

Monday • November 12 • 2018

Dear Parents,

It was a privilege to participate in the school's Remembrance Day commemorative assembly last Friday, November 9. Our student leaders proudly lead the assembly which was indeed a very moving occasion. Remembrance Day has a special significance this year as it marks the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18).

I thank and congratulate all students involved, including the choir who performed, *Stand By Me*. Thank you to Mrs Robinson & Mrs Fuimaono for their coordination of the event.

Work of Art

Throughout Terms 3 and 4, many of our students were fortunate enough to work on painting the wall in the playground with Aboriginal artist Lisa McCall. Lisa worked with our students to create a one of a kind Aboriginal-inspired mural. The students participated by painting the dots and all students that identify as Aboriginal (and many others) had the opportunity to paint around their hands.

I'm sure, just like us, you enjoyed watching the painting come to life. Lisa would like to thank everyone that came up for a chat and said that working at Soldiers Point was most memorable.



Feedback Appreciated

On behalf of the staff at SPPS, I would like to convey my thanks to all families who took time to complete the annual *Tell Them From Me - Parent Survey*. I've been able to have a quick read through some of the survey responses, which is always exciting.

Of particular interest were your responses to the question, *As part of our Partners in Learning initiative, which workshops would you most likely attend?* This year's most popular responses were...

- *Supporting my child's wellbeing; and*
- *Numeracy.*

The staff and I will look at how we can accommodate this by providing additional information and advice on these topics in 2019.

It was also interesting to read some of your comments responding to the question, *Please tell us some things you like about our school or things that would make it even better?*

Comments included: *The communication with our current teacher is exceptional. My child very much enjoys the learning environment and the atmosphere on the playground. I admire the way the children are taught to think for themselves and take pride in their school.*

There were also numerous comments relating to homework which is an area we're also keen to tackle in 2019.

I look forward to meeting with members of the School Improvement & Finance Committee this week to review your feedback and consider areas for improvement in 2019.

Term Dates

Term 4 – Week 5

Monday 12 th November	Year 2 Swim School
Tuesday 13 th November	Year 2 Swim School
	Stage 3 World of Maths
	P&C Meeting
Wednesday 14 th November	Year 2 Swim School
Thursday 15 th November	Year 2 Swim School
Friday 16 th November	Year 2 Swim School
	P&C Federation Meeting

Term 4 – Week 6

Monday 19 th November	Year 2 Swim School
Tuesday 20 th November	Year 2 Swim School
Wednesday 21 st November	Year 2 Swim School
Thursday 22 nd November	Year 2 Swim School
Friday 23 rd November	Year 2 Swim School

Term 4 – Week 7

Monday 26 th November	2019 Kindergarten Orientation
	Mackellar Girls High School Band
Tuesday 27 th November	2019 Kindergarten Orientation
Wednesday 28 th November	2019 Kindergarten Orientation
	AECG Meeting
Thursday 29 th November	
Friday 30 th November	

Term 4 – Week 8

Monday 3 rd December	2019 Kindy Orientation
Tuesday 4 th December	Year 6-7 Transition Activity – THS
	2019 Kindy Orientation
	Parent Information Session for Kindergarten 2019
Wednesday 5 th December	2019 Kindy Orientation
Thursday 6 th December	Twilight Band Stand – Anna Bay
	2019 SRC Speeches
Friday 7 th December	

Term 4 – Week 9

Monday 10 th December	
Tuesday 11 th December	Year 6 Farewell
Wednesday 12 th December	Scripture Assembly @ 1:30
Thursday 13 th December	
Friday 14 th December	Celebration Day – 9.45am
	Student reports sent home

Term 4 – Week 10

Monday 17 th December	
Tuesday 18 th December	
Wednesday 19 th December	Term 4 concludes for students
Thursday 20 th December	Staff development day
Friday 21 st December	Staff development day

Organisation

As we move closer to the end of the 2018 school year we need to ensure that we are organised for 2019. One of our annual challenges is to know how many students will start school each year and to organise classes based on these numbers. To assist, we ask families with children in Kindergarten to Year 5, who will be leaving the school at the end of 2018, inform the school at your earliest convenience. This will enable us to plan our teachers and classes for next year.

If leaving, please inform the school via email, soldierspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or call into the office at your earliest convenience so we can continue planning for next year.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 16th November

NO ASSEMBLY – due to Intensive Swimming

Friday 23rd November

NO ASSEMBLY – due to Intensive Swimming

BOOK CLUB – Last Issue

To ensure delivery by the end of Term the last day for orders will be Wednesday 28th November.

If you wish to order for 'Presents' please advise the office, so that we don't send home with your child. You can write this at the top of the order form.

Thanks

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

Drive Safely

Driving in and around the school continues to be of concern. There are numerous traffic signs and lines marked around the school to provide a safe environment for our children and to maintain safe traffic flow during busy school pick up and set down times.

Pedestrian crossing

The pedestrian crossing at Soldiers Point Public School is provided to help students and parents to cross the road safely on the way to and from school. As our crossing does not have a supervisor drivers must slow down and stop when a pedestrian steps onto a marked crossing and drivers must give way to any pedestrian on the crossing.

Illegal U-turns

I remind parents that it is illegal to use the staff car park to do a U-turn. This is extremely unsafe and there are no excuses for such dangerous driving.



STUDENT ABSENCES & PROCEDURES

Listed below are Departmental requirements for student absences both **Whole Days & Part Days**.

Whole Day Absences must be in writing (eg. Note from parent/guardian, Skoolbag, Email). Phone call will be taken but must be followed by a note.

Late or Slept In are no longer justified reasons for being late to school. They will be recorded as **Explained** but **Unjustified**.

Any student not accompanied by a parent and arriving **Late** will be marked as **Unexplained** and a letter will be sent home to parents for explanation.

Students who are late will be escorted to class by a school staff member if needed. Parents will not need to escort their child to class.

Any student who is away for more than two days without explanation will receive a phone call from the Class Teacher.

Student absences **MUST BE explained within 7 days**. School generated letters are sent home every week if students have **Unexplained** absences.

Absences which are not explained **within 7 days** will be recorded as **Explained** but **Unjustified**.

Any student picked up by a Parent, Guardian, Emergency Contact must come to the office for an **Early Leavers Slip** before picking up the student.

No student(s) can be picked up directly from the classroom/playground. Early leavers will be sent to the office after Early Leaver Slip is generated.

If you have any questions please come to the office for clarification.

Thank you

School Opal Cards – Term 4

The School Opal card gives eligible school students free or subsidised travel on public transport between home and school on trains, buses, ferries and light rail in the Opal network.

Starting Term 4 - **ALL students** will be reminded that they are required to use their School Opal Cards every time they catch the bus to AND from school. Students who fail to use the School Opal Card will initially receive a warning and then a possible suspension off ALL school services for subsequent offences. To prevent issues with their travel, please ensure your child has a School Opal Card and is aware that they must use it every time they catch the school bus.

For more information about the School Opal card, visit
<https://www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students>

Ever wondered what the P&C does?

We are lucky enough to have arranged for the P&C Federation to attend our school to present an information session!

This is a great chance to find out what it does, what it is responsible for and whether you'd like to get involved.

It is a free session and light supper and refreshments will be available

When: Friday 16th November 2018

Where: Soldiers Point Public School Hall

Time: Registrations start from 5:30 pm to start at 6:00 pm

To attend please email sppspc@live.com or call Jane Lestone on 0427 776 776.

We hope to see you there.

P&C News

Firstly, a HUGE thank you goes out to Salamander Bay Recycling Centre for the generous donation for some canteen upgrades. We have already used it for a replacement instant hot water as the old one was rusty and are sourcing quotes for a suitable pie warmer to replace the ones that we have.

We have a busy week in the P&C with our monthly meeting tomorrow at 6:30 pm and the information session on Friday, registrations from 5:30 pm. This session is an invaluable experience to all parents in the school, please come and show your support for the federation.

With the year quickly drawing to a close we are wanting some new ideas for next year and welcome any new members and/or ideas.

Canteen News

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for all their help over the last two weeks.

The roster for the next two is below. We have recently lost some volunteers who are now working and we are in desperate need of some new ones.

Week 5

Mon 12/11	Elisha Nicol
Wed 14/11	Ken Harper
Thu 15/11	Danielle Whitmore from 12.00, help needed
Fri 16/11	Cassandra Butterworth, Leanne Benbow from recess, help needed

Week 6

Mon 19/11	Elisha Nicol
Wed 21/11	Ken Harper
Thur 22/11	Danielle Whitmore from 12.00, help needed
Fri 23/11	Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow, Hannah Riseley
Mon 26/11	Elisha Nicol

We are offering a meal deal on Thursday 29th November. A choice of a hot dog and a moozie or a Sausage on a roll and a moozie for \$5.00. Keep an eye out for the flyer and please return your order and money to the Canteen by Friday 23rd November.



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TIMES

Before school care 6.45am - 8.45am
After school care 3pm - 6pm
Vacation care 6.45am - 6pm