



Growing *Stronger* and *Smarter* every day.

Find us at Bell Street, Speers Point

www.speerspt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

2nd September 2014

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Principal's Message

Fortune favours the bold! That was our motto not two weeks ago when we were faced with a wet book parade.

All day (like the last few weeks) the rain was on and off and when we saw a gap in the clouds and the sun coming through we took that chance and started our parade down Main St.

Sadly, by the time we hit the old service station we could see the rain coming across the lake and down on us and we reversed course. Despite the wet, what impressed me was the great number of parents, grandparents, friends and relations that not only came with us, but came to march as well.

There were some absolutely wonderful costumes, as you can see by the pictures and I'm very hopeful that next year more parents may dress up as well! Thank you to all the parents who helped prepare the students.

It was also quite fantastic to see that our school once again had articles about our book parade in both the Newcastle Herald and the Star newspapers. Fingers crossed we have the sun shining for next year's parade!

Community Survey

Coming out this week is our 2014 community survey. While it is a little bit longer than the "2 Word" survey from a few months ago, it is extremely important that we get as many responses as possible as we are moving into the new planning phase.

Our school plan runs on a 3 year cycle and in 2015 we begin a new 3 year plan. Completing the survey means you get to have an important say in the directions & programs our school will take over the next 3 years.

This year when we ventured into some of the PSSA sporting comps, we were lucky to find some of our parents had expertise in areas like softball or netball, and were able to help with these teams.

This has prompted us to wonder what other talents our parents might be hiding and there are some questions around this topic as well.

While we are sending the survey home in paper format, there is the option (and links) to complete the survey online if you wish.

Ever hopeful that we would get an outstanding response to the surveys, we've come up with a prize draw as an incentive. Chemistworks Glendale have kindly donated a huge basket of wonderful items (inc a \$50 voucher for Day Spa treatments) and Boolaroo Cinema has also kindly donated 4 double passes.



The surveys are going out this week, to be returned by Wednesday 17th September. A name does need to be included on the survey to be eligible for the prize draw, which means you can use your child's name if you wish.

If you would like to get started straight away the link is:

<http://spps.poll daddy.com/s/planning-for-our-plan-community-input>

School Concert

In mid-October we will be holding a concert event "Movie Night" where the music and acts are all based from movies. Over the next few weeks notes will be coming home regarding costumes and ticket sales.

Last year we trialled an evening performance of the concert which was a great success and we will be doing the same again this year.



Kinder Orientation

We had a great turn-out last week at our Kinder 2015 information night and got to meet some of the new families joining our family next year. The Kinder orientation program "K2Bees" begins on the 23rd October.

That means it's never too late if you know someone with a child ready for Kinder next year, get them to enquire about enrolling at Speers Point.

Remember that our numbers are growing, and we are ever so close to another class next year. As it is I've already jokingly told the Year 6 students I'm not letting them go to High School and that no one is allowed to move to Queensland. (Yes, definitely joking. Year 6 you are allowed to go to High School - once we have you ready for the journey ahead).

Have a great week everyone!

Chris Payne

Principal

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Fri 5 th Sep	Father's Day Breakfast & Stall
Mon 8 th	Hunter Life Education
Tue 9 th	Hunter Life Education Recognition Assembly
Wed 10 th	After School Sport Ends Yr 3-6
Thu 11 th	After School Sport Ends Yr K-2 Junior Netball Gala Day
Tue 16 th	P & C Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 19 th	End of Term 3
Mon 6 th Oct	Public Holiday
Tue 7 th	Students Return for Term 4

Book Parade







Regional Athletics

Well done to Mitchell, Stephen and Jesse for their efforts at the Regional Carnival last Friday. Special congratulations to Jesse who will now go through to the State Carnival at Homebush for the 100m. Good Luck Jesse!

Reminders

Please be aware that the Life Education money & permission note is now due.

FETE UPDATE

A short note to remind you all to keep spreading the word about our fete, and to get family and friends to lock the date in their diaries. We will be launching a Facebook page in the next few weeks which will be full of updates and information on our wonderful festival. Please remember to ask any contacts you might have for donations for our chocolate wheel. The lovely ladies in the office have lots of donation letters if you require them. If we can all bring at least 10 people to our fete we will be guaranteed to raise lots of money for our fabulous school to improve resources and equipment for your children. If you want to volunteer for help or would like some more information, please contact me on speerspointfete@gmail.com.

Mrs Hopton



'5 cent Fund Raiser for August'

Is now over

Wow!!!

Class

Charity

Eucalypt - John Hunter Children's Hospital - **\$129.10**

Casuarina- Taronga Zoo - **\$48.60**

Waratah- Guide Dogs - **\$107.65**

Cedar- Ronald McDonald House – Newcastle – **\$103.60**

Jacaranda- Stewart House- **\$118.20**

Coachwood- Hunter Animal Rescue- **\$31.40**

Blue Gum- RSPCA- **\$122.35**

Thankyou to all our families and community members for your overwhelming generosity.

Congratulations for a fantastic effort from everyone.

Our school total to charities is \$660.

Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Dylan P 3rd September

Cooper N 11th

Steven H 12th

Haylee M 14th



Found

1 pair of prescription glasses were found on the footpath, Main Road near the entrance to our school. Please ring for more information 4958 1230

Lost

A watch was dropped on our playing fields last week. If found please ring school 4958 1230

P&C News

- Thank you to all who kindly donated cakes for our Book Week stall. We raised a whopping total of \$819.85. It will be going towards softball equipment & shade sails for our playground. Without your wonderful support, events like this would not happen.
- Please remember to collect your containers.
- Don't forget to bring your money with you on Friday for our fantastic Father's Day Stall. All gifts will be \$5
- **A reminder that orders for the Father's Day breakfast must be returned by Wednesday 5th September.**

P&C Committee

Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 3 rd Sept	Mandy D & Tina B
Thu 4 th	CLOSED
Fri 5 th	Melissa A & Simone T
Mon 8 th	CLOSED
Tue 9 th	CLOSED
Wed 10 th	Rachel B & Ali M
Thu 11 th	CLOSED
Fri 12 th	Bethany J & Crystal R
Mon 15 th	CLOSED
Tue 16 th	CLOSED

If you have recently changed your telephone number, address or emergency contacts etc please contact our school office ASAP

Community News

WE CAN HELP YOU WITH MORE THAN JUST YOUR SCRIPTS

CHEMISTWORKS SERVICES

- Compounding • Sleep Apnoea
- Dose Administration Aid
- Cardiovascular Risk Assessment
- Weight Management
- Health Checks • Opioid Substitution
- Home Medicines Review
- MedsCheck / Diabetes MedsCheck
- Baby Advice • Wound Care
- Continence Aids Payment Scheme
- Quit Smoking Support
- Day spa • Equipment Hire
- Open 7 days a week



OPEN 8AM TILL MID-NIGHT

CHEMISTWORKS

CHEMISTWORKS GLENDALE
Stockland Shopping Centre, 387 Lake Rd
02 4956 5644 www.chemistworks.com.au

GIRLS QUICK KICKS

Register Now for Quick Kicks

A fun, relaxed football experience for **GIRLS ONLY** aged 5-12 commencing in Term 4! All skill levels are welcome and you **receive a free ball and a unique design Quick Kicks jersey.**

Registrations open 1st August
Visit www.quickkicks.com.au

NORTHERN NSW FOOTBALL

If you have any questions, or would like more information on Quick Kicks please visit www.quickkicks.com.au or contact me on the information below.

T 02 4964 0706

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Vacation Care @

YMCA Boolaroo OSHC

Weekdays from Monday 22nd September to Friday 3rd October



Mon 22 Sept	Tues 23 Sept	Wed 24 Sept	Thur 25 Sept	Fri 26 Sept
GAME SHOW DAY (DC)	MAITLAND GAOL TOUR (E)	TIE DYING A SLING BAG (V)	AROUND THE WORLD IN ONE DAY (DC)	THE 3 "P" DAY PJ'S PIZZA & PICASSO (DC)

Mon 29 Sept	Tues 30 Sept	Wed 1 Oct	Thur 2 Oct	Fri 3 Oct
DRESS UP DAY (DC)	MAKE A VOLCANO (DC)	SUSTAINABILITY GARDEN WALL DISPLAY (DC)	TREE TOP ADVENTURE TRIP (E)	BUGTASTIC DAY (DC)

Mon 6 Oct

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

School's back!

Enrol for
Before and After School Care
at oshc.ymca.org.au

Activities are appropriate for ages 5–12
Day Camp - (DC) Excursion - (E)
Visitor (V)



Boolaroo Centre
Boolaroo School Cn Main & Third Road, Boolaroo
Phone: 49081074 or 0448117913
Email oshc.boolaroo@ymca.org.au or Fax: 49081074
oshc.ymcansw.org.au



Flu season is here!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More

information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Banish the "I'm bored" complaints these holidays

It's harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do these school holidays, whether you're staying put or taking off on a holiday across the state:

[Destination NSW](http://bit.ly/1niJ7sI) (<http://bit.ly/1niJ7sI>)

[Winter school holidays in Sydney](http://bit.ly/1nQsVC6)

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[School holidays in Newcastle](http://bit.ly/1nJlpg) (<http://bit.ly/1nJlpg>)

[Winter school holidays Central Coast](http://bit.ly/1ingSwX)

(<http://bit.ly/1ingSwX>)

[Attractions for kids in regional NSW](http://bit.ly/1IE8vMw)

(<http://bit.ly/1IE8vMw>)

[Sydney Olympic Park – What's On](http://bit.ly/1IXUJ7Z)

(<http://bit.ly/1IXUJ7Z>)

[Australian Museum](http://bit.ly/1uEBhxD) (<http://bit.ly/1uEBhxD>)

[Movie Reviews – Raising Children Network](http://bit.ly/1pKNjb6)

(<http://bit.ly/1pKNjb6>)

[Kids Camps – NSW Sport and Recreation](http://bit.ly/1hWxTra)

(<http://bit.ly/1hWxTra>)

Keep brains ticking over these holidays

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don't forget www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here's where you'll find the free app to download: <http://bit.ly/Q9ezOG>