Friday 10th November
Remembrance Day Assembly
Whole School
At 9.20am*

*Friday 17th November 3-6
5/6M
At 2.15pm
All Welcome*

Head Lice Alert

Please support the school by regularly checking your child's hair and treating if necessary



We all have a part to play, so it's important to help keep children safe on or near buses - **Be Bus Aware**.

Parents and carers:

Getting children to and from the bus is the responsibility of families to keep them safe. School-aged children might seem independent, but they still need a hand.

Remember:

- Always meet your child at the bus stop. Never meet them on the opposite side of the road and call them across.
- Wait until the bus has gone, then choose a safe place to cross the road. Remember to Stop! Look! Listen! Think!
- If you can't meet your child, organise for another trusted adult to take your place.
- Model safe pedestrian behaviour as children learn safe road user habits from you and will continue them when they are old enough to travel alone.
- Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand on the footpath, in the car park and when crossing the road.

It's important to supervise your child until they are at least 10 years old and hold their hand when walking.

When waiting for the bus, hold hands and wait as far back from the passing traffic as possible.

Drivers:

Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash

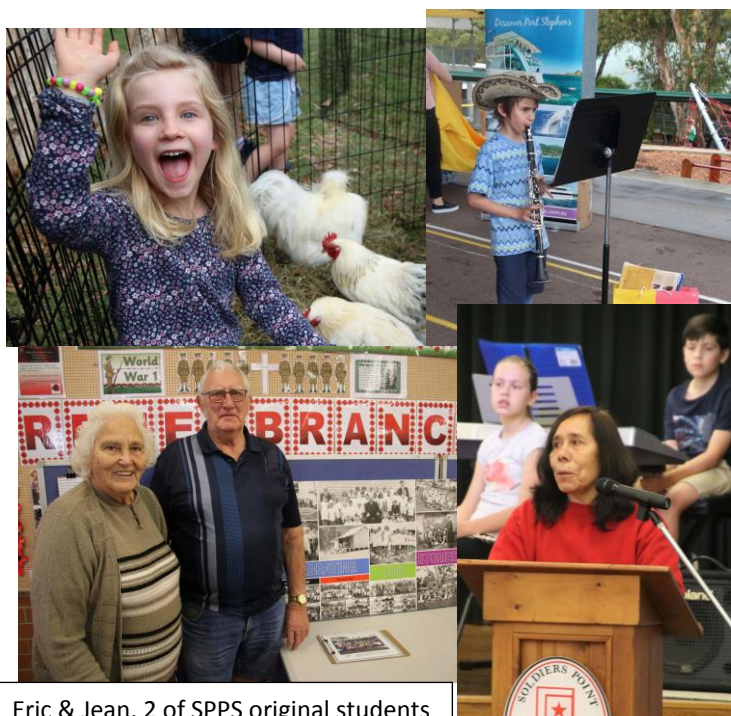
As a driver look for the flashing lights on the back of buses to warn you that they are picking up and dropping off children. Drivers must slow down to 40km/h when bus lights flash and look out for children crossing the road.



Students:

It is every student's responsibility to behave safely as a passenger to ensure the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers.

More 70th Birthday Party Photos



Eric & Jean, 2 of SPPS original students

P&C News

Canteen

Thank you to Karen Jones, Matt Connor, Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow, Casandra Butterworth, Davina Gamble, Ange Hearn, Bekk Coote and Tania for all their help over the last two weeks.

Roster

Wed 8/11	Davina Gamble
Thur 9/11	Yr 6 Cooper T, Alex R
Fri 10/11	Leanne Benbow
Mon 13/11	<i>Help Needed</i>
Wed 15/11	Matt Connor
Thur 16/11	Yr 6 Joshua P, Harry P
Fri 17/11	Casandra Butterworth, Julie T, Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow
Mon 13/11	<i>Help Needed</i>



A massive thankyou to Casandra Butterworth for all her hard work in preparation for the schools 70th Birthday Celebration Day and her organisation of the Canteen on the day of the event. A special thankyou to the team who worked hard all day: Cassie, Leanne, Deanne, Karen and Bekk - you are always there to help with a smile and you make the Canteen a fantastic workplace.

We have some additional items available for lunch over the next few weeks:

Chicken Caesar Wraps	\$4
Pork and Gravy Roll	\$4
Beef and Gravy Roll	\$4
Bubble-o-bills and Billabongs	\$2.50



Fundraising Committee

70th Birthday Celebration Shakedown

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered or donated to our very successful 70th Birthday Celebration held on Saturday 4 November. A great day was had by all even though the rain did turn up for the last hour, it didn't seem to put a dampener on the mood of the event.

Thank you to the following people who made the event such a great success:

- the students who created products to sell, directional and wayfinding signs, stall signs and to the students who kept us entertained throughout the day,
- the multitude of volunteers and students who helped to organise and run the 70 activities and stalls on the day,
- the passionate community groups who generously gave their time to help support our event, and
- the staff who generously gave their time to help make the day run so smoothly.

I have not named individual volunteers. It would be difficult to list everyone who chipped in to make the day a success. Thank you for your assistance, however great or small. Your contributions are part of the schools' strong community spirit to get things done and we appreciate your help in making this such a great community event. It was also great to chat with past students, the wider school community and other prominent Port Stephens locals as they wandered around the Birthday event.

The fundraising figures for the event are yet to be finalised but in conjunction with the Raffle (see below) we estimate that over \$20,000 has been raised. We will let you know a more exact figure in the next school newsletter. Thanks to all.

Kirsty Webb

P & C Fundraising Committee

70th Birthday Celebration Raffle

As the organiser of the raffle I'd like to thank all the fabulous local businesses who donated prizes. Without the wonderful prizes this raffle wouldn't have been as profitable as it was!

Secondly, a huge thank you to all parents (and students) that helped sell tickets outside of school. Many hours were spent selling tickets in shopping centres and at other community events. Your assistance is highly appreciated. Without you I wouldn't have been able to reach my goal of \$10,000.

Thirdly, thank you to all the students and teachers that promptly returned their sold tickets. The amount that was raised through these sales was remarkable! Also, Bronwyn and Simone in the office for collecting them each day for the last few months!

Finally, to everyone who bought the tickets! It's been a huge few months and we will soon discuss with the school what improvements in information technology are needed at the school, so we can start putting the money raised to good use. It was a pleasure to be able to raise these much-needed funds for our school! Thanks again to everyone involved,

Jane Lestone
P & C Fundraising Committee

RAFFLE Results

Raffle Points

- \$6,080 in total prizes
- 16 prizes in total
- 5,857 tickets sold
- Profit \$10,704
- Total outside sales (Salamander Bay Square, Outside Newsagency, Salamander Shores, Musical & Elections) \$3790
- Total Student/Teacher sales \$6,956
- Sold at the Birthday Celebration \$968
- Average Class Sale \$497
- Highest Class Sold \$834 (3/4S)
- Runner Up \$716 (KF)

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| Prize 1 | Hisense Full HD 55' Smart TV (valued \$1000)
<i>Winner: Aaron Webster</i> |
| Prize 2 | Game Fishing Charter for 2
Donated by Calypso Fishing Adventures
<i>Winner: Cailley Chong</i> |
| Prize 3 | 6 Months Family Pool Membership and 1 term of swimming lessons for 1 child
Donated by Tomaree Aquatic Centre
<i>Winner: Derek Vogtmann</i> |
| Prize 4 | 2 Nights' accommodation at The Retreat
Donated by The Retreat Anna Bay
<i>Winner: Louise Broadway</i> |
| Prize 5 | iPad 32GB WiFi Gold
Donated by PURE Property Management
<i>Winner: Jeff Walton</i> |
| Prize 6 | Surfboard
Donated by Kaos Surf
<i>Winner: Bruce Murray</i> |

- Prize 7** Weber Baby Q Premium
Donated by Outdoor Obsession
Winner: Charlie McGrath
- Prize 8** Stihl MS 170 Chainsaw
Donated by Bluming Trees
Winner: Ken Seabury
- Prize 9** Family Photo Shoot
Donated by Annique's Unique Photography
Winner: Karen Barrett
- Prize 10** Trent & Steele Slow Press Juicer
Donated by Harvey Norman Salamander Bay
Winner: Ian Nichols
- Prize 11** Soccer Lessons for a Term, Ball and Uniform
Donated by Goal Soccer Academy
Winner: Rhondda Cooper
- Prize 12** Quad Bike King Safaris Tour for 2 adults
Donated by Quad Bike King
Winner: Diana Townsend
- Prize 13** Lawn & Gardening Voucher
Donated by Lettuce In
Winner: Andrew David
- Prize 14** Arbonne Make-Up Hamper
Donated by Lauren Harley – Arbonne
Winner: Michael Hall-Thompson
- Prize 15** Imagine Marine Discovery Family Pass
Donated by Imagine Cruises
Winner: Bev Turner
- Prize 16** Kids Birthday Party & Ice Cream Cake
Donated by Williamtown McDonalds
Winner: Tony Compton

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 – 2018 is calling

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. Responsible for putting the 'fun' into school fundraising, the P&C also make it possible to run an affordable, on-site uniform shop and provide canteen services for our students. To become a member in 2018 please join us during our November and/or December meetings to find out more information or contact us via the email (below).

Contact Us

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Soldiers Point Public School Parents



Education & Communities

Our school community is committed to providing a supportive learning environment fostering respect, creativity and resilience. (2015) Page 6