

Monday 18th March 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 8! The term is certainly flying by with great speed so more than ever, it is important to keep track of the many up and coming events at our fabulous school.

Parent Workshops

On Wednesday 27th March, workshops will be held in the school library at 3.15pm providing hands-on activities and information about the programs Words Their Way and Maths Online. These workshops provide a great opportunity to watch how spelling is done in your child's classroom and how Maths Online can support you and your child in mathematics both at school and at home. Information has been sent home with your child. **(RSVP 22nd March)** Hope to see you there!

Parent – Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held at the school during Week 10 (April 1-5). The purpose of the conferences is for parents to find out how their child is progressing at school.

It is widely known that children do better at school when their parents are actively involved in their academic lives. Attending parent-teacher conferences is a way for you to be involved and help your child succeed.

A parent-teacher conference is a great opportunity to:

- start or continue on-going conversations with your child's teacher; and
- learn how to help your child do their best.

A Information Letter was sent home to all families with all the information needed to book a conference. If you have difficulty with the on-line booking link, please contact the school.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our teachers for their willingness to stay back after school so parents can attend the conferences.

Athletics Carnival

The first instalment of our Athletics Carnival was successfully held last Friday at Tomaree Sporting Complex. The weather held out and allowed for a relaxing, fun event. Thank you to the P and C who provided a yummy sausage sizzle and other snacks! It was lovely to see the sportsmanship and encouragement displayed between team mates both in competitive and novelty events. All the children are looking forward to this Friday's (22nd March) Field events which will be held at Tomaree Sporting Complex (Dick Burwell Oval.)



Stage 3 Camp

A reminder to parents to return permission notes and camp deposits of \$50.00 before the end of term. It would be appreciated if you could return the permission slip even if your child is not attending. Many thanks



Student Collection

Thank you to the many parents who are remaining in the Student Collection Area when dropping children off or picking up. Your support has enabled teachers to get their classes to the Student Collection Area promptly at the end of the day.

I remind parents wishing to visit or assist in classrooms, you are required to complete the Working with Children Check (WWCC) and sign the Visitors and Volunteers Book, which is located in the office foyer, with each visit. This procedure assists us in ensuring the safety of students and the visitor.

Harmony Day

Soldiers Point Public School will celebrate 2019 Harmony Day this Thursday 21st March. We are a small school, but our voices can be heard and our actions can be seen. We will come together to unite in friendship as we join in a whole school assembly and participate in 'Games Around the World'.



Remember to wear orange to celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday the 21st of March.

Whooping Cough – Department of Education Advice

Whooping cough is increasing across NSW especially in children between the ages of 3 and 14 years.

School aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months but they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

1. Make sure vaccinations are up to date
2. Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough
3. Keep coughing kids at home

For more information on whooping cough visit the NSW Health Website www.health.nsw.gov.au

Term Dates

Term 1 – Week 8

Tuesday 19 th March	
Wednesday 20 th March	Last day for Book Club orders
Thursday 21 st March	Harmony Day
Friday 22 nd March	Primary Athletics Carnival Field

Term 1 – Week 9

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

Term 1 – Week 10

Monday 1 st April	
Tuesday 2 nd April	Whole School Photos
Wednesday 3 rd April	Eggshibition Stage 3 – 11.30am Parents Welcome
Thursday 4 th April	
Friday 5 th April	Recognition Assembly K-6 2:15pm

Term 1 – Week 11

Monday 8th April
 Tuesday 9th April
 Wednesday 10th April
 Thursday 11th April
 Friday 12th April

ANZAC Assembly
 Term 1 Concludes

Bookclub

Last day for bookclub orders is Wednesday 20th March

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 22nd March
 2:15pm
 Primary 3-6
 5/6W item

Friday 29th 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

PLEASE NOTE: Once you reply to the SMS you do not need to send in a written explanation.

Thank you
 Bronwyn Sherman Admin Manager



Hockey: "Come & Try" Free

ALL AGES WELCOME

Bring mouth guard and shin pads, hockey stick provided!

DATES: 30th of March & 6th of April 2019

TIMES: Under 11s	9:00am
Under 13s & 15s	10:30am
Seniors	12:00am

LOCATION: Salamander Sports Complex

CONTACT: Cathy 0432 761 651

<https://nelsonbayhockeyclub.wordpress.com>



Nelson Bay Hockey

Port Stephens Library April 2019 School Holiday Program

Date	Time	Activity	Venue	Cost	Age
Tuesday 16 April	10.30-11.15am	Easter Storytime & Craft*	Tomaree Library	\$1.50	2-5
Wednesday 17 April	10.30-11.30am	Magical Snow Globes*	Tomaree Library	\$5.00	7-12
Thursday 18 April	10.00am-5.00pm	Board Games & Pizza	Raymond Terrace Library	Free	All ages
Thursday 18 April	2.00-4.00pm	Drop in Board Game Afternoon	Tomaree Library	Free	All ages
Wednesday 24 April	10.30-11.30am	Book Craft Workshop *	Raymond Terrace Library	Free	8-12
Wednesday 24 April	2.30-4.00pm	Zine Workshop *	Raymond Terrace Library	Free	13-18
Wednesday 24 April	3.00-4.30pm	Peter Pan and the Quest for the Never Book – Movie Screening	Tomaree Library	Free	All ages

*Bookings are essential as places are limited. Call Raymond Terrace Library on 4988 0111 or Tomaree Library on 4988 0670

Please note closures of Port Stephens Library branches during
Easter Weekend - Closed 19 - 22 April inclusive
ANZAC Day - Closed Thursday 25 April

