

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday • March 13 • 2017

Dear Parents,

Impressively, our students found it quite difficult to find a great deal of rubbish in and around our school grounds last Friday as we participated in the national *Clean Up Our School* campaign. I believe this is due to the respect our students hold for their learning environment and ensuring their rubbish goes in the bin. I, along with some other local inhabitants, appreciate the care our students take in keeping our school very tidy.



## Parent – Teacher Conferences

During Week 10 of this term (March 27 & 28) teachers will be offering parents the opportunity to attend a parent – teacher conference. At the conference parents will find out how their child is progressing at school (academically & socially), discuss their child's learning goals, including some possible strategies to support their child at home.

An invitation to attend the parent – teacher conference was sent home last week for parents to complete and return to their child's teacher by Friday, March 17. If the day and / or time do not suit, please remember that parents can contact their child's teacher via the school's email [soldierspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:soldierspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) to arrange a meeting at another time.

## Stay Safe

The convenience of having your child walk to the local bus stop and catch the bus to school is very helpful for families across NSW. It's also very important that parents talk to their child about safe behaviour whilst waiting for the bus.

We have had a number of recent reports about students from SPPS playing dangerously close to the road while waiting for their bus. This includes, running onto the road to collect balls & jostling in bus lines as the bus approaches.

Having parents walk their child to the bus stop and supervising them while they wait will minimise the risk of an accident.

## Ride 2 School Day

This Friday, March 17, is Ride 2 School Day and we're really keen to see lots of families rolling their way to school. As I mentioned in our previous newsletter, it's a healthy way to start the day as children will feel fresh and alert after their morning ride. *Parents are also encouraged to ride to school with their child.*

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.

## Term Dates

### Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 16 <sup>st</sup> March	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Ride 2 School Day

### Term 1 – Week 9

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March

### Term 1 – Week 10

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

### Term 1 – Week 11

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

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 2.15pm*  
*Yrs 3-6*  
*Hosted by 5/6M*

*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 2.15pm*  
*K-2*  
*Hosted by 1/2E*  
*All Welcome*

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017. ***Please note that NO late entries will be accepted.***

## Interrelate – Family Evening

*Years 3-6 at parent's discretion*

**When:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Thank you

**Volunteer Host Families Needed!**

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Hello Australia! I am organised and extroverted. I love picnics and going to museums. I also love music and books. My biggest dream is to create a completely free hospital. I cannot wait to come to Australia and meet my host family!

More profiles on the WEP website

**Frequently Asked Questions**

Can I choose my student?

YES! WEP's wonderful host families are all volunteers so, of course, you get to select the student that you think will fit in best with your family.

Where does the student attend school?

You tell us which school would suit your family best and we work with that school to arrange enrolment. Students will attend school full-time.

What do I need to provide?

First and foremost a welcoming environment, meals and a room (shared or otherwise). Students have their own spending money and insurance. In return, your family will make friendships and memories for life.

What are the hosting periods?

You can choose between July 2017 - December 2017 or July 2017-June 2018.

*"It has been such a rewarding opportunity that allowed us to experience an entirely different culture, and explore the wonderful diversity that the world holds. We have created an incredible bond and cultivated an unforgettable friendship."* Bardwell Family.

**Find out more now - request a free info pack at**

**1300 884 733**

**[wep.org.au](http://wep.org.au)**

**[info@wep.org.au](mailto:info@wep.org.au)**

**From the Office .....Don'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.

**Expression of Interest – Year 7 2018**

Please ensure that all forms for Year 6 students are returned to the office by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**.

These forms need to then be sent to the relevant High Schools.

*Even if your child IS NOT attending a government school in 2018 the form must be returned.*

Thank you

**BOOK CLUB – Due  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March**



# NEWS



## Fundraising Committee

### Garage Sale

Following the success of the 2016 P&C Garage Sale we have decided to do it all again on the first weekend of Term 2 – Saturday 29 April. If you, family or friends have any saleable unwanted items you would like to donate please put them aside until the drop off days are announced or contact Kirsty on 0410 509 467 or Katie on 0426 747 995 for more information. All funds raised go towards the school and our children's education.

### Free Fruit!

Woolworths are generously donating an assorted tray of fruit to the school each week for students to enjoy at recess and lunch. Please let your child know that a selection of fruit in season will be available from the Canteen and they can help themselves. We want to encourage healthy eating habits and hope that this initiative will assist us reach that goal. A huge thank you to Woolworths.

## Canteen

Thank you to Michelle Campbell, Leanne Benbow, Julie Thomson, Casandra Butterworth, Deanne Cosgrove, Jane Lestone and Karen Jones for all their help over the last two weeks.

### Roster

Wed 15/3	Matt Connor
Fri 17/3	Casandra Butterworth, Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove
Mon 20/3	Louise Broadway
Wed 22/3	Karen Jones
Fri 24/3	Julie Thomson, Leanne Benbow
Mon 27/3	Help needed

The new price list is now available on school websites and the Skoolbag App. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding while I have been on leave for the past week due to a medical condition. If you have any concerns please feel free to come and talk to me or call me on my mobile 0448 771 336.  
Paula

## Meetings

**P&C Meeting:** Tuesday 14 March held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All parents and friends of the school welcome to attend. This meeting will be followed by the annual general meeting and Committee Member elections. Light refreshments will be available.

**\*\*Positions Vacant:** P&C Secretary (volunteer role) and Canteen Secretary (Volunteer role). If you have a few hours per week to volunteer we would love to hear from you! Find our contact details below.

## Uniform Shop

Tuesday 8.30am – 9.30am and Friday 2.15pm – 3.15pm. Located behind the school canteen. Current Price List available on the school websites or via the Skoolbag App.

## Contact Us

Email: [sppspc@live.com.au](mailto:sppspc@live.com.au)

Our school community is committed to providing a supportive learning environment fostering respect, creativity and resilience. (2015) Page 4



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## FREE ANZAC EXHIBITION FOR STUDENTS

### Att: History Department

Free tickets are now available to Australia's largest travelling exhibition, the **Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience**. The interactive exhibition displays over 200 artefacts from the Australian War Memorial, which tell the story of nation's involvement in the First World War.

**Newcastle Entertainment Centre**  
**29 MAR – 4 APR 2017**

### BOOK FREE TICKETS NOW

[www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/book-tickets/group-enquiry](http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/book-tickets/group-enquiry)

For enquiries, please email [groupbookings@spiritofanzac.gov.au](mailto:groupbookings@spiritofanzac.gov.au) or call **02 8572 8763**

The experience presents students with an invaluable once-in-a-lifetime learning opportunity, whilst bringing to life both primary and secondary curriculums. Teachers are supported with learning materials, which enables them to further explore the exhibition in the classroom.

[www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/teach-and-learn](http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/teach-and-learn)

"I thought it was absolutely brilliant, the fact it was interactive, the use of technology, it was very appropriate for my students. I'd wholeheartedly endorse teachers taking their students to see this exhibition." – Teacher, Newtown Primary School, Hobart

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