

Monday 18th February 2019

Dear Parents,

Wonderful weather, sensational swimming and beautiful behaviour by our boys and girls ensured for a safe, enjoyable and successful swimming carnival.

It was another year of great performances and encouraging efforts by many of the students. It was especially pleasing to see so many students doing multiple events or trying a 25m or 50m event for the first time and the relays at the end of the day were a highlight. Again, the program pool was especially well populated ensuring a fun couple of hours for those who didn't race. Our champion swimmers this year were:

	Girl Champions	Boy Champions
Junior	<i>Lexi</i>	<i>Harry</i>
11 Years	<i>Evie</i>	<i>Alex</i>
Senior	<i>Nyna</i>	<i>Jarvis</i>

This year's champion house in a very close contest was Courtney. Congratulations to all our champions and to those students in Courtney.

Twenty students will be competing at the Port Stephens Zone carnival on Friday, February 22.

Thank you again to the staff & our parent helpers who did an amazing job.



Keeping You Informed

Last week saw the conclusion of our 2019 Parent Information Sessions which are provided for parents to meet their child's teacher and hear about class, stage & school expectations and organisation. I hope you were able to attend your child's session and I also hope you found it beneficial.

In response to feedback we received from parents in 2018, teachers will be sending home a stage overview which will keep parents informed of some of the learning their child will be undertaking each term. It is hoped that this information can guide parents in supporting their child's learning at home.

Welcome BBQ

The P&C will be holding the Welcome BBQ on Friday, February 22, which all school families are very welcome to attend. The Welcome BBQ is a social night and a terrific opportunity for families new to the school to meet some of our established families. So please join us on the night.

- *Please note: as this function is being held at school and children will be present the consumption of alcohol is not permitted.*

Scripture & Ethics

Scripture & ethics classes will commence on Wednesday, February 27, from 1:35-2:05. Scripture classes will be offered for both Protestant & Catholics students. Students in Stages 2 & 3 electing not to attend scripture may be able to attend ethics classes. Students not attending scripture or ethics classes are will undertake alternative meaningful activities provided by their teacher.

- *Please note that both ethics classes are now full and students wishing to attend are being placed on a waiting list.*

Term Dates

Term 1 – Week 4

Monday 18 th February	
Tuesday 19 th February	Cyber Safety Presentation For students in Stages 2&3
Wednesday 20 th February	
Thursday 21 st February	
Friday 22 nd February	Zone Swimming Carnival P&C Welcome BBQ from 5–7pm

Term 1 – Week 5

Monday 25 th February	
Tuesday 26 th February	
Wednesday 27 th February	Scripture & ethics classes commence
Thursday 28 th February	
Friday 1 st March	

Term 1 – Week 6

Monday 4 th March
Tuesday 5 th March
Wednesday 6 th March
Thursday 7 th March
Friday 8 th March

Term 1 – Week 7

Monday 11 th March	
Tuesday 12 th March	
Wednesday 13 th March	
Thursday 14 th March	Selective High School Test
Friday 15 th March	Primary Athletics Carnival

Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 18 th March	
Tuesday 19 th March	
Wednesday 20 th March	
Thursday 21 st March	
Friday 22 nd March	Primary Athletics Carnival

Term 1 – Week 9

Monday 25 th March
Tuesday 26 th March
Wednesday 27 th March
Thursday 28 th March
Friday 29 th March

Term 1 – Week 10

Monday 1 st April	
Tuesday 2 nd April	Whole School Photos
Wednesday 3 rd April	Eggshibition Stage 3
Thursday 4 th April	
Friday 5 th April	

Term 1 – Week 11

Monday 8 th April	
Tuesday 9 th April	
Wednesday 10 th April	
Thursday 11 th April	
Friday 12 th April	ANZAC Assembly Term 1 Concludes

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 22nd February

2:15pm

Primary Swimming Champions

Friday 1st March

2:15pm

Infants K-2

All Welcome

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

Thank you Bronwyn Sherman Admin Manager

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

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



We've packed everything you need
into our website!
healthylunchbox.com.au

SOLDIERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

What do our P&C do?

We:

- Contribute to our life skills program (held in 2018)
- Contribute financial support to our School Chaplain
- Contribute to robotics
- Purchased a new fridge, instant hot water, pie warmer for our Canteen
- Run the canteen & uniform shop
- Arranged donations from Salamander Bay Recycling Centre, Salamander Shores Golf Club.

But just as Important...

- The P&C is the uniting force for parent involvement. Parents and families help build a supportive community around our school, for our children and for us as parents and carers.
- The P&C organise school community events such as the Welcome BBQ, Tea & Tissues, School Disco other the seasonal get-togethers that bring us all together. These are about fundraising, sure, but they're also about creating a strong community – a village to raise our children.
- Volunteering isn't just essential, it's fun. It's an easy way to meet other parents, give back, and have an absolute blast! Find out how you can volunteer.

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5¢ & 10¢



Book Fundraiser

In weeks 3 and 4 of Term 1, 2019, SPPS P&C are conducting a 5¢ and 10¢ piece fundraiser to purchase a range of updated readers for the classrooms.

Please start collecting any 5¢ and 10¢ pieces you may have lying around. The class that collects the most will win a class lunch party.

Individual classes may use the coins to learn about mathematical concepts such as counting, tallying, height, length, weight and surface coverage.

The big count will take place on 22/2/2019



Please note that this fundraiser is not compulsory.



Register now!



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Marlins
AFC**

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Open for boys and girls 5-17yo



Sign up for junior footy play.afl



NELSON BAY HOCKEY REGISTRATIONS



**Hockey Building
Salamander Sporting Complex**

Saturday 23rd February 9 am - 12 noon

Nelson Bay Hockey Club has an excellent introductory & learning development program starting from 5 years up with Minkeys, U11's, U13's & U15's progressing through to mixed social comp for all ages.

All training and competitions held at the Salamander Sports Complex on a Saturday morning so there's no travelling to games.

Registration covers insurance with Hockey NSW & competition / training fees:

9 & Under - \$76 / 11 & Under - \$103
18 & Under - \$132 / 19 & Over - \$204

(Active Kids Voucher - \$100 - may be used to offset these fees and rebates are available for 4th family members and 13 to 18 yrs females)

*For further information please visit www.nelsonbayhockey.org.au contact us at
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