



## Speers Point Public School

Growing *Stronger and Smarter* every day.

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### Principal's Message

And a busy term is in full swing!

#### Athletics Carnival

What a sensational athletics carnival we had last week. The weather gods were kind to us and as always, it was fantastic to have parents and community outnumbering the students.

We saw some great achievements out on the track, including Jesse Moore at 9 years old jumping 117cm in high jump, and Eden Cooper-Marsden later clearing 118cm.

What really impressed me was the sportsmanship and heart the students showed. Regardless of class or house or abilities, students were cheering and congratulating each other.

My favourite moment came in the 800m when I saw two Year 5 boys running back a good 200 or 300m to go **back** for a friend who had stopped from a bad stitch. As mates, they finished the race, crossing the line together, all three from different house teams. That's the calibre of students at Speers Point Public School.

Congratulations to all competitors who went on to the Zone Athletics. A stand out performance by Jesse Moore saw him come first in the 100m final for his age. Well done to all.

#### Hats

During winter we relaxed the hat rule to allow for students to be able to play out in the sun without a hat. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> September we will be expecting students to be wearing school hats on the playground. Students without school hats will need to remain in the designated shaded areas during breaks.

### Book Parade



It's very exciting to take our Book Parade out of the school and on to the street this year. With a space theme, I would love to see parents, not just students dressed up. Staff are very excited to be dressing up themselves and I had made a quick appearance in costume to last week's assembly to inspire. (I know what you're thinking, and yes, the principal is a nerd).

We will also begin filming our concept video, "Where on Earth is Speers Point"

where we conspire to have community dancing in and around different locations in Speers Point. I guess the only question remains as to which parents are brave enough to get in front of the camera and dance for the world? May the force be with you there.

#### Kinder Orientation

You may have received a pamphlet recently in the post for SPPS (if you live in area) with the insert for our Kinder Orientation program. If you don't have a student starting Kinder next year but know someone who does, feel free to pass the word on our information session for parents is this Thursday at 9:15am.

Don't forget our Facebook, app website and my blog for any other information as it develops.

Chris Payne  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Book Parade, Book Fair & Sausage Sizzle
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Kinder Orientation Parent Information Session
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	Backyard Footy K-6
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	TENS Training K-2 Teachers Yr 5 & 6 Newcastle Permanent Maths Test Cycling Workshop
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day Stall
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Jump Rope
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Disco
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	END OF TERM 3

## Eucalypt News

This term students in Eucalypt have been busy in and out of the classroom. Last Tuesday at the Athletics Carnival, we saw many of our students participating enthusiastically in their events and displaying excellent sportsmanship throughout the whole day. We were also privileged to have a footy clinic, held at our school last Wednesday. Students enjoyed interacting with our visiting footy representatives and responded enthusiastically to all the footy instructions!

In class, we have been busy enhancing our Maths program, with some 'hand's on' Maths games. Students are not only developing their Maths skills, they're learning to interact, practise and demonstrate their Maths learning in a practical, fun way. We have also been busy writing narratives, giving imaginations an opportunity to flourish! Students' are also going back in time in our 'Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow' HSIE unit. We are finding that life in the 'olden days' was very different to how we live now.

This week we are all looking forward to our school, parading throughout our local area, showcasing what a great school Speers Point Public School is. Be sure to look out for our art works displayed in the local community shop windows! Oh, and watch out for those Star Wars characters; may the force be with you!

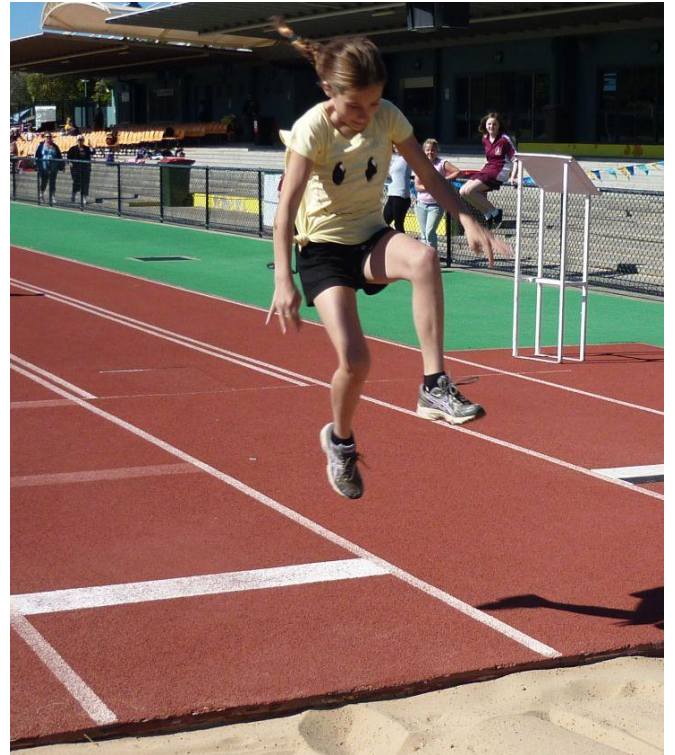


## SPEERS POINT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

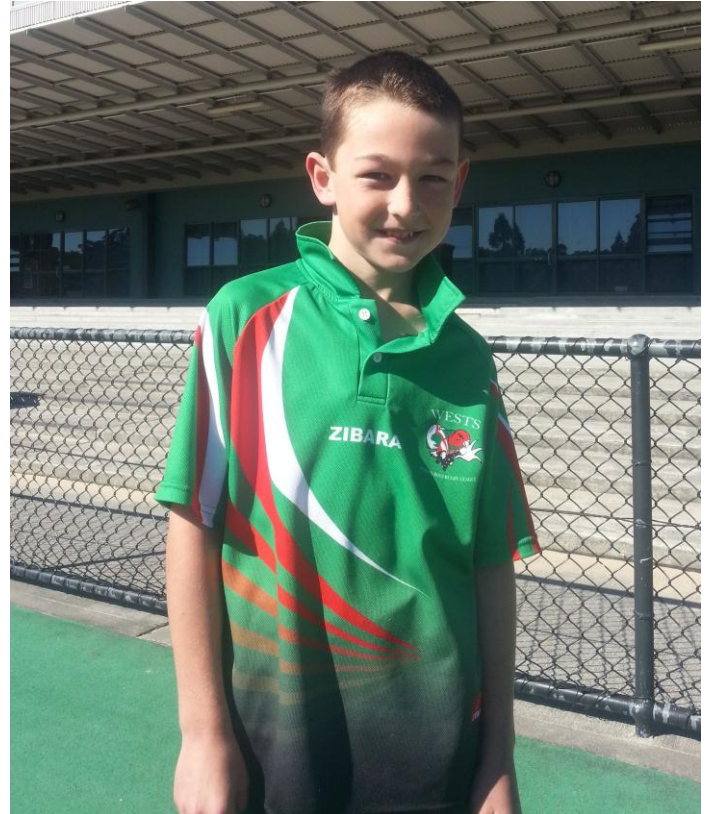
On Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Speers Point Public School held their annual Athletics Carnival at Glendale. This was a lovely sunny day and all students participated with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The following students went on to the Zone Carnival on Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Rebecca Clifford	Jacynta Brittain
Ethan Cooper	Taiten Foster
Jesse Moore	Taylor Winter
Ebony Demir	Ethan Cause
Mitchell Brittain	Jasmyn Foster
Ty Conners	Sam Ayerst
Holly Roarty	Hayley Moffitt
Ben Farrell	James Roarty
Cooper Jacques	Maliq West
Kristina Poles	Ciara Palmer
Jade Simpson	Gemma Watson
Eden Cooper Marsden	Monique Legget
Ty Merritt	Gemma Webb









Well done to Jesse Moore in coming first in the 9 years Boys 100m event at the Zone Carnival on Monday. All our Zone representatives from Speers Point Public School put in 100% effort. Jesse will go on to compete at the Hunter Regional PSSA Carnival on 30<sup>th</sup> August. Good Luck!

## Environment News

We will be having a Green Gang stall at school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August (Book Parade day). We will have our famous 'Worm Wee' on sale for \$2.00 for 2 litres. It is amazing fertilizer. (Suitable for all plants). Just remember to dilute 1 part 'worm wee' to 10 parts water for great results. Also we will be selling fresh 'Organic' lettuces for just 20 cents each and some chillies.



Please come along and support the Green Gang, with all monies raised going towards purchasing seeds and seedlings for the vegie garden.

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## Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 21st	Sarah K & Julie W
Thu 22nd	CLOSED
Fri 23rd	Leonie C & Rebekah W
Mon 26th	
Tue 27th	CLOSED
Wed 28th	Christy F & Julie W
Thu 29th	CLOSED
Fri 30th	Leonie C & Julie W

## P&C News

### FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

P&C are organising a fun Father's Day Raffle for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Our prizes are:

**1st** - A Golf Package from Morisset Golf Club (18 holes for 2 & a Golf Cart)

**2nd** - A voucher to Tree Tops Adventure Park

**3rd** - A dining voucher from Blue Water Pizza

**4th** - A BBQ Tool / Utensil Gift Pack

Raffle tickets are \$2 each or \$5 for 3 tickets.

This year we are excited to be raising money for updating some much needed kitchen equipment and cooking facilities for our school canteen. We thank you all for your support, and remember, whoever sells the most raffle tickets wins a prize!



## Community Information

### Staying private on Facebook

Do you know how to untag photos and keep your Facebook page private? Read this and share with your kids.

Find out more: <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/consumer-security/how-to-stay-private-on-facebook-20130730-2qvn1.html>

### Reading to your child in your home language

Parents who have a language background other than English and who read to their children in their native tongue are giving them a valuable gift.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/how-shopping-can-help-your-child-to-read/reading-to-your-child-in-your-home-language>



**ABSENCE NOTICE - REMINDER**

Could you please return the slip at the bottom of this note within 7 days, to explain your child's absence. We are required by law to seek a written explanation and appreciate your help in this matter.

Thank you

Class \_\_\_\_\_

My child \_\_\_\_\_ was absent on \_\_\_\_\_

Reason \_\_\_\_\_