

Tuesday July 23rd 2019

Dear Parents,

The staff and I welcome all families back to Soldiers Point Public School for Term 3, 2019. We trust that you are refreshed and fully charged for a highly entertaining term ahead.

Term 3 is a ten week term. It will be very active with a multitude of activities in and out of the classroom. Students will be engaged in numerous extra-curricular activities, none more exciting than our school musical. The musical is entitled *Dance Fight at the Cowbutte Corral* and will be performed on September 12 & 13. Other Term 3 activities include: Education Week in Week 3, Book Week in Week 7, Storytime, as well as numerous sporting opportunities.

Some of our classes will also be offered the opportunity to explore the wider community as they participate in excursions, including Stage 3's visit to Canberra. This year, more than 100 students from Years 5 & 6 will be exploring our national capital from August 20-22.

Our Education Week events this year will include a combined Tomaree Peninsula School's Award Night, which will be held on Thursday, August 8, and our own Education Week assembly on Friday, August 9.

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.

A Hearty Thanks

At the end of Term 2, the SRC and I put out a call to the Soldiers Point Public School community to do our bit and support those who may be more needy. Little did we know that we would more than double our goal of making up 150 Hygiene Packs. Thank you all so much for supporting us so with this initiative.



I am meeting with Rick Prosser, the CEO of Soul Café, on Wednesday afternoon and I'm sure he'll be very impressed and appreciative of our efforts. Importantly, our efforts will make a big difference to the dignity of someone who really needs it.

NAIDOC Recognition

On the last day of Term 2, our school took time to recognise NAIDOC Week by holding a special assembly. We commenced our recognition with a traditional smoking ceremony performed by Uncle Justin. It was a really positive assembly where Harvey and his mum, Helen, performed an acknowledgement of country in Gathang, which is our area's Aboriginal language, as well as singing Happy Birthday, which was great fun. Following our assembly, all students got to paint their own circular leaf (disc) which will be combined to make up our Soldiers Point family tree.



Term 3**Term 3 – Week 1**

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

Term 3 – Week 2

Monday 29 th July	Year 6-7 Transition Activity
Tuesday 30 th July	Zone Athletics - Field
Wednesday 31 st July	Public Speaking
	ES1 Mayfield West PS
Thursday 1 st August	Stage 3 – Shortland PS
	Public Speaking
	Stage 1 – Medowie PS
Friday 2 nd August	Stage 2 - Anna Bay PS
	Stages 2&3 Excursion to Civic
	Theatre in Newcastle
	Zone Athletics - Track

Term 3 – Week 3**Education Week**

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

Term 3 – Week 4

Monday 12 th August	
Tuesday 13 th August	P&C Meeting in staffroom from
	6:30
Wednesday 14 th August	Year 6 Expert Students to THS
Thursday 15 th August	
Friday 16 th August	Year 6 CAPA Auditions at THS

Term 3 – Week 5

Monday 19 th August	
Tuesday 20 th August	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Wednesday 21 st August	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Thursday 22 nd August	Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
Friday 23 rd August	Fathers' Day Breakfast

Term 3 – Week 6

Monday 26 th August
Tuesday 27 th August
Wednesday 28 th August
Thursday 29 th August
Friday 30 th August

Term 3 – Week 7

Monday 2 nd September	
Tuesday 3 rd September	Year 6-7 Transition Activity
	Kinder 2020 Storytime – 1.45
Wednesday 4 th September	
Thursday 5 th September	
Friday 6 th September	

Term 3 – Week 8

Monday 9 th September	
Tuesday 10 th September	P&C Meeting in staffroom
	from 6:30
	Kinder 2020 Storytime – 1.45
Wednesday 11 th September	
Thursday 12 th September	School Musical
Friday 13 th September	School Musical

Term 3 – Week 9

Monday 16 th September	Woodworking – Stage 1
Tuesday 17 th September	Woodworking – Stage 1
Wednesday 18 th September	
Thursday 19 th September	
Friday 20 th September	

Term 3 – Week 10

Monday 23 rd September	
Tuesday 24 th September	
Wednesday 25 th September	
Thursday 26 th September	
Friday 27 th September	Term 3 Concludes

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 26th July 2.15pm
Class Councillor Induction

Friday 2nd August at 2.15pm
No Assembly

All Welcome

Need to Talk

Late last term I included information in the newsletter relating to procedures for parents & carers who would like to meet or speak to their child's teacher. I thank the vast majority of parents & carers for respecting these procedures as it really does enable teachers to focus on their core responsibility of teaching their students.

I remind parents that may wish to request a meeting with a teacher to discuss their child's progress, wellbeing or other concerns need to:

- Send a note in to the teacher with your child;
- Phone the office and leave a message; or
- Email the school.

Teachers will call back at their earliest opportunity.

Parents should not attempt to talk to teachers when they are trying to teach, manage children or engaged in another conversation. A copy of the school's Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers & Visitors can be found on our website www.soldierspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

Public Speaking

During the last weeks of Term 2 students throughout the school were presenting their prepared speeches to classes, teachers and peers. We congratulate all students for their hard work and effort that goes into this and also thank parents who assisted and supported their child/children with this enormous and often challenging task.

Two students were chosen from each stage to represent Soldiers Point Public School in the upcoming Port Stephens Zone Competition.

Stage	Name	Topic
ES1	Ivy C Asher T	Fairies My Brothers
S1	Joanne K Mitchell W	Birthdays Pets in My House
S2	Isla W Harvey S	Discipline Rules the World Highs & Lows of being a Big Brother
S3	Sahla M Lacey J	First Attempt in Learning The World in 70 Years

We wish all of our speakers well with their speeches.

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.

3-6 Excursion

On Friday 2nd 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.

Notes and payment will need to be returned to the school by Friday 26th July (Term 3).

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

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Information relating to this excursion plus a medical form have been sent home with students today. Please note that the completed medical form needs to be returned to school by Friday 2nd August.

Payment of any outstanding amounts would be appreciated as soon as possible.

School Banking

School Banking will resume in Week 4 on Tuesday 13th August.

STAFF/PARENT/VISITOR CAR PARK NEAR HALL

Please note – THE Hall carpark is NOT a student drop off area.

Cars are to be parked rear to kerb and then parents should walk children into the playground.

Parents who are using the car park as a drop off area are putting children **AT RISK**.

We thank you for driving safely around our school.