

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday 5th June

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of Semester 1 our teachers are busily writing each child's report, which will be sent home with your child on Thursday, June 29. The primary purpose of our school-based report is to provide parents (and students) with valuable feedback on their child's achievements in learning as well as their social development.

Each report will contain information about what students know about each of the key learning areas i.e. English, mathematics, science, CAPA, history, PDHPE & geography. It will also provide parents with areas their child may require further attention, thus becoming future goals for the student. Some of these 'goals' may have already been discussed at the Parent-Teacher Conference at the end of Term 1.

Of course, parents are encouraged to support their child's learning each and every day by helping with homework, reading books, cooking, playing games etc. It's important to remember that any investment of time you can give to your child is never wasted.

Need to Talk

Parents requesting a meeting with a teacher to discuss their child's progress, wellbeing or other concerns need to:

- *Send a note in to the teacher with your child;*
- *Phone the office and leave a message; or*
- *Email the school.*

Teachers will call back at their earliest opportunity.

Parents should not attempt to talk to teachers when they are trying to teach, manage children or engaged in another conversation.

Student Leadership

On Friday, May 26, Soldiers Point played host to a group of principals from other primary schools in the Port Stephens / Callaghan area. During their visit principals got to hear about some of our school's initiatives as well as visit some classrooms. This was an absolute highlight for the principals as they got to mix with our senior students and hear about the students' learning experiences & environment. Feedback from the principals was glowing. I wholeheartedly thank and congratulate our students who conversed thoughtfully and with confidence.

Members of our Student Representative Council (SRC) recently had the opportunity to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference which was held at the University of Newcastle. The students have put together some of their thoughts from the day which we've included later in this newsletter. A mighty thank you to Mr Mac for organising such a great opportunity for our school leaders.



Lastly, I had the privilege of meeting with members of our SRC to discuss some of their ideas for the school last week. I am continually impressed with the maturity and insight of our students and look forward to implementing some of their suggestions.

The school will be closed next Monday, June 12, as it is a public holiday.

Term Dates

Term 2 – Week 7

Monday 5 th June	
Tuesday 6 th June	
Wednesday 7 th June	Cricket v Wirreanda
Thursday 8 th June	Footsteps
	Netball v Tanilba Bay
Friday 9 th June	Girls AFL Final

Term 2 – Week 8

Monday 12 th June	Queens Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 13 th June	Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 14 th June	UNSW - Spelling
Thursday 15 th June	Footsteps
Friday 16 th June	UNSW Writing

Term 2 – Week 9

Monday 19 th June	
Tuesday 20 th June	
Wednesday 21 st June	
Thursday 22 nd June	Footsteps
Friday 23 rd June	Boys and Girls Hockey
	Knockout Day

Term 2 – Week 10

Monday 26 th June	
Tuesday 27 th June	
Wednesday 28 th June	
Thursday 29 th June	Footsteps
	Reports Sent Home
Friday 30 th June	Term 2 Concludes

School Photos

Specialty photos, SRC, Library etc, are now available for purchasing. Please go to <https://newcastleschoolportraits.com/index.php/order/>, click on Speciality Photos and use code 18958BE. Cost is \$15 per photo.

Please note – THERE ARE TO BE NO DOGS ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS (EVEN ON LEADS) UNLESS THEY ARE A REGISTERED ASSISTANCE DOG. If you wish to bring an animal for “show and tell” please check with the class teacher.

BOOKCLUB ORDERS ARE DUE FRIDAY 16TH JUNE

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

World Oceans Day Charity Screening
Auction and Fundraiser

Thursday June 8, 6pm start

Nelson Bay Cinema Complex



Auction, raffle, guest presenter, lucky door prize, wine, cheese and of course of great movie screening.

Fancy dress encouraged.

Purchase tickets online at www.stickytickets.com.au or phone 0434995129

Child - \$15 Adult \$20

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 9th June – 2.15pm
K-2 – Hosted by 1/2E

Friday 16th June – 2.15pm
3-6 – Hosted by 3/4N

All Welcome



G.R.I.P. LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY, 2017.

Our day started off by sharing a bus ride to Newcastle with other student leaders from our neighbouring schools. One hour, several drawings on the misty windows, and eight traffic lights later, we arrived at Newcastle University. This place was huge! When we thought we got to the boundaries, more buildings popped up around the corner. Eventually we made it to The Great Hall. It was awesome to see the stage where some of our teachers stood when they graduated, had they attended Newcastle University.



One of the activities we did was to look at what makes a leader by comparing characters from the film, *Zootopia*, to that of ourselves as leaders. Being involved in leadership is an important responsibility and a fantastic opportunity to make an impact on others, whilst growing as a leader yourself. We also discussed what the four expectations of responsibility are. Those being; developing your own strength, modelling values, helping others in need and upholding the trust of others.

We played a game called, "Leadermon". It was based on *Pokémon Go* and we had to mingle between the others schools to find someone who had a certain skill or trait, such as being able to do the Chicken Dance, touch their nose with their tongue, or do ten push-ups. Another game involved a number of students being up on the stage and posing as either a giraffe or hippopotamus to answer some [tricky] questions about the two mentioned animals. The purpose was to believe in yourself and not follow the crowd. Josh completed the final round of this!

"I thought that the GRIP Leadership Day was a great experience for all of the SRC. I learnt about using people's strengths and using our ideas to make the school better. It was a very fun day." - Emma



"I think the GRIP Leadership was interesting by learning a lot and meeting other leaders from other schools" - Rowan



NEWS



Fundraising Committee

School Disco

Get your dancing shoes on for the 2017 School Disco on Thursday 29th June to be held in the school hall. There will be two discos: Years K-2 from 5-6pm and Years 3-6 from 6.30-7.30pm. Please prepay the \$5 entry fee as this helps to admit students more efficiently on the night. Permission slips and meal deal notes will come home soon. Thank you to DJ Tim Halls who is again very kindly providing music for the event. If you are a parent able to volunteer on the night of the disco - your help is invaluable! Get in touch.

Five Cent Fundraiser

Early in Term 3 students will be asked to bring in 5c pieces for the Five Cent Fundraiser Challenge. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of books for the school. The class with the most 5c pieces by weight, measurement and count will win a prize!

Free Fruit

Thanks again goes to Woolworths Salamander Bay for the very generous and ongoing fruit donations for the canteen. Pick up your next free banana, apple, orange or pear today!

Canteen

Thank you to Davina Gamble, Michelle Campbell, Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow, Karen Jones, Ange Hearn, Jane Lestone, Kirsty Webb and Casandra Butterworth for all their help over the last two weeks.

Roster

Wed 7/6	Davina Gamble
Thu 8/6	Yr 6 Demi , Sienna P
Fri 9/6	Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow
Mon 12/6	Help needed
Wed 14/6	Karen Jones
Thu 15/6	Chantelle D, Chalize B
Fri 16/6	Leanne Benbow, Casandra Butterworth
Mon 19/6	Ange Hearn

Please do not send food in from home to be reheated. As per Council regulations we are unable to reheat food not prepared in the canteen as we need to ensure food is kept at the correct temperature at all times. If you have any questions please come and see me in the Canteen. Thank you for your understanding.

Paula

Meetings

P&C Meeting: Tuesday 13 June held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All welcome.
School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC) Meeting: Wednesday 7 June held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All welcome.

Uniform Shop Get ready for winter – jumpers and bomber jackets are in! Please donate any preloved uniforms to the uniform shop for resale. Open Tuesday 8.30am – 9.30am and Friday 2.15pm – 3.15pm. We are located behind the school canteen. Thank you!

School Musical Can you swing a hula hoop, unicycle, juggle, walk on stilts or are you good at just clowning around? We need you! Circus performers are required to entertain and hand out programs at the 2017 school musical to be held on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 August. Contact us via the email below if you (or anyone you know) is interested in supporting this years big event.

Contact Us

Email: sppspc@live.com.au

P&C Website: sppspc.weebly.com



Soldiers Point Public School Parents

Keeping School Children Safe In And Around The Bus

School Bus lights



Buses use signs and orange flashing wigwag lights to warn other drivers that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened.

They keep flashing for about 20 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off.

Drivers of vehicles **must not** drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the lights are flashing - there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.

Staying Seated On The Bus



Please remind your child that if they are seated on a bus, it is important to stay seated and do not move around the bus unnecessarily. If there is a need to stand, remain behind the front passenger seat and keep a secure hand hold at all times. Sitting down and facing forward helps to be prepared in the event of the bus having to stop quickly.

*Moving around the bus also causes distraction to the driver. This makes it unsafe for everyone in AND around the bus.

Giving Way to Buses



In built up areas, vehicles are required to give way to buses that are stopped or moving slowly and have their right direction indicator on.

For this rule, 'give way' means the driver must slow down and, if necessary, stop to allow the bus to pull out.

Children Crossing The Road



Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk. Meet your child at the bus stop, never on the opposite side of the road. Teach them to wait until the bus has driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road.

It is recommended that, until your child turn ten, hold hands as you cross the road.

Reminder About Opal Passes



School Opal Passes are valid for travel **TO** and **FROM** school only.

Of a morning, bus drivers are not authorised to drop students anywhere other than the school, e.g. not at the local shopping centre.

Weekends & Public Holidays - Full-time senior secondary students who are aged 16 years and older should apply for a NSW Senior Secondary Student Concession Card.