

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



Monday • May 14 • 2018

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the mums, carers & grandmas who were able to join us for our Mothers' Day Breakfast. Over \$1200 was raised by Year 6 on the day. It was a lot of fun having you here celebrating all you do for your families & our school. We also hope you enjoyed your special day with your family on Sunday.



Kindergarten 2019

Do you have a child starting school in 2019? If so, you might consider attending the Kindergarten Transition Expo, which is being held at Soldiers Point Bowling Club on Thursday, May 24.

The purpose of the Expo is to assist parents in preparing their child for Kindergarten in 2019. For more information about the Expo see the flyer which is included with this newsletter.

Parents are also welcome to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for Enrolment at Soldiers Point Public School for their child to attend our school in 2019. Submitting an EOI will ensure you receive information relating to the school's Kindergarten Transition program.

NAPLAN 2018

As has been mentioned in previous newsletters, students in Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) this week. The dates for each of the assessment tasks are:

Tuesday, May 15	Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday, May 16	Reading
Thursday, May 17	Numeracy

We wish all our Year 3 and 5 students well with their assessment tasks.

Walk Safely to School

This Friday, May 18, is Walk Safely to School Day across NSW. As a school we have supported Walk Safely to School over many years as it is a great way to promote road safety. It enables children to walk to school with their parents or carers so they can talk about and demonstrate road safety.

Walking to school is also a great way to promote healthy lifestyle choices. Children who are regularly physically active are healthier & perform better academically.



Sporting Success

I would like to congratulate Mrs Sproule for her selection in the NSW Touch Football squad for her age-group. This is a wonderful and well-deserved achievement.

Term Dates

Term 2 – Week 3

Monday 14 th May	
Tuesday 15 th May	NAPLAN AECG Meeting
Wednesday 16 th May	NAPLAN
Thursday 17 th May	NAPLAN
Friday 18 th May	NAPLAN OC On-line Applications CLOSE

Term 2 – Week 4

Monday 21 st May	
Tuesday 22 nd May	
Wednesday 23 rd May	Stage 1 Excursion to Newcastle Museum
Thursday 24 th May	Grip Leadership – SRC Preschool – Kindergarten Transition Expo @ Soldiers Point Bowling Club 6.30pm
Friday 25 th May	

Term 2 – Week 5

Monday 28 th May	
Tuesday 29 th May	UNSW – Science Choir/Band Workshops
Wednesday 30 th May	Star Struck Rehearsal
Thursday 31 st May	
Friday 1 st June	

Term 2 – Week 6

Monday 4 th June
Tuesday 5 th June
Wednesday 6 th June
Thursday 7 th June
Friday 8 th June

Term 2 – Week 7

Monday 11 th June	Queens's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 12 th June	
Wednesday 13 th June	UNSW - Spelling
Thursday 14 th June	UNSW – Writing Star Struck Rehearsal
Friday 15 th June	Star Struck Performance

Term 2 – Week 8

Monday 18 th June	
Tuesday 19 th June	Year 6 Sports Gala Day @ Tomaree

Wednesday 20 th June	AECG Meeting
Thursday 21 st June	
Friday 22 nd June	

Term 2 – Week 9

Monday 25 th June
Tuesday 26 th June
Wednesday 27 th June
Thursday 28 th June
Friday 29 th June

Term 2 – Week 10

Monday 2 nd July	
Tuesday 3 rd July	
Wednesday 4 th July	
Thursday 5 th July	Pedlar's Parade
Friday 6 th July	Term 2 Concludes

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

18th May
K-2 – 2.15pm
Hosted by 1/2J

25th May
3-6 – 2.15pm
Hosted by SRC

All Welcome

Zone Cross Country

On Wednesday of week two the zone cross country was held at Raymond Terrace. A large team of 42 students represented our school. The weather was fine and the noise of the RAAF jets motivated the competitors to run fast. A group of our students finished in the top six of their age division and qualified to attend the Regional carnival. Congratulations to Matt, Anekah, Lexi, Daniel, Beau and Ebony.

Annual Report Available

Each year schools are required to prepare an Annual Report, which provides the wider community with information about school programs, results and other achievements. The Soldiers Point Annual School Report is now available on our school website for all to enjoy. I encourage parents to have a read of the report as it provides a great reflection on the school year. A link to our website is <http://www.soldierspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/> and printed copies of the Annual Report can also be arranged through the school's office.

Entertainment Books

You can still order one online at <http://www.entertainment.com.au/3908k6> or there is one remaining copy at the office. The school receives a commission for any books sold which will go towards our literacy programs

Starstruck

Good luck to the Stage 3 girls this term who will be participating in Star Struck. After two tricky but fun choreography days, the girls are busy rehearsing and perfecting their two routines and finale for the big performances. Star Struck is a wonderful experience for these girls where they will learn how rewarding it is to be a part of a production that allows a sense of connection to place, their families, their friends and themselves.



Big congratulations also to Nina Easthope and Hannah McClafferty, who have successfully secured a place in the Star Struck choir. Tickets are on sale through Ticketek so don't forget to grab them before they are gone! Performance dates are the 15th and 16th of June.



BOOKCLUB

Last day for bookclub orders is Tuesday 15th May.

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Hope all our mums were spoilt by the children here at SPPS.

We were fortunate to have Ms Champion present at the last P&C Meeting about our new school report format, thank you to Ms C for taking time out of her busy schedule.

Our new canteen menu means healthier times for the kids and their lunch options.

From the P&C congrats to all our kids who participate in the zone school cross country.

A Pie Drive order form has been sent home. Last day for orders is Friday 25th May and pies must be collected from the canteen on Wednesday 6th June between 8.00am and 9.30am.

SIFC

Next School Improvement and Finance Committee (SIFC) Meeting will be held Wednesday 6 June at 7pm in the school admin building. ALL WELCOME.

Uniform News

Please place your winter orders now. We have polar fleece jackets and Bomber jackets in stock but only limited quantities.

Our Uniform shop is opened weekly during the following hours

Tuesday 08:30 to 09:30

Friday 2:30 to 3:15pm

Please note the Uniform shop only takes cash or cheque payments.

Canteen News

As always thank you to Ken Harper, Leanne Benbow, Karen Jones, Deanne Cosgrove and Casandra Butterworth for all their help over the last two weeks.

Roster

Wed 16/5	Ken Harper, Davina Gamble
Thu 17/5	Yr 6 – Sage B, Ella D, Zoe V
Fri 18/5	Leanne Benbow, Casandra Butterworth
Mon 21/5	Help needed
Wed 23/5	Ken Harper
Thu 24/5	Yr 6 – Hayley P, Georgie L
Fri 25/5	Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove
Mon 28/5	Help Needed

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The new menu has been approved by our P&C Committee. We hope to have it out to you in the next two weeks. This menu fulfils all the requirements set out by the Departments of Health and Education for a Healthy Canteen. This means that 78% of our menu is classified as everyday or green choices.

To achieve this a large part of our menu is made from scratch in the canteen including a new style pizza with three flavours. We have had to increase the price to \$3.50 per pizza to cover costs, however, other items on the menu will decrease in price.

To enable us to maintain our home-made options rather than pre-bought frozen goods we need help in the Canteen.

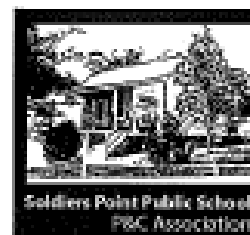
If you can help out at all even for 1 hour to assist us in the preparation of our fresh food we would be very grateful. Come along for the whole day if you can (8.30 – 2.00) and enjoy lunch with us and a free TNT for your child. A reminder the Canteen is now open for lunch orders on Thursdays.

Thankyou for your assistance.

Paula

**SOLDIERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION**

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P & C Fundraising Committee Thompson's Pie Drive

Please mark below your order and return the order and money in a sealed envelope to the school's office by Friday 25th May 2018. Payment must be cash or cheque and correct money must be given.

**The pies must be collected from the canteen on
Wednesday 6th June 2018 between 8:00 am and 9:30 am.**

We will require volunteers on the day of collection so if you are interested in volunteering please contact me on 0435 122 814.

Thank you for your support.
Michelle Hall
P & C Fundraising Committee

Thompson's Pie Fundraiser

Parent name: _____ Student name: _____

Phone number: _____ Class: _____

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
Family meat pie	\$7.00		
Family mornay chicken and vegetable	\$9.00		
Family quiche	\$9.00		
Family apple pie	\$7.00		
Bacon & cheese pies (6 pack)	\$12.50		
Chunky steak pies (6 pack)	\$12.50		
Sausage roll (6 pack)	\$7.00		
Vegetable quiche (6 pack)	\$12.50		
Spinach & ricotta roll (6 pack)	\$11.00		
Steak, cheese & bacon gourmet pie (4 pack)	\$11.50		
Caramel slice (6 pack)	\$11.00		
Plain cheesecake slice (8 pack)	\$8.50		
Finger buns (6 pack)	\$6.00		
Brownie slice (6 pack)	\$6.50		
Plain lamington (6 pack)	\$6.50		
Total amount enclosed			



Do you have a child starting school on the Tomaree Peninsula in 2019?

Free!

You are invited to a community Transition to School event.

Where: Auditorium
Soldiers Point Bowling Club
118 Soldiers Point Road
Soldiers Point

When: Thursday, 24th May, 2018
Time: 6.30p.m

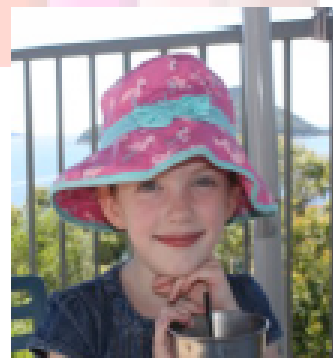
What to expect:

- o Meet representatives from local schools including Government, Catholic and Independent.
- o Staff from local Childcare Services will be there to provide support, information and resources.
- o Come and listen to our guest speakers.
- o Network with a range of professionals including - speech therapist, occupational therapist, educational consultant and more.
- o Visit a range of information stalls including Gan Gan Family Centre, Ability Links and Port Stephens Coaches.

Find answers to some of your questions:

- o When should I enrol my child and how do I go about it?
- o How can I help my child have a successful start to school?
- o What does social and emotional maturity mean?
- o Why is this important to starting school?
- o What can I do to help my child's learning?

For more information contact: Gan Gan Family Centre
Phone: 4982 1767
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ART within

after school Art & Craft Classes

Monday Tuesday

3.30 to 5pm

fee \$ 20

Basic materials and afternoon tea included. Walking distance from school

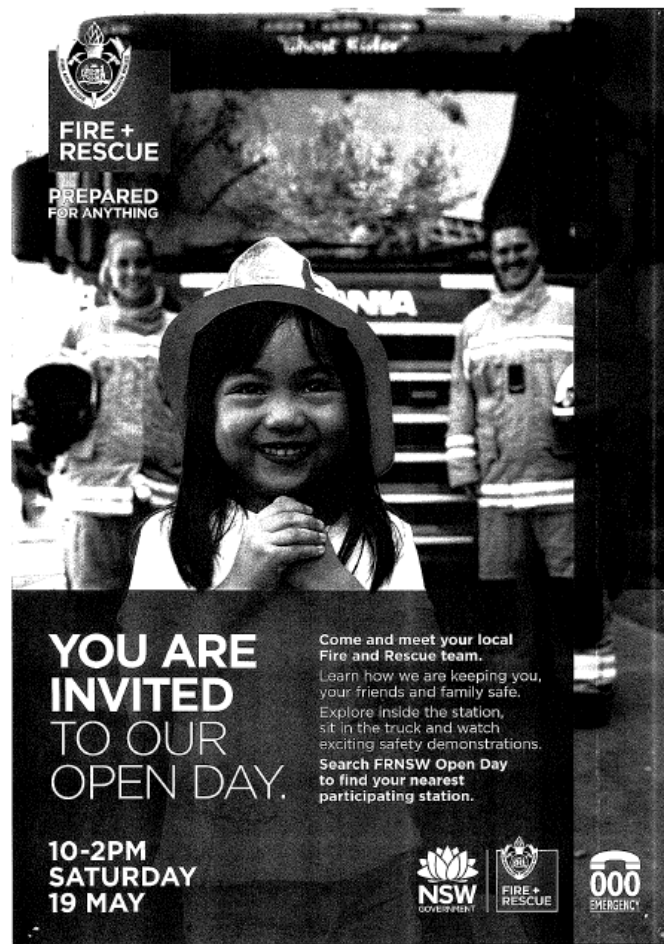
My classes encourage children to develop their artistic senses in an safe and enjoyable atmosphere. Under my guidance, they will learn drawing and painting techniques while having fun. A large variety of craft making is also available.

0400 4965 76

Sue Bray

Bachelor of Fine Art - Diploma of Education - Primary/High School Teacher

Nelson Bay 49 81 13 71



FIRE + RESCUE

PREPARED FOR ANYTHING

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR OPEN DAY.

10-2PM SATURDAY 19 MAY

Come and meet your local Fire and Rescue team. Learn how we are keeping you, your friends and family safe. Explore inside the station, sit in the truck and watch exciting safety demonstrations. Search FRNSW Open Day to find your nearest participating station.

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GAN GAN FAMILY CENTRE

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TERM TWO 2018

To book a course or for more information P 4982 1767

CIRCLE OF SECURITY	HAPPIER & HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIPS
Tuesday May 15 (7 sessions) 12.30 pm to 2:30 pm For parents who have a child under 5 years at home Program is based on research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported & strengthened Free childrens activity group available	Wednesday May 30 (3 sessions) 12.30 pm to 2:30 pm For parents with a child 8 years or under in their care. For those who want more laughter & love at home Topics includes: getting along with the children in your care looking at your love & belonging Free childrens activity group available

LEGO LEGENDS	ART WITH DEB	READY SET GO
Wednesday June 6 (4 sessions) 10 am to 12 noon Find your engineering skills & join us as we learn, build & play with lego/duplo All children under 6 years welcome	Wednesday May 9 (4 sessions) 10 am to 12 noon Pilot Program Arts & craft sessions specifically catering for children with a disability or chronic medical condition Suitable for children aged 3 to 5 years	Thursday May 10 (every week) 10 am to 11.30 pm Transition to school playgroup for children starting school in 2019 Fun structured 90 minute sessions allows your child to practice the skills they need for Kindergarten Younger siblings welcome to attend

FREE Transition to School Expo Thursday June 6 starts 6.30 pm @ Soldiers Point Bowling Club



TOY & BOOK LIBRARY	CONNECT 2 KIDS PLAYGROUP	MESSY PLAY
weekdays 9 am & 11 am FREE consultation with Family Law Solicitor available by appointment GAPS (Grandparents as Carers) meets Wednesdays @ 10 am	Monday May 7 (every week) 9.30 am to 11.30 am Supported Playgroup held in partnership with the Benevolent Society. This playgroup provides opportunity for parents to increase their skills & confidence & develop social networks in a supportive environment Newborn to 5 years	Tuesday May 8 (every week) 10.15 am to 12 noon Facilitated by the staff from Good Start early Learning centre Fun structured messy play activities with focus on the importance of sensory play Newborn to 5 years

EARLY PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP	BABY MASSAGE	EXPLORERS PLAYTIME
Thursday May 17 (4 sessions) 10 am to 12 noon For new mums and dads with babies aged 0 to 3 months Facilitated by Child & Family Health Nurse Come along and chat about the joys & challenges of parenting Newborn to 12 weeks	Friday May 25 (5 sessions) 10 am to 12 noon A program for parents & their babies to enhance bonding & empower parents in the care of their babies \$35.00 for 5 sessions Newborn to 6 months	Friday June 29 10 am to 12 noon Venue to be advised Join us for the launch of our nature based playtime Whatever the weather you'll find us adventuring exploring jumping in puddles creating imagining climbing trees finding fairies making mud pies nurturing nature and mostly getting messy and having fun Newborn to 5 years

Gan Gan Family Centre is a NSW Department of Education Schools as Community Centres Program

We at Soldiers Point Public School proudly belong to an inclusive community committed to fostering resilience, respect, creativity and confidence. (2018)