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17<sup>th</sup> February 2015

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## Principal's Message

### Safety Entering & Exiting the School

As a lot of students and community use Bell St as their entrance and exit to the school, it's an important time to remind everyone of our safety procedures as the driveway is also in use at that time.

A few points have risen that require community support in order to allow our students to arrive and leave safely, especially in the afternoons.

- A new two-bell system is being used in the afternoons. A first bell rings at 2:55pm for students to line up in their departure lines. A second bell rings at 3pm for dismissal.
- Students not with carers walk out with a supervising teacher. To ease congestion on the ramp, the Bell St line walks around the library.
- Pedestrians to Bell St, please use either the office veranda or grass next to the access road. **Please do not walk down the access road** as this is used by vehicles for support student transport.
- If you have arranged to pick up your child from Main St, please have them wait with the escorting teacher (usually Mrs Doodnath).
- Bikes, scooters, skateboards etc are not to be ridden in school grounds. If your child is using them as transport for school please ensure they are wearing the correct safety gear. Once they arrive at school they are expected to walk with their bike or scooter.

### Electronic Devices at School

The blanket rule we have is that we specify no electronic devices at school, including iPods and mobile phones. This is for student safety and protection of the devices itself.

In those rare circumstances where a child may need to bring a mobile phone, the phone needs to be handed in to the office in the morning and collected in the afternoon.

### Attendance

Our school day starts at 9am. All students are required to start school at this time. This year will be a time that I am chasing down not only high absenteeism, but partial attendance concerns as well.

We have a number of great education programs at Speers Point this year, but if students are not here, we cannot teach them.

Here's the thing - we are here to help. We know students can like their sleep a little too much or deliberately misplace their left sock. We're here to work with you with support and ideas to help make sure students are here, on time and engaged in learning.

What classifies as "good attendance"? 12 days. If a student has no more than 12 days absent in the year, they have a very solid attendance rate. A great idea is to keep track on a calendar.

### High Expectations

In this newsletter we have some information regarding some updates to our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) systems including Resolution Room (formerly known as detention) and the classroom consequence guide. Please take the time to read these carefully as it details some of the changes to our systems.

We want all of our students at school to be happy, safe and willing to learn. We have a high expectation that other students will not impact on the safety, happiness

or learning of others or themselves. Our new procedures are supporting this goal.

Be on the look-out in future newsletters as we also detail the increase to positive systems where we are creating more recognition for students who are making positive behaviour choices.

### Swimming Carnival

Congratulations Fraser House on your stunning victory at this year's Swimming Carnival. It was a truly wonderful day with the weather being very kind to us. While our Primary students showed great heart in the main pool, it was great to see our Infants having a go as well.

Chris Payne  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

Date	Event
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Zone Swimming Carnival
18 <sup>th</sup>	Rugby League Blitz
24 <sup>th</sup>	School Assembly 2pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Scripture
26 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome to SPPS Disco 6pm-8pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Clean Up Australia Day



Congratulations to the following students who were lucky enough to have their token drawn from their class token tins:

- Amelie, L
- Rileigh, J
- Austin, P
- Sophie, R
- Alex, B
- Henry, N

- Jaiden, C
- Oliver, D
- Declan, M
- Jake, B
- Brooke, B
- Braedyn, S
- Isaiah, W

Students are awarded tokens from staff for following our 4 expectations

- Respectful
- Responsible
- Safe
- Achiever

Tokens are then placed in class token tins and brought to fortnightly assemblies. Students are able to choose from either a lucky dip OR a canteen voucher. ALL tokens are then placed into the token box and once this box is full there will be a whole school reward.

In today's newsletter is a copy of the school's PBL Classroom Management Consequence Guide. We ask that you please take the time to read through and familiarise yourself with this guide and the procedures that will be followed at Speers Point Public School in regards to negative behaviour.

Throughout this term there have been a few changes to our PBL emblem. Staff and students have been involved in discussions around whether to keep our 'bee' or make the change to a 'pine tree'. Staff and students were asked to vote for which emblem they would like for PBL and the majority of the votes led to Speers Point PS making the change and now having a 'pine tree' as its emblem. The next step was to design what this would look like. Students in Blue Gum were asked to draw what they thought the 'pine tree' should look like. From this a few designs were created and taken to the students and staff and voted on. Now that we have our design, we will be enlisting the help of a graphic artist to create the final results.







## 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.

## Mosquito Plague

We have had an influx of mosquitos around our school grounds. For the students protection against these pests it would be advisable to use a repellent on the students before school as well as adding a roll on repellent in their schoolbag for use throughout the day. There are a number of natural repellents available from different outlets. Following is a homemade recipe.

### Homemade Mosquito Repellent

1/4 cup lemon juice  
3 - 1/2 tbsp vanilla extract  
15 drops of lavender oil

In a 500ml spray bottle combine the lemon juice, vanilla and the lavender oil. Fill the rest of the bottle with water and shake.



## Birthdays

Wishing the following student a very Happy Birthday!

Courtney Kew

21<sup>st</sup> February



### Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Raelene N & Ali
Thu	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Kristy, Elizabeth P & Ali
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mandy P
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bethany & Crystal

## Community News



Fair Play OOSH & Vacation Care at Boolaroo Public School

**NOW** Servicing the local children & families of Lake Macquarie area Before school care 7 – 9am (Breakfast included)  
After school care 245 – 6pm (Afternoon Tea Included)

School Drop off and School Pick up now commencing at your school **NOW**

Contact our friendly staff for more information Ph: **0478 106 602**  
Email: [boolaroo@fairplayoosh.com.au](mailto:boolaroo@fairplayoosh.com.au)

Located at Boolaroo Public School Main Road, Boolaroo, NSW

**GLENDALE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB (GLENDALE GORILLAS)**  
**REGISTRATIONS FOR 2015 UNDER 6'S – UNDER 17'S**

The registration days are:

Sunday 8 February 2015, 10am - 1pm

Sunday 15 February 2015, 10am – 1pm

Edgeworth Sport and Recreation Club (formerly Edgeworth Bowling Club).

### Sharp Piano Lessons

Experienced teacher 35 years (7<sup>th</sup> grade A.M.E.B.)

Beginners only

\$25 per half hour



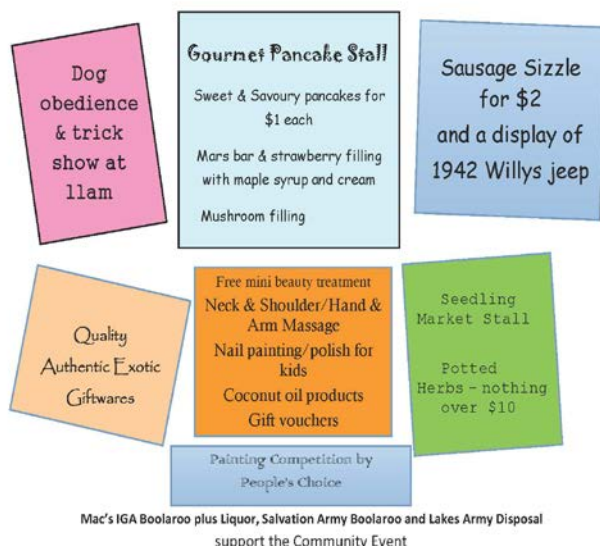
All enquiries phone Ian 042 4469852

Gourmet Pancake Saturday (GPS) by Our Community Place  
is joined by local businesses and organisations in a

## Boolaroo Fun Fair

Community Event in Main Road Boolaroo (Front of IGA & Salvos)

28<sup>th</sup> February 2015 Saturday 9am - 2pm



## WARNERS BAY JUNIOR AFL CLUB



Feighan Oval, Seaman Ave Warners Bay  
2015 Registration Dates at Feighan Oval  
Tuesday 17th February 4.30pm – 6.30pm

NAB Auskick - 5 Years to 9 Years

\$75 (includes 2015 Auskick Pack)

Juniors - 9 Years to 17 Years

\$160 for 1st child (includes \$20 Club Uniform  
Shop Voucher)

\$150 for 2nd child (includes \$20 Club Uniform  
Shop Voucher)

\$140 for 3rd child (includes \$20 Club Uniform  
Shop Voucher)

New Players receive a Club Polo in-place of the  
Voucher

Youth Girls - 12 Years to 16 Years

\$60 (includes Shorts & Socks)

Register On-Line – [www.warnersbay.org.au](http://www.warnersbay.org.au)

For further information please contact Julie  
Ferguson on 0402 329 902

## Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is  
to understand the school culture and what your child is  
doing in the classroom.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>



## Play Baseball

### History

Toronto Junior Baseball Club was formed in 1972. We are located on the western side of Lake Macquarie with our home ground is Waterboard Oval, Fennell Crescent, Blackalls Park.

We Provide a range of baseball activities for boys and girls with age groups between five and 16 years of age.

### About the Game

Baseball is a winter sport in our area. The season commences in April and finishes in September.

Tee ball for kids from five to nine years of age and Baseball for kids, from 10 to 16 years, is played on Saturday mornings.

### Registration Details

#### Juniors - 5 - 16 yrs

To find out more information about the junior competition and or to register, please contact

Ian Mackey on  
[ian@crebngrowth.com.au](mailto:ian@crebngrowth.com.au)  
or call 0414 496 493

#### Seniors - 17+

To find out more information about the Seniors competition please contact

Pete 0411 183 145  
or Joe 0439 697 062





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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

PBL is a consistent school-wide system of support that helps teach and support appropriate student behaviours, creating a positive school environment.

Our school has recently revised our PBL Systems. Part of this review included our Classroom Management Consequence Guide. The PBL Classroom Management Consequence Guide has been attached for your information. We feel it is important to highlight and educate our whole school community about this guide and the behaviours expected within Speers Point Public School.

The PBL Classroom Management Consequence Guide also shows the consequences or actions that are taken as a result of a child's inappropriate behaviour choice.

We will also be implementing a **Resolution Room**, previously known as detention. During resolution time students and teachers will identify the behaviour as well as a plan to correct the behaviour.

## Resolution Room Procedure

As part of the Resolution Room procedure:

- A letter will be sent home indicating your child has attended Resolution Room and the letter will also outline what they did.
- At the bottom of the letter there will be a slip that needs to be returned to school, the **NEXT** day acknowledging you have read the letter.

Upon attending Resolution Room a second time, within any one week period the following will happen:

- A letter will be sent home indicating your child has attended Resolution Room and the letter will also outline what they did.
- At the bottom of the letter there will be a slip that needs to be returned to school, the **NEXT** day acknowledging you have read the letter.
- Phone contact by the classroom teacher/executive.




Upon attending Resolution Room a third time, within any one week period **OR** the involvement in a significant dangerous choice EG violence or serious threat of violence to staff or students, deliberate intimidation, inciting violence, seriously impacting on the safety of students and/or staff, the following will happen:

- A letter will be sent home indicating your child has attended Resolution Room and the letter will also outline what they did.
- At the bottom of the letter there will be a slip that needs to be returned to school, the **NEXT** day acknowledging you have read the letter.
- Phone contact and a parent/carer, teacher, executive interview arranged.
- A warning letter of suspension.
- A Behaviour Plan developed.

Your input is valued. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact the school via email, letter or phone to discuss.

# PBL Classroom Management

## Consequence Guide

<p style="text-align: center;">Ready to learn – Green Plate</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Verbal warning given before moving to Blue Plate).</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>Everyone starts here each session.</p> <p>State expected behaviour when giving warning about student moving to Blue Plate if their undesired behavior continues.</p> <p>Undesired behaviour may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avoidance</li> <li>• Distracting others</li> <li>• Calling out</li> <li>• Not playing safely</li> <li>• Out of bounds</li> <li>• Loitering after the bell</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">Stop! Think! Do! – Blue Plate</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>If student continues to participate in undesirable behaviour</p> <p>State expected behaviour required after name/photo is now placed on Blue Plate.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Reflect and improve – Orange Plate</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>Continued non-compliance.</p> <p>Reminder to get behaviour back on track.</p> <p>State expected behaviour required after placing student on Orange Plate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Student is then to move to “Reflection Area” in the classroom.</b></p>

Exit to Buddy Class – Red Plate



Repeated misbehaviour OR participation in behaviours such as

- Put downs
- Trying to get others in trouble
- Misuse of equipment

**Sent to designated Buddy Class.**

Dangerous choice! – Purple Plate



Sent immediately to Principal / Exec due to dangerous behaviour OR refusal to go to Buddy Class

Dangerous behaviour to include the following:

- violence or serious threat of violence to staff or students
- deliberate intimidation
- absconding
- inciting violence
- throwing projectiles

Immediate attendance at Resolution Room

**NB Bringing weapons to school will result in immediate suspension.**