

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



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Dear Parents,

When analysing our students' attendance rates recently, I was really pleased to see that 72 students out of 344 have not missed a day of school all year. This is a mighty achievement and I congratulate these students and their families for promoting the importance of strong attendance.

Encouraging your child to attend school regularly is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success, both at school and in life, as you're helping your child develop healthy life habits.

Students who attend school regularly generally gain confidence from feeling more connected to the school, thus develop important friendships and social skills. But when children are absent for an average of just two days of school per month, even when the absences are valid, it can have a negative impact.

I've included a chart later in this newsletter which shows the importance of attendance, as well as the importance of being at school on time.

Preparing for High School

Applications are being accepted for the Specialist Classes at Tomaree High School. Specialist Classes available are:

- Academic Extension
- Creative & Performing Arts
- Talented Sports

Applications are available online at the Tomaree High School website,

<http://www.tomaree-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/> or hard copies are available at Tomaree High School Office.

Applications close this Friday, June 1, at 2:00pm.

Keeping Students Safe

Following a near miss on the Children's Crossing outside the school last week, I remind all parents to be vigilant and comply with all road and parking rules when driving in the vicinity of the school.

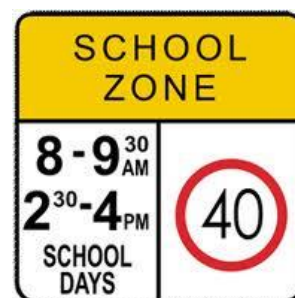
School Zones operate from:

Morning = 8.00 – 9.30 AM; and

Afternoon = 2.30 – 4.00 PM.

Parking restrictions also apply during these times.

Our school crossing is a part-time crossing which operates before and after school hours. It is also used during the day when classes / stages go down to Pearson Park.



When 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed, drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is clear of pedestrians.

These rules will be enforced by Police and Port Stephens Council Rangers and fines issued to drivers who choose to ignore road and parking rules.

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively. Parents should talk with their child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it's not a safe place to play as it is near the road and vehicles may be entering or exiting driveways.

Stage 3 Reminders

•Stage 3 Camp

Just a reminder for families; please continue with camp payments. Camp payments will need to be finalised next term. Please continue to paying these off throughout the coming weeks and term. Medical information and packing requirements will be sent home early Term 3.

• High School Transition Activities

Information will be sent home this week regarding High School Transition activities made available through Tomaree High School. For many students, this will be their first opportunity to experience high school life; therefore any students entering Year 7 in 2019 are given the opportunity to attend.

•Pedlars Parade Stage 3 fundraising event

Students will begin planning in classes for this fun event. Students are asked to produce a craft item to be sold as part of the Pedlars Parade/Fair. Monies raised goes towards Stage 3 events. Students will receive more details very soon. Your support is greatly appreciated.

• Stage 3 Public Speaking

As part of the Hunter Public Speaking Competition Stage 3 students have the task to write and present a speech on the theme 'Connectedness'. Please see class teachers if you or your child has any concerns about completing this task.

Currently Stage 3 teachers are busy assessing and writing semester reports. I thank them for their dedication and efforts at this busy time. Your consideration is appreciated, if you need to discuss matters with teachers, please make an appointment for a mutually agreeable time, using the appropriate protocols. We look forward to a busy and exciting end of term.

Ashlee Cosgrove
Stage 3 Supervisor

Term Dates

Term 2 – Week 5

Tuesday 29 th May	UNSW – Science
Wednesday 30 th May	Choir/Band Workshops
Thursday 31 st May	Star Struck Rehearsal
Friday 1 st June	Soccer V Tanilba Bay PS
	Applications for Tomaree High School Specialist Classes close at 2:00pm

Term 2 – Week 6

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

Term 2 – Week 7

Monday 11 th June	Queen's Birthday Public 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

1st June
K-2 – 2.15pm
Hosted by 1/2B

8th June
3-6 – 2.15pm
Hosted by 5/6S

All Welcome

Family Residential Addresses

Each year a report is run to validate families residential addresses to identify any errors e.g. multiple addresses, misspelt names etc.

Can you please ensure that you have updated any change of address with the school office as soon as possible.

When updating address details you will also need **'Proof of Residence'** e.g. utilities bill, lease agreement (we cannot accept licences), before we can change your details.

All families who have Kindergarten children starting in 2019 will also need **'Proof of Residence'**, even if you already have children at school.

Please call the office if you need further clarification.

Thanks
 Bronwyn Sherman
 Admin Manager

Important Update

UPDATE ON WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK WWCC

As from January 2019 all –

Classroom Volunteers

Canteen Helpers

Anyone transporting students in private cars (other than their own children)

will need to apply and have an Unpaid Volunteer WWCC number. **This is free** and must be applied for on-line at -

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

After receiving your WWCC Number please bring to the school office and we can place you on our data base.





If for some reason you do not have access to a computer please let the school office know and we can help you to apply on-line.


If you do not have this WWCC number, from 2019 you will not be able to help at the school as a Volunteer.


Thank you
 Bronwyn Sherman
 Admin Manager

Soldiers Point Public School
Every Minute Counts...

When your child misses...

	That's 50 minutes of learning each week.	Which is nearly one and a half weeks a year.	Nearly six months of school between K-12
Ten minutes a day.			
	That's 100 minutes of learning each week.	Which is nearly two and a half weeks a year.	Nearly one year of school between K-12
Twenty minutes a day.			
	Half a day of learning each week.	Four weeks a year.	Nearly 1.5 years of school between K-12
Half an hour a day.			
	One whole day of learning each week.	Eight weeks per year, or nearly a whole Term a year.	Over 2.5 years of learning between K-12
One hour a day.			

The best learning time for your child is during the beginning of the day. 

School starts at **8:55am** 

The College Club
 Tomaree Community College's
 Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Afternoon Sessions from 3:00pm to 6:00pm
 Vacation Care is from 7:00am to 5:00pm
 (please note: morning sessions will commence on demand)

At The College Club we strive to provide a warm welcoming and caring environment.

We recognise and nurture each child's unique, individual qualities and potential, and develop independence in their daily activities and experience within the centre.

If you would like to enrol or enquire please don't hesitate to contact Tomaree Community College on 49841011 or email training@tomareecc.nsw.edu.au

Fort Stephens Womens Cancer Support Group Inc.

THE FEEL-GOOD CINEMA EVENT RETURNS

CHRISTINE PERCE, DOMINIC COHEN, ADEY, JULY, ANAHODA, STELLAN, JULIE, MARY, SAKKUNNI, MICHAEL, COOPER, TONY, SARAH, JAMES, STEPHEN, HANSHAW, ANTOINETTE, SCHER, DAVID

MAMMA MIA!
 HERE WE GO AGAIN
 JULY 2018

Opening Night - Thursday 19 July 2018
 6.30pm for 7.30pm Screening
 Nelson Bay Cinema Complex

Tickets \$25 includes a glass of champagne on arrival, canapés & movie ticket.

To secure your seat visit:
 The Greater Bank Salamander Bay or Nelson Bay,
 or Soldiers Point Public School,
 or contact:
 Jo – 0412 637 467 (Corlette)
 Terese – 0409 321 349 (Anna Bay)
 Rachel – 0402 592 853 (Soldiers Point)
 Cathy – 0431 574 457 (Fingal Bay)

TOMAREE
 neighbourhood centre

Presents
 "Cooking with Kids"
 Healthy Cooking Classes for Primary School Aged Children



CALLING ALL YOUNG ASPIRING CHEFS

Tomaree Neighbourhood Centre is excited to offer once again, our cooking with kid's class. The class allows primary school aged children, the opportunity to focus on preparing healthy recipes, nutrition and portion control. Participants receive hands on experience, learning how fun it can be to prepare and make healthy food.

Where: Tomaree Community Centre (Waratah Room)
 When: Friday 13th July 2018
 Time: 11:00 am until 1:00pm
 Cost: \$5 per child
 How: Parents/Carer must register children before attending. Please
 Contact the centre on 4984 6220 for more information.

Parents/carers are asked to be at the centre at 12pm, so the children can serve the food they have prepared.

Newsletter



Join us in our next meeting; Join our discussions, join us in making decisions about our school community; JOIN US! Our next meeting will be held Tuesday 12th June at 7pm in the school admin building.

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

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

Thank you to Ken Harper, Davina Gamble, Leanne Benbow, Casandra Butterworth, Karen Jones and Natasha Torisini for all their help over the last two weeks.

Roster

Wed 30/5	Ken Harper
Thur 31/5	Help Needed
Fri 1/6	Leanne Benbow, Casandra Butterworth
Mon 4/6	Emma Kirk, Bekk Paradisis
Wed 6/6	Davina Gamble, Ken Harper
Thu 7/6	Help Needed
Fri 8/6	Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove
Mon 11/6	Help Needed

Free lunch!

Come and volunteer at the canteen for the whole day and your kids at school can have a lunch on the P&C.

Our new menu is now finalised and was sent out today. There have been some price changes and these will come into effective from Monday 4th June. A big thank you to Mr Mac from 5/6M and the kids who designed the new look menu.

Fundraising

* Thompson Pie delivery will be Wed 6th June between 8 – 9.30am; orders available for pick up from the Canteen.

* School disco will be held at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club for Thursday 28th June, flyers to be sent home soon.