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### Principal's Message:

Last week Year 3 and 5 sat the national NAPLAN tests. These tests assess in the areas of reading, language / spelling, writing and numeracy. I was very impressed in the effort that the students gave over the 3 days and look forward to seeing our results in September.

If you are unaware of some of the sensational staff we have, have I got a tale for you. I was speaking to Mr Gandy about hanging the new whole school photo in the foyer. After a quick chat on how we could freshen up the foyer area, Mr Gandy and Mrs Bowtell completely reorganised the office. It looks sensational and works well. Thank-you.

While saying thank-you, I really want to thank those parents who have been speaking so positively out in the community about our school. I've had a few enquiries and in each case it's been fed by the positive words of others about our school.

Just a quick safety note to finish, teachers have mentioned to me the concerns over the no parking zone at the gate on Bell St. Please be aware that this is a no parking zone to help ensure student safety. In the afternoons, students are walked to the gates for safety reasons please help us on the other side.

Chris Payne  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

Date	Event
29 <sup>th</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>K-2 Australian Reptile Excursion</li> <li>Asia excursion 3-6</li> </ul>
5 <sup>th</sup> June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Video Conference Yr 2 &amp; 3</li> </ul>
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### Students supporting each other

Peer support is continuing this week with students learning about making and keeping friendships. The quality of good friends and how to overcome friendship difficulties.

### Our Website is Famous!

On Monday at a teacher training day in Sydney's CBD, Speers Point Public School class BLOGS were viewed as an example of how well our students are engaging in this exciting era of technology.

### Fundraising

Last month the staff at Speers Point Public School cooked up a storm at a Bunnings BBQ at Glendale. It was a great day. It rained and this slightly affected our sales, however we raised just over \$700. Thank you to everyone that came along to support the school and to Toronto Quality Meats who helped us by providing our sausages at a great price. Also thanks to IGA at Boolaroo who made a fabulous donation.

The money raised will be used to purchase iPads for our school resources.

Di Wood and Alana Stroud (Fundraising committee)

### Walk to School / Sausage Sizzle

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May was our school's Walk Safely to School Day. Lots of students and parents took the opportunity to walk to school. Walking is a great way to keep fit.

The year 6 fundraising committee helped to prepare an amazing sausage sizzle breakfast.



All the monies raised will be used for their end of year farewell and present to the school.

### Environmental News

The Green Gang has been very busy this term planting some more fruit trees. Our new additions

include a Mango tree, Guava tree and two Blueberry bushes. The orchard is growing really well and it is amazing to see how enthusiastic and dedicated the students are.

Our new water tank and solar pump are being installed near the recess seat area. The water collected from the roof will be used to water the orchard.

Our Aboriginal/impaired sensory garden is nearing completion with the addition of some native edible plants for our 'bush tucker' garden. Please come and have a look when you are next at school. It is located near the office and has some great information plaques to read.



Once again the Green Gang would like to thank Mrs Keeble, Mr Morris and Mrs Batey for all their hardwork, dedication and time.

Keep Green!

Di Wood (Environmental Coordinator)



**Reminders for this week**

- All money to be brought to office for receipting .
- When possible make sure the correct money is sent to school in an envelope with students name and class on the front.
- Uniform shop opened at office Mon and Wed.
- Term 1 pre-ordered uniforms are now ready to be picked up.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn Vouchers**

From the 9<sup>th</sup> May, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect stickers from the checkout operator. There will be 1 sticker given out for every \$10 spent\*. Once you receive your stickers, send them into the school and they'll be placed on a sticker card. The collection box will be placed outside Mrs Cobcroft's room each day. \*Excludes liquor, cigarettes & gift cards.

**Birthdays**

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday for the month of May.

Sam A            22<sup>nd</sup>  
Lomano C        25<sup>th</sup>

**Canteen Roster**

Date	Volunteer
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	M Demir & D Keeble
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	R Baxter & S Clifford
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	M Ayerst
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	K Boulton
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> June	G Jaques & M Rees
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	K Hume
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>

**Parent Information****Kids' winter camps**

Bookings are now open for Kids' Winter Camps run by the NSW Office of Communities (Sport and Recreation). Camps are a great way to boost children's confidence, help them make new friends and encourage shy children out of their shell. Camps are offered around the state, including snow camps, fishing camps and cooking experiences. Camp packages include activities, accommodation, 24-hour supervision and nutritious meals. Supervised transport is also offered to and from most camps.

For more info go to:

[www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps/)

**Healthy habits start young**

Finding a sport or activity that your child likes to do is a great way to keep them active and motivated and in doing so, keep them healthy. Play for Life – Join a Sporting Club – is supported by the Active After School Activities Program. You can browse sporting clubs by location and type of sport and find one that suits your family. With over 70 sports to choose from, you're sure to find something that will appeal. For more info and to check out other great tips go to:

[www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/play-for-life-join-a-sporting-club.aspx](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/campaigns-programs/play-for-life-join-a-sporting-club.aspx)