

Monday June 24<sup>th</sup> 2019

Dear Parents,

On the same day as we witnessed the Matilda's defeat the Brazilian women's soccer team 3-2 in France, nearly 120 students from Kindergarten to Year 2 at Soldiers Point Public School unleashed their athletic prowess on the world at their Athletics Carnival. It was an absolute treat to watch the students join in the many different events on offer. Congratulations to all of the participants for their willingness to have a go, which made the day so worthwhile.



Thank you to all of the teachers and support staff for their thorough organisation of the day, as well as the many parent helpers who were able to assist.

We trust that those of you who were able to attend enjoyed watching on as your children got to have such a fun day.

## Kindergarten 2020

If you 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.

## Historical Treasures

Last week, Stage 2 students were very fortunate to have a visit from the State Library of New South Wales, viewing a presentation about the early exploration of Australia. The presentation focused on early explorers who were on voyages of discovery, including: Luís Vaz de Torres, Abel Tasman and Captain Cook. We also learned about Matthew Flinders circumnavigation of Australia.

We stepped back in time to meet many important explorers, but best of all we got to star in the show. Through costumes, props and imagination we learnt about the perils of early exploration and the experiences of Matthew Flinders and his cat, Trim. The highlight of this learning experience was viewing special artefacts from The State Library. These amazing relics of Australian history were there before our eyes! We saw a handwritten letter by Matthew Flinders, Leichardt's telescope, portraits of King Bungaree and a small terrestrial globe. (We were very careful with these priceless objects!)

It was a great experience and has left us all excited to start our history unit on The First Fleet.



## Doing our Bit

Later in this newsletter you'll see information about our school's recycling program, which is making a genuine difference, as well as a school initiative which we're keen to undertake to support some of our community's most vulnerable, the homeless. We hope you can support us in doing our bit.

**Term 2 – Week 9**

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	K-2 Excursion to Civic Theatre
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Footsteps – Mufti Day P&C
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	

**Term 2 – Week 10**

Monday 1st July	Musica Viva – 2pm
Tuesday 2nd July	
Wednesday 3rd July	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Footsteps
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>THS 2020 Specialist Classes</b> applications close at 1.00pm. Term 2 Concludes

**Term 3****Term 3 – Week 1**

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Students commence Term 3
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	THS Academic Selection Test Footsteps Make Up Lesson
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	

**Term 3 – Week 2**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	THS Transition Activity
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Stg 2&3 Excursion Newcastle Theatre

**Term 3 – Week 3****Education Week**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	2/3S, 3/4C, 3/4M, 4/5A Woodworking this week
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	School Improvement meeting in Staffroom from 7:00
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	Education Week Awards Night at Tomaree HS
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Education Week Assembly

**Term 3 – Week 4**

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	P&C Meeting in Staffroom from 6:30
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

*Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm*  
*K-2 – 1/2D item*

*Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15pm*  
*K-6 – Recognition Assembly*

*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.

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

**LOST PROPERTY**

To avoid the HUGE amounts of lost property please label all your child's clothing in BIG letters.

This is also necessary for any pre-loved clothing. We have lots of lost property that is labelled with students who no longer come to the school

### Recycling at Soldiers Point Public School

Over the past 15 months, we have been implementing strategies to improve our school's sustainable actions. Recycling inspires students to care about the planet, to examine the resources that we use to make our world sustainable, to look at the consequences of using resources that generate pollution and waste.

Schools can help to shape the habits that we continue as adults. Students who participate in recycling now will have more of an incentive to carry on this 'habit'. Our students are learning the benefits of recycling, how easy it is to recycle with the right system in place, and the concrete actions we can take to protect our planet. The systems we have implemented include:

**Composting and worm farms** – vegetable and fruit scraps. All fruit and vegetable scraps are collected and deposited into converted worm farm wheelie bins or composting units.

**Yellow Recycling** – Hard plastic, foil, paper

- a) all paper and cardboard is collected from classrooms and the office
- b) foil, hard plastic and unsoiled lunch papers and straws are collected for council yellow bin pick up

**Redcycling** – soft plastics. Soft plastics are collected and taken to Woolworths each afternoon and placed in the Redcycle bin. If you can squish it – it can be Redcycled. (unless really messy)

**Going shopping after school? Can you help by taking a bag of Redcycle waste to Woolies?**

**Our Redcycle bag can be collected from the side entrance to the office building next to the blue bin on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.**

**Return and Earn** – plastic bottles and poppers. Bottles and poppers are taken to the Return and Earn centre each week. The proceeds are used to sponsor koalas in care at the Port Stephens Koala hospital. So far, we have raised \$250 dollars and have adopted five koalas, two who were burned in the Mambo fires and required expensive burn creams.

Recycling success depends on dedicated individuals to carry out daily activities to recycle our waste. Thank you to all the students involved, especially the **Eco Warriors** who empty waste collected into the right bin.



(Sandwich crusts are not being recycled. If you or someone you know has chickens and would like some food scraps, please contact me to arrange for these to be sent home with your child.)

Our school's landfill waste has been reduced by at least 80%.

**Plastic Free July** is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution. We are taking the challenge to avoid single use plastics for the month (and beyond). Details can be found on <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>. Are you up for the challenge?

Mrs Egan





## Good for the Soul

On Friday, June 14, staff members from Soldiers Point Public School and another local school participated in a fundraising event, *Sleepout for Soul*, which raises much-needed funds for Soul Café in Newcastle. Soul Café is a non-government funded charity who, with the support of about 150 generous volunteers, provide hundreds of free meals each week to vulnerable and marginalised members of our community. Many of Soul Café's guests are dealing with issues of homelessness, poverty, drug or alcohol addiction, separation, mental health or illness concerns.

We were completely inspired by the volunteers we met and their compassion for our community's most vulnerable. As a result, we're hoping Soldiers Point Public School community can do a little more to assist in providing for those who need it most.

### Our Goal

With your help, we're hoping to provide 150 hygiene packs (see picture) for Soul Café.

### How can you help?

To help, you can donate small, unopened bottles of shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes. (Just like those you find in hotel rooms).

If you have any of these items from when you've stayed in a hotel somewhere, they would be greatly appreciated.



From Monday, July 1, until Wednesday, July 3, all students are encouraged to bring in any of the above hygiene products. Members from our SRC will visit classrooms each morning on these days to collect donated items.

On Thursday, July 4, the SRC and I will make up the hygiene packs so they're ready for delivery to Soul Café. The hygiene packs will then be delivered to Soul Café during the holidays.

### Why hygiene packs?

Because dignity matters. If we can help by providing a homeless person with a hygiene pack, which helps them feel clean and a little bit better about themselves, we're doing a remarkable thing.

To learn more about Soul Café you can click on the link below...

<https://events.soulcafe.org.au/page/64/our-story>

### 3-6 Excursion

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August years 3-6 will travel into Newcastle to attend the performance of Roald Dahl's 'The Twits' at the Civic Theatre. Cost is \$25 per child which includes transport to and from the venue plus admission to the theatre.

**Permission notes will be sent home tomorrow. Notes and payment will need to be returned to the school by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July (Term 3).**

No Late payments can be taken due to the purchasing of tickets.

### SCHOOL BANKING

**Last school banking for Term 2 is Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.**

**School Banking will resume in Term 3 in Week 4 on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Thank you**

### STAFF/PARENT/VISITOR CAR PARK NEAR HALL

*Please note – this is NOT a student drop off zone.*

**Cars MUST park (Rear to kerb) and then drop children**

Parents who are using the car park just to drop off children are putting everyone **AT RISK**.

We thank you for your co-operation.

**JULY HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMP**

**TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**FREE BBQ & GAMES Included each day!**

**9AM to 1PM \$35/ day/ child OR \$90/ 3 days/ child**

**RSVP BY: MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY**

**CONTACT BLAKE FOR BOOKINGS ON 0403 634 667**

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# Port Stephens Library

## July 2019 School Holiday Program



DATE	TIME	VENUE	ACTIVITY	COST	AGE
Tue 9 July	10.30-11.15am	Tomaree Library	NAIDOC Storytime and Craft with guest reader	\$1.50	2-5
Thu 11 July	2.00-3.30pm	Tomaree Library	Free Family Movie – Storm Boy (original 1976 version)	Free	All
Fri 12 July	10.30-11.15am	Raymond Terrace Library	Storytime and Craft	\$1.50	2-5
Mon 15 July	10.30-11.30am	Tomaree Library	Fun with Fossils. Presented by Newcastle Museum Learn about the process of fossilisation and investigate real fossils	\$5.00	5-12
Mon 15 July	1.30-2.30pm	Raymond Terrace Library	Fun with Fossils. Presented by Newcastle Museum Learn about the process of fossilisation and investigate real fossils	\$5.00	5-12
Tue 16 July	10.30-11.15am	Tomaree Library	Sleepy Sloth Storytime and Craft	\$1.50	2-5
Tue 16 July	2.00-3.00pm	Raymond Terrace Library	Salt Dough Circuitry Learn to make salt dough and build your own salt dough light circuit	\$5.00	7-10
Wed 17 July	10.30am-12.00pm	Tomaree Library	Animal Art – Sketching Workshop	\$5.00	8-12
Fri 19 July	10.30-11.15am	Raymond Terrace Library	Storytime and Craft	\$1.50	2-5
Fri 19 July	12.00-5.00pm	Raymond Terrace Library	Free Games & Pizza Afternoon	Free	All

Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Raymond Terrace Library : 4988 0111 Tomaree Library : 4988 0670



### Tomaree and Shoal Bay Vacation Care 8<sup>th</sup> July – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Week 1				
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>
<b><u>Up and Away</u></b> Clay Birds Rain Clouds 3D hot air balloon Tie Dye Butterfly  Aircrafts Paper Planes	<b><u>Lego Master</u></b> Brick Frame People puppets Construct a Crayon Gift box Identity Mask  <b><u>Cooking:</u></b> Block Biscuits 	<b><u>Excursion:</u></b> Young Peoples Theatre 101 Dalmatians  Followed by a Picnic and Play at Lambton Park	<b><u>Little Einstein's</u></b> Skittle Mania Fluffy Slime  Straw Rockets Elsa Ice Rainbow Monsters Soft Twirling's Bouncy Egg Dress Up: Mad Scientist	<b><u>Naidoc Celebrations</u></b>  Taping Sticks Dot Painting Craft Workshop: Terracotta Boomerangs  Flag Collage Hand in Hand Art Nature Painting 
Week 2				
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b><u>Super Kids</u></b> Hero Banner Super Cuffs Power Frisbee  Secret Identity board Super Reader Protective Shield  Come dressed as: Superhero's	<b><u>Taco Tuesday</u></b> Castanets Mexican Fans Lanterns  <b>Special Lunch Mexican</b> Fiesta: Beef Tacos, Churros, Juice Popper  Ojo de Dios Sombrero's Papel Picado's	<b><u>Jurassic Park</u></b> Triceratops Friends Jurassic Bones  Dough Dino's Hanging Dinosaur  Foot Prints Ice Fossils Dress Up: Dinosaurs and Explorers	<b><u>Clown Town</u></b> Ball Painting Stress Balls Masquerade  Clown Workshop: Cookie the Clown 1pm Tomaree 2:30pm Shoal Bay  Face Painting Balloon Buddies Tattoos and Hair Spray	<b><u>Excursion:</u></b> <b><u>Climbing and</u></b> <b><u>Ninja Parc</u></b>  Ninja Parc and Climbing Park Howzat, followed by Picnic at Finnan Park, Ferodale 

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