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**7<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone. It's always fantastic to welcome back students and community ready to embark on a new term of learning. There are a number of wonderful things happening this term which will support students becoming stronger and smarter.

In Week 3, students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN - bet you would never have guessed the acronym.) This is a series of four tests looking at literacy and numeracy skills. All students in these years participate unless otherwise withdrawn on parent request.

Casuarina and Blue Gum classes will be pleased to return to find freshly painted classrooms. A fresh looking learning environment is always a pleasure to step into and we'll be looking to our senior students to take good care of these rooms.

With our farewell to Mrs Milson-Black, I thank Miss Stroud for filling in as the relieving Assistant Principal - Support. I know the great efforts Miss Stroud makes in our school and I am pleased to have her in this position. Miss Stroud will continue in this position until it is permanently filled through the merit selection process. I will be informing community of the outcome of this as soon as possible.

I would also like to welcome Mrs Lisa Skinner who is here with us this term. Mrs Skinner is completing her

internship with Blue Gum class and has already become a part of our school.

Please get behind the "Sports In Schools" program currently running this term at Speers Point. I have seen this program run numerous times at other schools and have always seen great value in the experiences for the students.

On a personal note, I apologise for my absence last week and for part of this week. I am always quite desperate to avoid time away from the school but some circumstances do call for my absence. My two year old son, Riley has spent the last three weeks at John Hunter, with two of those in Intensive Care, and he is now making a good recovery from pneumonia and other big long medical words. We are now very happy to have him home after this trying time. Thank you Mrs Cobcroft for relieving as principal in my absence.

Chris Payne  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Breakfast & Stall
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	UNSW English Test NAPLAN
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	Book Fair
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Fair
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Book Fair

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Reconciliation Week
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	UNSW Maths Test
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Special Ed Olympics
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	UNSW Science

### Zone Cross Country

Last Friday saw many Speers Point students compete in the Zone Cross Country. It was a great day and excellent weather for the runners.

Our students represented the school in an exceptional manner. They were all brilliant ambassadors and should be very proud of themselves. Everyone who ran did a great job and showed determination to finish the very tough course. Each participant should also be proud of their results and placing, as there was lots of quality competition from other schools.

Congratulations go to Jesse Moore, who came second in his age division (11's). Jesse will be competing, this Friday, in the Regional Cross Country. We wish him all the best and will be cheering him on from school.

Miss Elliott



Thank you Mrs Cherry on providing these great photos!





### Wetlands Excursion

Our class along with Wattle, Waratah and Jacaranda attended a fabulous excursion to the Wetlands Environmental Education Centre today. Students were able to view small water animals under the microscope, fish for them in the lake and view some other animals in glass displays. Our day was enhanced by a great play on some awesome equipment followed by a nature walk using binoculars to observe the environment. We all had a fantastic day! 😊



Also a big Thank You! to Merrick Rees our volunteer Canteen Supervisor for organising last minuet lunches by 9.30am for some of our students.

### Casuarina News

#### Casuarina and Horrendo's Curse

Casuarina has been doing some great things so far this year. There has been lots of learning and fun in our room.

Most days through Term 1, Casuarina read a class novel, called Horrendo's Curse. This story was about a boy, Horrendo, and his adventures with his friends and some not-so-nice pirates. This story was full of drama, adventure and humour. Casuarina especially loved reading the pirate slang and all the insults they said to one another.

In the end, the story was about people being able to change and get along with each other. It also taught us that it might only take one person who dares to be different, to make life better for many people.

Some of the favourite parts of the story were:

*When the Captain fell into the lava – Grace*

*When Horrendo jumped into the deadly water, and survived – Kai*

*When Horrendo and the Pirates were calling each other names like 'cockroach puss' – Taylah*

*I liked when Horrendo jumped off the plank – McKenzy*

*I liked when they were heading home and the pirates were coming home with them – Levani*

In other Casuarina news – Homework is starting this week and will be handed out on a Monday and is due each Friday. Please make sure your child completes this each week.

Good luck to the Casuarina and Blue Gum Year 5 students as they complete their NAPLAN tests next week!

Miss Elliott

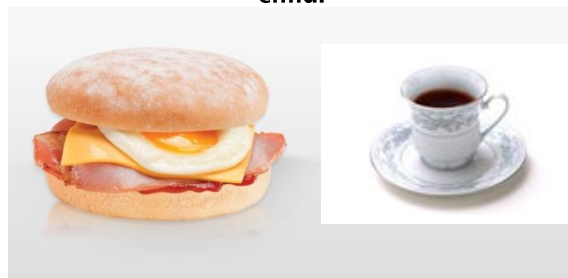


### Mothers' Day Breakfast

To all Mums, Grandmothers, Aunties and Carers  
You are invited to Speers Point Public School P&C  
fabulous Mothers' Day breakfast on Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
May.

Breakfast available from 7.30am to 9am come  
along and have a bacon and egg roll with tea/  
coffee for just a gold coin donation.

Come along for a relaxing breakfast with your  
child.



### Running Schedule – Program Contents

All program contents are designed and adapted to  
meet the requirements of the skills and fitness  
components of the P.D/H/P.E syllabus

Program Contents	Physical education and fundamental skill topics such as - Balance, Co-ordination, hitting & striking, throwing, catching, cognitive learning. Fitness & conditioning training including components of fitness such as - Strength, power, speed, endurance, flexibility and agility. Social skill development including co-operative learning and team building initiatives.
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Session 1	9:05 – 9.50		
Classes	2-3 Classes	Class Names	Blue Gum + Casuarina + Cedar/Banksia

Session 2	9:50 – 10:35		
Classes	2-3 Classes	Class Names	Eucalypt + Waratah + Wattle/Jacaranda

### Uniform Shop Reminder

The uniform shop will only be opened on Monday/Tuesday between 8.30am – 9.30am. Please have correct money as we do not keep a float to provide change.

All other orders outside of these hours are to be placed in the Drop Off Box located in the office.

### Birthdays

Wishing the following student a very Happy Birthday!

Bonny C	7 <sup>th</sup> May
Honey O	7 <sup>th</sup>
Matilda J	9 <sup>th</sup>
Aiden B	12 <sup>th</sup>
Braiden H	17 <sup>th</sup>
Kai B	19 <sup>th</sup>
Ayesha H	20 <sup>th</sup>



### P&C & Canteen News

Starting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, the canteen will be **CLOSED** due to no volunteers for this day. If anyone is able to help out on any Tuesday please ring Merrick (canteen supervisor) on 0422 597 493.

Don't forget Mothers' Day breakfast on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7.30am. Be there for our delicious bacon & egg rolls plus tea & coffee. A special thank you in advance to Miss Stroud, Mrs Wood & helpers for giving up your morning to cook for our valuable mums, dads & carers.

Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May from 10am. Gifts will be priced from \$2 - \$5. If anyone would like to help us on the stall from 11am please contact Robyn in the office. 4958 1230

### Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Chantelle & Merrick
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	Merrick
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rebecca & Merrick
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa A & Merrick
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Chantelle & Merrick
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup>	Lynda & Merrick
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kerrie Ann
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Simone T & Michelle D
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>

### Community Information

#### JAMIE'S WINTER SWIM CLUB

Jamie's Swim School  
141 Floraville Rd Floraville

First Night Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Registrations on the first night and throughout the season.

For more information call Jeanette 49469729

7pm START

Winter Club is TUESDAY NIGHTS

and runs from May to the end of August

If you swam SUMMER CLUB your registration fees carry over to WINTER CLUB

#### Registration Fees for NEW Members

7<sup>th</sup> May 2013 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Swimmer - \$76 (This covers 1 Swimmer & 1 Parent)

Non Swimmer - \$20 (Parent)

2<sup>nd</sup> Claim Swimmer - \$20

Transfer - \$25

\*Please be aware that any swimmer under the age of 18 years is required to have a Parent (or Guardian) joined as a member of Swimming NSW.

A \$3 fee each night; together with our raffle are our main source of revenue for the winter and goes towards trophies.