

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday • February 27th • 2017

Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many parents make time to attend our 2017 Parent Information Sessions. They really are the best opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and hear about the year ahead.

The feedback I've had from parents so far has been positive but if there is anything that wasn't covered in the sessions, please email the school on soldierspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au so we can answer your query and possibly include in future sessions.

If you were unable to attend the Parent Information Session and would like a copy of the school's *Effective Learning Code* or *Let's Talk* flyer, please contact the school's office with your details and we'll forward them home with your child.

I would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank our teachers who willingly offered the Parent Information Sessions after school hours so parents would be able to attend.

Welcome BBQ

Congratulations to the P&C and our DSTA Danielle Robinson for their organisation of our recent Welcome BBQ. It really was a great night made even more enjoyable by the talented and entertaining musicians; the fireworks (lightning) was also pretty spectacular. A huge thank you to local Soldiers Point Lions Club for preparing the yummy BBQ dinner.

Each year we have many parents who generously volunteer their time to support our school in a variety of ways, such as the Welcome BBQ. Becoming involved in the P&C is a great way to build our school community and work toward providing an even better school for our children. Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14.

Happy Healthy Planet

We try very hard to generate a high level of respect for our environment and manage it in a responsible way. It is for this reason we regularly engage our students with environmental initiatives. Soon we will be participating in the following activities:

Date	Activity
Friday, March 3	Clean Up Our School
Friday, March 17	Ride 2 School Day

This Friday, March 3, all students will be cleaning an area of the school or its immediate surrounds as part of the Clean Up Australia campaign. On this day, students are encouraged to bring along a glove from home to pick up papers etc.



Then on Friday, March 17, we'd love to see lots of families wheeling their way to school in support of **Ride 2 School Day**. Not only will students feel fresh and alert after their morning ride, there will be fewer cars around the school which will ease congestion at drop off & pick up time.

Similar to 2016, this day will be a fund-raiser for our Student Representative Council (SRC) with funds going towards the purchase of additional bike racks for the school. At present we can accommodate up to 36 bikes in our bike racks but we would love to see this grow to more than 50.

To show their support, students are permitted & encouraged to come to school dressed out of uniform on Friday, March 17. Students are asked to donate a gold coin, which will go toward purchasing additional bike racks.

Visiting the School?

As I'm sure all will agree; the safety of our children is paramount. As parents, you want to know that your child is safe & happy at school engaging in as many learning experiences as possible. To enable this to occur we have developed the SPPS Visitor Management Policy, which was tabled and discussed at the School Improvement & Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 8, and the P&C Meeting on Tuesday, February 14. *I have attached an overview of the Soldiers Point Public School Visitor Management Policy to this newsletter.*

All persons in school grounds within school hours, who are not picking up or dropping off students, are required by law to **sign in and out** at the office and must be wearing either the provided Visitor Badge or formal identification during the visit.

If you are picking up/dropping off a student you must report to the office first for a late note/early leavers note.

It is also important for parents to understand that any specialist personnel requesting to visit the school to provide therapy and / or undertake specialist support services (including student observations and assessments) must follow the request procedures as outlined in the Visitor Management Policy.

In the instance that parents / carers are requesting an external service provider to support their child during school hours and on school grounds, they must also follow the request procedures as outlined in the Visitor Management Policy.

Student Collection

Thank you to the many parents who are remaining in the Student Collection Area (adjacent to the school canteen) when dropping children off or picking up. Your support has enabled teachers to get their classes to the Student Collection Area promptly at the end of the day.

Remember, parents wishing to visit or assist in classrooms are required to complete the Working with Children Statutory Declaration and sign the Visitors and Volunteers Book, which is located in the office foyer, with each visit. This procedure assists us in ensuring the safety of students and the visitor. *If you require a Working with Children Statutory Declaration, please call into the office.*

Class Councillors Term 1

KM	Kade Cromarty	Maddie Baxter
KF	Darcy Lestone	Charlotte Drake
1/2E	Eden Craner	Hamish Baxter
1/2J	Cooper Paradis	Ella Hill
1/2C	Maxence Peachey	Lexi Manning
2B	Samuel Bowen	Molly Campbell
3/4A	Kye Nichol	Riley Johnson
3/4N	Jesse Blume	Sahla McElwaine
3/4S	Stella Gilder	Noah Smith
3/4W	Charlie Hartmann	Logan Doyle
5/6G	Lincoln Sadler-Barker	Ella Degenhardt
5/6S	Amali Rokub	Dominic Blyth
5M	Ava Millett	Hunter Jones
5/6G	Cooper Thompson	Breanna Robinson

2017 State Music Camps

The dates for the State Music Camps this year are as follows:

- **Senior:** Sunday 25 June – Friday 30 June (last week Term 2)
- **Junior:** Sunday 16 July – Friday 21 July (first week Term 3)

The camps will be held at Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen.

Applications close on Friday 5 May 2017.

For student go to applications-
<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/state-music-camp-student-application>



Education
Public Schools



2017 Selective High School Placement Test

This test will be held from 9:00am to 1:30pm on Thursday 9 March 2017 at Tomaree High School, Salamander Way, Salamander Bay.

If you have any queries please contact the High Performing Students Unit on 9244 5669.

Term Dates

Term 1 – Week 6

Monday 27 th February	
Tuesday 28 th February	
Wednesday 1 st March	
Thursday 2 nd March	Hunter Regional Swimming
Friday 3 rd March	Clean Up Our School Day

Term 1 – Week 7

Monday 6 th March	Zone Rugby League trials
Tuesday 7 th March	
Wednesday 8 th March	
Thursday 9 th March	2018 Selective High School Placement Test
Friday 10 th March	

Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 13 th March	
Tuesday 14 th March	
Wednesday 15 th March	
Thursday 16 th March	
Friday 17 th March	Ride 2 School Day

Term 1 – Week 9

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

Term 1 – Week 10

Monday 27 th March	
Tuesday 28 st March	
Wednesday 29 th March	
Thursday 30 th March	Preschool to Kindergarten Expo @ Tomaree Multipurpose Centre
Friday 31 st March	

Term 1 – Week 11

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

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 3rd March – 2.15pm

Yrs 3-6

Hosted by 5/6M

Friday 10th March – 2.15pm

K-2

Hosted by 1/2J

Zone Swimming

A delayed start and imposing weather looked set to throw the zone swimming carnival into chaos on Friday, February 17, at the Lakeside Centre at Raymond Terrace. Luckily, the swimmers kept their collective cool and swam exceedingly well.

While our school finished in 8th place at the end of the day, there were some pleasing individual and relay performances. The junior girls relay team a long way ahead of the other schools to finish first, while the junior boys swam phenomenally to finish in third place.

The standout swimmer of the meet was Ebony from our school, who won the 200m IM, the four 50m events and was the junior girl champion. Her 200m Individual Medley was much faster than the senior boys' time. We wish her all the best at the regional carnival which will be held at Maitland this Thursday.



Congratulations to all the students who swam at the zone carnival for your achievements and outstanding behaviour.

Defence Aide News

Newcastle is hosting a fantastic exhibition called the **Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience** from 29th March 2017- 4th April 2017. This is a free exhibition with lots of interactive displays and well worth taking your family to see. Book now as tickets are free.

Danielle Robinson DSTA - M: 0438 430 616

NELSON BAY MARLINS JUNIOR AFL CLUB



Dick Burwell Oval, Salamander Bay

2017 Online Registrations Now Open

Visit www.nelsonbayjunioraflmarlins.sportingpulse.net
Registration Day – 26 February 9am - 12 noon @ Dick Burwell Oval

NAB Auskick \$75

5 Years to 8 Years

Includes 2017 Auskick Pack

Juniors \$110

U9s, U10s, U11s, U12s, U13s, U15s & U17s

Junior Girls (U12s) \$90

Youth Girls (U16s) \$110

2nd family member receives a \$10 discount

3rd family member registers for free

All players receive a club training singlet

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

For further information please contact Wayne on 0425293769



Stressed about back to school costs?

Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions,
tutoring, a laptop or tablet?

Saver Plus matches your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up
to \$500!

You may eligible if:

- you have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and,
- you or your partner have some regular income from work such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

Contact Cynthia Culhane
your local Saver Plus Coordinator:

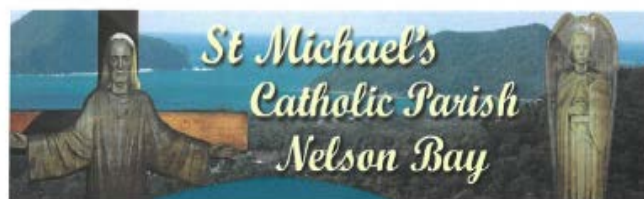
02 4032 4703 / 0418 699 646

or cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in the Newcastle area by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government. Find more information at saverplus.org.au



Education &
Communities



Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

	First Communion (Year 4)	Confirmation (Year 3)	Reconciliation (Year 2)
Registrations to be received by Parish office no later than:	Thursday, 27 th April 2017	Thursday, 22 nd June 2017	Thursday, 17 th August 2017
"Sharing the light of our faith" Parent Evening (Compulsory Attendance)	Wednesday, 17 th May 2017 6:30 - 8:30pm	Wednesday, 19 th July 2017 6:30 - 8:30pm	Wednesday, 30 th August 2017 6:30 - 8:30pm
Formation Day (Compulsory Attendance)	Sunday, 4 th June 2017 8:30am-2:00pm	Sunday, 6 th August 2017 8:30am-2:00pm	Sunday, 17 th September 2017 8:30am-11:40am
Pilgrimage	Wednesday, 7 June 2017	n/a	n/a
Preparation Evening (Compulsory Attendance)	Tuesday, 6 June 2017 6:00 - 7pm	Wednesday, 9 th August 6:00 - 7pm	n/a
Ceremony (Compulsory Attendance)	Saturday, 10 th & 17 th June 2017 6pm Sunday, 11 th & 18 th June 2017 8:30am	Saturday, 12 th August 2017	Wednesday, 20 th September 2017 at 6pm

If you would like to register your child for the 2017 Sacramental Program, please contact the Parish Office on 4981 1069.

UNSW GLOBAL COMPETITIONS

All students in years 3-6 are invited to participate in this year's UNSW Global Competitions

Digital Technology - \$9.00

Science - \$9.00

Writing - \$19.00

Spelling - \$13.00

English - \$9.00

Mathematics - \$9.00

If you wish for your child to compete in any of the above, please complete Registration Form (sent home) and send back to school with entry fee by Thursday 23rd March 2017. **Please note that NO late entries will be accepted.**

NEWS



Fundraising Committee

Thank you to the families who helped make the Welcome Back BBQ a great success. The event was cut short due to a brief storm but fun was had by all! A huge thank you to the Soldiers Point Lions Club for running the BBQ, to Woolworths who provided free fruit, student musicians who provided entertainment, and the parents/staff who baked and volunteered at the event.

Garage Sale

Following the success of the 2016 P&C run Garage Sale we have decided to do it all again on the first weekend of Term 2! If you have any quality unwanted items you would like to donate please put them aside. Ask family and friends for any donations they may have as well. A great incentive to de-clutter and clean out a room or garage! All funds raised go towards educational resources for the school.

****Position Vacant:** P&C Secretary (volunteer role). Do you have basic admin skills and a few hours per month to volunteer on the school P&C? We would love to hear from you! Find our contact details below.

Canteen

Thank you to Leanne Benbow, Casandra Butterworth, Amy Webster, Louise Broadway, Matt Connor, Michelle Campbell, Liz Dennison and Julie Thomson for all their help over the last two weeks. A huge thankyou to Deanne Cosgrove for looking after the Canteen whilst I have been away.

Roster

Wed 1/3	Karen Jones
Fri 3/3	Natalie Daniel, Casandra Butterworth, Leanne Benbow, Julie Thomson
Mon 6/3	Davina Gamble
Wed 8/3	Michelle Campbell
Fri 10/3	Amy Webster, Deanne Cosgrove, Liz Dennison
Mon 13/3	Help needed

The canteen will need to slightly increase prices in 2017. New prices are effective from 1 March with a grace period until 6 March. See the school/P&C website or the Skoolbag App for new price list.

Thank you for your continued support.

Meetings

School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC) Meeting: Wednesday 8 March held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All welcome.

P&C AGM and General Meeting: Tuesday 14 March held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All welcome.

PLEASE NOTE: The new P&C Committee for 2017 will be elected at the March 14 meeting. Three key positions for the Committee are the President, Secretary and Treasurer. If any of these positions are left vacant the P&C will fold. This means closure of the canteen and uniform shop.

Uniform Shop

Open Tuesday 8.30am – 9.30am and Friday 2.15pm – 3.15pm. Located behind the school canteen. Price List available on the school website, P&C website or via the Skoolbag App.

Contact Us

Email: sppspc@live.com.au

Our school community is committed to providing a supportive learning environment fostering respect, creativity and resilience. (2015) Page 5

P&C Website: sppspc.weebly.com



Soldiers Point Public School Parents

'Angel Billy'
Fundraiser Trivia
Night

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service



Saturday, 11th March 2017
 Nelson Bay Bowling Club
 7pm start // \$10PP

All proceeds to the
 Westpac Rescue Helicopter

To book your table of 8 please contact
 Neddie on
 0447 296 006

Gather your friends and test your trivia
 knowledge!

PRIZES FOR THE WINNING TABLE &
 LOTS OF RAFFLE PRIZES



2017 Registrations closing soon!

Our playing season officially begins on April 1st 2017 so we are putting out a final call for any players interested in playing Junior Rugby League in 2017.

There are currently positions left in the 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15-17 year age groups. Email us at nelsonbayjuniorrugbyleague@hotmail.com with any questions or call Gemma Wykes 0429816655 or Brooke Hill 0428464426.

Go to www.playnrl.com/register for information on how to register or see our website for more details: www.nelsonbayjrl.leagunet.com.au

Find us on Facebook or Twitter or download our Nelson Bay Junior Rugby League App powered by Sportsbag (available in iTunes and Google Play)

**Connecting with
Challenging Children**



Are you a parent with a child who is easily annoyed, often angry, argumentative, defiant, oppositional...

Wavelengths is offering a parenting group tailored specifically to parents of children with challenging behaviours. Learn how to develop & foster a positive relationship with your child & reduce conflict in the family home.

When: Four week course every Tuesday starting the 28th of February @ 7pm - 9pm
 Where: 260 Soldiers Point Road, Salamander Bay
 Cost: \$250 upfront payment to secure spot (Discount may apply if a current GP Mental Health Care Plan is in place)



Wavelengths
Allied Health

To book in for the workshop or for more information
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 E: reception@wavelengths.com.au