



Growing *Stronger and Smarter* every day.

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Principal's Message

The countdown is on towards the end of the year with only 5 weeks left in it. At this time teachers are now starting to write student's Semester 2 reports, a process which can take weeks of late nights to prepare. A great part of my role is getting to read all of the reports and see the fantastic progress our students have made over this semester.

Recently we had our school survey and as part of the survey we asked for two words towards building our new school vision statement. Below is a copy of our new vision statement for our school built from those words he's written in plain language and expresses the deep connection and the responsibility of both the community and the school in the education and preparation of our students for life. I can't emphasise enough how important that shared responsibility is.

Feel free to email us through our school email address speerspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you have any feedback or comments regarding our new vision statement. The vision statement is our end goal – what we continue to aspire to. We aren't there yet, but this is where we'd like to be.

Draft Vision Statement

(This outlines the ethos and collective purpose of your school community.)

Working together in close partnerships, Speers Point Public School's community and staff have the responsibility and privilege to provide every

opportunity for our students to engage in an inclusive and innovative education that will produce safe, respectful and responsible achievers.

Quality Teaching & Learning

This is recognised through: providing innovative, inclusive and connected teaching and learning experiences which enable every student to reach their curriculum goals. Teaching is well-resourced, of the highest quality and differentiated to suit the individual learning needs of every student, with the expectation of creating life-long learners.

Environment

This is recognised through: providing a friendly, family-orientated, inclusive learning environment. Students are encouraged to engage deeply with quality programs, their peers, staff and community in order to create a positive and nurturing learning environment.

Passion

This is recognised through: the dedication and passion of the community and staff in continually striving to inspire all students to achieve academically, socially, creatively, and individually. As a whole school community we want to see our students happy, safe and growing stronger and smarter every day.

Pride

This is recognised through: encouraging students to take pride in their appearance, being punctual to class, demonstrating respect towards themselves and others, and always being proud to have the privilege of representing the school in all aspects of academic, sporting and social arenas, from their first day and into the years ahead.

Senior Students

Last week our senior students received a letter regarding expectations in these final weeks regarding their behaviour, attendance and uniform. Both parents and students were to sign and return these letters to show that this has been read and discussed at home. By doing so, we know that both parents and students have a very clear understanding of what is expected of Speers Point students. Our aim is to ensure that all of our senior students enjoy these final weeks of school and especially for Year 6, as they celebrate special events such as the Year 6 Farewell on Thursday December 11th.

We do not wish to see any students spoil these great events for their friends and class mates.

Fete

There is lots of information regarding our fete through this newsletter. It's been quite a while since we have held a fete at our school and I've very excited to see how this great event will unfold. We're currently arranging with Lake Macquarie, Warners Bay and Glendale High Schools for former students to return and perform centre stage on the day.

Our senior students have written letters to a few different performers about joining us. Following the letter sent by Ryan Cumming in Blue Gum class, Jimmy Barnes was not able to join us, (he's performing in New Zealand on the day) but has sent through a signed t-shirt and some other Jimmy merchandise to be included as prizes on the chocolate wheel.

Have a great week everyone
Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Tue 11 th Nov	School Swim Scheme
Wed 12 th	School Swim Scheme Choir Performance at Kmart Glendale 9.45am
Thu 13 th	School Swim Scheme Kinder Orientation 8.45-11.30
Fri 14 th	School Swim Scheme
Mon 17 th	School Swim Scheme
Tue 18 th	School Swim Scheme
Wed 19 th	School Swim Scheme
Thu 20 th	School Swim Scheme Worm Workshop 9am Kinder Orientation 8.45-11.30
Fri 21 st	School Swim Scheme ENDS
Tue 25 th	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Thu 27 th	Kinder Orientation 8.45-11.30
Fri 28 th	School Fete 2pm – 7pm

Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

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



**SPEERS POINT
TWILIGHT
FESTIVAL**

**Friday 28th November
2pm - 7pm**

FETE NEWS

A few reminders.....

- Children were all issued a **Ride Pass** note on Friday. This outlines the prices for rides and what will be available. Please bring in your money ASAP so we know how many children will be attending. If you need another note please see the office. Make sure you are buying

your passes for friends and family too so they don't have to pay more on the day.

- I am introducing a **+10 policy**. This means that if all our Speers Point children bring at least 10 friends and family, we can be almost assured that the fete will be a success.
- Please keep bringing in donations for our **chocolate wheel** and **trash and treasure** stall rolling in. Anything you can donate will be warmly received.
- Please check out our **Speers Point Fete Facebook page** if you have not already 'friended' me. I update daily with information about the day and the wonderful stalls, food and entertainment we will have on offer.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is opened on a **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 in a sealed envelope with you name clearly printed on the front. If you need an order form sent home please phone the office and a copy will be given to your child.

Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 12 th Nov	Mandy D
Thu 13 th	CLOSED
Fri 14 th	Simone T & Michelle D
Mon 17 th	CLOSED
Tue 18 th	CLOSED
Wed 19 th	Aly M
Thu	CLOSED
Fri 21 st	Bethany J & Krystal R
Mon 24 th	CLOSED
Tue	CLOSED

Community News

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.

Find out more:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

Where's the octopus?

Wow - it's videos like this that show kids how cool studying science can be. Watch it with them:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aoCzZHcwKxl&feature=youtu.be>

Little Aussie Songsters competition

An Australia Day competition where primary students can video their singing of our national anthem. For further details, visit

<http://www.aussievault.com.au/vault/136/detail/little-aussie-songster> .

The competition is now open and will close on **Saturday 14 February 2015**.

Warners Bay Soccer Club development teams trial date is on Sunday November 23rd.

U12 Girls looking at A grade is at 12pm at John St Ovals Warners Bay.

The Catholic Parishes Boolaroo/Warners Bay and Booragul extend an invitation to parents of Catholic children from years 3 in 2015 upwards to commence a program to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist in early 2015. Information leaflets and application forms are available in the school office or contact the Parish Office on 4958 2031.

School App

Don't forget to download our Speers Point Public School's App. It's free and very useful for outgoing information. It's available on both iPhone and Android.



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Speers Point Public School
Main Rd, Speers Point

stalls • rides • community groups • entertainment • food



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