

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



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Dear Parents,

The staff and I would like to welcome all families to Soldiers Point Public School for the 2018 school year. We trust you have had an enjoyable Christmas and summer break with many fun, family adventures.

As many of you are aware students will remain in their 2017 classes this week or at least until our student population has settled. This is done so we can finalise our numbers and then create a class structure for the year ahead. We thank you for your patience and support at this time as it allows us to *fine tune* our school organisation.

I will publish more information about our class structure in our next newsletter, which will be distributed on Monday, February 12.

## Our 2018 Student Leaders

Following our student elections at the end of 2017 our 2018 school captains, Ebony & Jared were announced. Ebony & Jared will be capably supported by prefects: Ava, Charlie, India, Hayden, Scarlett & Lucas. *Unfortunately Charlie was unavailable for the below photo.*



## Staffing

In addition to welcoming many new students to SPPS, we also warmly welcome Mrs Wightman to our teaching staff. Mrs Wightman will be relieving in our Learning & Support Teacher position following the departure of Mrs Beavan at the end of 2017. I encourage students and parents to introduce themselves to Mrs Wightman and make her feel welcome.

## Healthy Skills for Life

Throughout Term 1 we will be participating in a new program to our school called *Healthy Skills for Life*. The program has a strong wellbeing focus and incorporates aspects of mindfulness & yoga.

The program will run from Week 2 through to 9 at a cost of \$15.00 per student or \$2.00 per student per week. Please see Permission Form for additional information.

I would like to sincerely thank our P&C for their generous financial contribution of \$3000.00 to subsidise this program.

## Swimming Carnival

I'm sure the warm, summer days we been enjoying recently have encouraged many of our students to practise their swimming at the pool or beach. This practise will be very helpful at our 2018 swimming carnival, which will be held on *Thursday, February 8, at Tomaree Aquatic Centre.*

As this is a school activity all primary students (8 years or above) are expected to attend. More details will be forwarded home along with a Permission Note later this week.

## Term Dates

### Term 1 – Week 1

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Years 1-6 Commence
	Best Start for Kinder
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Best Start for Kinder
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Best Start for Kinder
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Kindergarten Commence
	Tea & Tissues

### Term 1 – Week 2

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy Skills for Life
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Carnival
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	

### Term 1 – Week 3

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy Skills for Life
	Kindergarten Photos
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	
Thursday 15 <sup>st</sup> February	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	

### Term 1 – Week 4

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	
Tuesday 20 <sup>st</sup> February	Healthy Skills for Life
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Musica Viva
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	

### Term 1 – Week 5

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy Skills for Life
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	

### Term 1 – Week 6

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Healthy Skills for Life
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	

### Term 1 – Week 7

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Healthy Skills for Life
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	

### Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 20 <sup>st</sup> March	Healthy Skills for Life
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	

### Term 1 – Week 9

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Healthy Skills for Life
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday

### Term 1 – Week 10

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	School Photos
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	

### Term 1 – Week 11

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 1 Concludes

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**NO ASSEMBLY**

**Have you changed your phone number? Has your child's medical details changed? Do you have new Emergency Numbers/Contacts**

**Please let the friendly office staff know.**

## Book Packs 2018

To assist with your organisation for next year I have included the anticipated cost of Book Packs.

Year	Amount
Kindergarten	\$120.00
Year 1	\$100.00
Year 2	\$100.00
Year 3	\$100.00
Year 4	\$100.00
Year 5	\$100.00
Year 6	\$100.00

### What's in a Book Pack?

Book Packs include *all* stationery items your child will require throughout the year. Each Book Pack comprises items such as: text books, exercise books, pens, pencils, glue, ruler etc.

In 2018, all Book Packs include a subscription to Maths Online, which students will be using instead of a text book for mathematics. For some stages it also includes a subscription to literacy resources, such as Reading Eggs and School Magazine.

As has been the case since 2013, each Book Pack includes a *voluntary* technology contribution. This voluntary contribution, which will be \$20.00 in 2018, enables the school to sustain and improve our current technological resources.

Since introducing the voluntary technology contribution, we have been able to install wireless access points (Wi-Fi) across the school, purchase additional devices, as well as replace all interactive whiteboards. In 2018, we aim to replace some of the workstations & laptops.

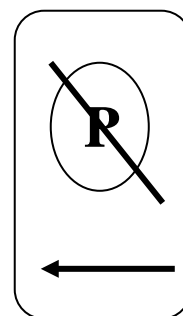
Families finding it difficult to meet these initial expenses are most welcome to make part-payments throughout the year.

## Time and Care

At the start of each school year it can take some students a little while to adjust to their new setting so it's really important that, as parents, we encourage our child to accept change by focusing on the positive aspects of their new environment i.e. a new teacher, new classroom and an opportunity to make new friends. All of our teachers are very aware of this transition and manage it with care and understanding and are keen to work with children to overcome this initial challenge.

## Parking and Student Collection

For the safety of all school children your care and support of road rules is vital. Please remember that it is illegal to stop or park your vehicle on or near any pedestrian crossing. Drivers should park safely in designated areas i.e. Cromarty Road & Bagnall Avenue, even if it means walking a little further to the school gates. Always drop-off and pick-up your children from the school's designated 'Kiss and Drop' zone, which is located just south of the pedestrian crossing on Bagnall Avenue. Please note that these signs also indicate times.



Parking *unsafely* puts children's lives at risk. Please assist by avoiding the following behaviours:

- *Calling children across the road;*
- *Dropping / collecting children on the wrong side of the road;*
- *Dropping / collecting children in the staff car park;*
- *Turning your vehicle in the school driveway;*
- *Leaving children in a vehicle without supervision;*
- *Double parking;*
- *Parking in a bus zone;*
- *Making an illegal U-turn; and*
- *Exceeding the School Zone speed limit of 40km.*

Please be aware that Port Stephens Council Rangers and Police regularly visit our area to observe traffic movement and parking and will issue infringements for the above unsafe behaviour.



## =GUITAR LESSONS=

## =SALAMANDER BAY=

ROCK/BLUES

CLASSICAL/LATIN

SPANISH GUITAR

ALL AGES

BEGINNERS

WELCOME

PHONE ANGELO

0402 331 451



### Nelson Bay Tennis Club

#### \$150 off tennis coaching

Bring in your \$100 Active Kids Voucher

And we will **include \$50** towards coaching costs for 2018

Call Blake Denison 0403664667



PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY IN PARADISE!

# SIGN UP & SIZE UP

**SIGN UP**  
FROM 2 FEB 2018  
2018 Season Rego ON-LINE ONLY\*

**SIZE UP**  
MONDAY 5 & 12 FEB  
5:30pm - 7pm at Tomaree No.1 Oval

**Under 8s - Under 17s**  
\$170 per player with additional family members \$130  
Inc: Playing Kit (shorts, socks, training shirt) and Insurance/Affiliation fees.

A family friendly club with the best Junior Rugby facilities in the region! Come and meet the coaches and managers, measure up for playing kits and confirm contact details.

REGO ONLINE | FACEBOOK | NELSONBAYJUNIORS.ORG.AU

Nelson Bay Junior Rugby is an approved provider for the Active Kids Voucher Program.  
\*You must apply for the voucher BEFORE registering. Visit our Facebook page and website for details.






Australian Government  
Department of Defence






## Welcome to Williamtown!

### Defence Community Organisation Hunter is hosting a family expo

ADF members and families are invited to join us for a family fun day where there will be community information available plus a variety of FREE activities, including face painting, a balloon artist, photo booth, roving magician and more. A fun day for everyone!

**WHERE** Medowie Christian School, 6A Waropara Road, Medowie  
**WHEN** Sunday 25 February 2018, 10.00 am–12.00 pm  
**RSVP** by Friday 9 February 2018 via email to [dco.hunterRims@defence.gov.au](mailto:dco.hunterRims@defence.gov.au), please include  
 \* members name and PMKeys number  
 \* number of adults and number of children  
 \* contact number and email address

**MORE INFO** [www.defence.gov.au/dco](http://www.defence.gov.au/dco)

   Follow Defence Community Organisation to receive updates.

Family Support Newcastle and Gan Gan Family Centre presents

## Happier and healthier relationships.

For all parents who want to build a strong relationship and love at home



This FREE 4 hour workshop covers the following topics:  
Looking at your love and belonging  
And getting along with the kids in your care



Light lunch provided

**When:** 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Time:** Tuesday 10 am to 2.30 pm

**Where:** Gan Gan Family Centre  
Anna Bay Public School  
(Best parking Old Main Road)

**FREE children's activity group available on premises**  
To make a booking or for further inquiries please call:  
**Jacqui or Petra on 4982 1767**




The Men and Family Relationships Project is funded by the Australian Government and auspiced by Family Support Newcastle.



Getting Ready To Take Off To Big School!



## READY, SET FOR SCHOOL

At Gan Gan Family Centre  Find us on Facebook

Ready, Set for School is an exciting transition to school program for children living on the Tomaree Peninsular, where children aged 4 to 5 years take their parent/carer to school and develop a love of learning.

Our fun, structured sessions allow your child to practise the skills they will need for Kindy: following instructions, concentrating, motor co-ordination and social skills.

Siblings are welcome to attend.

**FREE Program starting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Where:** Gan Gan Family Centre Anna Bay Public School  
(Best Parking on Old Main Road)

**When:** THURSDAYS @ 10.00 am to 11.30 am

Places are limited, please call to book on: 4982 1767.

## MESSY PLAY



The Messy Play program is for children aged 0-5 years. Childcare staff from Goodstart Early Learning Centre, Anna Bay, facilitate the session each week and share their expertise in child development.

Put on your scruffy play clothes and come and join us for structured messy play activities. Learn the importance of sensory play with your child.

**When:** Tuesdays from 10.15 am – 12 noon

**Where:** Gan Gan Family Centre  
Anna Bay Public School  
(Old Main Road entrance)



To book in ring: 4982 1767

## Supported Playgroup Connect2Kids



Facilitated by the Benevolent Society, Supported Playgroup (for families with children aged 0 to 5 years) provides an opportunity for parents, carers and children to enhance their relationship in a supportive environment.

Friendly, experienced professionals are on hand to help families to increase their skill and confidence through all stages of early childhood development.

The playgroup is a great way to develop valuable social and family support networks.

**Dates:** Every Monday in school term starting 5<sup>th</sup> February  
**From:** 9.30 am – 11.30 am

**Where:** Gan Gan Family Centre, Anna Bay  Find us on Facebook

Bookings required on 4982 1767

## OUR SWIMMING LESSONS ARE MUCH MORE THAN JUST LEARNING HOW TO SWIM.

### Our classes:

- combine water safety and skill development
- have an emphasis on simulating open water environments
- allow students to have fun while learning in a safe aquatic environment
- are available for everyone from 6 months to 99 years at participating sites
- are taught by AUSTSWIM or equivalent accredited teachers

### Our swimming and water safety membership\* includes:

- summer season membership
- free casual swimming during opening hours
- 4 weeks of free family swim access over summer at participating sites

### + 1-week holiday swim program\*

#### \*Conditions:

Valid at Belgravia Leisure seasonal pools during open hours. Valid for direct debit memberships at participating sites. 1-week holiday swim program consists of 5 x 30 minute lessons (over 5 consecutive days) at participating sites. 1 week's holiday swim program per new swimming and water safety member enrolment. Holiday swim program must be booked in advance and redeemed in the 2018/19 summer season. See In-centre for full terms and conditions.

Tomaree Aquatic Centre  
3 Aquatic Close, Salamander Bay  
Salamanda Bay/Nelson Bay, NSW, 2317  
02 4981 2848  
tomareeac.com.au

Anna Bay Public School  
191 Gan Gan Road Anna Bay NSW 2316  
T 4982 1767 M 0437 629 037  
E jacqueline.orwell@det.nsw.edu.au



TERM ONE 2018

MONDAY JANUARY 29 TO FRIDAY APRIL 13

### 1-2-3-MAGIC

#### & EMOTIONAL COACHING

Held In Partnership with the Benevolent Society  
Learn to manage challenging behavior in Children aged 2-12 years old

#### Topics include:

- Discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- 7 tactics for encouraging good behavior

We are holding a three-session program at for parents and carers of children aged 2 – 12 years

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
Time: 12.15 pm – 2.30 pm

Light lunch and refreshments provided  
Childcare available

\$5 Fee for Workbook and Refreshments  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

### FREE PRE-SCHOOLER PROGRAM ART with DEB

Our creative arts program is designed for children aged 3 to 5 years  
(Younger siblings welcome to come along)  
Children are encouraged to experiment with a variety of art mediums, be creative and most of all have fun.  
**create, explore, have fun, meet others**  
Some materials supplied.

WHEN: FEB 20<sup>th</sup> to MAR 20<sup>th</sup> (5 WKS)

TIME: 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm  
Booking required

### Yoga for Kids

In partnership with Namaste yoga therapy we are holding a six session yoga course for children aged three to five years.

Classes are designed to teach children to listen to their body and to calm their minds. Classes include basic yoga poses, visualisation, creative play, relaxation, dance and games.

Dates: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Start times: 12.30 pm (40 min session)

Cost: \$30.00 for six sessions per family

BOOKING ESSENTIAL PH: 4982 1767

### ARE YOU CARING FOR A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY?

Playgroup NSW MyTime support groups are for mums, dads, grandparents and anyone caring for a child up to age 16, with a disability or chronic medical condition.  
Group held each Wednesday  
10 am – 12 noon

Bring the kids or come by yourself!  
For more info ring Tracy: 0410 476 128

### Family Support Newcastle and Gan Gan Family Centre presents

#### Happier and Healthier Relationships

For all parents/carers who want more laughter and love at home!

This FREE 4 hour workshop includes the following topics:

- Looking at your love and belonging
- Getting along with the kids

Light lunch provided

When: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

FREE children's activity group available on premises

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



## TOY LIBRARY

PHONE: 4982 1767

LOCATED: GAN GAN FAMILY CENTRE  
ANNA BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL  
(NEAR BACK GATE ON OLD MAIN ROAD)

WHEN: MONDAY - FRIDAY  
(DURING SCHOOL TERM)

TIME: 9.00 AM – 11.00 AM





## Young Parents Network

Invites you to:

### ANNA BAY YOUNG PARENTS GROUP

*A group for all parents under 25 years*

**Come along to meet other young parents and share your parenting experiences.**



Fortnightly on Tuesdays 10.30 am – 12.00 noon:

6<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April

*Morning tea provided*



WHERE: Gan Gan Family Centre (In the grounds of Anna Bay School)

For more information contact: Linda @ YPN on 0439 750 310 or Jacqui & Petra at the centre 4982 1767.

**Kellys Swim Academy – Page 2 below then followed by Page 1.**



\$8 - Casual Visit

### FLUFFY DUCKS PROGRAM – 5 (or 6) weeks

Fluffy Ducks (baby) plus an adult (parent/guardian) attend a 30-minute class for five consecutive weeks. Classes are conducted on a Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday. Bookings are essential.

**Stage 1 (beginner), 2 (intermediate) and 3 (advanced)** – subject to availability. They usually run at 10.30am (or later if two classes operate on the same day).

1 Group Lesson per Week: \$70.00 (5 weeks) or \$84.00 (6 weeks)

Tuesday Course	Thursday Courses	Saturday Course
Course 1 – 6 weeks 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb and 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Course 1 – 6 weeks 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb and 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Course 1 – 5 weeks 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb and 3 <sup>rd</sup> March
Course 2 – 5 weeks 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> March and 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Course 2 – 5 weeks 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> March and 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Course 2 – 5 weeks 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> March and 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> April ( and NO class Easter SATURDAY 31 <sup>st</sup> March)

Enquiries to: [info@kellysswimacademy.com](mailto:info@kellysswimacademy.com) or Jo on 0478 655 998  
[www.kellysswimacademy.com](http://www.kellysswimacademy.com)



<https://www.facebook.com/kellysswimacademy/>



## Kelly's Swim Academy

### Learn to Swim Program 2018 at Horizons Golf Course

TERM 1 PROGRAM 2018 - 10 or 11 weeks  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April

#### LEARN TO SWIM

Swimmer attends lessons once or twice per week, at the same time each week, for 10 (or 11) consecutive weeks. (Note: We do not operate on Good Friday, Easter Saturday or Easter Monday. Some classes will run to a 10 week schedule, and others will be operating for 11 weeks).

	10 weeks	11 weeks
10 or 11 Weeks of 1 Group Lesson per Week:	\$120	\$132
10 or 11 Weeks of 2 Group Lessons per Week:	\$215	\$236.50
10 or 11 Weeks of 1 Private Lesson per Week:	\$230	\$253
10 or 11 Weeks of 2 Private Lessons per Week:	\$415	\$456.50
10 or 11 Weeks of 1 Private and 1 Group/Week:	\$315	\$346.50

#### SQUAD - JUNIOR & SENIOR

Tuesday and Thursday at 4.00pm

Saturday at 8.30am

	10 weeks	11 weeks
1 session per week	\$110	\$121
2 sessions per week	\$160	\$176
3 sessions per week	\$200	\$220

#### JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM

Thursdays from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – 12<sup>th</sup> April from 5.00pm – 6.15pm,  
cost \$165 for 11 weeks and includes 2 Open Water Sessions

This class is great for the children that want to:

- \* Further develop their water skills, learn rescue techniques, survival skills and basic skills associated with Lifeguarding.
- \* Further develop their strength in the water through continued stroke development in all swimming strokes.
- \* For those that love the water and are looking for a fun environment that allows all participants to achieve new skills and refine current skills.
- \* It will include up to either 2 beach sessions or Waterpark sessions during the term. Our focus is on ensuring all children continually develop their skills, learn new skills both for rescue and survival, share time with our team of International Lifeguards in a great environment.

**Prerequisite-** Must be able to swim 50 metres of all four swimming strokes and a love of fitness and be at least 8 years of age.

#### AQUA FITNESS

Operates every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9.30am.