

Speers Point Public School



Growing *Stronger* and *Smarter* every day.

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Principal's Message

Thank you to all those who braved the weather last night to come along to our community information session. For those who were unable to attend, wow – you missed some great news about our new funding, programs and some exciting new prospects for our school next year.

While we have publicised the success of our Kinder students with the L3 Literacy program, we are now beginning to see results from the TENs Numeracy program which we started in infants classes last term. It's very exciting to see the progress made by students across all infants classes.

The last two weeks we've been having some great fun at school – because school should be fun too! On Melbourne Cup day we had our second annual Melbourne Cup race of our own. The seniors were dressed and named after the horses and the Kinders as the jockeys.



Last Thursday all students enjoyed participating in the Jump Rope for Heart "Jump Off". This great event show cased our fantastic individual and partner skipping skills.



While it was part of the weekend, last Saturday the staff of Speers Point came together for a staff development day. The main topic for staff training was around the new English syllabus that is being implemented next year. We're all very excited about the implementation of this new syllabus and the direction that the curriculum will take.

Please take note of the addition to this newsletter about the multi-sports court. This is a great addition being planned and the great offer from Love Realty in their referral program will help us fund it.

It is week 6, this is an 11 week term, and the holidays are fast approaching. The end is nigh. (End of the year that is...)

Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Tue 12 th Nov	Swim Scheme
Wed 13 th	Swim Scheme
Thu 14 th	Swim Scheme
Fri 15 th	Swim Scheme Responsible Pet Visit
Mon 18 th	Swim Scheme
Tue 19 th	Swim Scheme
Wed 20 th	Swim Scheme
Thu 21 st	Swim Scheme
Fri 22 nd	Swim Scheme
Tue 26 th	Canteen 'Pizza Day'
Thu 28 th	K2bees, Teddy Bears Picnic
Wed 11 th Dec	Talent Quest
Thu 12 th	Year 6 Farewell
Mon 16 th	Presentation Day
Tue 17 th	Movie Day
Wed 18 th	Last Day of Term 4 2013
Tue 28 th Jan	Staff Development Day
Wed 29 th	Years 1-6 Students Return for Term 1 2014
Mon 3 rd Feb	Kindergarten Begin School

Cedar News!

Cedar has had a very busy and productive term. Our term started with our school concert in which we performed in two or three acts. We had such fun creating and practising our dances, and had an amazing time on stage during our performances.



In class, Cedar has been looking at the Enormous Crocodile in our Novel studies. We have had a great time reading, acting out and creating artworks related to the story.



We have also just had Jump Rope for Heart. We had been working on our skipping for four weeks, which really showed with our outstanding skipping skills!





Lost Property

Please ensure your child/ children has his/her name on all items of clothing, including hats. We have had a few children missing hats, so please check that you child/children are bringing home their own hat & not others.

Birthdays

Wishing the following student a very Happy Birthday!

Alaska H	14 th November
Shakayla C	18 th
Harley T	18 th
Dominic B	20 th



P&C News

Thanks to all who were able to partake in our last Fathers Day Raffle. With the money raised, together with some of our previous fundraisers, we were able to purchase our fabulous new School Sign and our iPad bundle which will be used by the students to further their learning opportunities. A big THANK YOU for being a part of these exciting purchases.

We would like to thank Tina and Mick Bromhead for kindly donating a Laser Printer and also thank you to Jenny Speciale for her donation of a dryer to our school.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



P&C are organising a fantastic Christmas Raffle to be drawn Friday 6th December. We have a long list of prizes this year, some of them are:

1st - A Voucher to Tree Tops Adventure Park
 2nd - A Golf Package from Waratah Golf Club
 3rd - A voucher for the Reptile Park
 4th - Step Into Life fitness vouchers
 ... and many more!
 \$2 for 1 raffle ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets.

Please ask your family, friends and neighbours to support our wonderful school.

Return to the office by Wednesday 4th Dec.

We thank you all for your support!



Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 13 th Nov	Sonya Moseley
Thu 14 th	CLOSED
Fri 15 th	Julie West
Mon	Julie West
Tue	CLOSED
Wed 20 th	Kara Boulton
Thu 21 st	CLOSED
Fri 22 nd	Michelle Hogan
Mon 25 th	Julie West
Tue	CLOSED

Community Information

Tips for tackling kids head lice

- Use hair conditioner and a fine head lice comb.
- Apply conditioner to the hair and comb through with a wide-toothed comb to remove the tangles.
- Then use a fine metal lice comb to remove the lice and pull the nits off the hair.

The conditioner helps slow down the louse and makes it easier to comb out.

Sun safety - Five ways to be SunSmart this summer

The Cancer Council recommends these five ways to protect against sun damage when the SunSmart UV alert is 3 or above:

- Seek shade
- Wear protective clothing that covers your arms and legs and body
- Wear a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face and neck
- Wear wrap-around sunglasses
- Apply SPF30+ broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen every two hours.



Glendale Junior Rugby League Football Club (Glendale Gorillas) will be holding a 2014 Pre-Season Registration Day on Sunday 17 November 2012 from 10.00 am - 1.00 pm at Edgeworth Sports and Recreation Club, 1A Park Street, Edgeworth. This is for all age groups - Under 6's to Under 16's. If you are a new player to the Club you will need to bring your birth certificate/passport with you. Everyone must bring a parent to sign forms and pay a \$50 deposit Enquiries can be made by emailing gorillasregistrar@hotmail.com or phoning Neil Davies (President) on 0403 280258, Lynette Adamson (Registrar) on 04086 42601, or Debbie Campbell (Secretary) on

0411677727. You can also get more details from the Club Website

http://www.sportingpulse.com/club_info.cgi?clubID=102874&c=7-2358-0-0-0

The Multi-Sport Court

Playground Addition to Speers Point Public School

Several months ago the idea was generated to improve our sporting facilities, particularly around ball games like netball. Looking critically at the needs of the students, current resources and facilities we look to -

Improve social skills

Foster a team environment

Build positive peer relationships

Build enjoyment of sport and improve opportunities to represent the school.

In short, we have a great open field, we have soccer and Macquarie Cup, but ball games like netball and basketball are missing out.

Looking at a number of options, rather than doing half a job, it is more beneficial and sustainable to install a proper court. A synthetic covered “multi-sports court” the best option. The multi-sport court is lined for basketball, netball and volleyball, with reversible fittings.



(Pictured—similar multi-court design from Lidcome PS)

Our community has rows of soccer fields, but no netball or basketball facilities. Wouldn't this be great not just for our students, but for community groups to use the courts in afternoons and on weekends?

Where will it fit?

On the oval, in front of the orchard, the multi-sports court can be installed and not impact on the size of the soccer field.

The location allows for students to mix between sports at breaks, and ease of supervision for staff.

Funding The Court

The installation of the court isn't cheap, and so we're looking at funding from sources including:

- School funds
- P&C Fundraising
- Community Grants
- Love Realty



Love Realty Referral Program

Bill Kington, Director of Love Realty has agreed to support Speers Point Public School through a referral program.

Love Realty will donate \$500 to the school for every new client that sells their property with Love Realty.

Tell them Speers Point Pubic School sent you

Spread the word to everyone thinking of selling a property - sign up with Love Realty to help our school (and community) install this wonderful facility.