

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents,

Australia is arguably the most ethnically diverse country in the world with 26% of us being born overseas and 49% having at least one parent born overseas. It is, therefore, important that we teach our children to appreciate & enjoy cultural differences.

Our recent recognition & celebration of Harmony Day did just that by supporting our vision statement; *We at Soldiers Point Public School proudly belong to an inclusive community committed to fostering resilience, respect, creativity & confidence.*



Our students happily joined with others playing a range of games from around the world resulting in a fun & harmonious day.

What you may not have known is that our school has more than 60 students from 22 different countries.

## Parent Workshop

Last Wednesday, March 27, nearly twenty parents attended the workshops offered to learn more about Words Their Way and Maths Online, which are programs we have running in all classes at the school. I trust the parents attending found the workshops helpful and you will be able to apply some of your newly learned skills to support your child with their learning.

## Parent – Teacher Conferences

Parent - Teacher Conferences will be held at the school this week (April 1-5) with the core purpose of the conferences being for parents to find out how their child is progressing at school.

Research suggests 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. Parent-teacher conferences are 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.

An 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.

## Holiday Dates

As school will be concluding on Friday, April 12, I would like to wish all families a happy & safe holiday break. I encourage parents to take every opportunity to spend time with their children being active and having fun, but don't forget to work on a few of those learning goals that were discussed at last week's Parent – Teacher Conferences.

Term 2 will commence for the staff on Monday, April 29, when we will be undertaking some professional development. Then we look forward to seeing students back at school keen and ready to learn on **Tuesday, April 30.**

## ANZAC Activities 2019

Each year students and staff from Soldiers Point Public School commemorate ANZAC Day in a number of ways acknowledging this most significant day in our proud history. This year's activities include:

- A whole school ANZAC Assembly on Friday, April 12, at a time TBA with a guest speaker from RAAF Base Williamstown attending (Term 1 - Week 11); and
- Participation in the ANZAC Day march and service in Nelson Bay on Thursday, April 25, (ANZAC Day).



We hope to have a strong representation of pupils from Soldiers Point Public School in the ANZAC march and service.

Students intending to march with the school on ANZAC Day will need to assemble in the Nelson Bay Bowling Club car park, at

10:00 AM. The march usually commences about 10:50 AM. All students and staff will then proudly march down Stockton St to ANZAC Park for the service. Students should come dressed in full school uniform.

This year our school captains, Angel & Cooper, will be speaking at the service on behalf of the school. We would like to encourage our defence mums & dads who are not already committed to come along, in uniform and march with our students. Following the service, students can be collected from the staff attending.

## 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.

## REMINDERS

### School Photos – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Please make sure your child is in full school uniform **tomorrow** for school photos. Online ordering can be done at [www.newcastleschoolportraits.com](http://www.newcastleschoolportraits.com). The code required is **193757**.

### Footsteps Dance – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

As part of the PDHPE program all students will be participating in this dance program. Cost is \$35 for the term or \$4.00 per lesson. Please return permission notes as soon as possible.

### Stage 3 Camp – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

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.

### Stage 2 Camp – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Stage 2 students will be attending the Forster Adventure Land Camp on the above dates. Cost is \$180 with a \$50 deposit required by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May,

## Term Dates

### Term 1 – Week 10

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

### Term 1 – Week 11

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Assembly time TBA
	Term 1 Concludes

## Term 2

### Term 2 – Week 1

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Students Commence Term 2
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	

### Term 2 – Week 2

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Mothers' Day BBQ/Gift swap

### Term 2 – Week 3

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN for Year 3 & 5 students
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN for Year 3 & 5 students
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN for Year 3 & 5 students
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	

### 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

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
2:15pm  
Recognition Assembly*

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
ANZAC Day commemoration  
Time: TBA  
All Welcome*

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### BOOKCLUB

If you have placed an online order for bookclub please check your order when you receive it to ensure all books ordered have been received.

### SCHOOL BANKING

Last day for school banking this term is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Banking will recommence Week 2 of Term 2 – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.



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