

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday • February 26 • 2018

Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many parents make time to attend our 2018 Parent Information Sessions, which were offered in Week 3. They really are the best opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and hear about the year ahead.

The feedback I've had from parents so far has been positive but if there is anything that wasn't covered in the sessions, please email the school on [soldierspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:soldierspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) so we can answer your query and possibly include in future sessions.

I would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank our teachers who willingly offered the Parent Information Sessions after school hours so parents would be able to attend.

## Zone Swimming

Wonderful weather, sensational swimming and beautiful behaviour by our boys and girls ensured for a safe, enjoyable and successful swimming carnival.

It was another year of great performances and encouraging efforts by many of the students. It was especially pleasing to see so many students doing multiple events or trying a 25m or 50m event for the first time and the relays at the end of the day were a highlight. Again, the program pool was especially well populated ensuring a fun couple of hours for those who didn't race.



## Home – School Communication

Over the past few years many of our teachers have embraced various social media applications, including: Facebook, See Saw & Dojo, to keep parents up-to-date on classroom activities involving their child. This has been widely appreciated and, like you, we are keen to continue this form of communication.

At present, the school's technology team is deciding on a consistent platform we may use across the school and also regulating its use a little better as there has been some 'on-line' parental behaviour that has been less than appropriate. I, therefore, ask for your patience as we work through this process.

In the meantime, the school's website remains a good source of information, along with the newsletter and facebook page.



## Student Collection

Thank you to the many parents who are remaining in the Student Collection Area (adjacent to the school canteen) when dropping children off or picking up. Your support has enabled teachers to get their classes to the Student Collection Area promptly at the end of the day.

I also remind parents wishing to visit or assist in classrooms, you are required to complete the Working with Children Statutory Declaration and sign the Visitors and Volunteers Book, which is located in the office foyer, with each visit. This procedure assists us in ensuring the safety of students and the visitor. *If you require a Working with Children Statutory Declaration, please call into the office.*

## Term Dates

### 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	Healthy Skills for Life
	Scripture Commences
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	Healthy Skills for Life
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	Healthy Skills for Life
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>th</sup> March	Healthy Skills for Life
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Healthy Skills for Life
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Musica viva
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	Healthy Skills for Life
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

*2<sup>nd</sup> March 2:15pm*

*K-2 Assembly hosted by 1/2B*

*9<sup>th</sup> March 2:15pm*

*3-6 Assembly hosted by 4/5W*

*All Welcome*

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

**Please let the friendly office staff know so we can update your records.**

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Families can now put money onto their family account. You can then use this money towards any excursions etc. Please see Bronwyn if you need further information

### **BOOK PACKS**

Thank you to more than 80% of our families who have already purchased their 2018 Book Pack. These Book Packs are now being delivered to the classrooms for students to use.

Payment can be made at the office, through the school's website (Parent On-Line), or over the phone.

**Years 1-6 \$100.00 (which include the Maths On-line subscription).**

**Kinder \$120.00 (which includes Maths On-line subscription and Home Reader Bag)**

Payment can be made in Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS.

*This also includes the \$20.00 technology payment*

### **Zone Swimming Report**

Through the efforts of every Soldiers Point swimmer at the Zone Swimming Trials, we finished a close third behind Wirreanda, the winning school. It was very encouraging to finish so close this year and our swimmers should be very proud of their efforts and achievements.

A school's strength is usually reflected in its relay results. Our junior girls team finished second while our senior girls team finished a distant first and may have done enough to compete at the Hunter Regional carnival on March 6th.

There were plenty of fabulous individual result with Ebony the standout, after winning every event to be named 11 years Zone Champion. Other winners and place getters were Summer, Scarlett, Aneka, Jake, Evie, Lexi and Charli. Scarlett, Evie, Lexie, Amy and Jake should also be commended for swimming so many events; a very exhausting day indeed.

We now look forward to seeing which students advance to the regional carnival and wish those that do all the best.  
Zone Swimming





## We would like to extend an invite to any Defence Families in your school to attend this “Welcome



### THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH WELCOME TO THE PENINSULA!

A combined DSTA and Buddies in the Suburbs Defence partner event.

Are you a Defence partner residing in the peninsula regions of Port Stephens? Then come along to a welcome to the peninsula morning tea!

It's a great opportunity to meet other Defence partners in your local area. A staff member from Defence Community Organisation will be in attendance to discuss support services available.

Everyone is very welcome to attend. Please RSVP by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 18 to Danielle Robinson on

0438 430 616 or email [danielle.robinson16@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:danielle.robinson16@det.nsw.edu.au)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>  
March

from 10:00am

C3 Spectrum  
Church

Port Stephens

Children's play  
area

All Defence  
partners are  
welcome!

C3 Spectrum Church

Port Stephens,

4310 Nelson Bay Road



**Please RSVP if you wish to attend by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Kind regards**

**Danielle Robinson DSTA Soldiers Point Public School**



# Tomaree Connect Day

Connecting the community  
with local support services.



**Thursday 8th March**  
**Salamander Bay Shopping Centre**  
**9am - 5pm**

For more information call  
**02 4984 6220**



## P&C News

### Meetings

#### Get involved in your P&C – We NEED YOU!

Our next **P&C Meeting** and **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on **Tuesday 13 March at 7pm** in the School's Admin Building. The AGM will be held first followed by the monthly P&C Meeting. All current positions automatically become vacant at the beginning of each year and these positions are filled by volunteers who are nominated and then voted for during the AGM. Our P&C requires a President, Treasurer, Secretary and 5 financial committee members to attend each P&C meeting to constitute a quorum to approve any decisions. Other positions include Publicity Officer, Fundraising Team, SIFC sub-committee and Canteen sub-committee.

Everyone is welcome to each P&C Meeting even if you do not hold a position on the Committee. The P&C meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Admin Building. The P&C also funds and operates the school's Canteen & Uniform Shop and without a President, Secretary and Treasurer as a minimum we cannot continue to operate the Canteen or the Uniform Shop for the benefit of all families attending the school. Many hands/heads make light work. If you've ever thought about attending, this is your year to shine.

#### School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC)

The SIFC is a sub-committee of the P&C and meets the first Wednesday of the month at **7pm** in the Admin Building. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7 March**. All welcome.

### Canteen

During 2018 lunch orders will be available from the Canteen weekly on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The Canteen will also make some adjustments to menu choices during the year. Meal Deal days, amendments to the menu and a volunteer roster will be published fortnightly in the school newsletter so watch this space! Together, we look forward to another successful year.

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open weekly during the following hours:

Tuesdays 8.30-9.30am

Fridays 2.30-3.15pm

Please note the Uniform Shop only takes cash or cheque payments. Drop in and see Karen for all of your uniform needs.

### Contact Us

[sppspc.weebly.com](http://sppspc.weebly.com)

[sppspc@live.com.au](mailto:sppspc@live.com.au)



Soldiers Point Public School Parents



## Canteen News

The Canteen would like to welcome our new volunteers and once again thank our returning volunteers. Thank you to Ken Harper, Amanda Pigram, Deanne Cosgrove, Jane Lestone, Sarah Southhall, Amy Ellis, Tania Carydakakis, Natasha Hill and Karen Jones for all their help over the last two weeks.

### Roster

Wed 28/2	Ken Harper
Thur 29/2	Amanda Pigram
	Y6 - Ebony N, India B
Fri 2/3	Leanne Benbow,
Deanne Cosgrove	
Mon 5/3	<i>Help needed</i>
Wed 7/3	Amy Ellis, Ken Harper
Thur 8/3	Help Needed
	Y6 - Sarah Jayne D/Agnes W
Fri 9/3	Leanne Benbow,
Cassandra Butterworth	
Mon 12/3	Emma Kirk

We are slowly working through the current menu making changes in accordance with the new guidelines set out by the Departments of Health and Education for public school canteens. 75% of our menu must fit into the everyday category of foods, leaving 25% for occasional foods. To help us achieve this goal jelly, snappies and JJs will no longer be available from the Canteen. A new revised menu that fits into the guidelines will be available soon.

Thankyou for your patience.  
Paula

### *Dear Defence Families,*

Welcome back to Term 1 at Soldiers Point Public School, I have been chatting to all your children and it's been wonderful to see those smiley faces greeting me again in the playground.

**I will still be working Tuesdays and Wednesday's this year and my hours will be 8am -2pm.**

These days will change when special events occur in the school timetable throughout the year.

If you have any concerns regarding your child/children or require any Defence information to help your family, please feel free to contact me by email or phone.

My best contacts are:-

[daniellerobinson16@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:daniellerobinson16@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Danielle Mobile- 0438 430 616**

**Danielle School- 4982 7151 or 4984 6693**

If you or your partner is deploying overseas or one member of the family is working in another state for defence, it would be a good idea to let me know.

I am free to meet one on one with any of you on a Tuesday or Wednesday if you would like to catch up, and I am here to help and support your family.

I can then liaise with class teachers and keep an eye on the emotional wellbeing of your child / children.

I will be running "Seasons for Growth" this year with Joy Shotter the School Chaplain, if you would like your child to take part please email the reason why and who you would like to attend.

**I have attached flyers for two great events happening in our area for you to attend.**

**"Welcome to the Peninsula"** will be attended by all the DSTA's in Nelson Bay and also the Family Liaison Officer from RAAF Base Williamtown, it's a great morning to connect with other families in the area and find out what's going on.

Hope to see you at these events and don't forget to RSVP to them.

Bye for now

Danielle Robinson DSTA SPSS