

Monday 29 January 2020

Dear Parents,

The staff and I welcome all families to Soldiers Point Public School for the 2020 school year. We trust you have had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and new year break with many exciting, family adventures.

As many of you are aware students will remain in their 2019 classes this week or at least until our student population has settled. This is done so we can finalise our numbers and then create a class structure for the year ahead. We thank you for your patience and support at this time as it allows us to *fine tune* our school organisation.

I will publish more information about our class structure in our next newsletter, which will be on Monday, February 10.

Time and Care

At the start of each school year it can take some students a little while to adjust to their new setting so it's really important that, as parents, we encourage our child to accept change by focusing on the positive aspects of their new environment i.e. a new teacher, new classroom and an opportunity to make new friends. All of our teachers are very aware of this transition and manage it with care and understanding and are keen to work with children to overcome this initial challenge.

Staffing

In addition to welcoming many new students to SPSS this year, we also warmly welcome a new teacher to our school community, Miss Amy Pack. Miss Pack will be teaching a Stage 1 class and is already known to many of the students.

Student Leaders for 2020

Following our student elections at the end of 2019 our school captains and student representative council (SRC) for 2020 were announced. They are:
Prime/Deputy Minister: Gus and Olivia;
Minister for Communications: Ava;
Minister for Education: Jazz;
Minister for Environment: Bre;
Minister for Functions: Keeley;
Minister for Health: Jack; and
Minister for Sport: Jarvis.



Swimming Carnival

I'm sure the warm, summer days we been enjoying recently have encouraged many of our students to practise their swimming at the pool or beach. This practise will be very helpful at our 2020 swimming carnival, which will be held on Monday, February 3, at Tomaree Aquatic Centre.

As this is a school activity all primary students (8 years or above) are expected to attend. More details will be forwarded home along with a Permission Note this week.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1

Term 1 – Week 1

Wednesday 29 th January 2020	Yrs 1-6 Return to School
Thursday 30 th January 2020	
Friday 31 st of January 2020	

Term 1 – Week 2

Monday 3 rd February 2020	Kindergarten Starts Swimming Carnival Years 3-6
Tuesday 4 th February 2020	
Wednesday 5 th February 2020	Kindergarten Photos
Thursday 6 th February 2020	
Friday 7 th February 2020	

Term 1 – Week 3

Monday 10 th February 2020
Tuesday 11 th February 2020
Wednesday 12 th February 2020
Thursday 13 th February 2020
Friday 14 th February 2020

Term 1 – Week 4

Monday 17 th February 2020	
Tuesday 18 th February 2020	
Wednesday 19 th February 2020	
Thursday 20 th February 2020	
Friday 21 st February 2020	Zone Swimming P&C Welcome Back BBQ

Term 1 – Week 5

Monday 24 th February 2020
Tuesday 25 th February 2020
Wednesday 26 th February 2020
Thursday 27 th February 2020
Friday 28 th February 2020

Term 1 – Week 6

Monday 2 nd March 2020
Tuesday 3 rd March 2020
Wednesday 4 th March 2020
Thursday 5 th March 2020
Friday 6 th March 2020

Term 1 – Week 7

Monday 9 th March 2020	
Tuesday 10 th March 2020	School Photos
Wednesday 11 th March 2020	
Thursday 12 th March 2020	
Friday 13 th March 2020	

Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 16 th March 2020
Tuesday 17 th March 2020
Wednesday 18 th March 2020
Thursday 19 th March 2020
Friday 20 th March 2020

Term 1 – Week 9

Monday 23 rd March 2020	Life Education
Tuesday 24 th March 2020	Life Education
Wednesday 25 th March 2020	Life Education
Thursday 26 th March 2020	Life Education
Friday 27 th March 2020	

Term 1 – Week 10

Monday 30 th March 2020
Tuesday 31 st March 2020
Wednesday 1 st April 2020
Thursday 2 nd April 2020
Friday 3 rd April 2020

Term 1 – Week 11

Monday 6 th April 2020	
Tuesday 7 th April 2020	
Wednesday 8 th April 2020	
Thursday 9 th April 2020	Term Ends – Last Day of School
Friday 3 rd April 2020	Good Friday

TERM 2

Term 2 – Week 1

Monday 27 th April 2020	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 28 th April 2020	School Returns

Primary Swimming Carnival

This Swimming carnival will be held on:

Date: Monday 3rd of February 2020

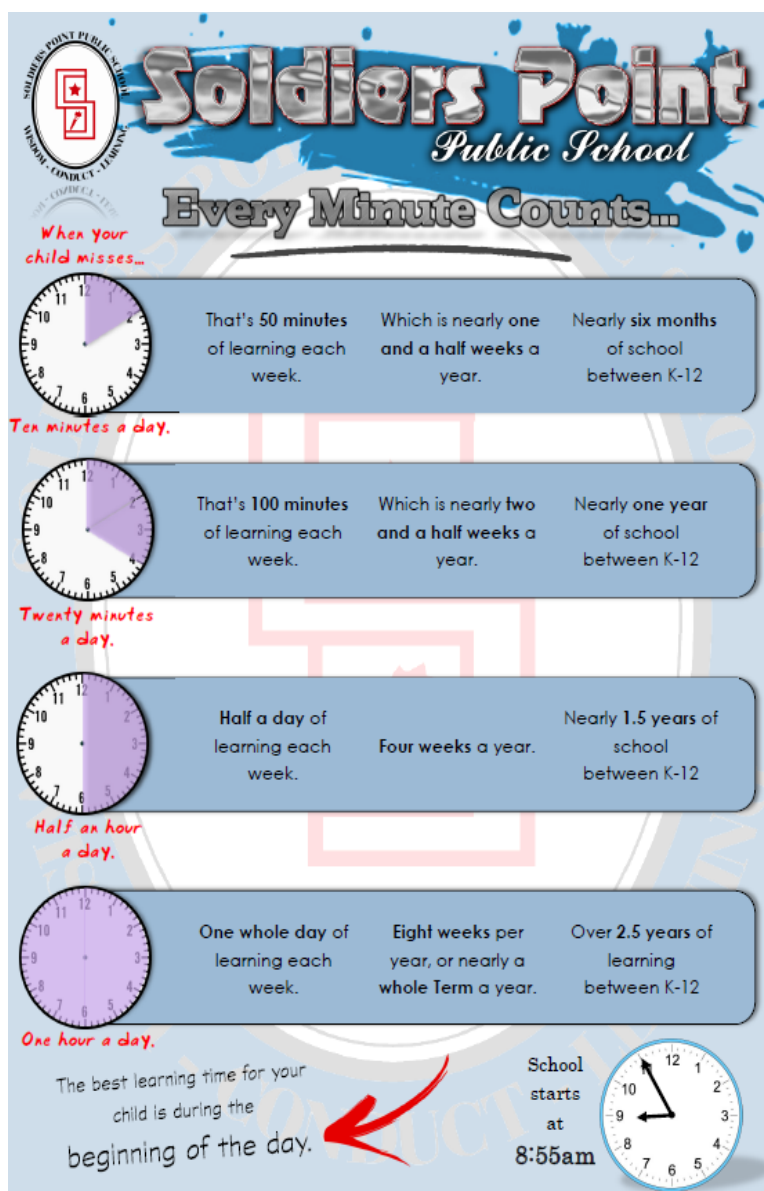
Venue: Tomaree Aquatic Centre.

Time: Depart School at 9.10am

(Carnival will run from approximately 9.45am to 2.15pm)

Cost: \$8 per student or \$5 if they have a pass

As this is a school activity all primary students (8 years or above) are expected to attend. A note containing more details will be sent home with students today. Please return the permission note and payment to class teachers/office as soon as possible.



School Chaplain

Hello Families! My name is Julie Thorneley and I am the Student Wellbeing Officer here at Soldiers Point Public School. My goal is to support your children, your family and our teaching staff throughout the education journey. Over the coming terms I will be running programs to support students of all ages within the school. I am also available to meet with students and families. Feel free to come and say hi! My days at school are Tuesday and Wednesday, and you will likely see me around during events as well. I look forward to meeting you all!

Welcome Back BBQ



The P&C would like to welcome all new and returning SPPS families to the Welcome Back BBQ

Friday 21st February 2020 from 5-7pm at the School

Activities include free jumping castles, sports on the oval, bubbles, chalk art, music, student run handmade item stalls, student musicians, plant stall and preloved children's toys, clothes and book stall.

Lions Club sausage and steak sizzle, drinks, icy-poles and home-made baked goods available for sale.

Please message Kirsty on 0410 509 467 or via the FB Parents Page if you are able to help out at the event with the canteen, plant or cake stall, be our First Aider, help with playground supervision or organise games and activities.

Getting involved is a great way to meet other parents and member of the school community.

You are also invited to donate plants and/or Baked Goods to be sold at the event. Please bring packaged, ready for sale (including list of ingredients) goods to the canteen on Friday 21st between 9am-3.30pm.

Please note this is an alcohol free event and weather dependent.

P&C News

TEA & TISSUES

Volunteers needed! Monday 3rd Feb is the first day for our new Kindergarteners and we are hosting Tea & Tissues for all new parents to SPPS. Having the assistance of current parents, especially those who have had children in Kindergarten in recent years, to meet and greet new parents and families is greatly appreciated by all. So please let us know if you are able to lend a hand. The event only runs for a short time on Monday 3rd Feb from 8.30am - 10.30am outside the canteen. Baked goods or treats would also be appreciated if you are able to contribute!

WELCOME BACK BBQ

Friday February 21st 5-7pm at SPPS

We would love any donations of clean, good quality children's clothes, books and toys. Drop off times and locations will be announced closer to the date.

Parent volunteers are needed to help run the canteen, cake stall, preloved children's items stall and supervise and to act as First Aid Officer. Please text Kirsty Webb on 0410 509 467 or contact us via the FB School Parents Page with your details. Any children interested in running a stall selling their own handmade items are encouraged to contact us for more details. Donations of plants and baked goods would also be greatly appreciated. Proceeds raised go towards running the event.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**WWCC**

As from January 2019 all –

Classroom Volunteers

Canteen Helpers

Anyone transporting students in private cars (other than their own children) – for school events

Will need to apply and have an Unpaid Volunteer WWCC number. **This is free** and must be applied for on-line at - <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check>

After receiving your WWCC Number please bring the official document to the school office and we can place you on our data base.

If for some reason you do not have access to a computer please let the school office know and we can help you to apply on-line.

If you do not have this WWCC number, from 2019 you will not be able to help at the school as a Volunteer.

Thank you
Bronwyn Sherman
Admin Manager



**Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 5&6
HUNTER/CENTRAL COAST DEBATING DAYS**

After running full days of coaching with over 4,200 primary students across NSW last year, we're keen to get back into it for 2020! If you haven't been to the workshop days before, they're run by the department's most senior (but also least scary) adjudicators and coaches, and they cover all the things you need to know for primary school debating including rebuttal, arguments, definitions and speakers' roles, as well as a few games and activities and a chance for every single student to deliver a short debating speech and get some feedback. The days are appropriate for Years 5&6 kids of all levels from beginner to advanced, and are a great way for both students and teachers to learn more about debating and hear from the people who will be adjudicating the finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge in 2020. The nine days scheduled nearby are:

Mon 10 Feb
Edgeworth PS

Tue 11 Feb
Valentine PS

Wed 12 Feb
New Lambton South

Thu 13 Feb
Ashtonfield PS

Fri 14 Feb
The Junction PS

Mon 17 Feb
Singleton Hts PS

Tue 18 Feb
Manning Park

Wed 19 Feb
Avoca Beach PS

Thu 20 Feb
Erina Hts PS

Times: Days run from 9.30am until 2.45pm (students should arrive in time to register before 9.30am)

Open to: Teachers, parents and a maximum of 8 students per school. In some instances there may be room for more than 8 students. Please note below if you are interested in bringing extras, and you will be contacted as soon as we are able to confirm that places are available.

Cost: \$25.00 per student including GST. (Please do not send payment now. The Arts Unit will debit each school on their sundry tax invoice statement following registration on the day).

Bring: Students should bring morning tea and lunch, as well as a clipboard, paper and pen. Palmcards will be provided. A light morning tea and lunch will be provided for teachers in attendance.

RSVP: You can apply for these days by emailing your details to us or by faxing back this form by Friday 31 January 2020. We'll email you to confirm that the application has been received.

Enquiries: If you have any questions about these workshops, please contact Tony Davey at The Arts Unit. Phone: (02) 8512 1171 / Fax: (02) 9569 6878 / Email: anthony.r.davey@det.nsw.edu.au

To apply, simply email anthony.r.davey@det.nsw.edu.au with your preferred date/venue and numbers, or complete this section and fax to (02) 9569 6878

NELSON BAY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE**REGISTRATIONS**

from only **\$35** WITH ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER

**REGISTER ONLINE
PLAYNRL.COM**

Payments, Sizing, Questions

VISIT SALAMANDER SPORTS COMPLEX
ON OUR REGO DAYS FOR

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEB 6PM-7PM

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEB 6PM-7PM

2020 FEES | MINI/MOD (6-12) \$135
INTERNATIONAL (13-15) \$150
UNDER 16S & 17S \$170

FEES INCL. INSURANCES, REF/MATCH FEES,
CLUB POLO AND PLAYING SHORTS & SOCKS

ENQUIRIES CALL NICOLE 0415197619



Nelson Bay Junior Rugby League



@nbjrl

**SALAMANDER BAY****NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2020****AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA CLASSES MONDAYS**

@ Tomaree Education Centre SALAMANDER BAY

PRIMARY 7-11yrs 4-5pm

YOUTH 12-17yrs 5-6pm

**Students study improvisation, scriptwork and performance;
helping them gain greater self-confidence and
building on their communication skills.**

**NB. O'Grady Drama is registered as a 'Creative Kids' provider.
You can use your annual \$100 Creative Kids voucher in 2020.**

Contact Principal: Shane Skerly

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