

# The Point

Newsletter of  
Soldiers Point Public School



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Dear Parents,

The staff and I welcome all families back to Soldiers Point Public School for Term 3, 2018. We trust that you are rested and primed for a full and entertaining term ahead.

Term 3 is a ten week term. It will be very active with a multitude of activities in and out of the classroom. Students will be engaged in numerous extra-curricular activities including: A combined Education Week & NAIDOC week in Week 3, Science Week in Week 4, Book Week in Week 5, Life Education, Storytime, as well as public speaking & numerous sporting opportunities.

Some of our classes will also be offered the opportunity to explore the wider community as they participate in excursions, including Stage 3's Outdoor Education Camp.

Our Education Week activities this year will include a combined Tomaree school's awards night, which will be held on Thursday, August 9, and our own Education Week activities on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

## P-K Transition

Thank you to the many families who have already expressed interest in their child attending Soldiers Point Public School for Kindergarten in 2019. We have had a lot of interest from current and new families, which is very exciting.

We'll be starting with the first of our transition activities, *Storytime*, on September 4 & 11. More details can be found on our school website.



## Staff Development Day

Yesterday, the teachers and I had the third of our Staff Development Days for the year. The day enabled teachers to undertake professional learning with a strong focus on numeracy. We were joined by a numeracy consultant, which was very beneficial.

## Need to Talk

I remind parents of the appropriate procedures if they need to meet or speak with their child's teacher to discuss their child's progress, wellbeing or other concerns need to:

- *Send a message to the teacher via ClassDojo;*
- *Send a note into the teacher with your child;*
- *Email the school; or*
- *Phone the office and leave a message and the teacher will call back at their earliest opportunity.*

Parents should not attempt to talk to teachers when they are trying to teach, manage children or engaged in another conversation.

A copy of the school's Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers & Visitors can be found on the school's website [www.soldierspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.soldierspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

*Thank you*

*Louisa De Souza (Relieving Principal)*

## Office Hours – Counter and Phone Enquiries

Monday to Friday  
8.15am to 3.30pm

## Term Dates

### Term 3 – Week 1

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

### Term 3 – Week 2

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	UNSW Test - English
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Public Speaking at Medowie PS – Stage 1
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	OC Placement Test
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Public Speaking at Anna Bay PS – Stage 2
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> August	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Port Stephens Zone Athletics – Field Events
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Port Stephens Zone Athletics – Track Events

### Term 3 – Week 4

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	UNSW Maths
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	

### Term 3 – Week 5

### Book Week

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

### Term 3 – Week 6

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

### Term 3 – Week 7

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

### Term 3 – Week 8

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

### Term 3 – Week 9

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

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

27<sup>th</sup> July  
No Assembly

3<sup>rd</sup> August  
2.15pm  
Whole School  
School Councillor Induction

All Welcome

## Water 4 Life Challenge

To help families cover the cost of their Life Education van visit in Week 8 of this term, we are offering all students the opportunity to participate in the **Water 4 Life Challenge** commencing Monday 6th August for 2 weeks.

It involves sponsorship from family, friends and neighbours, with the first \$10 that every child raises covering the cost of their Life Education visit.

Additional money raised rewards students with awesome prizes and supports Hunter Life Education programs. More information and forms will be sent home soon.

<https://water4lifechallenge.org.au/soldierspointpublicschool>

## Hunter Inter-Schools Public Speaking Finalists

During the last week of Term 2, students from all stages were demonstrating great confidence, resilience and persistence as they presented their prepared speeches to peers and teachers. Two students were selected from each stage to represent Soldiers Point Public School at the Inter Schools Public Speaking final next week.

Congratulations to the following students;

### **Early Stage 1 - April T and Boston E**

### **Stage 1 – Joshua A and Gemma H**

### **Stage 2 – Amelia N and Ethan T**

### **Stage 3 – Ayla M and Abbey H**

## Visual Arts

Stage 2 are in urgent need of your **plastic** bottle/container **tops** and **lids** of all colours, shapes and sizes. Start collecting now and send them in to class teachers. All students can help. Stage 2 will be recycling these lids to create a wonderful piece of artwork. Happy collecting! **We only want the tops not the containers.**

## 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

## P&C News

Welcome back to school, we hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and are looking forward to getting into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the school year.

The P&C had some wonderful comments from the children and parents following the successful school disco at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club late last term. This disco raised over \$1,300! Thanks again to all the volunteers that made this disco run smoothly especially DJ Tim Halls and the Soldiers Point Bowling Club!

This term we are planning some small fund raisers towards the end of the term. We are always happy for people to come to the P&C Meetings to see what they are all about and our next one is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm at the school.

## Canteen News

Welcome back everyone. We have completed the roster for term three and have attached a full copy for everyone. You will notice that there are still A LOT of gaps that need filling. If you are able to help for a whole day, a few hours or just one hour it all helps. Please let Paula in the canteen know or contact Jane Lestone on 0427 776 776 or email [sppspc@live.com.au](mailto:sppspc@live.com.au)

The roster for the next three weeks is as follows, **we really need more helpers on a Friday which is the busiest day of the week.**

Early preparation of the fresh food we now offer is the key to providing a healthy and nutritious lunch to the kids on time.

### WEEK ONE

Wed 25/7	Ken Harper
Thur 26/7	Danielle Whitmore
Fri 27/7	Casandra Butterworth

### WEEK TWO

Mon 30/7	Bekk Paradisis
Wed 1/8	Ken Harper
Thur 2/8	Jane Lestone
Fri 3/8	Hannah Riseley, Deanne Cosgrove

### WEEK THREE

Mon 6/8	Bekk Paradisis
Wed 8/8	Ken Harper, Davina Gamble
Thur 9/8	<b>Help Needed</b>
Fri 10/8	Casandra Butterworth

Thank you  
Paula Browne

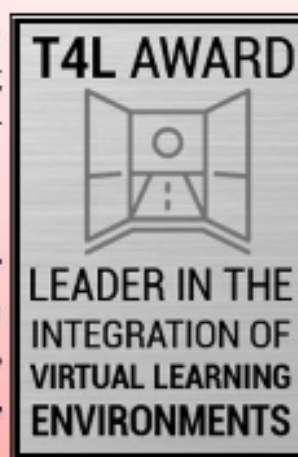




Earlier this Term, Soldiers Point Public School was nominated in the T4L Awards in the category of *Leader in the Integration of Virtual Learning Environments*.

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>