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**27<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

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## Principal's Message

I always forget how busy Term 4 gets. There's a lot happening this term and if you blink you may just miss it.

### Kinder Orientation

It was sensational last week to see a fantastic group of pre-kindergartners starting their first day at "big school." Mrs Doodnath was feeling very lucky to have such a settled group, just as I feel very lucky to have these students coming to our school.

There is always room for a few more. If you know someone who has a child ready for kinder next year make sure you let them know about our transition program. Wouldn't it be great to have two whole classes of kinder next year? Get out there, spread the word and help our school grow!

### PBL Expo – We're "On Tour"

Whilst out and about in the playground I snapped this newsletter's banner photo and feel it really demonstrates what makes our school special. It shows the inclusiveness upon which, here at SPPS, we pride ourselves upon, our students from kinder to year 6 playing happily together.

Blue Gum's new version of the PBL Rap video made its premiere. If you haven't seen the link on our school website or Facebook, you can watch this great video on YouTube. (Well done, Blue Gum!)

<https://youtu.be/Jn4QBoR9jHc>

Our executive PBL team gave a great presentation talking about the fantastic journey SPPS experienced this year. Indeed they did such a great job that we have been invited to present again at Port Macquarie in November.

## Police Visit

Our senior students from Casuarina and Blue Gum class were lucky last week to have a visit from Senior Constable Dayna Steel from the NSW Police Force. As students from Blue Gum wanted to know more about policing and how to become an officer, Snr Constable Steel spent two hours with the classes, sharing her knowledge about policing. It also tied in well with the anti-drug unit that Blue Gum had been studying this term, as they were able to ask lots of first hand questions.



Students also had the chance to sit in the squad car and have a look at some of the equipment police officers use.





### P&C Meeting

Our P&C meeting was another great example of our community working together, what a P&C should be (working to support the school) especially when Mr Szczudlo surprised us all with a platter of food.

During the meeting a lot of planning went into the event for 4<sup>th</sup> December – our “Christmas Family Fun Fest”, which will include markets and inflatable rides as well as carols and entertainment. If you’re interested in lending a hand on this great night please let our P&C know.

The P&C is our community voice and often at meetings new ideas for our school are discussed. Last meeting we looked at a draft for a new school song. This new song captures our PBL expectations of *safe, respectful, responsible, achievers* while taking out dated things like the previous school motto which was in Latin and takes some Googling to translate.

Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November so come along, get involved in your child’s school and give the community a voice in the school.

Have a great week

Chris Payne  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Kinder Orientation 8.45am-11.30am
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kinder Orientation 8.45am-11.30am
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Environmental Workshop

	<b>Cedar/Blue Gum</b>
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder Orientation 8.45am-11.30am
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder Orientation 8.45am-11.30am
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Teddy Bears Picnic K-2 Students & Families to Join our 2016 Kinders at Speers Point Park

### Building stronger and smarter ties in Cedar through Positive Behaviour for Learning



The Cedar class have admitted that unity is the key in building a stronger and smarter classroom and school ties. Whether we’re talking about before, during or after school, it’s essential that we get everyone on board and headed in the right direction with a shared vision, focus, purpose and goal. When Cedar unites they’re able to succeed together and are an unstoppable force of growing minds and respectful citizens of the world.

It’s not easy to bring varying ages of students together and in Cedar we’ve been doing all we can to be responsible for each other and to lead by example. Cedar has done this through the school’s successful Positive for Behaviour Learning (PBL) program and many social skill building activities. So far this term Cedar has engaged in ‘Fun, Fair and Safe Play’ and are currently learning about ‘Being Cool, Calm and Collected’. Term 4 acts as the stepping stone into the following school year and the Cedar class will be doing everything possible to unite and support one another in achieving our short and long term goals.





The positive and negative news is that there are hundreds of negative forces and factors that can block Cedar's teamwork, unity and success. The good news is that unified teams show us it is possible to overcome them and enable each student to learn and grow off each other, as ALL members of Cedar have something to contribute to each other in the form of being an 'Achiever', 'Responsible', 'Respectful' and 'Safe'. The PBL program at Speers Point PS has allowed Cedar to learn new skills about each other in adhering to the school values and being able to utilise them in everyday situations by creating lifelong learners.

We are Cedar!



Jacob Szczudlo  
Class Teacher

### Environment News

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, students at SPPS watched a great environmental show the 'Bubble and Super Squirt Water Saving show' sponsored by Hunter Water. The show was very entertaining and also contained an important message on ways to save water and how to care for the environment.

Last week the Environmental ministers, Shakayla Cooper and Nicolas Lambert, represented the school at the Lake Macquarie City Council school environment awards. Our school received a \$50 Bunnings voucher and an environmental pack.

Di Wood  
Environmental Coordinator



### Term 4 Week 4 Class Awards



#### AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

##### Eucalypt

Ryan K  
Kirra G

##### Waratah

Abbie C

##### Casuarina

Cayden H

##### Wattle

Coby G  
Elijah C

##### Cedar

Hayden C  
Hailee W

##### Jacaranda

Zavier H

#### EXPECTATION AWARD

##### Eucalypt

Tristen R

##### Casuarina

Kyle C

##### Jacaranda

Bailey C

##### Wattle

Dylan P

##### Cedar

Taleaha H

##### Waratah

Jaycob G-H

#### TOKEN TIN

##### Eucalypt

Cooper C  
Kirra G

##### Waratah

Abbie C

##### Casuarina

Kyle C

##### Jacaranda

Molly H  
Coby G

##### Wattle

Eve H  
Harrison C

##### Cedar

Miah M  
Jake B

##### Blue Gum

Levani B  
Sindy R  
Harley T

## Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will only be opened on Monday/Tuesdays 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 for processing. Order forms are located in our office foyer.

Thank You

## Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Isaac M 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Terook M 31<sup>st</sup>  
Lacey S 31<sup>st</sup>  
Tristen R 6<sup>th</sup> November



## Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Rae
Thu 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Krystal & Bethany
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ali
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Kristy-Lee & Liz
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>

## Community News

**THE MUSIC BUS**

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## Yoga

Teralba Amateur Sailing Club  
Lakeside near Awaba House

0412 231461

[www.yogacircle.net](http://www.yogacircle.net)

yogacircle3@gmail.com

Monday -6pm

-7.30pm for beginners

Wednesday - 9.30am

-11am for beginners

Cost - \$15 per session



**Spring VEGETABLE GARDEN COMPETITION**



Get a chance to win Bunnings gift card  
1<sup>st</sup> prize \$100  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$50

Deadline of application: 6 November 2015  
Any questions contact Our Community Place Boolaroo  
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NOVEMBER  
11AM-3PM**

**\$2 ENTRY  
PER  
PERSON**

**BBQ  
CUPCAKES  
GAMES  
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MEMORABILIA DISPLAY  
AQUATIC CHALLENGER  
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Boolaroo Speers Point Swim club is turning 50 on 1 November 2015.

Come along relax, have some family, fun and fitness at Speers Point Pool, Park St Speers Point

Pluck a Duck race will be held on the day with cash and consolation prizes.

Come along and purchase a Family duck \$10, Corporate duck \$100. (includes Website advertising)

# When kids ask "the" questions... Interrelate has the answers!

**Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.**

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

## Session 1: Where did I come from?

1-hour session: years 3-6

## Session 2: Preparing for puberty

1-hour session: years 5-6

Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

**Date: Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.

Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.

