

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday 14th August 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those parents, grandparents & friends who were able to join us for our 2017 Education Week Assembly. It was an entertaining assembly as we were able to get a sneak preview of some of our Game of Crowns characters.

A highlight of Education Week was attending the Tomaree Learning Community Presentation Assembly, where we were able to recognise some of our students, parents & staff member. I'd like to, once again, extend my sincere congratulations to our award recipients and thank them for all they do for our school community. These individuals are really making a difference:

- *Excellence in Student Achievement – Emma D & Hannah N;*
- *Excellence in Teaching – Mrs Wagland & Mrs Beavan;*
- *Outstanding Contribution by a School Community Member – Deanne Cosgrove & Emma Bowen;*
- *Outstanding Contribution by a Non-teaching Member of Staff – Mrs Sherman & Mr Holloway; and*
- *The school's Learning Support Team was also recognised for making a significant difference in supporting our students' with specific learning needs.*

It was also very special to recognise Mr Gibson and award him with the 30 Year Teaching Service Certificate.

Mr Gibson continues to be an inspirational practitioner and role model for our students.



Roll Up, Roll Up!

Are you ready for an evening of mystery, mayhem, music and madness (and a little bit of mushy stuff)?

Then Game of Crowns is for you....

Dancing bears, the strongest man in the world, terrifying trapeze acts, confused detectives and a very sneaky thief are just some of the characters you will see come to life on the Soldiers Point PS stage on Thursday and Friday 17th and 18th August.

You will be astounded by our sensational singers, dazzling dancers and amazing actors whose day jobs are simply students from our school.

Nowhere else on the planet will you see, 'The best show on earth,' like this.....

Tickets are sold out for both evening performances but do not stress, do not fret. Come along to the matinee performance on Friday at 11.30am. Bring your friends, neighbours or the whole street, no-one will be disappointed.

So what are you waiting for? Grab the last tickets now before they all sell out!

Will you be able to solve the mystery of the.....

Game of Crowns?



Book Week 2017

Next week is Book Week across Australia and we are keen to provide a number of opportunities for our students & promote a love for reading, these include:

- A visit from author, Leila Rudge, on Tuesday, August 15;
- Our annual Book Fair, which will be held from Monday August 21 – Thursday August 24; and
- Our Book Week Assembly, which will incorporate a character parade on Thursday, August 24.



Each class will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair in the library through the week and parents can visit from 8.30 am till 8.55am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Sports Update

Basketball - On August 9, our Soldiers Point Girls' Basketball team travelled to Maitland to play Round 5 of the PSSA Knockout competition against Taree West. Competition was tough on the day, with Taree West running away with the game. Our girls played a great game with fantastic peer support. All members of the team showed amazing persistence and sportsmanship.

Although their PSSA journey is over, they all agreed they had a great time and can't wait to play next week at the PCYC Gala Day in Nelson Bay.



Touch - In Week 3 Emma D and Estelle N represented SPPS and the Hunter at the NSW PSSA Touch Football Championships in Wagga Wagga. Emma was chosen to Captain the team throughout the tournament.

The girls' team lost narrowly in the semi-final, coming 3rd overall. Congratulations Emma & Estelle on your outstanding achievement.



Netball - The Soldiers Point Netball team have had a very successful season. They made it to the fourth round of the PSSA knockout competition, being narrowly defeated by Shoal Bay PS last Monday.

At the Port Stephens Zone trials, which were held at Raymond Terrace in May, Soldiers Point PS won each of their games and were awarded the overall winners of their division.

At the Hunter Netball trials, Emma, Bre and Chalize along with their Port Stephens teammates played exceptionally well. Emma was then selected to trial for the Hunter team in Newcastle in July.

It was a successful trial for Emma and she gained a place in the Hunter Netball Team. She will now play at the PSSA State Netball Championships in Tamworth on 29th, 30th & 31st August 2017. Good luck to Emma and her Hunter Team mates.

The girls have always shown great sportsmanship and enthusiasm each and every time they have represented Soldiers Point PS on the netball court.



Term Dates

Term 3 – Week 5

Monday 14 th August	
Tuesday 15 th August	UNSW Maths
	Author Visit – Leila Rudge
Wednesday 16 th August	Basketball Gala Girls
Thursday 17 th August	School Musical
Friday 18 th August	School Musical

Term 3 – Week 6 – Book Week

Monday 21 st August	Book Fair
Tuesday 22 nd August	Book Fair
Wednesday 23 rd August	Book Fair
Thursday 24 th August	Book Fair & Parade
Friday 25 th August	

Term 3 – Week 7

Monday 28 th August	
Tuesday 29 th August	Storytime
Wednesday 30 th August	
Thursday 31 st August	
Friday 1 st September	

Term 3 – Week 8

Monday 4 th September	
Tuesday 5 th September	Storytime
Wednesday 6 th September	
Thursday 7 th September	
Friday 8 th September	

Term 3 – Week 9

Monday 11 th September	
Tuesday 12 th September	Storytime
Wednesday 13 th September	Premier's Spelling Bee
Thursday 14 th September	
Friday 15 th September	

Term 3 – Week 10

Monday 18 th September	
Tuesday 19 th September	
Wednesday 20 th September	Stage 2 Excursion to Sydney
Thursday 21 st September	
Friday 22 nd September	

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 18th August – No Assembly
School Musical

Thursday 24th August – 2:00pm
Book Week
Character Parade

Friday 25th August – No Assembly

All Welcome

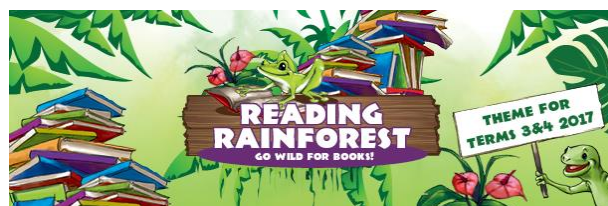


Book Week 2017

Escape to Everywhere

Book Parade Thursday 24th August, 2pm.

Each year at Soldiers Point Public School we celebrate Australian books, authors and illustrators. This term in the library we will be reading the shortlisted books. As part of celebrations we will be having a book parade on Thursday 24th August. Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character or something from an Australian story. Everybody is welcome to come and watch the parade.



Scholastic Book Fair

Before and After school

Monday 21st August to Thursday 24th August

Another part of our book week celebrations is the annual book fair. The money raised at our book fair enables our school to purchase valuable resources. Please come along to the library and take a look.



COFFEE CLUB



The school's Learning and Support Team recently advertised for "expressions of interest" in a school Coffee Club. Due to the number of people interested in attending, we have set a date and are now asking for families / carers interested in coming along to return this RSVP on or before Monday 21st August.

The Coffee Club will be held on **Tuesday 29th August from 1pm-2.30pm at Spectrum Café** and will be a casual catch-up for parents, carers, community members to network while accessing some of the school's support staff (i.e. the School Learning & Support Teacher, Chaplain, and Defence Transition Aide).

The only expense will be what you choose to order to eat/drink on the day. Feel free to bring along a friend and/or your non-school-age children.



COFFEE
CLUB



I, _____ parent/grandparent/carer of _____
(your name) (child/ren name/s)

WILL BE attending the Coffee Club at Spectrum Café on Tuesday 29th August.



CANDY BAR GAME OF CROWNS

Smith's Plain Chips	\$2
Smith's Chicken Chips	\$2
Popcorn	\$1
M&M's	\$2
Maltesers	\$2.50
Lolly Bags	\$1
Fairy Floss	\$2
Strawberry	\$1
Water	\$1
Coke	\$2
Coke Zero	\$2
P&N Orange Crush	\$1
P&N Orange Lemonade	\$1

ENJOY THE SHOW!

Cricket is Cracking this season!

The new season is almost upon us and it's time to slap on the sun cream, slip into your club shirt and cap, and get back on the field for Junior boys and girls at **Nelson Bay Cricket Club**:

- Saturday mornings game time 8.30am-midday •
- Milo for the under 9's one afternoon a week/10 weeks •
- Friday night cricket for junior girls •

JUNIOR CRICKET SIGN UP!

Register at Salamander Sports Complex
(behind Recycle Centre)

Thursday 17th August 5:30 to 7:00pm
Tuesday 22nd August 5:30 - 7:00pm
Sunday 27th August 10:00am to 12:00pm

Check registration details on the club website at:

<http://nelsonbaycricket.nsw.cricket.com.au/>

More Information is also available on our Facebook page:
Nelson Bay Cricket Club - Jnrs.

LIVE IT. BREATHE IT. CRICKET.



JOIN IN THE FUN!

COMPETITIONS: Newcastle Junior Cricket Association

CLUB: Nelson Bay Cricket Club - Juniors

LOCATION: Smiths Park, Bourke Rd Hamilton North

TIME: Fridays from 4.45pm to 6.45pm

COPIE & PAY SESSIONS: Please sign up dates - Thu 17th & Tue 22nd Aug 5.30-7pm, Sun 27th Aug 10am-12pm

CONTACT: Matt Breakley on 0437 035 821 or matt.breakley73@gmail.com or Wayne Banks on 0409 774 003

OTHER INFO: 8 week comp from Fri 20th Oct to 8th Dec 2017. U13s - must be 12 or under at 31.08.2017

Fundraising Committee

Five Cent Fundraiser

The winning class is (drum roll) 3/4S with a total of \$143.90 and the runner up is 5M with \$143.70!! As there was such a tiny margin between 1st and 2nd we have decided to do a sausage sizzle for both classes, with the winning class receiving an additional treat. A grand total of \$1182.95 was raised to be spent on book sets for each classroom. Thank you to all who sent in their spare coins. Altogether 23,659 coins were collected.

70th Birthday Party – Sat 4 Nov

Please return your completed volunteer forms soon to help us get organised early. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in running your own stall, for a cost of \$25 and a product donation, please contact Kirsty ASAP via the SPPS Parents FB page or email: sppsfundraising@gmail.com for more information. Tickets go on sale this Thursday and Friday at the musical for the Birthday Party Raffle. Prizes valued at over \$6000 have been kindly donated by local businesses - see attached flyer. Ticket books will also be sent out to families later in the term. Winners drawn at the Birthday Party. Don't miss your chance to take home some amazing prizes!

Canteen

Thank you to Casandra Butterworth, Leanne Benbow, Julie Thomson, Karen Jones, Deanne Cosgrove, Matt Connor and Ken Harper for their help over the last two weeks.

Roster

Wed 16/8	Ken Harper
Fri 18/8	Jane Lestone, Rebecca Dean, Leanne Benbow
Mon 21/8	Help needed
Wed 23/8	Matt Connor
Fri 25/8	Casandra Butterworth, Leanne Benbow
Mon 28/8	Deanne Cosgrove, Karen Jones

The canteen will be open for snacks on Thursday and Friday night during the school musical. *If you can spare some time during the week, even just one hour in the mornings, we would love to see you in the Canteen.*

Ethics Classes

If you are interested in delivering Department approved Ethics Class sessions in 2018 (volunteer role) please contact us via the email below. Sessions run for half an hour per week on a Wednesday afternoon (allow 1 hour to include travel/prep/pack up). Free training provided.

Meetings

School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC) Meeting: Wednesday 6 Sept held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. *Additional participants are required for this meeting* as we will be reviewing the School Plan providing future direction to teaching/learning, student wellbeing and school community initiatives. All welcome.

P&C Meeting: Tuesday 12 Sept held in the School Administration Building at 7pm. All welcome.


School Musical *Thank you to the 3 volunteers* who assisted in the musical working bee on Sunday including Lettuce In Gardening Services. There are still some tickets left for the Friday matinee show but be quick as tickets are going fast. It's time - get your circus on for the Game of Crowns!

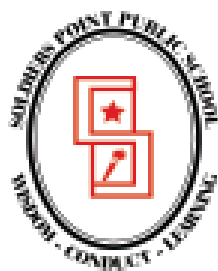
Uniform Shop Open Tuesday 8.30am – 9.30am and Friday 2.15pm – 3.15pm

Contact Us

Email: sppspc@live.com.au

P&C Website: sppspc.weebly.com

 Soldiers Point Public School Parents



Raising Funds

FOR SOLDIERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL



RAFFLE DRAWN: 1pm Saturday 4th November 2017

at our 70th Birthday Celebration held between 10am & 2pm



AWESOME PRIZES!

1st Prize

Hisense Full HD 55" Smart TV
valued at **\$1000**



2nd Prize

Game Fishing Charter for 2
Donated by Calypso Fishing Adventures
valued at **\$800**



PRIZE

6 mth fam pool m'ship and 1 term of swimming lessons for 1 child
2 nights cabin accommodation for 2 adults and 2 children
iPad 32GB WiFi Gold
Surfboard
Weber Baby Q Premium
Stihl MS 170 Chainsaw
Family Photo Shoot
Trent & Steele Slow Press Juicer
Soccer Lessons for a Term, Ball and Uniform
Quad Bike Safari Tour for 2 adults
Lawn & Gardening Voucher
Arbonne Make-up Hamper
Imagine Marine Discovery Family Pass
Kids Birthday Party & Ice Cream Cake

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VALUE

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\$240
\$220
\$200
\$200
\$169
\$115

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



T&C: Vouchers cannot be redeemed for cash. Must be used in a single sitting as all vouchers were kindly donated for the purpose of raising funds for Soldiers Point Public School. Raffle will be drawn at Soldiers Point Public School. Winners will be notified by phone so please ensure you include a phone number on the ticket stub.