

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday 28th August 2017

Dear Parents,

I am continually astonished with our students' willingness to take on and succeed at the challenges we place before them. This has become very apparent again in recent weeks with our students experiencing high level success on the stage, on the field & in the classroom.

Many of you will have had the privilege of being in the audience to watch our recent musical, *Game of Crowns*. Our budding actors worked tirelessly for months learning their lines and actions, which resulted in an amazing success. The students' confidence and presence on the stage was staggering considering they are between 8 & 12 years of age.

Last week, I received the school's 2017 NAPLAN results, of which our school community should be very proud. Following a quick examination, I believe this year's results are close to our best ever. Below, I've included some percentages and how SPPS compares with the state averages.

*The percentages included below are for the **top 2** skill bands i.e. Year 3 = Bands 5-6 & Year 5 = Bands 7-8.*

Year 3	Strand	School	State
	Reading	65	51
	Writing	64	54
	Numeracy	52	43
Year 5	Reading	47	39
	Writing	20	19
	Numeracy	47	32

Congratulations Soldiers Point students & teachers, this really is a mighty achievement.

Book Week Fun

It was awesome to see nearly every child dressed as one of their favourite book characters in support of Book Week.

We had an array of book characters including:

Wally, Pinocchio, the Mad Hatter & quite a few Harry Potters.



Congratulations and thank you to our teacher-librarian, Mrs Merriman for her thorough organisation of our Book Week events including the workshops with author / illustrator, Leila Rudge, Book Fair and Parade. Thanks also to our library monitors for their assistance with running the assembly.

Our Book Week parade is always a lot of fun and we sincerely thank all families for your support. We appreciate that organising your child's outfit takes time and effort but, as you will have seen on the children's faces, it's well worth it. More photos will be uploaded to the website soon.

P-K Transition

Thank you to the many families who have already expressed interest in their child attending Soldiers Point Public School for Kindergarten in 2018. We'll be starting with the first of our transition activities, *Storytime*, on August 29, September 5 & 12.

Whilst your pre-schooler is participating in Storytime, parents are very welcome to join us in the staffroom where school staff will provide lots of information about the school.

Hunter Regional Athletics

Congratulations to all students who participated in the recent Port Stephens Zone Athletics selections. Two of our students gained places in their events making them eligible for the Hunter Regional Athletics Carnival. They are: Hannah (Long jump) & Agnes (800m). The Hunter Regional Carnival will be held Friday, September 1, at Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale.

We also wish Emma well this week as she will be representing Soldiers Point and the Hunter Region in the State Netball Championships.

Term Dates

Term 3 – Week 7

Monday 28 th August	
Tuesday 29 th August	Coffee Club @ Spectrum Cafe 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	School Improvement & Finance Committee Meeting in Staffroom from 7:00
Thursday 7 th September	
Friday 8 th September	

Term 3 – Week 9

Monday 11 th September	
Tuesday 12 th September	Storytime P&C Meeting in Staffroom from 7:00
Wednesday 13 th September	Premier's Spelling Bee – Hamilton
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 Rugby Gala Day
Thursday 21 st September	
Friday 22 nd September	

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Friday 1st September – K-2 Assembly
1/2E*

*Friday 8th September – 3-6 Assembly
3/4A*

All Welcome



A big Thank You to Jeff Thompson from Lettuce In for volunteering their time to make the school grounds look so immaculate for the School Musical.

Absence Notes

Due to the high level of sick leave if you get a 'Please Explain' home and you feel you have already notified the school, please just indicate on the note. Many thanks.

NEWS



Fundraising Committee

Gardening

We are starting to get a good collection of pots for the garden stall to be held at the 70th Birthday Celebration - now we just need some cuttings, seeds and plants! If you have any that you can donate please drop them off near the school vegetable gardens so we can pot them up as soon as possible.

5 cent Fundraiser

The winning classes (3/4S and 5M) enjoyed a well earned sausage sizzle last Tuesday - well done to everyone for all that was raised.

Photographs

A friendly reminder to start talking to your family, friends and neighbours regarding old photos of the school from the 1950's – 1990's. Let us know if you find anything of interest.

Ethics Classes – set for take off

So far we have a classroom volunteer for Stage 3 and an administration volunteer ready to launch Ethics Classes in 2018. Each Stage requires one volunteer. If you are interested in delivering Department approved sessions in 2018 for Stage 1 or Stage 2 (volunteer roles) 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.

Canteen

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

Roster

Wed 30/8	Ken Harper
Thur 31/8	Yr 6 Tui N, Hunter J
Fri 1/9	Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow
Mon 4/9	Help Needed
Wed 6/9	Davina Gamble, Ken Harper
Thur 7/9	Yr 6 Dominic B, Jade N
Fri 8/9	Leanne Benbow, Casandra Butterworth
Mon 11/9	Help Needed

If you can spare even one hour on any day your help would be greatly appreciated. The Canteen will be offering a Meal Deal on Friday 15/9. We would like to trial some new products that fall in the "Everyday" Category of food. An order form will come home soon.

School Musical

A huge thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who freely gave their time to help make the 2017 school musical a great success including the team from Lettuce In Gardening. We couldn't have done it without you!

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.

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

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Monster Raffle

We have been overwhelmed by the generous donations from local sponsors making it possible to offer you some fantastic prizes in the 2017 Monster Raffle. Winning tickets will be drawn at the 70th Birthday Celebration on 4th November 2017. Early this week you will receive a booklet of tickets to sell to your family, friends and neighbours. Each book has 10 tickets at \$2 each. If you would like additional books feel free to contact Jane Lestone on 0427 776 776 or email spps fundraising@gmail.com. Dominos Salamander Bay has kindly donated a pizza lunch party for the class that sells the most amount of tickets, so let the competition begin!

Please remember to support our local businesses who have generously donated prizes for the raffle including:

Moonshadow - TQC Cruises

The Retreat

Outdoor Obsessions

Harvey Norman Salamander Bay

Lettuce In Gardening

McDonalds Williamtown

Calypso Fishing Adventures

Pure Property Management

Bluming Trees

Goal Soccer Academy

Lauren Harley

Tomaree Aquatic Centre

Kaos Surf

Annique's Unique Photography

Quad Bike King

Imagine Cruises

HELP US TO SAVE LIVES



Ever thought about joining our surf club?

Do you enjoy helping others, being outdoors, close to the ocean and part of a team? Mums, dads, grandparents, teenagers – you can all help by joining our team and helping us keep our beaches safe.

Please come along to our Club Open and Registration Day on: **Sunday 17th September 2017, 3-5pm in the Clubroom** to find out how you can become a Surf Life Saver at Birubi Point Surf Life Saving Club. Children can join our Junior Surf Life Saver "Nippers" program.

Further information can be found on our website: www.birubipointslsc.org.au under "Become a Member" or contact our Chief Training Officer, Alison Gannon: alisonctobirubi@gmail.com.

*** You can still become a surf lifesaver if you are a non-swimmer or unable to complete the mandatory swim test, as long as you can complete the Apply First Aid course. ***

Nelson Bay Touch Summer Comp starts soon



Registration are now open
online for Team and
Player registrations

Juniors – Start Wed 11 Oct.

6, 7 & 8 and 9-10 years. Max 8 per team. Boys Girls or Mixed
11-12 and 13-14 years. Max 12 per team. Boys or Girls
(with 4 rep players max per team or option to play up an age group.)
\$55 each. \$5 discount 3+ Children.

Ladies – Start Wed 11 Oct.

A Grade-Individual Registration.
See Website for more information!
B or C grade - Team Registration
\$850 per team

Men's – Start Thu 12 Oct.

A, B, C & D Grade
\$850 per team

Mixed – Start Fri 13 Oct.

A, B, C & D Grade
\$800 per team

Junior Representative team opportunities for all registered players dates for trials will be posted in coming weeks.

If you don't have a team that's Ok. All Individual players of all abilities welcome. Just register online with the Team Code provided & we will find you a team.

Please see Nelson Bay Touch website for full details or contact us at :-



nelsonbaytouch@hotmail.com
Nelson Bay Touch Football

Port Stephens Library September/October 2017 School Holiday Program

Date	Time	Program	Venue	Age	Cost
26 Sept	10.30-11.15am	Imagination - Storytime	Tomaree	2+	\$1.40
27 Sept	2.30-3.30pm	Easy Dreamcatchers Workshop Make an easy dreamcatcher with a paper plate, decorations and your imagination	Raymond Terrace	5-8	\$5.00
28 Sept	10.30-11.30am	Lantern Making Workshop Make a Lantern which will be displayed at the Illuminate Boomerang Park Festival on 18 November	Tomaree	7+	\$5.00
28 Sept	10.30-11.15am	Storytime	Raymond Terrace	2-5	\$1.40
3 Oct	10.30-11.15	Around the World - Storytime	Tomaree	2+	\$1.40
3 & 4 Oct	2.00-3.00pm	Coding Club Free introduction to coding	Raymond Terrace	8-11	Free
4 Oct	10.30-11.30am	Escape with Monsters Craft Workshop	Tomaree	5-8	\$7.50
5 Oct	10.30-11.15am	Storytime	Raymond Terrace	2-5	\$1.40
5 Oct	5.00-6.15pm	Family Movie – Happy Feet 2	Tomaree	All	Free
6 Oct	2.30 - 4.00pm	Lantern Making Workshop Make a Lantern which will be displayed at the Illuminate Boomerang Park Festival on 18 November	Raymond Terrace	7+	\$5.00





Raising Funds

FOR SOLDIERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL



RAFFLE DRAWN: 1pm Saturday 4th November 2017

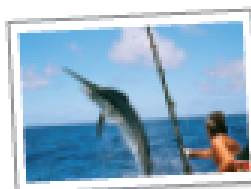
at our 70th Birthday Celebration held between 10am & 2pm

**TICKETS
\$2EA**

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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Bluming Trees
Annie's Unique Photography
Harvey Norman Salamander Bay
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Quad Bike King
Lettuce In
Lauren Harley – Arbonne
Imagine Cruises
McDonalds Williamtown

VALUE

\$529
\$470
\$469
\$420
\$349
\$300
\$300
\$299
\$240
\$220
\$200
\$200
\$169
\$115

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



T&G: Voucher can not 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.
As the will be if used at Soldiers Point Public School. Winners will be notified by phone so please ensure you include a phone number on the ticket stub.