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## Principal's Message

Whatever you do, don't blink now! With the end of year approaching and the rate of which this year has flown past I dare say if you blink, you're going to miss the end of the year.

## Lip Dub

Yesterday was a great celebration as we filmed our Lip Dub video. The students producing the video "The Dingoes" have looked back over the footage and are putting final touches to the editing. These eight students faced an enormous task, between coordinating actors, extras, props, signs and equipment all in the heat.

They were really tested when two different video cameras failed to work. In the end, 300 balloons, 120 bubble blowers, 90 streamers a school full of staff and students danced out on the oval for the finale.

All of our students performed fantastically and we're working hard to have the edit finished and online. As soon as the video goes live we will let you all know.

## Upcoming

There are lots of great events coming up before the end of year, including our "Carols on the Lawn." This will be a fantastic family evening where we hope to see everyone come along and enjoy themselves.

I know the Years 5 and 6 students are very excited about the Year 6 Farewell also approaching which is one of the big highlights of the year.

Finally, just to let you know there is no set word yet on how classes will be set for 2013. I've heard some

interesting community theories to date, but until you hear it from me, know that nothing is concrete.

Chris Payne  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Talent Quest After School Sport Ends
30 <sup>th</sup>	Gymnastics Ends
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Recognition Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup>	Carols 6pm start
14 <sup>th</sup>	Presentation Day Helpers Morning Tea
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Farewell Reports Sent Home
18 <sup>th</sup>	Movie Day
19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Clap Out Term 4 Ends
20 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Development Day
21 <sup>st</sup>	Staff Development Day





### News from 1/2C

Well! We've had our thinking caps on, dancing shoes shined and our listening ears tuned as we've been moving, grooving and cruising through this term! This term is whizzing by and as we begin to reflect on the year, we are so proud of our students' efforts! During class time we have been learning how to write poems and have enjoyed listening to a variety of them (Ken Nesbitt is a favourite poet of ours). We have been making some toys; sock snake, cylinder puppet and ping pong catcher! Learning about China has been interesting; we enjoyed the real story of Mulan! On top of all our hard work in class we loved being involved in the concert! Wearing makeup and nail polish was pretty cool! Our popcorn/movie afternoon was a real treat along with our special pizza lunch. A highlight was our Teddy Bear's Picnic with the new Kindies, KB and 2/3E. Speers Point Park is Awesome! We've been having fun and learning some new gymnastics skills in sport. With a new incentive for behaving well in whole school lining up, we make sure we listen well each session. So far we have earned the ice block treats each week – Yum!

It's hard to believe Christmas is just around the corner! Our class has worked consistently well throughout the year and will deserve a well earned break soon. We're busy writing reports at the moment and thinking about end of year activities so we've certainly got more to do so we won't say Merry Christmas just yet; don't want to scare the mums and dads!



### **School Swimming Scheme**

In Weeks 6 and 7 approximately 40 students from Speers Point Public School participated in the School Swimming Scheme at Speers Point Pool. The children and teachers braved the cold weather for two weeks, but all had a lot of fun and took away lots of new skills. On Monday, all students were presented with their certificates.

### **Birthdays**

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Roman K	21 <sup>st</sup> November
Thomas M	24 <sup>th</sup>
Lachlan D	25 <sup>th</sup>
Kristina P	26 <sup>th</sup>
Zachary G	28 <sup>th</sup>
Tasman S	29 <sup>th</sup>
Abbey B	2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Hayden C	4 <sup>th</sup>
Kaitlyn M	6 <sup>th</sup>
Aidan H	8 <sup>th</sup>
Natasha T	8 <sup>th</sup>
Blake M	10 <sup>th</sup>

### **P & C News**

Carols on the Lawn, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6pm.

Bring a picnic dinner. Drinks, Battery operated candles & glow products will be available to purchase on the night our children will perform Christmas Carols and Santa will be making a special visit so bring family & friends to participate in the Christmas spirit.

### **Christmas Raffle**

Tickets have been sent home for our Christmas Raffle. There are fantastic prizes this year. Good Luck!!

### **Canteen News**

Presentation Day as follows:

Pies & sausage rolls will only be available on Presentation Day as this will be the last day the Canteen will be open this year. A pre order form will be sent home next week.

Volunteer forms are also being sent home today for next year. Please return forms to the Canteen. Any help will be much appreciated.

A reminder that the Canteen will be closed the last week of school, (17/12 – 19/12) for cleaning.

### **Canteen Roster**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> November	L Hay & C Hughes
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	K Boulton & Ali
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	K Hume
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	D Keeble & M Demir
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	L Hay & C Hughes
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	M Ayerst
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	K Boulton
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	M Rees & G Jaques

### **Parent Information**

#### **Help your kids enjoy reading**

How do you make reading a joy and not a chore for your child? One way is to find information and interesting facts about things that intrigue or interest your child in books, magazines or on the internet. Read and talk about what you find out. Here are some other tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/ten-ideas-to-help-your-child-with-reading>

## Copying and plagiarism

Copying other people's work and presenting it as your own is plagiarism. It's an increasingly common problem in the online world where material can easily be copied and pasted from websites. Students need to acknowledge the ideas of others when they use them in projects, assignments and assessments. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/copcats-beware>



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## SPEERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

# Canteen Volunteers

A big thank you to the many mums, dads, grandparents and friends who are currently volunteering at our school canteen. It's that time of year again to think about next year's roster.

Bring a friend or relative and come and join the other volunteers in your child's school canteen. It's a great way to meet new friends and your child will love having you there.

Remember that all volunteers receive a free lunch and as much tea and coffee as you can drink.

We look forward to seeing lots of new faces!

Thank you,  
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### Canteen Volunteer Form

Name: .....

Contact phone no. ....

Name of friend/relative you wish to work with.....

\*Please circle the day/s you are available

Monday

Wednesday

Friday

Frequency

Weekly

Fortnightly

Monthly