

Speers Point Public School

A stimulating and supportive learning environment

Find us at Bell Street, Speers Point

www.speerspt-p.schools.edu.au

8th February 2012

Principal, Chris Payne

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Thank you to our student, staff and community for such a positive start to our new school year. Starting alongside Mrs Terrill and Miss Bissett, it has been wonderful that we have all been so warmly welcomed by our parents and community.

A lot of people will see the start of a new principal as a time of change, and some may have noted a few changes already. Our core mission remains the same, we're in the business of quality education and my focus shall always remain on ensuring this is occurring for all students across our school.

One big change is the role of the Principal for Speers Point PS. Due to decreasing enrolments; Speers Point was reclassified to a teaching principal, which means I am with the students for the majority of my time. Unfortunately, this means I am not always as readily as available as I would like to be and I ask for a little patience while I am finalising my schedule and availability for appointments etc.

This decrease also reflects our allocation of administration staff. Like me, you're all probably quite impressed with the efficiency and friendliness of our administration staff, but to lighten their increasing load with decreasing time, I am trialling the plan to move our newsletters to be published fortnightly, with access via the school website,

rather than via email. For those without computer access paper copies will still be made available.

I thank parents for working with our new end of day procedures. To further ensure the safety of our students, they are now lining up in the afternoon, and moving off together under the supervision of a teacher, rather than just being dismissed from the classroom. This was in particular consideration with our access road within the school grounds. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and community that except for a few authorised vehicles there should be no cars on the access road between 8:15am to 3:30pm. We need to adhere to this in order to provide a safe school environment for our students.

Finally, I have been endeavouring to get around in the mornings and afternoons to meet as many of you as I can and if I haven't had the opportunity to meet you yet, please feel free to introduce yourself to me.

Chris Payne
Principal

Reminders for this week

- General Permission notes now due to front office
- All money to be brought to office for receipting
- Uniform shop opened at office Mon and Wed.

Date	Event
WEEK 3	
Wed 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commencement Active After School Sport Asia - inservice for teachers 3.30pm - 5pm
Thur 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active After School Sport
Week 4	
Mon 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Cobcroft attending Best Start Training
Wed 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active After School Sport
Thur 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active After School Sport
Fri 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Disco P & C

Swimming Carnival, February 7th 2012

Yesterday 65 students aged from 8 years and older attended the Swimming Carnival at Speers Point Swimming Centre. It was an extremely wet and windy day, but all students participated enthusiastically in a variety of events and showed great team spirit! Points were awarded on the day for participation as well as for place getters and the winning house was.... **ELLIOT!**

Ribbons will be awarded on Friday at the weekly assembly. A big thank you to Kerry, Sharon, Justin and Michael for all their help on the day!

The Zone Carnival is in Week 5, qualification for the carnival is based on heat times and therefore students will receive a note by Week 4 if they have qualified.

Miss Bissett



Great New Routine for Dismissing Children

You may have noticed new procedures for dismissing children in the afternoon. We will bring students out a few minutes early to line them up in lines relating to their exit points. For safety purposes we will then walk students to Bell St, Main Road and OOSH. Parents collecting their students are asked to wait under the recess cola. These students have a separate line and are able to meet parents. Any students remaining will do so under supervision till a parent arrives.

Mrs Milson-Black

Kindergarten 2012

Nineteen excited kinders started school last Thursday and are now well into their second week of 'Big School'. This week we have been learning all the routines and expectations of school and have made lots of new friends! This week we have been engrossed in a variety of creative play sessions, number activities, art moments, singing and are learning to write our names! We look forward to a great Term One!

Miss Bissett

NEWSLETTER CHANGE

Next fortnights newsletter dated 22nd February will be available to read on our website. To access the website enter

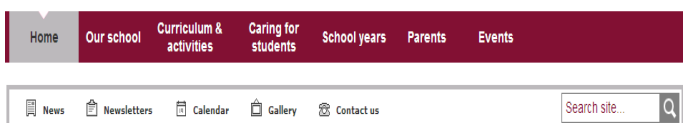
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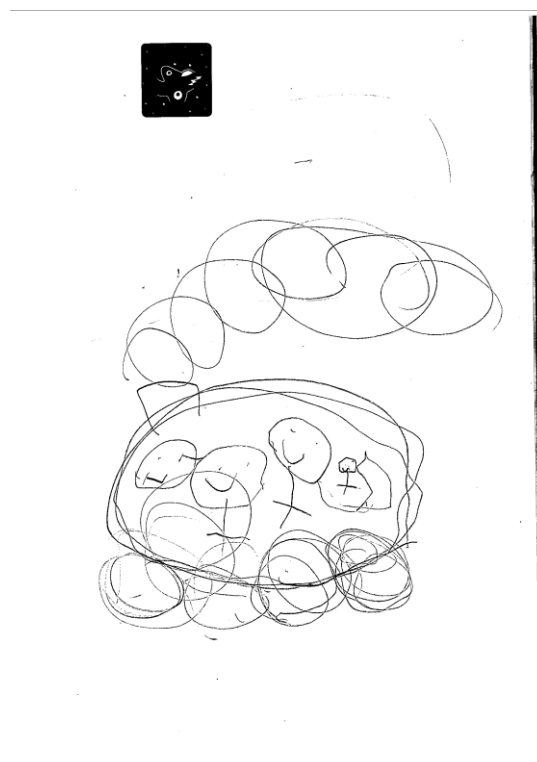
Creating our future together

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K/3MB Class News

K/3MB have welcomed two new students into our school. We have a small class that has been very busy. We have been reading stories and discussing shapes, colours and numbers. Students have made some lovely drawings to show their developing handwriting skills



Work by Travis - 4 people on a train.

Doorway To Asia

During the holidays I was lucky enough to complete a two week tour of Japan through a Department of Education and Communities scholarship. The tour was incredibly informative and I was able to bring home many resources for our 'Doorway to Asia' project.



This week, staff will complete training on Asia literacy, and units of work will begin in classrooms. In term one, the students of Speers Point will be learning about Japan.

The Asia room is almost complete! Painting is now finalised and flooring has been installed. A big thankyou to Mr Walsh and Mr Gandy, who have also put lots of time and effort into completing the room.

Renay Wilkinson



Birthdays

With our new format of fortnightly newsletters we will be listing students whose birthdays fall up to the date of the next newsletter.

A very happy birthday to the following students.



Nicholas C 8th
Daniel A 11th
Cooper C 13th
Noah C 14th
Timeeka S 16th
Thomas W 20th
Isabella M 20th
Courtney K 21st

School Uniform Shop:

For 2012 the school uniform shop will be open from the school office on Monday and Wednesdays only. For your convenience you are able to fill in an order form and leave it at the office. The items will then be dispatched to your child on either the Monday or Wednesday.

P and C News

A big welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to our new Kindergarten parents/carers. The P & C meet once a month on the third Tuesday. Our next meeting is the 21st February and we would love to see some new families.

School Banking:

Banking is wonderful opportunity for the children to learn the practises of saving and money management. Banking day is now every Thursday. Kindergarten children will receive a banking pack this week. There are now new procedures for opening school banking accounts and any Commonwealth Bank will be able to assist you. New packs for other grades will be available to be picked up from the school canteen.

Canteen News:

A busy start to the New Year as the canteen continues to provide quality lunches to the children. This would not be possible without the assistance of our wonderful volunteers. If you would like to volunteer at the canteen please contact Tracy Pettigrew.

Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Fri 10 th	Gaynor Jacques and Merrick Rees
Mon 13 th	Kristine Hume
Tues 14 th	Closed
Wed 15 th	Michelle Demir and Debbie Keeble
Thurs 16 th	Closed
Fri 17 th	Tracy Pettigrew

Parent Information

Update your details

Have you moved, got a new email address or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

Selective high schools placement test - 15 March

The selective high schools test is held annually for Year 6 students wishing to enter a selective government high school. For key dates, online applications and more information for parents, see www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

Community News

WARNERS BAY BULLDOGS JUNIOR AFL CLUB



2012 Registration Dates at Feighan Oval

Sunday 12th February 10.00pm - 1.30pm

Sunday 19th February 10.00am - 3.00pm

NAB Auskick - 4 Years to 9 Years

\$55 (includes 2012 Auskick Pack)

Juniors - 9 Years to 16 Years

\$130 for 1st child (includes \$20 Club Uniform Shop Voucher)

\$120 for 2nd child (includes \$20 Club Uniform Shop Voucher)

\$110 for 3rd child (includes \$20 Club Uniform Shop Voucher)

***** NO WEEKLY FEES *****

For further information please contact Gary Ryan on 0417 121 316

Come and Try the Thrill and Excitement of BMX Racing for Free

Lake Macquarie BMX Club - Mary Street Argenton

11 February 2012 - 10am-12pm

All participants receive a free showbag

Contact Paula Griffiths 49537713

Race Secretary, Lake Macquarie BMX Club

GLENDALE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

REGISTRATION DAYS 2012

Saturday 4th February 2012

10.30am - 2.00pm at Harris Farm, Glendale Supercentre

Sunday 5th February 2012

10.30am - 2.00pm at Bower Oval, Glendale

Saturday 11th February 2012

10.30am - 2.00pm at Harris Farm, Glendale Supercentre

Sunday 12th February 2012

10.30am - 2.00pm at Bower Oval, Glendale

If you have any queries you can contact Neil Davies or Debbie Campbell (details below) or Lynette Adamson on 0408 642 601 or email gorillas-registrar@hotmail.com



Speech and Drama Classes

- Have fun in small groups
- Build confidence
- Improve speech & communication skills
- Learn drama, mime & theatrical skills

Contact

Michelle Clipsham's Speech and Drama Studio 0249 593 506 madrama@optusnet.com.au

Warners Bay Football Club

Warners Bay Football Club is a fun, family orientated football club and we are looking for players from 5yrs to over 45yrs for the 2012 season.

For all the information including online registrations please visit www.warnersbayfc.com

MILO in2CRICKET in CARDIFF

MILO in2CRICKET introduces boys and girls to the game of cricket, one of Australia's favourite sports. Once participants register they will take part in a fun, inclusive, action-packed 7 week program. Each participant will also get an exciting MILO in2CRICKET backpack with a bat, t-shirt, ball, hat and MILO.

MILO in2CRICKET

When: Mondays commencing 13th February 2012 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Where: Cardiff No 3 Oval

Cost: \$65

How: Register online or sign-up at the first session

For more information visit www.in2cricket.com.au or email Matthew.Williams@cricket.com.au