

Monday 27th May 2019

Dear Parents,

When analysing our students' attendance rates last week, I was really pleased to see that 47 students out of 325 have not missed a day of school all year. This is a mighty achievement and I congratulate these students and their families for promoting the importance of strong attendance.

Encouraging your child to attend school regularly is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success, both at school and in life, as you're helping your child develop healthy life habits.

Students who attend school regularly generally gain confidence from feeling more connected to the school, thus develop important friendships and social skills. But when children are absent for an average of just two days of school per month, even when the absences are valid, it can have a negative impact.

I've included a chart later in this newsletter which shows the importance of attendance, as well as the importance of being at school on time.

Kindergarten 2020

It was great to see some of our current families at last Thursday's Kindergarten Expo, which was held at Soldiers Point Bowling Club. I trust those attending found the evening informative as you prepare your child for school in 2020.

If you do have a child starting with us in 2020 and have not yet submitted an Expression of Interest (EOI) we encourage you to do so. To obtain an EOI you can either call into the school office or download it from the school's website. The website also lists all the dates of this year's transition activities, which will commence in Term 3.

Learning Sprints

I was recently treated to some 'learning sprints' in Kindergarten where the students practised writing and saying their letter sounds. The idea of the learning sprint I observed with Kindergarten was to develop students' capability and motivation to write.



The students have been participating in learning sprints throughout the term and it's amazing to see how confident and accurate they have become with their writing and knowledge of sounds.

Footsteps

Over the term, students have been engaging in fun, motivating and energetic dance lessons from Kirsty, our Footsteps instructor. Each lesson has taught students how to follow a series of movement using the whole body. Students work together with partner dancing and work on their own to move their body to the beat. We are now halfway through our lessons and can't wait to see what new dances we will learn in the coming weeks.



Term Dates

Term 2 – Week 5

Monday 27 th May	
Tuesday 28 th May	
Wednesday 29 th May	
Thursday 30 th May	Footsteps
Friday 31 st May	

Term 2 – Week 6

Monday 3 rd June	
Tuesday 4 th June	
Wednesday 5 th June	Interrelate Evening
Thursday 6 th June	Footsteps
Friday 7 th June	

Term 2 – Week 7

Monday 10 th June	Queens's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 11 th June	
Wednesday 12 th June	
Thursday 13 th June	Footsteps
Friday 14 th June	K-2 Athletics Event at School High School Musical Excursion Musical cast

Term 2 – Week 8

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

Term 2 – Week 9

Monday 24 th June	
Tuesday 25 th June	
Wednesday 26 th June	K-2 Excursion to Civic Theatre
Thursday 27 th June	Footsteps
Friday 28 th June	

Term 2 – Week 10

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

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 31st May 2.15pm
K-2 – 1/2B item

Friday 7th June 2.15pm
3-6 – 5/6SG item

All Welcome

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

We still have a few hard copies of the Entertainment Book in the office if you are interested in purchasing one. Cost is \$65.00.

Statement of Accounts

Statements will be sent home to families this week who still have outstanding amounts owing for Book Packs, Band etc. Your early payment of these amounts would be appreciated.

SCHOOL RECYCLING

To enforce and promote our successful **Recycling Program** can you please send in money to the school in a paper bag, used envelope or something similar instead of plastic.

You can buy 100 envelopes at the supermarket for around \$2.50, which is cheaper than plastic.

Thank you

Specialty School Photos

Group photos are available for purchase from Newcastle School Portraits. Photos available are Library Monitors, Rock Band, Concert Band, Combined Kindergarten, House Captains and SRC. These are on display in the foyer. Cost is \$15.00 and the code for ordering is 57015BK.

K-2 Excursion

On Wednesday 20th June K-2 will travel into Newcastle to attend the performance of Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes and Dirty Beasts at the Civic Theatre. Notes for this excursion have been sent home today. Cost is \$25 per child which includes transport to and from the venue plus admission to the theatre. Your prompt payment would be appreciated.

Volunteer/Visitor Sign On

We now have an electronic Sign In/Out system for all Visitors, Volunteers, Canteen Workers, Scripture & Ethics Teachers and Contractors.

Over the next few weeks we will be phasing the system in. If you are a regular visitor to the school we will be issuing you with a 'Quick Pin'. If you think this may be you please see Simone or Bron in the office.

Thank you

SMS Notifications

Please note that if you have more than one student away you will receive a message for each child.

Please remember that you must reply to EACH of the messages otherwise the explanation only goes against one child.

Thank you

When kids ask "the" questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: Years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: Years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Date: Wednesday, 5th June 2019

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.



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Newsletter



Thank You Thank You!!

A huge thank you to DJ Tim Halls for donating his time last Wednesday for the school disco. It was a fun night for all the students and the P&C raised \$1165 from this event.

We would also like to thank all the parents that helped on the night, we couldn't have done it without you!

Another huge thank you to all the mums and dads that helped out at our Election BBQ. A special mention to Fingal Bay Take Away and Dungog Barrington Bakery for their generous donations towards the event which raised \$1202 for our school.

The biggest Thank You goes out to our dedicated school mum Kirsty Webb who has organised and supervised all of our events so far this year. Please enjoy your well deserved holiday and we'll see you again in Term 3.

TOMRA

We are very excited to announce that Soldiers Point Public School will be featured on the RVM (Reverse Vending Machine) at Salamander Bay Shopping Centre for the next 3 months, starting Monday 27th May!!! So start collecting ALL your bottles and cans and when you use the machine press the "Donate" option and you will see a button for SPPS.

Watch this space for possible drop off locations if you are unable to get to the machine.

* Please also be aware it is at the Salamander RVM only, no others on the peninsula will have the option for our school.

Canteen

Paula is again on the lookout for some fresh faces in the canteen! It's a great way to meet new mums and dads in the school community. Just pop in and say Hi.

The roster for this week is:

Mon 27/5 - help needed
 Wed 29/5-Ken Harper, Davina Gamble
 Thurs 30/5 - help needed
 Fri 31/5- Deanne Cosgrove, Hannah Riesley

Don't forget the \$5 Meal Deal orders are due by Friday 31st May! Please pop the correct money into a lunch bag with the order form on top and hand into the canteen for your child to enjoy a hotdog, lamington and moozie on Thursday 6th June to celebrate the long weekend ahead.

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