

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday, December 4, 2017

Dear Parents,

With the end of the school year only a matter of weeks away, I've included dates of some of our school events to assist with your organisation. The following activities will take place over the next fortnight:

- *Our scripture Christmas assembly will be held on Wednesday, December 6, from 11:30-12:00 in the hall. All students who normally attend weekly scripture shall be attending;*
- *Friday, December 8, we'll be holding our 2016 Celebration Day; and*
- *We'll be recognising our Year 6 students at their Farewell on Tuesday, December 12.*

*Celebration Day is unquestionably the most significant of our annual school events. It is intended to be a reflection on the school year where we share & celebrate our amazing students.*

***Celebration Day assembly will be held in the school hall from 9:30AM.***

## Merry Christmas

As next Friday, December 15, will be the last day for our students, I would like to wish all families a merry Christmas and a happy start to 2018.

I look forward to seeing you in the new year poised and prepared for school. All students in Years 1-6 will be commencing on Tuesday, January 30.

Students starting Kindergarten will be undertaking their Best Start assessment from Tuesday, January 30, until Thursday, February 1, and then commencing on Friday, February 2.

## Student Reports

On Wednesday, December 13, all students will be given their Semester 2 Student Report. The reports will be given to all children in a sealed envelope and it is expected that it will be delivered home to parents unopened. We encourage parents to read the report together with their child discussing the positives and possible goals for future improvement.

## Tennis Star

Last Wednesday, November 29, one of our up-and-coming super stars, Sahla in Year 4, competed in the semi-finals of the State Junior Schoolgirls Tennis Championship in Sydney. To make it to the final four in the state was a remarkable achievement, especially as she was playing against girls in Years 5 and 6.

She had won her early rounds and quarter finals match convincingly but the final four was always going to be challenging. Even though Sahla was beaten in the semi-final, she should be proud of herself. She achieved something that only a few can and she will only get better. It will be exciting to see how she fares next year. Well done Sahla!



## Term Dates

### Term 4 – Week 9

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Orientation THS
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Scripture Assembly @ 11:30
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	OC Orientation Day
	Canteen Meal Deal
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Celebration Day – 9:45am
	Choir at Bowling Club

### Term 4 – Week 10

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Stage 2 Movie Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Stage 3 Movie Day
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Term 4 Concludes

### GAME OF CROWNS



Extra DVD's of the school musical are for sale at the office. \$25 each.

### Book Packs 2018

To assist with your organisation for next year I have included the anticipated cost of Book Packs.

Year	Amount
Kindergarten	\$120.00
Year 1	\$100.00
Year 2	\$100.00
Year 3	\$100.00
Year 4	\$100.00
Year 5	\$100.00
Year 6	\$100.00

Book Packs include *all* stationery items your child will require throughout the year. Each Book Pack comprises items such as: text books, exercise books, pens, pencils, glue, ruler etc.

In 2018, all Book Packs include a subscription to Maths Online, which students will be using instead of a text book for mathematics. For some stages it also includes a subscription to literacy resources, such as Reading Eggs and School Magazine.

As has been the case since 2013, each Book Pack includes a *voluntary* technology contribution. This voluntary contribution, which will be \$20.00 in 2018, enables the school to sustain and improve our current technological resources.

Since introducing the voluntary technology contribution, we have been able to install wireless access points (Wi-Fi) across the school, purchase additional devices, as well as replace all interactive whiteboards. In 2018, we aim to replace some of the workstations & laptops.

Families finding it difficult to meet these initial expenses are most welcome to make part-payments throughout the year.

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December*

*Whole School*

*Celebration Day*

*At 9:30am*

*All Welcome*

*What's in a Book Pack?*

## P&C News

### Canteen

Thank you to all the wonderful parents and grandparents who gave their time over the past 12 months to help out in the Canteen. We will be sad to say goodbye to some whose children are moving onto high school and look forward to welcoming some new parents in 2018.

The canteen will be going through some changes in 2018. Lunch orders will be available 4 days per week (Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri) and there will be some changes to menu choices as the year progresses.

From myself and the canteen committee we wish you all a safe and happy x-mas and a fabulous new year. See you all next year.  
Paula

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open **Monday 29 January 8.30-9.30am**. This will be followed by the Uniform Shops usual weekly hours during Term:

Tuesdays 8.30-9.30am  
Fridays 2.30-3.15pm

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!  
Karen & Brooke

### Fundraising Committee

#### Plant and Book Sale

A big thanks to Sally FitzGerald, Brenda Madden and Katie Allen for their help at the recent Plant and Book Sale. We sold most of the leftover plants from the Birthday Celebration and raised an additional \$739.90 for the school. Thank you again to everyone who donated plants, pots and to Bluewater Landscaping Services for the donation of potting mix.

#### End of Year Picnic/ BBQ

A picnic will be held at Pearson Park (Sunset Beach) after school on Friday 8 December to celebrate the end of another great school year. If you are free bring the kids down for a play/swim with other school families. A great

opportunity to catch up with parents and meet some new families of the school. It will be a very relaxed afternoon. BYO everything. There are BBQ's, toilets, playground equipment and limited seating located in the park.

***\*\*Please note this is a privately organised event and NOT a school or P&C organised event so you will need to be present to supervise your own children.***

### Free Fruit

We would like to send out a last big thank you for the year to Woolworths Salamander for their generous ongoing fruit donation each week. It is great seeing the children choosing a healthy alternative (voluntarily)!

Finally, we would like to wish all families a happy and safe festive season.

Kirsty & Jane

### Meetings

There are no scheduled meetings for December.

Next SIFC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 7 February 2018.

Next P&C Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13 February 2018.

### 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 contact us via email (below).

### Contact Us



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Soldiers Point Public School Parents



**ALL AGES WELCOME**  
1HR WORKSHOPS  
ADULTS — \$10  
CHILD (<13) — \$5  
FAMILY OF 4 — \$25  
3YRS AND UNDER FREE

**WORKSHOPS EACH HOUR**  
Dance, Art, Bush Resource  
1:00am — 10:00am  
11:00am — 12:00pm  
2:00pm — 3:00pm

**Boomerang/Spear Throwing, Beading, Artefacts**  
10:00am — 11:00am  
1:00pm — 2:00pm  
3:00pm — 4:00pm

**WHEN:** 8th — 21st JAN 2018  
**WHERE:** 2163 NELSON BAY RD  
WILLIAMTOWN 2318

**CONTACT VICKI ON**  
02 4033 8800  
VICKI@WORMMUDRG.AU

**TOMAREE AQUATIC CENTRE**  
**SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY LESSONS**

**HOLIDAY SWIM PROGRAM AND TERM 1 PLACES NOW OPEN!**

**Aquatic Centre**

Anna Bay Public School  
191 Gan Gan Road Anna Bay NSW 2316  
T 4982 1767 M 0437 629 037  
E jacqueline.orwell@det.nsw.edu.au

**GAN GAN FAMILY CENTRE**

**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 28

**TIME:** 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm

Booking required.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> Oct to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 GAPS (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 8am to 11am

**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 12 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 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

9.45 am – 11.45 noon.

Younger Siblings are Welcome.

**BOOKINGS REQUIRED**

**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.

**SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP (Newborn to 5 Years)**

Supported Playgroup is held in partnership with the Benevolent Society and provides opportunity for parents and children to enhance their relationship in a supportive environment, increase their skills and confidence and develop valuable social and family support networks.

**MONDAYS** starting from 16 October

Time: 9.30 am - 11.30 am. \*Booking required

**Are you caring for a child with a disability?**

Playgroup NSW MyTime support groups are for mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone caring for a child up to age 18, with a disability or chronic medical condition.

MyTime is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services, and nationally coordinated by the Parenting Research Centre.



**Wednesdays starting 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

10 am – 12 noon

For more info ring Tracy: 0410 476 128

**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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## Kelly's Swim Academy Learn to Swim Program 2018 at Horizons Golf Course

### INTENSIVE HOLIDAYS PROGRAM – JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup>

We will re-commence swimming after the Xmas/New Year with an Intensive Program, during January. Note: we will not operate on New Years Day or Australia Day (Public holidays).

- Week 1: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan (4 days only)  
 Week 2: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan (5 days)  
 Week 3: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan (5 days)  
 Week 4: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan (4 days only)

### LEARN TO SWIM LESSONS -

- 5 Days of Group Lessons: \$60      5 Days of Private Lessons: \$115  
 4 Days of Group Lessons: \$48      4 Days of Private Lessons: \$92  
**SQUAD SWIM CAMP WEEK –** 8.00am-9.00am (dates as detailed above)  
 5 days of Squad: \$50      4 Days of Squad: \$40

### TERM 1 PROGRAM 2018 – 10 or 11 weeks

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April

### LEARN TO SWIM

Swimmer attends lessons once or twice per week, at the same time each week, for 10 (or 11) consecutive weeks. (Note: We do not operate on Good Friday, Easter Saturday or Easter Monday. Some classes will run to a 10 week schedule, and others will be operating for 11 weeks).

	10 weeks	11 weeks
10 or 11 Weeks of 1 Group Lesson per Week:	\$120	\$132
10 or 11 Weeks of 2 Group Lessons per Week:	\$215	\$236.50
10 or 11 Weeks of 1 Private Lesson per Week:	\$230	\$253
10 or 11 Weeks of 2 Private Lessons per Week:	\$415	\$456.50
10 or 11 Weeks of 1 Private and 1 Group/Week:	\$315	\$346.50

### SQUAD - JUNIOR & SENIOR

Tuesday and Thursday at 6.00am, 7.00am and 4.00pm

Saturday at 8.30am	10 weeks	11 weeks
1 session per week	\$110	\$121
2 sessions per week	\$160	\$176
3 sessions per week	\$200	\$220





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**Transition to School Newsletter Snippet  
 November, 2017**



**How to help your child have a positive start to school in 2018:**

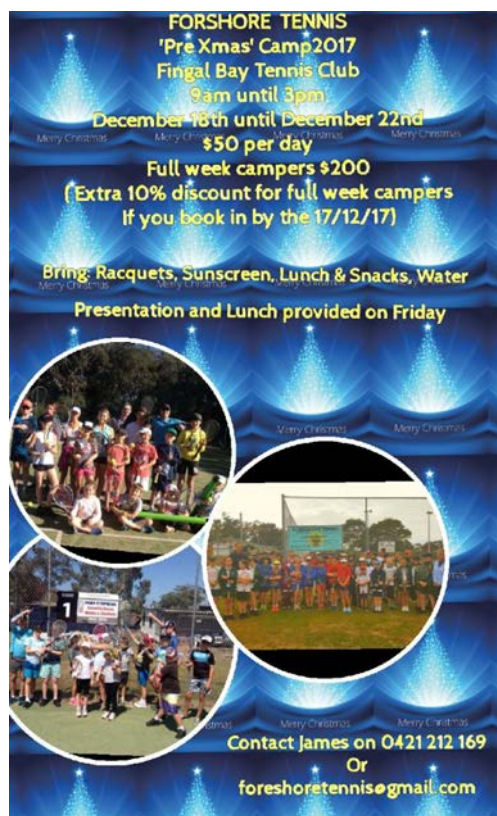
Resilience is the ability to cope with life's up and downs. Starting school brings with it many changes and resilience is about being able to cope with this change. Your child will need to be able to solve problems for themselves in the new, bigger school environment. Some things you can do to encourage resilience are: role play difficult situations, support your child to cope with losing (turn taking games etc) and talk about and label emotions such as happy, disappointed and angry.

**Useful links:**

Here is a link for **TEACHERS**:  
[http://www.responseability.org/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0017/10538/Promoting-Resilience-and-Wellbeing-Final.pdf](http://www.responseability.org/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/10538/Promoting-Resilience-and-Wellbeing-Final.pdf)

For **PARENTS**:  
<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/social-and-emotional-learning/resilience>

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/mental-health-matters/mindfulness>



**FORSHORE TENNIS**  
**'Pre Xmas' Camp 2017**  
 Fingal Bay Tennis Club  
 9am until 3pm  
 December 18th until December 22nd  
 Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas  
**\$50 per day**  
**Full week campers \$200**  
 (Extra 10% discount for full week campers if you book in by the 17/12/17)

Bring: Racquets, Sunscreen, Lunch & Snacks, Water  
 Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas Merry Christmas  
**Presentation and Lunch provided on Friday**

Contact James on 0421 212 169  
 Or  
 foreshoretennis@gmail.com

**=GUITAR LESSONS=**

**=SALAMANDER BAY=**

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CLASSICAL/ LATIN

SPANISH GUITAR

ALL AGES

BEGINNERS

WELCOME

PHONE ANGELO

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**NEW VENUE:**  
 Anna Bay PS

**RAINBOW BRICKS PRESENTS**  
**BRICKFEST AT THE BAY**  
 NSW'S LONGEST RUNNING LEGO FAN EVENT

**6TH - 7TH JANUARY 2018**  
 Children must be accompanied by an adult  
**NEW EXHIBITS**  
**GREAT FAMILY FUN!**  
**ACTION CLUB BBQ/DRINKS**  
**SUPPORTING TOMAREE HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS**  
**10am - 4pm**  
 Children's Build Area, Remote Control Cars  
 A LEGO raffle, LEGO parts, minifigs and sets for sale  
**NEW VENUE: Anna Bay Public School, 191 Gan Gan Road, Anna Bay**  
 www.rainbowbricks.com.au

**\$15 a Family/ \$5 a Person**

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