

Monday 24 February 2020

Dear Parents,

Last week saw the conclusion of our 2020 Parent Information Sessions which are provided for parents to meet their child's teacher and hear about class, stage & school expectations and organisation. We hope you were able to attend and you found the sessions beneficial.

There is a lot of evidence that shows positive communication between parents and teachers helps improve academic performance. As your child's greatest teacher and role model, it's vital that you, as parents, are active in their child's schooling. Your child needs to see the importance that you, as their parent, put on their education.

While teachers are specialists in teaching, you're the expert on your child. You know what stimulates, bores and interests them, what they're good at and what they struggle with. You know your child's learning style and you also know if there are any other matters going on that might be affecting their learning. So ongoing communication with your child's teacher is essential to make sure they can adjust their approach to your child while in class.

There are numerous ways to stay in touch with your child's teacher in order to create a positive two-way relationship, including Class Dojo, emailing the school and volunteering in the classroom.

Finally, I urge parents to avoid trying to speak to their child's teacher at drop off or pick up time as teachers are always very busy at this time so it's best to schedule an appointment for when it's more convenient for both.

P&C

Our school's P&C has been an active & supportive partner for the school over many years. The P&C has funded numerous major projects, including: Koko's Cubby, which very close to completion, an extensive playground upgrade (equipment & landscaping), the COLA over the basketball court and furniture for classrooms. The P&C also funds and operates the school's canteen & uniform shop. All of this takes a great deal of time, effort and commitment.

The P&C will be holding their annual general meeting (AGM) next Tuesday, March 10, from 6:30pm in the school's administration building.

Stay Safe

The convenience of having your child walk to the local bus stop and catch the bus to school is very helpful for families across NSW. It's also very important that parents talk to their child about safe behaviour whilst waiting for the bus.

We have had a number of reports of students from SPPS playing dangerously close to the road while waiting for their bus. Having parents walk their child to the bus stop and supervising them while they wait will minimise the risk of an accident.

Leaders' Day

This morning our school captains, Gus and Olivia, had the opportunity to join student leaders from across Port Stephens at a Leadership Day hosted by Kate Washington. Gus and Olivia were exemplary representatives for our school.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Term 1

Term 1 – Week 5

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

Term 1 – Week 6

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

Term 1 – Week 7

Monday 9 th March	
Tuesday 10 th March	School Photos P&C AGM at 6:30pm
Wednesday 11 th March	Cricket
Thursday 12 th March	
Friday 13 th March	

Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 16 th March	
Tuesday 17 th March	
Wednesday 18 th March	
Thursday 19 th March	Cross Country
Friday 20 th 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/Athletics Carnival Yrs 3-6
Friday 27 th March	

Term 1 – Week 10 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday 30 th March
Tuesday 31 st March
Wednesday 1 st April
Thursday 2 nd April
Friday 3 rd 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 4 th May
Tuesday 5 th May
Wednesday 6 th May
Thursday 7 th May
Friday 8 th May

Term 2 – Week 3

Monday 11 th May	
Tuesday 12 th May	NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Wednesday 13 th May	NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Thursday 14 th May	NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5
Friday 15 th May	

Term 2 – Week 4

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

Term 2 – Week 5

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

Term 2 – Week 6

Monday 1 st June
Tuesday 2 nd June
Wednesday 3 rd June
Thursday 4 th June
Friday 5 th June

Term 2 – Week 7

Monday 8 th June	Queens Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 9 th June	
Wednesday 10 th June	
Thursday 11 th June	
Friday 12 th June	

Canteen News

Thank you to all the wonderful group of parents and grandparents who give their time to the Canteen each week.

Roster

Wed 26/2 – Ken Harper

Thurs 27/2 – Missy Tippetts-Wagner

Friday 28/2 – Hannah Riseley, Rachael Cordingley, **help needed**

Mon 2/3 – **help needed**

Wednesday 4/3 – Ken Harper

Thursday 5/3 – Trudy Paul

Fri 6/3 – Cassie Butterworth, Rachael Cordingley, **help needed**

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 ASSEMBLY

Friday 28th February – 2:15pm

No assembly

Friday 6th March – 2:15pm

Years 3-6

5/6B item

ALL WELCOME

School Photo Day – Tuesday 10th March

Click on the link below

[YouTube link on how to Order School Photos](#)



Soldiers Point Public School 2020 School Photos

All 2020 School Photos are to be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit
www.newcastleschoolportraits.com
and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.
Payments can be made with any Mastercard or Visa cards.

School Packages

A Pack \$65 Includes: 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos.	B Pack \$45 Includes: 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos.	C Pack \$38 Includes: 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos.	D Pack \$26 Includes: 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos.	E Pack \$22 Includes: 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos.	F Pack \$65 Includes: 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos, 10x15cm 10 photos.
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Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

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4965 4114

P & C NEWS

THANK YOU

Thank You to everyone who was able to join us for this year's Welcome Back BBQ. Hopefully you had a great evening and made some new friends at the same time.

A huge Thank You to all our trusty volunteers and staff who made it possible by baking, donating, supervising, running stalls and supporting our children. You are all wonderful and thank you for all your help.

Thank You to Kids Amusements for supplying the jumping castles, and last but not least Thank You to the incredible Soldiers Point Lions Club who help out year after year.

FLEXISCHOOLS

As you should all be aware we now have Flexischools up and running at Soldiers Point. This allows parents to purchase canteen orders and uniforms online! No more breaking into the piggy bank! Parents you just need to download the free app, register an account, add your children and off you go! It really is that simple! Please know that if you do still wish to use cash that Paula and her team will always be there at the canteen window to serve you!

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It's almost that time of year again where the P&C will be holding its AGM on Tuesday 10th March 2020. We would love to see some fresh faces so come along and join us as all the positions are up for grabs on the night! We are looking for some new people to take over our fundraising so if you are passionate about raising money for our beautiful little school this is the job for you!

Please note that you will need to bring a gold coin to become an official financial member of the P&C and be able to vote. See you there!

Katie Allen

Primary School Bowls is creating a 'new wave' of interest in a sport where 'everyone can play'. Soldiers Point Bowling Club has launched their first juniors program – training held Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 6:00pm for 10-12 year old boys and girls.

Private coaching can be arranged by contacting Terry Antram on 4982 7173.

We are excited to showcase our sport that is **FREE** for parents.

Do you want to play a sport the whole family can enjoy?



Why not try hockey?

Fitness and fun for boys, girls, men & women.
Non contact, from 5yrs onwards, social comps for all ages.
All games played at our home ground in Salamander Bay on Saturday mornings. (No travelling)

REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday 29th February 2020
9.00am to 12 noon at the clubhouse

Nelson Bay Hockey Club

Home Ground - Salamander Bay (near the Recycle Centre)

For more info call (02) 4919 1692 or visit

www.nelsonbayhockey.org.au



Self Defence classes

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TRAINING SESSIONS TIMES

SELF DEFENCE & TAE KWON DO CLASSES

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY : 9:30 - 11:30 am - Seniors
 : 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Juniors Training 4-8yrs
 : 5:30 - 7:30 pm - Seniors Training 8yrs plus






WEDNESDAY : 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Hapkido 12yrs Plus
 Female, Self Defence 8yrs plus


FRIDAY : 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Tournament Training all ages

One Monthly Fee, Family Discounts available

Have fun, gain Fitness and learn how to Defend yourself with Confidence
 Private lessons Available
 For more information please contact
 Master Instructor-Ronald Bergan 5th Dan In ITF, WT, 4th Dan TaeKwonKumdo, Dan Hapkido

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Tuning in to Kids

Are you the parent /carer of dependent children?
 Please come along and join us at our
 6 session parenting program

Tuning in to Kids

Starting Monday March 2nd 2020
 12.30pm to 2.30pm
 @Gan Gan Family Centre
 Old Main Road Anna Bay

For bookings ring: 4982 1767

What is the Tuning In To Kids program?

Tuning in to Kids™ is a parenting program that aims to give you helpful ways of teaching your child the skills of emotional intelligence.

The program teaches you about how you, as a parent, can help your child develop good emotional skills. It teaches parents:

- awareness and regulation of their own emotions
- awareness of their children's emotions
- to use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions
- skills in assisting children in problem solving
- to guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits

Limited FREE childcare available