

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for what will be a bumper term of action at Soldiers Point Public School. As I look over the Term 2 calendar I have a feeling it's going to be a thrilling ride for all. In addition to our class-based learning experiences, we also have numerous activities to further extend our students' skills e.g. Footsteps and a healthy range of sporting opportunities.

### ANZAC Day 2019

We extend a big thank you to all our families who were able to join us for this year's ANZAC Day march and service. Soldiers Point had a contingent of approximately 25 students who were supported by Miss Cornwell and parents. Our students were keen to participate and were appropriately respectful throughout the service. We would like to acknowledge our school captains for the great job they did speaking at the service and our school and laying the wreath.

We would like to thank our mums, dads, grandmas & grandpas who came along and marched with us on the day.



On Friday, April 12, we held our commemoration of ANZAC Day with a whole school assembly. We were fortunate to have guest speakers from Williamtown RAAF Base attending along with other guests.

Special thanks to Miss Cornwell, Mrs Wagland & Miss Johnson for their coordination of our school's ANZAC events this year.

### School Hours

I remind all families that our school hours are:

**8:55 AM – 2:55 PM.**

Parents should refrain from dropping their children at school before 8:25am and ensure they are collected soon after the 2:55pm bell to go home. Students arriving at school before 8:25am will not be supervised by school staff and should make their way to the Big COLA and await teacher supervision.

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.

### NAPLAN 2019

During Week 3 of Term 2 our Year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

Tuesday, May 14	Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday, May 15	Reading
Thursday, May 16	Numeracy

## Term Dates

### 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	Footsteps
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	

### Term 2 – Week 2

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Zone Cross Country
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Footsteps AFL
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	OC Applications close

### Term 2 – Week 4

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Footsteps
	Grip Leadership – SRC
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	

### Term 2 – Week 5

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Footsteps
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	

### Term 2 – Week 6

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Interrelate
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Footsteps
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	

### Term 2 – Week 7

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Queens's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Footsteps
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	

### Term 2 – Week 8

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	State Library Visit
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thursday 20 <sup>st</sup> June	Footsteps
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	

### Term 2 – Week 9

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Footsteps
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	

### Term 2 – Week 10

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Musica Viva
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Footsteps
	Pedlar's Parade
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 2 Concludes

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
No Assembly*

*K-6 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2.15pm  
Class Councillor Induction  
All Welcome*

## BOOKCLUB

### Orders Due back by Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May

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.

## 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

## REMINDERS

### 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,

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## Please cut grapes

If you are sending grapes to school for crunch and sip or recess/lunch could you please ensure they have been cut to reduce the risk of choking.

## SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will recommence Week 2 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## Volunteers

All volunteers at school are now required to have a Voluntary Working With Children Check (free – apply online).

If you would like to volunteer to help out in the canteen, classrooms or any capacity at school it is essential that you have a current WWC and complete a form available from the school office.





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