

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday • March 27 • 2017

Dear Parents,

The school was a sea of orange last Tuesday, March 21, as we recognised Harmony Day. Whilst I believe Soldiers Point Public School is a very harmonious school, it is always helpful to remind ourselves to be caring & accepting of differences, thus increase understanding.

Thank you to Mrs Fuimaono for her coordination of our school events and a big thank you to our parents to supporting the day by dressing their children in orange. See our website for some fun Harmony Day photos.



Parent – Teacher Conferences

This week we commence our parent – teacher conferences where parents will find out how their child is progressing at school. It is widely known that children do better in school when their parents are actively involved in their academic lives. Attending parent-teacher conferences is a way for you to be involved and help your child succeed.

A parent-teacher conference is a great opportunity to:

- start or continue ongoing conversations with your child's teacher; and
- learn how to help your child do their best.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our teachers for their willingness to stay back after school so parents can attend the conference.

ANZAC Activities 2017

Each year students and staff from Soldiers Point Public School commemorate ANZAC Day in a number of ways acknowledging this most significant day in our proud history. This year's activities include:

- A whole school ANZAC Assembly on Friday 28th April 2017 at 1.30 PM with a guest speaker from RAAF Base Williamtown attending and distinguished guests. (Week 1 Term 2); and
- Participation in the ANZAC Day March and service in Nelson Bay on Tuesday 25th April 2017 (ANZAC Day).

Students intending to march with the school on ANZAC Day will need to assemble in the Nelson Bay Bowling Club car park, at 10.00 AM. The march is scheduled to commence at 10.50 AM. All students and staff will THEN proudly march down Stockton St to ANZAC Park for the service. Students should come dressed in full school uniform.

During the service our student leaders will lay a wreath on behalf of the school. We would like to encourage our defence dads and mums who are not already committed to come along, in uniform and march with our students. Following the service, students can be collected from the staff attending.



Remember school photos will be taken next Tuesday, April 4.

Term Dates

Term 1 – Week 10

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| Monday 27 th March | Parent – Teacher Conferences |
| Tuesday 28 th March | Parent – Teacher Conferences |
| | Year 7 – 2018 Parent |
| | Information Evening Tomaree |
| | High School at 5.30pm |
| Wednesday 29 th March | |
| Thursday 30 th March | Preschool to Kindergarten Expo |
| | @ Tomaree Multipurpose Centre |
| Friday 31 st March | |

Term 1 – Week 11

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| 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 |

Term 2 – Week 1

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| Monday 24 th April | Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday 25 th April | ANZAC Day |
| Wednesday 26 th April | Students Commence |
| Thursday 27 th April | Footsteps |
| Friday 28 th April | ANZAC Day Assembly |

Term 2 – Week 2

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| Monday 1 st May | Port Stephens Zone Rugby |
| Tuesday 2 nd May | |
| Wednesday 3 rd May | School Improvement & Finance Committee Meeting from 7:00pm |
| Thursday 4 th May | Footsteps |
| Friday 5 th May | Hunter Regional Soccer Trials |

Term 2 – Week 3

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| Monday 8 th May | |
| Tuesday 9 th May | NAPLAN P&C Meeting |
| Wednesday 10 th May | NAPLAN |
| Thursday 11 th May | NAPLAN |
| | Footsteps |
| Friday 12 th May | |

Term 2 – Week 4

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| Monday 15 th May | |
| Tuesday 16 th May | Boys' Soccer V Tanilba Bay |
| Wednesday 17 th May | |
| Thursday 18 th May | Footsteps |
| Friday 19 th May | |

Term 2 – Week 5

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| Monday 22 nd May | |
| Tuesday 23 rd May | Musica Viva @ 11:50 |
| Wednesday 24 th May | |
| Thursday 25 th May | Footsteps |
| Friday 26 th May | |

Term 2 – Week 6

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| Monday 29 th May | |
| Tuesday 30 th May | Koala Animation Crew visit |
| Wednesday 31 st May | |
| Thursday 1 st June | Footsteps |
| Friday 2 nd June | |

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 31st March – 2.15pm

Yrs K-6

Student Recognition Assembly

Friday 28th April – 1.30pm

ANZAC Day Assembly

All Welcome

NAPLAN 2017

During Week 3 of Term 2 our Year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

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| Tuesday, May 9 | Language Conventions & Writing |
| Wednesday, May 10 | Reading |
| Thursday, May 11 | Numeracy |

Interrelate – Family Evening*Years 3-6 at parent's discretion***When:** Wednesday 5th April 2017**Where:** School Hall**Session1:** 6.00pm "Where Did I Come From"**Session 2:** 7.15pm "Preparing for Puberty"

Cost: \$30.00 per family for one session
or
\$35.00 per family for two sessions

**Please pay at the office or on-line & complete
note sent home. Thank you**

Footsteps – Ten Week Program**Term 2**

As part of our school's PDHPE program **ALL STUDENTS** will be participating in the above Dance Program.

This program is held every 2nd year and is age appropriate, and enjoyed by all students.

Cost for Ten week program is \$35.00

Please complete note sent home and return to the office with payment ASAP.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS – will be sent home to all families this week, outlining unpaid accounts.

This will help families budget for monies owing.

This will include, Concert Band, Rock Band, Canberra and outstanding money on Bookpacks

Thank you
Bronwyn Sherman – Admin Manager

From the OfficeDon't forget

- Parents can pay on-line through the school's website. You don't need the students ID number but don't forget to put your name, students name and what you are paying for.
- Skoolbag – app is available for both smart and Android phones. It is a great way to stay updated with newsletters and important information from the school. The App is free just search for Soldiers Point Public School Skoolbag.
- Have you moved? *Do you have a new address? Have you changed phone numbers? Have you changed your child's emergency contacts or numbers? Does your child have new or updated medical details* then please contact the school office.

A Great Roll Up

Thank you to all our families for your active support of this year's Ride 2 School day. Not deterred by the threat of rain we had 122 students ride, scoot, walk or skate to school. This is a mighty achievement Soldiers Point.

Thank you to all the mums & dads who supported the event by riding their bikes to school alongside your children. I hope you had as much fun as the kids.

Funds raised, including the gold coin donation & jellybean count, totaled \$373.60. As mentioned previously, this will all go toward purchasing 2 additional bike racks for the school, which have already been ordered.



DEFENCE AIDE NEWS

On Tuesday 28th March 2017, 20 Defence students will be baking ANZAC biscuits in our school and learning about the history of the ANZAC biscuit.

This year we will be selling the biscuits we have made from the school canteen, and all proceeds of the sale of biscuits will go towards fundraising **for “SOLDIER ON” and to buy new plants for our ANZAC & Remembrance school gardens.**

The biscuits will be on sale from the last week of Term 1 and the first week of Term 2 and the cost is \$2.00 for a bag or 50c each (see flyer below).

We look forward to you helping our fundraiser by purchasing some yummy ANZAC biscuits made by the Defence Master chefs.

Kind regards
Danielle Robinson
DSTA



For Sale

Anzac Biscuits

\$2.00 per bag or 50c each

All money raised will go towards Soldier On & Plants for our Lone Pine Remembrance Garden & Gallipoli Rose Garden.

BISCUITS FOR SALE FROM THE SCHOOL CANTEEN

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Tuesday 4th April. Information and Individual photo envelopes are being sent home today.

Family Photo envelopes are available at the school office.

Thank you

NEWS



Fundraising Committee

We would like to thank the Soldiers Point Lions Club for their very generous donation of \$500 raised at this years Welcome Back BBQ.

We would also like to thank Woolworths for their weekly donation of fresh fruit to the school canteen. Students can pick up a piece of fresh fruit for free at the school canteen on any of the days it is open. Keep fit, stay sharp, make good decisions.

Garage Sale

Event Date: Sat 29 April

Thank you for donations that are already rolling in but the more we have the more money we can make! Volunteers will be at the school to collect donations before and after school on:

Thursday April 6

Friday April 7

Thursday April 27

Friday April 28

OR during the holidays on:

Saturday April 15 from 9am-10am

Friday April 21 from 3pm-4pm

Notes will be sent home with students this week with further information and contact details if you have any questions. Alternatively, check out the P&C Facebook page (see below).

Canteen

Thankyou to Karen Jones, Lorraine, Julie Thomson, Leanne Benbow, Davina Gamble, Deanne Cosgrove and Casandra Butterworth for all their help over the last two weeks.

Roster

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| Wed 29/3 | Matt Connor |
| Thu 30/3 | Yr 6 - Emma D, Hannah B |
| Fri 31/3 | Leanne Benbow, Casandra Butterworth |
| Mon 3/4 | Louise Broadway |
| Wed 5/4 | Help Needed |
| Thu 6/4 | Tui N, Hunter J |
| Fri 7/4 | Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove |

Just a reminder that *Thursdays* are my cooking days and there are *NO lunch orders* taken on Thursdays. Hot Cross Bun orders are due by this *Friday 31st March*.

The Departments of Education and Health are introducing new regulations for public school canteens. This will be mandatory by January 2019. Over the next six months we will be re-working our menu to ensure we operate within the new guidelines. So far we have introduced a new 99.8% fruit juice poppa for \$2 (250ml) in orange, apple & blackcurrant and multi vitamin flavours. If anyone has any questions about the new guidelines please feel free to speak to me in the Canteen. Have a fantastic break and see you next term, Paula.

Meetings

School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC) Meeting: Wednesday 3 May held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All welcome.

P&C Meeting: Tuesday 9 May held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All welcome.

Note: due to school holidays there will be no meetings for April.

Uniform Shop

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

We try to keep our prices as low as possible but we have to increase some items as of Term 2 due to our suppliers increasing their prices. New prices are: Hats \$14, Library Bags \$14, Skorts \$18, Cargo Shorts \$18, Cargo Long Pants \$22, Microfibre Shorts \$15, Full Zip Polar Fleece Jackets \$28 & Bomber Jackets \$42. The Uniform Shop has a seconds rack and families are encouraged to drop off their pre-loved uniforms to us throughout the year. Thank you, Karen and Brooke.

Contact Us

Email: sppspc@live.com.au

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Soldiers Point Public School Parents



Do you have a child starting school on the Tomaree Peninsula in 2018?

Free!

You are invited to a community Transition to School event.

Where: Tomaree Public School Hall, Salamander Way, Salamander Bay

When: Thursday, 30th March

Time: 6.30 p.m (Gates close 8.30 p.m.)

What to expect:

- Meet representatives from local schools including Government, Catholic and Independent.
- Staff from local Childcare Services will be there to provide support, information and resources.
- Come and listen to our guest speakers.
- Network with a range of professionals including - speech therapist, occupational therapist, educational consultant and more.
- Visit a range of information stalls including Gan Gan Family Centre, Ability Links, Port Stephens Coaches and Uniform shop.

Find answers to some of your questions:

- When should I enrol my child and how do I go about it?
- How can I help my child have a successful start to school?
- What does social and emotional maturity mean?
- Why is this important to starting school?
- What can I do to help my child's learning?

For more information contact: Gan Gan Family Centre
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