



# The Speers Point Star

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8<sup>th</sup> December 2015

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## Principal's Message

As I often do, today I'm quoting Dr Seuss for an obvious reason –

*How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?*

Yes we're into the final countdown before the end of the school year which is next Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. We finish the school year with the Year 6 clap out (and not on Friday like I mistakenly said at the Fun Fest).

## 2016 – A few changes coming

I was able to announce at our Presentation Assembly that due to the new principal classification system, that as of 2016 Speers Point Public School will go back to having a **non-teaching principal** (it's still me, I'm not going anywhere).

This is a great thing for our school as it means that I will be able to focus more time on the whole school. As I will no longer be teaching (I'm still trying to get use to that idea, teachers will be finding me hijacking classes at odd times I'm sure) it also creates a vacant position at our school which is currently going through the process of being filled.

Miss Bissett is being "borrowed" for 2016 by Ourimbah Public School and won't be with us next year. We congratulate Mrs Summers who was successful in gaining a permanent position at Belair Public School starting in 2016.

We wish Mrs Hissey all the very best as she is expecting her next child in January, and Miss Sheridan will also be leaving us at the end of the year, however with her

four children at the school we know Miss Sheridan will still be a big part of our school family.

Classes for 2016 have not yet been set, and on return to 2016 students will not be forming classes on the first day. This is to allow us to create the best option without having to re-shuffle students later.

## Family Fun Fest

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December was a magical evening for our Christmas Family Fun Fest and such a great atmosphere. There were wonderful performances from Phil McKnight, Lake Macquarie High School students and from Speers Point students, topped off with the carols "flash mob".







## Year 6 Farewell

I would like to congratulate our Year 6's on a fantastic Farewell the other night, but in saying that, congratulate all those who attended on such a great evening. Something new this year, we held the Farewell at Boolaroo Bowling Club and included some barefoot bowls. The kids had a great time.



This year has been an amazing rollercoaster; school successes, personal triumphs and one blasted tree through the office. As I said at the Fun Fest about what makes our school so special – it's your kids and our excellent staff that make our school so special. Add into the mix all those different people that contribute and we see that our school is not the buildings, it is the people. I am very proud of what our students have accomplished this year.

It's impossible to thank everyone singularly, so please know to all those who have helped our school in some way this year that I greatly appreciate the support.

There are some very exciting changes coming to our school next year, some improvements to our teaching and learning programs and to the school itself.

Take care over the holidays, we're looking forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Have a great break!

Chris Payne  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 4 Year 6 Clap out 2:45pm
	<b>2016</b>
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Australia Day
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup>	Students Return for Term 1 2016
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	School Swimming Carnival at Speers Point Swimming Pool

## TERM 4 WEEK 8 CLASS AWARDS



### AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

**Eucalypt** Makayla W  
Kayla N

**Casuarina** Kyle C

**Jacaranda** Wyatt H

**Wattle** Dekota K  
Ananelle L

**Cedar** Chloe R  
Lacey S

**Blue Gum** Levani B  
Bianca G

### EXPECTATION AWARD

**Eucalypt** Cooper C

**Waratah** Isaac McG

**Casuarina** Cayden H

**Wattle** Eve H

**Cedar** Raphael K

**Blue Gum** Tyra B

### PBL TOKENS

**Eucalypt** Alex B  
Laya J

**Casuarina** Oliver D  
Chris B

**Jacaranda** Xavier H

**Wattle** Rileigh J  
Anabelle A-W

**Cedar** Ella A  
Hayden C  
Atalia S

**Blue Gum** Levani B  
Lillian H  
Jesse M

### Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

December		January	
Hayden C	4 <sup>th</sup>	Korey G-S	4 <sup>th</sup>
Aiden H	8 <sup>th</sup>	Isaac A	11 <sup>th</sup>
Blake M	10 <sup>th</sup>	Jamyn W	12 <sup>th</sup>
Elijah C	11 <sup>th</sup>	Jaiden C	15 <sup>th</sup>
Syreece M	11 <sup>th</sup>	Jesse M	15 <sup>th</sup>
Chris B	14 <sup>th</sup>	Ryley S-F	21 <sup>st</sup>
Max H	16 <sup>th</sup>	Chloe C	22 <sup>nd</sup>

### December

Blake J 20<sup>th</sup>  
Jake S 31<sup>st</sup>

### January

Zavier H 27<sup>th</sup>  
Annabelle A-W 28<sup>th</sup>  
Austin P 29<sup>th</sup>  
Raphael K 31<sup>st</sup>



### Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rae
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Krystal & Bethany
Mon	CLOSED
Tue	CLOSED
Wed	CLOSED due to CLEANING

A big Thank You! to our wonderful volunteers who donated their time on Canteen this year.

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#### 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 3-6 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.

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## Community News

### ULINGA NETBALL CLUB

Cross Street Cardiff South 2285

C/: 8/117 Minmi Rd Wallsend 2287

Mob: 0423 323 393

Registrations for the 2016 winter netball competition will be held on Saturday 30.1.16 10-12pm at Ulinga Netball Courts, Cross Street Cardiff South.

Prices are: 5-10 years \$182

11 - 17 years \$190

Senior \$220

Uniforms are to be purchased through the netball shop online at a cost of \$75.

For more information please contact the club on 0423 323 393 or our facebook page.



### TNT -TIGHTEN-N-TONE PERSONAL-N-GROUP TRAINER

1 HOUR GROUP SESSION'S MONDAY TO FRIDAY

3 SESSION'S AVAILIABLE 6.15AM 9.30AM 6.15pm

At Boolaroo

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THURS: BELLY BUTT AND THIGH'S/ FRI: MIXING IT UP

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**SATURDAY BOOTCAMP COMING SOON**



### Taking Bookings for 2016

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Wishing our Community and friends a  
Merry Christmas and a safe and  
Happy New Year!

