

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



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Dear Parents,

Our learning environment at Soldiers Point is unique and very special. We really are *the school in the trees* and I thoroughly enjoy being greeted each morning by an abundance of birdlife having their morning frolic and the occasional koala searching for a new tree before the two-legged creatures dressed in red & black arrive.

One of our on-going school priorities is to create a respect for our environment and manage it in a responsible and sustainable way, which includes actively supporting environmentally sustainable practices. A number of future activities we'd like to promote are:

| Date | Activity |
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| Friday, March 23 | Ride 2 School Day |
| Saturday, March 24 | Earth Hour |

On Friday, March 23, we'd love to see lots of families rolling to school on 2 wheels in support of Ride 2 School Day. Not only will students feel fresh and alert after their morning ride, there will be fewer cars around the school which will ease congestion at drop off & pick up time.



Every year millions of people around the world take part in Earth Hour by going 'lights out' from 8:30-9:30 PM. This year, Earth Hour will be held on Saturday, March 24, and we encourage families to participate. I recommend families turn off all lights & screens, light a few candles and play board games together at the kitchen table. You never know, you might enjoy it so much it becomes a weekly ritual.

Harmony Day

Everybody Belongs

Once again, Soldiers Point will be actively celebrating Harmony Day. We will, however, celebrate Harmony Day on *Thursday, March 22*, not the usual March 21, due to our Life Skills program running on March 21.

The school will come together to share in activities inspired by cultures from around the world. Additionally, students will be appreciating the sounds and talents of Senegalese musician Pape M'Baye and his band as they present Teranga, which is part of the Musica Viva program.



Students are invited to wear a shirt from another country or wear the Harmony Day colour of orange.

Stay Safe

The convenience of having your child walk to the local bus stop and catch the bus to school is very helpful for families across NSW. It's also very important that parents talk to their child about safe behaviour whilst waiting for the bus.

We have had a number of recent reports about students from SPPS playing dangerously close to the road while waiting for their bus. This includes, running onto the road to collect balls & jostling in bus lines as the bus approaches.

Having parents walk their child to the bus stop and supervising them while they wait will minimise the risk of an accident.

Term Dates

Term 1 – Week 7

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| Monday 12 th March | |
| Tuesday 13 th March | Healthy Skills for Life P&C Meeting from 7:00 |
| Wednesday 14 th March | Healthy Skills for Life |
| Thursday 15 th March | |
| Friday 16 th March | |

Term 1 – Week 8

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| Monday 19 th March | |
| Tuesday 20 st March | Healthy Skills for Life |
| Wednesday 21 st March | Healthy Skills for Life |
| Thursday 22 nd March | Harmony Day including Musica Viva |
| Friday 23 rd March | Ride 2 School Day |

Term 1 – Week 9

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| Monday 26 th March | |
| Tuesday 27 th March | Healthy Skills for Life |
| Wednesday 28 th March | Healthy Skills for Life |
| Thursday 29 th March | Hunter Hockey Trials |
| Friday 30 th March | Good Friday |

Term 1 – Week 10

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| Monday 2 nd April | Easter Monday |
| Tuesday 3 rd April | School Photos Parent – Teacher Conferences |
| Wednesday 4 th April | Parent – Teacher Conferences |
| Thursday 5 th April | Parent – Teacher Conferences |
| Friday 6 th April | Parent – Teacher Conferences |

Term 1 – Week 11

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| Monday 9 th April | |
| Tuesday 10 th April | |
| Wednesday 11 th April | |
| Thursday 12 th April | |
| Friday 13 th April | Term 1 Concludes |

Squeaky Clean

Last Friday, March 9, we held our School's Clean-Up Day as we were unable to participate the previous week. It's really pleasing to note that our students found very little rubbish as they do such a great job of keeping the school clean each day.

Survey to establish the need for Outside School Hours Care

A working party has been established to determine if there is a need for Outside School Hours Care at Tomaree Community College, Nelson Bay.

A survey form has been emailed or attached to this newsletter. Hard copies are available from the office if required. Closing date for return of survey forms, to the school office, is Wednesday 21st March.

School Photos

Photo day is Tuesday 3rd April. Ordering information is set out on page 4 of this newsletter. If you wish to pay cash there are a limited number of envelopes available from the office.

UNSW Global Competitions

All students in Years 3-6 are invited to participate in this year's UNSW Global Competitions in any of the following areas: - Mathematics, English, Spelling, Writing, Science and Digital Technologies. If you would like your child to be included please return the purple permission note, which has been sent home, with payment by Thursday 22nd March.

Hunter Regional Swimming

Last Tuesday, four of our girls went to Maitland for the Hunter trials. Summer, Scarlett, Aneka and Ebony competed in the senior girls relay, finishing fourth and just missing out on qualifying for the state championships later in the term.

In the individual events Aneka swam very well to finish seventh in the 50m Freestyle while Ebony won the 50m Freestyle, Backstroke and Butterfly and will now compete at the state carnival in those events at Olympic Park.

Congratulations to all the girls and good luck to Ebony at the next level.

PSSA Cricket v Tanilba Bay

After a short season last year, it was good to get a win in the second round of the PSSA knockout against a pretty determined Tanilba Bay. Sent into bat first, Tanilba Bay could only manage 42 runs before being bowled out by some exceptional bowling. While a

few chances were not taken, there was some great catching by Carter and Charlie.

Chasing the 42 runs was not as easy a task as it first seemed and at one point it looked as though the result could have gone the other way. However, Harry, Aidan, Carter and Harley all batted solidly to ensure the victory, passing the total with the loss of only 6 wickets. Well done boys!

Bookclub

Last day for Bookclub orders is Tuesday 27th March.
Order options are:-

- Credit Card or LOOP payment – order electronically via scholastic.com.au/LOOP
- Cash, cheque or credit voucher via the school office

The School receives rewards on all orders regardless of payment method.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

16th March 2:15pm
K-2 Assembly hosted by 1/2E

23rd March 2:15pm
3-6 Assembly hosted by 5/6C

All Welcome





Soldiers Point Public School 2018 School Photos

All 2018 School Photos are to be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com

and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.

Payments can be made with Mastercard or Visa cards.

School Packages

Premium Hard Cover A4 Photobook

Qty Ordered **A Pack** \$50

Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets with an extra set in B/W & a 8x12" Enlargement.

Book includes Title Page, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo, Principals Message & Autographs Page.

Free low res Digital Image of individual.

Standard Packages

Qty Ordered **B Pack** \$40

1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets & 8x12" Enlargement.

Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.

Free low res Digital Image of individual.

Qty Ordered **C Pack** \$35

1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets

Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.

Free low res Digital Image of individual.

Qty Ordered **D Pack** \$25

Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.

Qty Ordered **E Pack** \$20

1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets & low res digital image.

Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

Family Packages

Family A Pack \$20

Qty Ordered

1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets

Family B Pack \$30

Qty Ordered

1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4- Wallets & 8x12" Enlargement & Digital Image of Family.

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STATE JUNIOR & SENIOR MUSIC CAMP APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Talented music students join together for one week each year to receive expert tutelage and develop their performance skills. Participants rehearse and perform high quality repertoire culminating in a concert for families and friends on the final night of the camp.

Musical activities at camp include participation in a major ensemble (symphony orchestra, symphonic bands, vocal ensembles, stage band) as well as a number of elective ensembles and activities. Elective activities include brass and woodwind ensembles, jazz improvisation, composition, music theatre, percussion ensemble.

Dates for 2018 - Junior Music Camp (Years 5-8):
Sunday 22 July - Friday 27 July (week 1, Term 3)

Senior Music Camp (Years 8-12): Sunday 1 July - Friday 6 July (week 10, Term 2)

Venue: The camps will be held at Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen.

Cost: \$495.00 inclusive GST.

Applications & more information:

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/state-junior-and-senior-music-camps>

If you have any queries please contact Lindsay Pringle at Lindsay.pringle2@det.nsw.edu.au or 8512 1188

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.

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

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