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## Principal's Message

"The crisis of today is the joke of tomorrow" – HG Wells

So let's start with a joke:

A guy was sitting at home when he hears a knock at the door. He opens the door to find a snail on the porch so he picks up the snail and throws it as far as he can. A year later, there's another knock at the door. He opens it and sees the same snail. The snail angrily says, "What was that all about?"

And for me, that sums up the last few weeks. A storm came through and threw us about. Weeks later I'm still here asking "What was that all about?" But we laugh about it now.

So let's get to the good news. We've overcome, adapted and improvised very quickly after the initial shock to ensure our school was ready as quickly as possible for students to return safely. I owe that to our wonderful staff who have ensured, despite relocations and loss of resources, the seamless continuation of our school.

Our "new" office as you know is located in the top block off Main Rd, and Mrs Bowtell and Mrs Searl are very happy in their new office while some of our vacant learning spaces have been temporarily transformed for staff needs.

Our administration block has been "made safe" which basically means it's been stripped and what was left of our items and furniture now sit in a pile in the middle of the hall. There's no power and no water to the building and as there are still concerns around trees down there the area remains fenced off for safety reasons.

We've been informed that repairs should begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and completed by our return from holidays in July. It is a huge job as many walls and sections of ceiling need replacing as well as new carpet for the entire building. We are hoping nothing delays these works.



### Technology Back and Functional (*mostly*)

Due to the damage of the storm as you know we lost our phones, servers, data cabling and the entire infrastructure to run the technology that we have all become dependent on.

As of last week, 4 weeks to the day, the final server came back up online. We're still working around some oddities in the system, but generally all systems are back and firing. For a lot of us we've effectively lost near 5 weeks in administrative time, and puts a bit more pressure on to ensure such things as end of semester student reports are ready in time.

### Pedestrian Crossing

Thank you to our P&C Vice President, Sharon Clifford, for speaking to the Star Newspaper which appeared front page last week.

#### Speedsters cause chaos at Speers Point Public School | PHOTOS

By GEORGIA OSLAND May 18, 2015, 5:48 p.m.



WORRIED MUM: Speers Point Public School P&C vice-president Sharon Clifford stands on the school's Main Road crossing.

This was part of a positive campaign to get the message out to our wider community. 99% of our school community have been very vigilant with our crossing, but it's those drivers.

We had put the article up on our school Facebook page and it has been our most seen post to date with almost 4200 different users seeing the post in their feed.

### P & C Change of Day

We've had a lot of feedback from different people who have expressed their wishes to be involved with P&C meetings, but can't attend on Tuesday nights. This term we are trialling alternating between the Tuesday and Thursday nights. Our next meeting on **THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm**, meeting up in the top block.

### Excursion – Yr 3/4/5/6 Camp

The note (finally) went home yesterday with further information regarding our school camp this year for students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Initial advice was back in the Wk 6 newsletter last term, however the details didn't come through to the start of term and we all know how that turned out.

Camp is at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre, and is at a final cost of \$250 per student. This includes accommodation, transport and meals. We've been able to work the price a little so it is still the same cost as our last camp 3 years ago.

Student assistance with the excursion may be available and enquires should be made through our office. People are able to pay in instalments if they wish.

Further information, such as medical notes and what to pack will come out as the camp date of August 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> approaches.

### State Champions

It's fortunate we are a school that gets to boast about having a state champion. Here at Speers Point we get to boast about three! Previously, both Ebony Demir and Jesse have completed at state levels (Ebony in Gymnastics, Jesse in 100m Athletics). Now, we add Braedyn Slomka, state Soccer representative to that list.

To help Braedyn reach the team in Bathurst, we are having a special "jersey day" fundraiser tomorrow (Wednesday) where students can wear footy, soccer or other sporting jerseys for a gold coin donation.

Good luck, Braedyn!

### Final Word

Thank you to our parents and community members for your patience and understanding over the last month. We have been working diligently to continue the smooth operation of the school but sometimes things like to move to a different beat of the drum.

We got knocked down. But we got up again.

Have a great week.  
Chris Payne  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

| Date                      | Event                                          |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> June | Entertainment Book Note Return                 |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>       | Public Holiday                                 |
| Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>       | Assembly                                       |
| Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>      | P&C Meeting 6.30pm Meeting up in the Top Block |

### Silver for Soft fall Fundraiser



This term the school community will be focused on raising funds to install new soft fall under our play equipment to improve the safety for our students. Each class will be given a jar that they need to fill with silver coins throughout the term. The class with the highest total at the end of the term will be able to have an afternoon at Speers' Point Park under the supervision of their teachers. Students are encouraged to ask family, friends and relatives for any loose change that will greatly benefit our cause.



### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

**Monday** 8.30am – 9.30am  
**Tuesday** 8.30am – 9.30am

**Please note:** School hats may be purchased from the school office at any time. Please have **correct money/cheque** with all orders and place in a sealed envelope. **For outside of opening hours** your orders will

be processed and a phone call will be made for you to come and pick your order up from the office or to be sent home with your child. Please make sure all your child's uniforms are marked with their name.

**We now have all our uniforms in stock.**

### Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

|            |                        |
|------------|------------------------|
| Jordan B   | 30 <sup>th</sup> April |
| Honey B    | 4 <sup>th</sup> May    |
| Matthew P  | 6 <sup>th</sup>        |
| Jake B     | 8 <sup>th</sup>        |
| Declan M   | 11 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Hendrix J  | 14 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Harrison C | 16 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Luca D     | 21 <sup>st</sup>       |
| Sydney D   | 22 <sup>nd</sup>       |
| Ryan K     | 23 <sup>rd</sup>       |
| Kirra G    | 25 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Atalia S   | 1 <sup>st</sup> June   |
| Liam D     | 5 <sup>th</sup>        |



### Canteen Roster

| Date                     | Volunteer             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> May | Mandy D & Ali         |
| Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>     | <b>CLOSED</b>         |
| Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>     | Bethany J & Krystal R |
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June | <b>CLOSED</b>         |
| Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | <b>CLOSED</b>         |
| Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | Rae N & Bronwyn       |
| Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>      | <b>CLOSED</b>         |
| Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>      | Kristy & Liz P        |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>      | <b>Public Holiday</b> |
| Tue 9 <sup>th</sup>      | <b>CLOSED</b>         |

\*Please let Ali know if you are unable to volunteer for your day or would like to make a change. 0415 239 822



## Community News



Brand New Dance Studio!!

7 Aluminium Close

Edgeworth

Ph: 4958 6430

We offer Jazz, Tap-P.D.A. Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Mini Groovers (2-5 yrs) & Performance Troupe

**Classes start at \$12 each**

Come along and join in on all the fun!

[info@therhythmfactory.com.au](mailto:info@therhythmfactory.com.au)

### Is your child making friends at school?

Kids who get on at school tend to be more engaged in learning. Here are some ideas on how to help your child with social skills:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning>

### Mastering spelling

Are you checking your child's weekly spelling homework? Try talking to your child about how you spell, and what you do when you don't know how to spell a word. Here's some advice about how to help your child master spelling.

Find out more: [www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing)



### 1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

*Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old*

A three-session program for parents and carers at Nar-un-bah Schools as Community Centre

Fennell Bay Public School

on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June at 10am-12 midday.

#### Learn:

- ✓ To engage your children's cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
- ✓ To set clear expectations and help children develop frustration tolerance
- ✓ To help children's brains to develop filters for behaving well
- ✓ To resolve family conflict quietly
- ✓ Some simple strategies to practice being a calm parent

The course is free with limited places for child minding.

**Register for this course by contacting:**

Jen at Nar-un-bah on 4959 6140 or Louise at Wesley on 4950 5479

#### What people are saying...

*What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!*

*I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control*

#### Who is running it?

The course is being presented in partnership between Nar-un-bah Schools as Community Centre and Westlakes Family Centre Wesley

The presenters for this course are licensed practitioners of Parents' 1-2-3 Magic @ Emotion Coaching

For more information contact Jen on 4959 6140 or Louise on 4950 5479

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

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