

Monday • November 26 2018

Dear Parents,

This week & next we will have the pleasure of getting to know many of our 2019 Kindergarten students as they participate in our Orientation Program. The students will be participating in a number of 'big school' activities, including: story time, writing their name, learning numbers, shape and colours. They will also get to meet their Year 6 Buddy for next year.

Intensive Swimming

The 2018 Intensive Swimming program concluded last Friday, November 23, with 60 students participating. Soldiers Point has offered the Intensive Swimming program for many years which has improved our students' water familiarisation and confidence. I strongly encourage parents to continue their child's swimming development by regular visits to the pool, beach and maybe even continuing with swimming lessons.

I would like to sincerely thank Miss Cornwell, Mr Nix and Mrs Campbell for their commitment and willingness to run the program this year as it is of enormous benefit to our students.



Community Matters

As a follow up to the recent Tell Them From Me parent survey, the P&C's School Improvement & Finance Committee will be hosting a forum which is intended to give parents the opportunity to reflect and share their thoughts and ideas about the school. This exercise has been highly beneficial over the years leading to important school improvements.

This year's forums will be held in the library and facilitated by Brenda Madden. The forums will be on Wednesday, November 28, from 6:30-8:00, and again on Friday, November 30, from 9:15-10:45.

Bandstand

Excitement is growing for our rock and concert bands as they prepare to perform at the annual Twilight Bandstand, which is being held at Anna Bay Public School on December 6. This annual event provides an opportunity for the bands from the Peninsula's public schools to showcase their talents and entertain their family and friends.

This year our bands will perform songs including: Eye of the Tiger, Ghostbusters and Stand By Me. We wish all our musicians well with their performances.

Organisation

To assist with planning for 2019 it would be appreciated if parents with children in Kindergarten to Year 5, who will be leaving the school at the end of 2018, inform the school as soon as possible.

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

Term Dates

Term 4 – Week 7

Monday 26 th November	2019 Kindergarten Orientation
Tuesday 27 th November	Mackellar Girls High School Band
Wednesday 28 th November	2019 Kindergarten Orientation
Thursday 29 th November	2019 Kindergarten Orientation
Friday 30 th November	Parent Forum 6:30pm – 8:00pm
	Parent Forum 9:15am – 10:45am

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
	OC Information Day
Thursday 6 th December	Twilight Band Stand – Anna Bay
	2019 SRC Speeches
Friday 7 th December	Recognition Assembly

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	Stage 2 Movie Day
Friday 14 th December	Celebration Day – 9.45am
	Student reports sent home

Term 4 – Week 10

Monday 17 th December	Evening of Music 5:30pm – 7:30pm
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

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 30th November
3-6 - 2:15pm

Friday 7th December
Whole School - Student Recognition 2:15pm

Friday 14th December
Whole School - Celebration Day 9.45am

Urgent Attention Required

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

School Banking

Last reward orders needs to be submitted by 27th November.

Last banking for 2018 will be 4th December.

Thank you for your support and participation.

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

SMS MESSAGING FOR STUDENT ABSENCES

A decision has been made by the school to introduce the notification of students' unexplained absences by SMS which will be implemented at the beginning of 2019.

A text message will be sent to contact 1 in your Family Information to inform you that your child is absent from school with no explanation.

With this in mind, can families please ensure that we have correct mobile numbers and that your family information is up to date and correct.

This will not take over from any other way parents can explain an absence eg. Skoolbag, written note

More information will be sent home early in 2019.

Thank you
Bronwyn Sherman
Admin Manager

CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday, December 5

5.30 pm

Port Stephens Uniting Church
174 Salamander Way
Salamander Bay



A festive evening of music for all the family sharing the story of Christmas

Featuring Port Harmony



Supper to follow in the adjoining hall



REJOICE
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Children's Soccer!

Nelson Bay	Medowie
• Mon @ 9.00am: 2-3 yo	• Fri @ 9.00am: 2-3 yo
• Mon @ 9.45am: 3-5 yo	• Fri @ 9.45am: 3-5 yo
• Wed @ 3.45pm: 3-5 yo	• Fri @ 3.45pm: 3-5 yo
• Wed @ 4.30pm: 6-8 yo	• Fri @ 4.30pm: 6-8 yo
• Wed @ 5.15pm: 8-10 yo	• Fri @ 5.15pm: 8-10 yo

Shoal Bay	Raymond Terrace
• Sat @ 9.00am: 3-5 yo	• Tue @ 9.00am: 3-5 yo
• Sat @ 9.45am: 6-8 yo	

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