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Principal's Message:

This week I have launched a Social Media initiative to help us connect with the community in new ways, and to increase our communication capabilities. A Facebook page was launched (www.facebook.com/speerspointps) and is cross-linked with the school's Twitter account (@speerspointps) and also back to my principal's blog.

The outcome of this is to be able to provide greater awareness of what is happening within our school, and to celebrate all the successes that happen within a day. Where I can, I have been snapping photos of things that have been happening (like our new noticeboard). I have then been able to share these the same day.

I am looking forward to my first Working Bee here on Saturday 24th March at 10am. It's time to get some gardening done and I have my sights set on cutting back and cleaning up the trees and bushes at the front of the school. I know a number of parents who enter the school from the front are ducking under branches. With your help we can clean it up, so please bring a friend, bring some tools as I turn my hand at carefully crafted pruning (ok yes, I have been known to hack a few trees back).

Thank you to the parents and community who attended the P&C meeting last night. If you are someone who would like to help drive the school's

future and have a say on where we go, this is the place to be. Some exciting changes were discussed last night and I look forward to these coming in the future.

Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Week 9	
Thurs 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active After School Sport Ends Green Gang Senior 4,5&6
Sat 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Bee
Week 10	
Tues 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Gang Junior K,1,2&3
Fri 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition Assembly
Week 11	
Tues 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Hat Parade
Wed 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Cross Country
Frid 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Friday

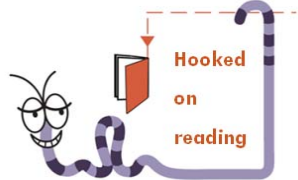
NSW Premier's *Reading* Challenge
2012

This year we will be encouraging all students to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC).

In order to complete the challenge students are expected to read a set number of books from the PRC book lists (30 for K-2, 20 for 3-6) by the end of August. Whilst the majority of the reading is expected to be done at home, teachers will work with parents to encourage students to get involved in the Challenge.

By the end of Term One, students will receive an information letter and reading log to take home. During library lessons students will be encouraged to borrow books from the reading lists; however the expectation is that students will record their reading logs online, out of school, with support from parents/carers.

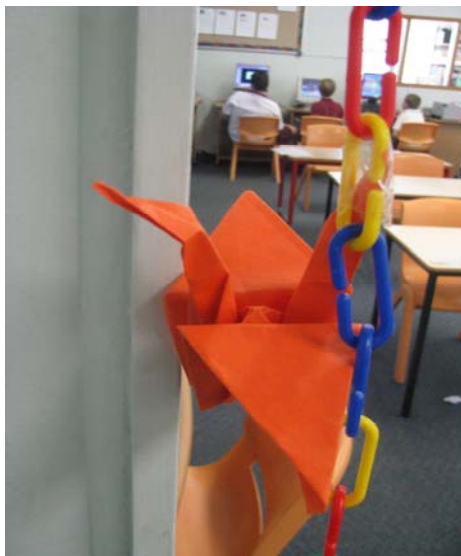
Thank you for supporting the challenge and helping to instil a love of reading in your child!
Kelly Bissett.



2/4S Classroom News

2-6S have had a wonderful start to the year and have been busy welcoming a new student to our school. We have worked very hard during our Mathematics and Literacy lessons and have enjoyed reading our novel 'The 27th Annual African Hippopotamus Race'.

The students and myself have had great fun learning about Japan this term. We have looked at the culture, the traditional dress and the age old art of origami or paper folding. We have made several different things, including a paper crane. This was a very tedious task, but we got there in the end with minimal casualties from the paper cuts!



2-5W Classroom News

2-5W is an enthusiastic class of 7 students. This term we have been learning about 'Procedures in English'. It has been a great opportunity to cook and create some fantastic food art. These are a few photos of our work.





Environmental News

What a fantastic response we had to our Binless/ Low Waste Lunch Day on the 8th March. Thank you to everyone who helped by packing a 'low waste lunch'. The day was a great success with a huge reduction in rubbish at school. The Senior Green Gang visited classes and talked to students about ways we can reduce our school litter and help keep the oceans cleaner.

Did you know that plastic takes 100 years to breakdown in landfill? Therefore rubbish that floats out to sea will take 100 years to disappear!!! If you have a chance please look at The Great Pacific Garbage Patch (or Gyre) on YouTube. It will really make you think about how much we can help the environment by reducing waste, picking up litter and recycling.

Some of our keen Junior Green Gang working in the vegetable garden



A few Senior Green Gang members working with the worms



Di Wood
Environmental Co-ordinator

Birthdays

A very happy birthday to the following students

Cayden H	22/3
Erica W	24/3
Taiten F	27/3
Oliver D	28/3
Bronte T	31/3

Ulinga Netball Club (Cardiff South) are looking for under 11 and under 12 players.

Please contact Berneice 4954 7952 or Lesley 49565493 for all enquires.

P&C News

The P&C AGM was held last night. Thank you to the parents who attended. The positions for the year are as follows

Executive Committee:

President: Tracy Pettigrew

Secretary: Sharon Clifford

Treasurer: Debbie Keeble

Easter Raffles

We are now asking for Easter egg donations for our annual Easter Raffle Prizes. It would be appreciated if you could send them to the office before Monday 2nd of April. Our raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade, Tuesday 3rd.

Raffle tickets will be sent home Thursday 22nd March.

Entertainment books

Pre ordered Entertainment books are now available \$60.00 great savings "see attached flyer"

Canteen News

Easter morning tea for parents/carers will be held on Tuesday 3rd April.

The canteen will remain OPEN for trading on this day for normal lunch orders.

Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Fri 23 rd March	T. Pettigrew
Mon 26 th	Kristine Hume
Tues 14 th	Closed
Wed 28 th	M. Demir and D. Keeble
Thurs 16 th	Closed
Fri 30 th	S. Clifford & R. Baxter
Mon 2 nd April	M. Ayerst
Tues 3 rd	T. Pettigrew, D. Keeble & R. Baxter
Wed 4 th	K. Boulton

Gymnastics Offer


\$\$ 1/2 PRICE GYMNASTICS VOUCHER \$\$

Come and try Gymnastics or Playtime Activities at the YMCA for half the price in the month of March 2012.

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- Day Camp** The ultimate full day of fun in the school holidays. Different exciting activities every day to challenge and engage all interests. From sports and games to drama and craft there's something for everyone!

Excursions Unravel full day adventures to the most awesome places and activities around town and beyond. The kids will rave about their awesome adventures all holidays.

April Program: at a glance

	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Monday 16
Day Camp	THE MUSIC BUS		BADGE MAKING	GYMNASTICS AT TORONTO	KITE MAKING
Exc		10 PIN BOWLING			
	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Monday 23
Day Camp	SCREEN PRINTING	ZUMBA WITH ESTER		ANIMALS GALORE WITH RHONDA	MC DONALDS LUNCH AND A MOVIE
Exc			TREE TOP ADVENTURES (Limited Numbers)		

Book your child/ren in for one or as many days as you like. There is no minimum booking. Choose from our wide range of activities available. There is something for everyone!



Places are limited. Please download a booking form from our website or call our friendly staff today!

YMCA Boolaroo

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 Phone: 49081074 or 0448117913
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

JD's World of Magic
 Wonderful magical entertainment for the whole family presented by multi-award winning magician Joel Howett.
 When: Tuesday 10 April 10.30am Where: Toronto Library Cost: \$7 Adults at children's price.
 When: Monday 16 April 10.30am Where: Swansea Library Cost: \$7 Adults at children's price.

Choose your own adventure craft
 We're opening up the craft cupboard with lots of crafts to choose from for boys and girls.
 Suitable for ages 4 to 10 years.
 When: Wednesday 11 April 10am Where: Macquarie Library Cost: \$5
 When: Wednesday 18 April 1pm Where: Edgewood Library Cost: \$5

Science Non Fiction This fast-moving interactive show explores the fascinating history and science of lasers and features a fantastic laser light show. Suitable for ages 9 to 14 years.
 When: Tuesday 17 April 10am Where: Charlesworth Library Cost: \$5

Freaky Friday
 Come along for some fast and furious fun. What can you do in 1 minute?
 Race the clock and try your luck. Everyone's a winner! Suitable for 7 to 12 years.
 When: Friday 13 April 10am Where: Swansea Library Cost: \$5

Storytime at your Library
 Entertaining stories and rhymes specially for children.
 When: Wednesday 11 April 10.30am Where: Toronto Library Theme: Colours
 When: Wednesday 11 April 11am Where: Cavett Library Theme: Bush Tales
 When: Wednesday 18 April 11am Where: Wangi Wangi Library Theme: Easter!

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