

Monday 10 February 2020

Dear Parents,

It has been delightful to see the manner in which our students have returned to Soldiers Point Public School this year. The students have been welcoming and inclusive which has really helped our new students settle into school very quickly. Additionally, our Year 6 students have been exemplary in supporting their Kindergarten buddies each day.



Primary Swimming Carnival

A late change to the swimming carnival date ended up being a real blessing; the weather was fine and now some of the students will have plenty of time to prepare for the zone carnival on February 19th. (Those students who will be representing the school at zone will be notified this week.)

We were once again treated to some quality swimming with some outstanding performances. The achievements of Lexi, Ava, Bowey, Charli and Alexander were not just because they are talented swimmers, but more due to the hard work and hours that they put in at swimming lessons or squad. It is always wonderful to see students succeed through their efforts and perseverance.

While not everyone was able to compete in the championship events, the number of students participating in the novelty events was encouraging and ensured that the students were able to have fun and participate. The goal of those students should now be to work their way up to swimming in the 25m and then 50m events.

Thank you to the excellent work of the staff and to our parent helpers, especially Nathan Ford who came to help set up early, missing his son's first day in Kindergarten.



Thank you also to the students for your continued excellent behaviour and positive attitude towards the swimming carnival. (Peter Nix)

Note: Many of the students participate in the school swimming scheme in Year 2. Two weeks of lessons is not enough to ensure that your child can swim. There are many students at our school who are unable to swim 25m and that is a concern, particularly as many of us live very close to the water. It is very important that children are able to save themselves in the water and putting your child in learn to swim classes will help them achieve this.

Parent Information Sessions

This week we'll be holding the first of our 2020 Parent Information Sessions. The purpose of these sessions is for all parents to hear about class & stage expectations, practices and other organisational matters. Dates and times for the Parent Information Sessions are listed below:

Stage	Date	Time	Venue
Early Stage 1 (KC & KM)	Thursday, February 13	3:15-4:00	HB1&2
Stage 1 (1/2D, 1/2E & 1/2P)	Wednesday, February 12	3:15-4:00	HB3&4
Stage 2 (3/4J, 3/4N, 3/4S & 4S)	Tuesday, February 11	3:15 -4:00	Hall
Stage 3 (5S, 5/6B, 5/6G & 5/6W)	Tuesday, February 11	4:00-4:45	HB7&8

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 14th February – 2:15pm

Years K-6

*Class Counsellor Induction & Swimming
Champions*

Friday 21st February – 2:15pm

Years 3-6

No item

ALL WELCOME

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.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1

Term 1 – Week 3

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

Term 1 – Week 4

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

Term 1 – Week 5

Monday 24 th February	Stage 1 Excursion to Murrook Culture Centre
Tuesday 25 th February	
Wednesday 26 th February	
Thursday 27 th February	
Friday 28 th February	

Term 1 – Week 6

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

Term 1 – Week 7

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

Term 1 – Week 8

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

Term 1 – Week 9

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

Term 1 – Week 10

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

Term 1 – Week 11

Monday 6 th April	
Tuesday 7 th April	
Wednesday 8 th April	
Thursday 9 th April	Term Ends – Last Day of School
Friday 10 th April	Good Friday

Term 2

Term 2 – Week 1

Monday 27 th April	SDD
Tuesday 28 th April	Students return K-6
Wednesday 29 th April	
Thursday 30 th April	
Friday 1 st May	

Term 2 – Week 2

Monday 4th May
Tuesday 5th May
Wednesday 6th May
Thursday 7th May
Friday 8th May

Term 2 – Week 3

Monday 11th May
Tuesday 12th May
Wednesday 13th May
Thursday 14th May
Friday 15th May

Term 2 – Week 4

Monday 18th May
Tuesday 19th May
Wednesday 20th May
Thursday 21st May
Friday 22nd May

Term 2 – Week 5

Monday 25th May
Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
Thursday 28th May
Friday 29th May

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. All volunteers will need a valid Working With Children Check. Please forward your WWCC Notification email to the P&C at sppsfundraising@gmail.com.

The P&C is separate to the school and unable to access the records for people who have supplied their number to school.

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.

Thank you SPPS P&C

Canteen News

Celebrate Valentine Day on Friday 14th February by ordering a combo meal. 6 chicken nuggets, sauce of your choice and a chocolate mousse for \$5.00. No need to pre-order.

The canteen is introducing Flexi-schools on-line ordering. Keep an eye out for a flyer on how to register.

Roster

Wed 12/2 – Ken Harper

Thurs 13/2 – Trudy Paul

Friday 14/2 – Missy Tippetts-Wagner,
Rachael Cordingley

Mon 17/2 – **help needed**

Wednesday 19/2 – Ken Harper

Thursday 20/2 – Trudy Paul

Fri 21/2 – Cassie Butterworth, Rachael
Cordingley, Missy Tippetts-Wagner

Mon 24/2 – **help needed**

If you can spare any time to help out please let me know by calling into the canteen, on facebook or my mobile 0448 771 336.

Thank you Paula

**SCHOOL BANKING
RESUMES TUESDAY
11TH FEBRUARY**

**Bookclub Due Friday
14th February**

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH
NELSON BAY

2020 SACRAMENTAL DATES

Kindly contact Sr Cath prior to the program starting to ensure your child is registered.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOUR CHILDREN
TO OUR PROGRAM THIS YEAR!**

For further information contact Sr Cath t: 4981 1069 or
email: sacramental2020@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
19/2/20 - Program Starts
First Holy Communion Ceremony
28 & 29 March 2020

CONFIRMATION
27/5/20 - Program Starts
Confirmation Ceremony
1 July 2020

FIRST RECONCILIATION
29/7/20 - Program Starts
First Reconciliation
2 September 2020



**after school
Art & Craft Classes**

**Monday
Tuesday**

3.30 to 5pm

fee \$ 20

Basic materials and
afternoon tea included.
Walking distance from school

*My classes encourage
children to develop
their artistic senses
in an safe and enjoyable
atmosphere.
Under my guidance,
they will learn drawing
and painting techniques
while having fun.
A large variety of craft
making is also available.*

0400 4965 76
Sue Bray

Bachelor of Fine Art - Diploma of Education - Primary/High School Teacher

Nelson Bay 49 81 13 71

From the Office.....

If you have changed your address, have new contact numbers (phone, mobile, email etc.) please let us know at the so we can update.

Also don't forget we are taking payment for Bookpacks

Kinder - \$125.00
Years 1-2 - \$90.00
Years 3-4 - \$110.00
Years 5-6 - \$100.00

Any questions please come and see us or give us a call.

Bronwyn & Simone

Library Borrowing Days

Library borrowing starts this week. All students are required to bring a Library Bag to school when borrowing.

Days are -

Monday - 3/4S, 3/4N, 1/2P, 5/6G & 4/5S

Tuesday - KC, KM, 1/2D, 1/2E

Wednesday - 5/6W, 5/6B

Thursday - 3/4J

Thank you
Ms Merriman