

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday 19th June

Dear Parents,

Amazing as it may seem, we are now almost halfway through the 2017 school year. The past two terms have been a very positive & productive time for our school with students experiencing success in many of their learning opportunities.

Importantly, a great deal has been achieved by our students with most of these feats occurring quietly and incrementally in the classrooms as children develop and refine their skills. Additionally, some have experienced success outside the classroom learning their musical instrument, preparing for the school musical or in their chosen sport. I congratulate our students on their achievements so far this year and look forward to further growth in Semester 2.

NCCD Information

The National Disability Data Collection (NCCD) occurs each year in all Australian schools and involves the school collecting information regarding the number of students receiving additional support at school and the levels (frequency and intensity) of the support provided.

The purpose of the annual collection is to provide statistics of disabilities and additional needs; which support funding and resource allocation at school and regional levels, as well as inform national research initiatives. To ensure privacy, students' names are omitted from the data collection.

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please go to: <https://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-students-disability-guidelines> or contact our school's Learning and Support Teacher (Mrs Ash Beavan) Monday to Wednesday, via the school office, on 49827151.

Awesome Attendance

School attendance has a major influence on every child's educational outcomes i.e. students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better results and are more likely to complete their schooling. Mia, Ruby and Charlie (pictured below) are three of 45 students who have not missed a full day of school all year, which is a mighty achievement.



As parents, it's vital that we encourage our children to attend school every day by having a positive attitude to learning and education.

Poor school attendance patterns can start as early as Kindergarten. It is important that from the first day of school parents set an expectation that their children will be at school every day.

Term Dates

As this will be the last newsletter for Term 2 the staff and I would like to wish all families a happy & safe holiday period. Term 2 will conclude on Friday, June 30, and Term 3 will commence for students on Tuesday, July 18.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Piggott for relieving in the role of Teacher Librarian in Term 2 – thanks Laura you have done a great job for our students and school.

Term Dates

Term 2 – Week 9

Monday 19 th June	
Tuesday 20 th June	Primary Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 21 st June	
Thursday 22 nd June	Touch Football (Boys & Girls)
Friday 23 rd June	Hockey Knockout (Boys & Girls)

Term 2 – Week 10

Monday 26 th June	
Tuesday 27 th June	
Wednesday 28 th June	
Thursday 29 th June	Footsteps Reports Sent Home School Disco see P&C note
Friday 30 th June	Recognition Assembly 2.15 Term 2 concludes

Term 3 – Week 1

Monday 17 th July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 18 th July	Students Resume Term 3
Wednesday 19 th July	Stage 3 Canberra
Thursday 20 th July	Stage 3 Canberra
Friday 21 st July	Stage 3 Canberra

Term 3 – Week 2

Monday 24 th July	
Tuesday 25 th July	
Wednesday 26 th July	Opportunity Class Placement Test
Thursday 27 th July	
Friday 28 th July	

Term 3 – Week 3 – Education Week

Monday 31 st July	
Tuesday 1 st August	
Wednesday 2 nd August	
Thursday 3 rd August	Combined Education Week Presentation Night at THS
Friday 4 th August	Education Week Assembly

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Friday 23rd June – 2.15pm
K-2 – Hosted by 1/2C*

*Friday 30th June – 2.15pm
Recognition Assembly K-6
Hosted by SRC*

All Welcome

Stage 3 Canberra – PACER Rebate

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the National Capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage & democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australian being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship Education. To assist families the Australian government is contributing funding of \$20.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education program. This \$20.00 has been deducted from your child's initial cost and the rebate will be paid directly back to the school after the excursion. Thank you.

Our Recycling Program

Please assist our Recycling program by **NOT SENDING PLASTIC BAGS TO SCHOOL WITH NOTES AND MONEY.**

If you don't have used envelopes it is cheaper to buy paper bags at the supermarket than the plastic zip lock bags.

We appreciate your support with this

Please Consider the Environment

Port Stephens Library July 2017 School Holiday Program

Date	Time	Program	Venue	Age	Cost
4 July	10.30-11.15am	NAIDOC Week Storytime	Tomaree Library	2+	\$1.40
5 July	2.30-3.30pm	Family Movie Afternoon – Black Screen *	Raymond Terrace Library	Rated G	Free
6 July	10.30-11.15am	NAIDOC Week Storytime	Raymond Terrace Library	2+	\$1.40
6 July	5.00-6.30pm	Family Movie Night – Bran Nue Dae	Tomaree Library	Rated PG	Free
7 July	10.30-11.30am	Dreamcatchers Workshop	Tomaree Library	7-12	\$7.50
11 July	10.30-11.15am	Dreaming Storytime	Tomaree Library	2+	\$1.40
12 July	2.30-3.30pm	Pom Pom Workshop	Raymond Terrace Library	6+	\$5.00
13 July	10.30-11.15am	Storytime & Craft	Raymond Terrace Library	2-5	\$1.40
14 July	11.00am-12.00pm	Andy Jones – What's the Joke?	Raymond Terrace Library	4-13	\$10
14 July	2.30-3.30pm	Andy Jones – What's the Joke?	Tomaree Library	4-13	\$10

* Port Stephens Library acknowledges the assistance of Black Screen, an initiative of the National Film & Sound Archive.

Places are limited for all programs, so bookings are essential.

Contact Raymond Terrace Library on 4980 0111 or Tomaree Library & Community Centre on 4982 0670.



Nelson Bay Tennis Club

July Holiday Tennis Camp



Wk 1: Tues 4th, Wed 5th and Thurs 6th

Wk 2: Tues 11th, Wed 12th and Thurs 13th

Full day 9-2pm \$40 (lunch included)

Children need to bring their own morning tea and drink bottle

Contact Coach Blake 0403634667



GUITAR TUITION



Pop - Blues - Spanish
Guitar - Classical

Finger Style or Plectrum
All Ages - Beginners Welcome

Ukulele Lessons also available

Salamander Bay

Phone: Angelo Polatos

0402 331 451

Woolworths – Earn & Learn is Back

Stickers can be collected from Wednesday 26th July and dropped back to school. Pass the word so we can get lots of goodies for our school.

NEWS



Fundraising Committee

School Disco

A permission slip and meal deal order form came home with students last week for the 2017 School Disco. The disco will be held on Thursday 29th June with Years K-2 from 5-6pm and Years 3-6 from 6.30-7.30pm in the school hall. Prepay your ticket to go in the draw for a Superstrike (ten pin bowling) family pass. To volunteer either supervising in the hall or assisting in the canteen on the night please contact us via email or Facebook.

Five Cent Fundraiser

Start collecting your 5c pieces for the Five Cent Fundraiser Challenge in Term 3. Funds raised will go towards the purchase of set reading texts for the school. The class with the most 5c pieces by weight, measurement and count will win a prize!

Birthday Party

The P&C will host the schools 70th Birthday Party in Term 4. There will be traditional games, handmade goods, showbags, entertainment and much more. Watch this space!

Coming soon – Friday arvo gardening sessions

Canteen

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

Roster

Wed 21/6	Help needed
Thurs 22/6	Yr 6 Cooper T, Alex H.R.
Fri 23/6	Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove
Mon 26/6	Help needed
Wed 28/6	Karen Jones, Leanne Benbow
Thurs 29/6	Yr 6 Joshua P, Harry P
Fri 30/6	Leanne Benbow, Casandra Butterworth

Have a great break. See you all next Term.

Ethics Classes

By direct action from one of our school parents willing to dedicate 1 hour every Wednesday during school term, an ethics class will be made available in 2018. For ethics to be taught across the three Stage levels a further two volunteers are required. If you are interested in delivering Department approved sessions please contact us via the email below. Training provided.

Meetings

School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC) Meeting: Wednesday 2 August held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All welcome.

P&C Meeting: Tuesday 8 August held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All welcome.

School Musical A full dress rehearsal, BBQ and working bee will be held on Sunday 13 August supported by the P&C. Volunteers are needed to assist in last minute preparations or to help feed the hungry cast and crew. There is also still room for more circus performers. Contact us via the email below if you (or anyone you know) is interested in supporting this years big event.

Visitor Conduct A friendly reminder that if you are entering a classroom you are required to initially complete a 'Working with Children Check' form and sign the visitors book each time you intend to enter a classroom during the schools operational hours (8.55am – 2.55pm). Thank you!

Contact Us

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