

The Point

Newsletter of
Soldiers Point Public School



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Dear Parents,

Remarkable as it may seem, we are now almost halfway through the 2018 school year. The past two terms have been very positive for our school with students experiencing success in many of their learning opportunities.

Importantly, a great deal has been accomplished by our students with most of these achievements occurring quietly and incrementally in the classrooms as children progress their skills. Additionally, some have experienced success outside the classroom learning their musical instrument, participating in Star Struck or in their chosen sport. I congratulate our students on their achievements so far and look forward to further growth in Semester 2.

Classroom Upgrade

The Department of Education (Assets Directorate) is about to commence work on 3 of our demountable classrooms. The buildings: Room 2 (Mrs Aitchison's classroom), Room 3 (Mr Nix's classroom) & Room 5 (Miss Strassmeir's classroom) will each receive an upgrade which includes the following:

- Replacement of each classroom's roof, western wall and eaves;
- Replacement of timber flooring, if required;
- Replacement of carpet; and
- Internal & external paint.

Our students & teachers are being very resilient and flexible at this time as they've had to relocate to other lodgings while the work is being carried out. I anticipate the work will take approximately 6 weeks, including the school holiday period.

Star Struck

Again, I congratulate our Star Struck singers & dancers on their performances. As a member of the audience, Star Struck was an amazing spectacle & really did showcase the wealth of talent we have in our local area.



So what did our performers think?

- It was great learning about new styles of dance (India);
- It was great to meet dancers from other schools (Ava);
- I really liked how it included some students who had a disability (Charlie).

Even though our performers thought it was tiring and cold at night, they all agreed that they'd be keen to be involved in a future Star Struck.

Term Dates

As this will be the last newsletter for Term 2 the staff and I would like to wish all families a happy & safe holiday period. Term 2 will conclude on Friday, July 6, and Term 3 will commence for students on Tuesday, July 24.

I encourage parents to spend time enjoying their child's company by going for a bike ride, listening to them read, cooking, playing games etc. It's important to remember that any time you can give to your child is never wasted.

Term Dates

Term 2 – Week 9

Monday 25 th June	
Tuesday 26 th June	
Wednesday 27 th June	
Thursday 28 th June	Disco – Soldiers Point Bowling Club – K-2 5.00pm – 6.00pm 3-6 6.30pm – 7.30pm
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

Term 3

Term 3 – Week 1

Monday 23 rd July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 24 th July	Students Commence
Wednesday 25 th July	
Thursday 26 th July	Academic Extension Test at THS Author Visit – Oliver Phommavanh
Friday 27 th July	

Term 3 – Week 2

Monday 30 th July	
Tuesday 31 st July	UNSW Test - English
Wednesday 1 st August	Public Speaking at Meadowie PS – Stage 1
	OC Placement Test
Thursday 2 nd August	Public Speaking at Anna Bay PS – Stage 2
Friday 3 rd August	Public Speaking at Mayfield West PS – Early Stage 1
	Public Speaking at Shortland PS – Stage 3

Term 3 – Week 3

Education Week

Monday 6 th August	
Tuesday 7 th August	Port Stephens Zone Athletics – Field Events
Wednesday 8 th August	
Thursday 9 th August	
Friday 10 th August	Port Stephens Zone Athletics – Track Events

Term 3 – Week 4

Monday 13 th August	
Tuesday 14 th August	UNSW Maths
Wednesday 15 th August	
Thursday 16 th August	
Friday 17 th August	

Term 3 – Week 5

Book Week

Monday 20 th August	THS Year 6 CAPA Auditions
Tuesday 21 st August	THS Year 6 Sports Trials
Wednesday 22 nd August	Newcastle Permanent Maths
Thursday 23 rd August	
Friday 24 th August	

Term 3 – Week 6

Monday 27 th August	
Tuesday 28 th August	
Wednesday 29 th August	
Thursday 30 th August	
Friday 31 st August	Fathers' Day Breakfast BBQ

Term 3 – Week 7

Monday 3 rd September	
Tuesday 4 th September	
Wednesday 5 th September	
Thursday 6 th September	Stage 1 – Pearson Park
Friday 7 th September	THS Taster Lessons Life Education

Term 3 – Week 8

Monday 10 th September	Life Education
Tuesday 11 th September	Life Education
Wednesday 12 th September	Life Education
Thursday 13 th September	Life Education
Friday 14 th September	Touch Gala Day

Term 3 – Week 9

Monday 17 th September	Stage 3 Camp
Tuesday 18 th September	Stage 3 Camp
Wednesday 19 th September	Stage 3 Camp
Thursday 20 th September	
Friday 21 st September	

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

29th June
K-2– 2.15pm
Hosted by K/1F

6th July
2.15pm
Whole School
Student Recognition

All Welcome

NCCD Information

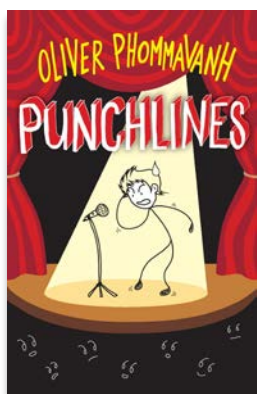
The National Disability Data Collection (NCCD) occurs each year in all Australian schools and involves the school collecting information regarding the number of students receiving additional support at school and the levels (frequency and intensity) of the support provided.

The purpose of the annual collection is to provide statistics of disabilities and additional needs; which support funding and resource allocation at school and regional levels, as well as inform national research initiatives. To ensure privacy, students' names are omitted from the data collection.

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please go to: <https://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-students-disability-guidelines> or contact our school's Learning and Support Teacher (Mrs Nicole Wightman) Monday to Wednesday, via the school office, on 49827151.

Author Visit – Term 3

If you're interested in finding out more about the author who will be visiting us in early Term 3, Oliver Phommavanh, why not visit his website... <http://www.oliverwriter.com/>



Staying Safe

Whilst we are fortunate to live in such a supportive community, it's vital we talk to our children about staying safe. This is perhaps even more important following the recent abduction & abuse of a primary aged child in Newcastle, as well as the fact we have school holidays approaching and our children will most likely be out and about in their local neighbourhood.

I have attached a flyer *Safe People, Safe Places* to this newsletter which has some very helpful & practical information for parents which you may be able to discuss with your children.

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

Defence News

ANZAC Bears were donated to our school this year as part of the Centenary of ANZAC. They were donated by patrons who attend our school's ANZAC assembly each year. These Bears have been donated to help students connect with stories of service and sacrifice and to give a more personal understanding of our past military and social history.

Our patrons look forward to attending our ANZAC Assembly and we always receive wonderful feedback on the assembly. They are always very impressed with the students' respectful behaviour, the beautiful artwork produced adorning our hall, the beautiful singing of the choir and how the children run the assembly with so much confidence and pride.

We are very grateful to have received so many bears to our school and would like to thank The National Service Combined Forces Association, The Nelson Bay RSL Sub Branch, Legacy, Kane Family & Xuereb-Brown Family for their kind donations of ANZAC Bears. These Bears will be displayed in the school's reception area.

Danielle Robinson



Movie Night

FUNDRAISER



Help Scouts get to
Australian Jamboree
2019 in Adelaide!

Lucky Door Prize!
Refreshments Nibbles Raffle

Opening Night!

Thursday 5th July

5.30 for 6pm start

Tickets

\$20 each

Family (4) \$70

Family (5) \$80

For tickets: text/call/FB message:

Kim McKenzie 0433 129 005

Linda Jones 0407 686 291



Classified PG



Nelson Bay Cinemas

Nelson Bay Tennis Club

July School Holiday Tennis Camp

**Week 1: Tuesday 10th Wednesday 11th
Thursday 12th**

**Week 2: Tuesday 17th Wednesday 18th
Thursday 19th**

Half Day 9 – 12 25\$

Full day 9- 2pm \$ 40 (lunch included)

Contact Blake at the office 4981 4090 or
0403634667 for bookings.

Newsletter



We are thrilled to announce the P&C are contributing almost \$10k to purchase robotics and coding equipment for K-6. This is a substantial donation from our P&C. Our families kindly donate their money and time, specifically the 70th Birthday Celebrations and this is what has made it viable for us to donate such a large amount. Thank you to our school community!

Fundraising

Volunteers required for our school disco to have either the WWCC or have signed the stat dec at the office. Also a reminder that Monday is the last day to send in payment and return slip for a chance to win a \$30 voucher for the White Sands bistro at the bowling club.

Uniform Shop

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

Thankyou Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove, Casandra Butterworth, Karen Jones, Ken Harper, Hannah Riseley, Davina Gamble and Ange Hearn for their help over the last two weeks. A big thank you also to those wonderful ladies, Kirsty Webb and Jane Lestone, who call in and make popcorn or cut the garlic bread in the morning. Every little bit helps.

If you can spare anytime especially first thing in the morning to help with the preparation it would be greatly appreciated. This leaves me free to cook all the home-made goodies now available on the menu.

ROSTER

Wed 27/6	Davina Gamble, Ken Harper
Thur 28/6	Help Needed
Fri 29/6	Leanne Benbow, Casandra Butterworth
Mon 2/7	Emma Kirk
Wed 4/7	Ken Harper
Thur 5/7	Help Needed
Fri 6/7	Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove

Please consider helping out next term even for just an hour.

Have a great break. See you next term.

Paula

LUNCH AND MOVIE AFTERNOON.**SUNDAY 22ND JULY COMMUNITY HALL NORBURN****STREET, NELSON BAY**

(just behind the Diggers Club)

\$5.00 entry (to help with Hall Hire)Children, Accompanied by an Adult, will be **FREE**.**Any funds left over after the Hall Hire, will be donated to the Anna Bay DARA Homeless Food Van****DOORS OPEN AT 12 NOON**

Bring along a plate to share for lunch. Tea/Coffee supplied.

OCTOBER SKY is set in 1957, when the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first man-made orbiting satellite. Thanks to their teacher Miss Riley, Homer and his high school friends peer up into the clear sky over their small West Virginia coal mining town to see its tiny spark drift across the sky. Homer dreams of being a rocket scientist.

Homer's friends are glad to be a part of something new and important, and the community is proud to have a hero.

IS IT ANY GOOD?

This true story of a boy from a small town who dreams of becoming a rocket scientist is **one the best films of the past year and one of the best family movies ever made**. The script, the production design, and the acting are all superb.

But, WAIT... there's more!

WE HAVE A COLLECTION OF SHORT, FUNNY YOUTUBE CLIPS TO MAKE, EVEN THE MOST SOUR PERSON 'LAUGH OUT LOUD!!!

This event has been organised by the
St. Michael's Nelson Bay Social Committee



Tickets for the above event in aid of the Port Stephens Women's Cancer Support Group are available for purchase at the school office. Please consider attending it should be a great night!



NSW POLICE FORCE CRIME PREVENTION SERIES

Safe people, Safe places

The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. As parents and carers we can't always be with our children to advise and protect them.

When out and about, children can be confronted with situations where good decision-making is vital. With this in mind, advising our children with appropriate responses to certain situations will help them avoid trouble and danger.

Here are some simple tips to give your children for when they are out and about.

Protect your child walking home

- ALWAYS identify safe places on the way home from school.
- DO NOT stop and talk to people you don't know. Go straight home or to your intended destination.
- ALWAYS find a safe place if you feel frightened. These include schools, shops, churches or police/fire/ambulance stations and tell them that you are frightened.
- NEVER get into a car with someone you don't know.

Protect your child on public transport

- NEVER travel in isolated areas. Find crowded carriages, guard's compartment (marked with a blue light) or at the front of the bus.
- ALWAYS try to travel in groups of friends if possible.

Protect your child when in public spaces

- ALWAYS carry a contact number for your parents. (On a card attached to your clothing, written on your arms or in your phone).
- DO NOT walk away from family or friends without telling them where you are going, when you'll be back and who you are with.
- ALWAYS walk away from fights or arguments, unpleasant or aggressive behaviour and take your friends with you.
- REMEMBER, always tell your parents, carer or teacher if something has happened.

*For more crime prevention information
visit us on www.police.nsw.gov.au*

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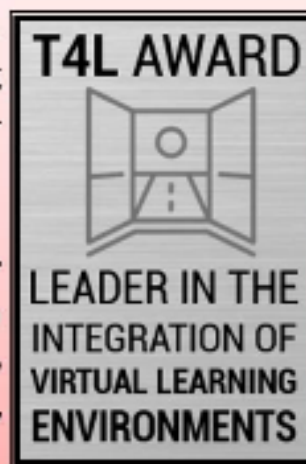
Protect your children



Earlier this Term, Soldiers Point Public School was nominated in the T4L Awards in the category of *Leader in the Integration of Virtual Learning Environments*.

The nomination process included a written component, as well as a video showing how virtual learning environments are used and integrated in their classrooms.

Soldiers Point Public School's nomination included the virtual learning environments being used in the O.C. with *Minecraft: Education Edition*, and the use of the *H.T.C. Vive* and ground breaking virtual reality experiences.



Results for the T4L Awards came through last week and although we did not win the category, Soldiers Point Public School was recognised as highly commended.

These virtual learning environments are scheduled to be demonstrated during our Science Week activities.

If you would like to view the video application, follow the link or scan the Q.R. code below.



<https://bit.ly/2K44ohe>