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**4<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Principal , Chris Payne

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## Principal's Message

It's great to see the activity down in our admin block, as the repairs are underway. Over the last week the trusses have gone in, along with the gyprock and half the internal painting. At this stage we're hoping to be back in to our Admin building at the start of Term 4.



## Athletics Carnival

This year, while crossing fingers and toes for clear weather, we held our Athletics Carnival at Wangi Oval. A different venue for us, seeing that Glendale had become too expensive. Best – Carnival – EVER! We had the highest attendance (by students and community!) with the highest participation by far!



These days just never happen on their own so it is a big thank you to Miss Elliott and Ms Bissett for their organisation and a thank you to the parents who donated the shades for the athletics carnival Mr & Mrs Carter, Mr & Mrs Lambert & A McIntyre, along with the great support of the P&C at the canteen.



## Education Week & Book Parade

Following from Athletics Carnival we had another super week with Education Week / Book Parade. Book Parade is always one of my favourite things, although by now I think I should have learnt to have a costume I can actually see out of. I was extremely proud of the students for their wonderful costumes and marching on Main St. I was



especially pleased to see that a number of parents joined the fun in dressing up this year (great work guys!)



All the great photos from book parade and athletics carnival are now up on our school website for viewing.


### Kinder 2016 Parent Information Night

I often get phone calls or comments from the greater community telling me that they've heard great things about our school. Let's face it – it's true – we do have an awesome school, with awesome kids taught by awesome teachers, supported by an awesome staff and an especially awesome community.




The comments that you have made to friends and family have worked and as a community you have done a great job in supporting us by "spreading the word" wide and far. I really want to encourage this so we can see our school grow and prosper.

On **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm** we will be holding our Parent Information Night for Kinder 2016. For parents with younger siblings about to start please don't think that you've heard it before, come along and get the word on the new stuff.

Many people will know the kids in their street that are ready to start Kinder next year. Please pass this information on to those new parents and get them to come and find out about the great things we do, and all about our Kinder Orientation Program.



## Speers Point Public School 2016 Kindergarten Orientation



### Parent Information Night



6pm, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015


*Come and find out more about the wonderful opportunities our school has to offer - you'll be impressed! Share coffee and a chat with the Principal, Chris Payne.*

#### Kindergarten Orientation Days

21<sup>st</sup> October, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November,  
11<sup>th</sup> November, 18<sup>th</sup> November and 25<sup>th</sup> November

These days are for 2016 Kindergarten students to experience a real session in Kindergarten. They will take place on a Wednesday from 8:45am - 11:30am. More information to follow.



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 <https://www.facebook.com/speerspointps>

### Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club, kindly run and supported Pastor Pat and Pastor Antonia from the Full Gospel Church is a free service to students and is available from 8:30am to 8:50am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please be aware that these times need to be adhered to so if your child is intending on grabbing some toast it needs to be before 8:50am.

Have a wonderful week  
Chris Payne  
Principal

### Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Snr Netball Gala Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Excursion
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder Parent Information Night 6pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Zone Athletics
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Zone Athletics
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Myuna Bay Camp
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Students Return from Camp

### Jacaranda News

It has been a very busy and exciting start to Term 3. Last week, we participated in NADIOC day activities baking 'Jonny Cakes' (a type of damper) in class. They were delicious, 'Masterchef' watch out! We also participated in the school Athletics carnival.



Our recent novel study has been 'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown. It is the story of a boy who is flattened by a bulletin board and becomes 'flat' (he feels great and it doesn't hurt being flat). Stanley goes on lots of adventures. Our class and the teachers have been taking the Flat Stanleys, that we made in class, on lots of adventures and holidays. So far Flat Stanley has been photographed around Newcastle, Nashville, Universal studios, Hawaii, Cairns and has had a European vacation. We have enjoyed learning about the different countries he has visited and many pictures of his

adventures are displayed in our classroom. Thanks to everyone who has helped us make this such an amazing learning experience.







Di Wood  
Teacher Jacaranda

### PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

This year Mrs Young and Mrs Cobcroft have been leading the PBL team on a journey to reinvigorate PBL within our school and have it truly mean something to students and community. We've seen the inclusion of the Star Chart, FIT (Friday Incentive Time) time and other great reward systems to support and recognise the students.

Earlier this year, when looking at our expectations (Safe, Respectful, Responsible, Achievers) students had the opportunity to decide whether to keep the original "bee" mascots or update. After initially choosing to update to the pine tree which is more reflective of the school, many variations were created and we are now pleased to present our new PBL mascot / symbols.

We are still without a name for our "tree" mascot, so any suggestions would be greatly welcomed.

Achiever



Respectful



Responsible



Safe



THANK YOU

I would like to extend a warm thankyou to the parents, grandparents, relatives and carers who supported the cupcake and milkshake day last Tuesday. A special thanks to everyone who baked and provided cupcakes to sell on the day. Your generosity in providing and purchasing is very much appreciated and has certainly helped considerably in me being able to reach my goal of \$2000. This money will provide much needed funding for fully integrated cancer care and research at Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, using state of the art treatments and research facilities. The money raised on the day was \$324.45

Elizabeth Cobcroft

## Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Tyron G 12<sup>th</sup> August  
 Jaycob G-C 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Ciara P 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Jemma W 16<sup>th</sup>



## Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Ali
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mandy
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Rae & Michelle
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bethany & Krystal
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	CLOSED

## Reminders

### Earn & Learn

Just a reminder that our school is collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. You can drop them off in the box located in the office.

### Myuna Bay Camp

Payments need to be finalised Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

### Life Education Excursion

Payments for this excursion need to be finalised by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August.

### Payments

All payments are to be placed in a sealed envelope with the correct money along with the child's name as we do not keep change in the office

## 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. Orders outside of these times will be processed and a phone call to you will be made to let you know when items can be picked up.

## P&C News

We have had a busy start to Term 3 and we would like to thank everyone for supporting all the schools activities.

### Father's Day Breakfast

With Father's Day quickly approaching we will be holding our annual Father's Day breakfast on **Tuesday 1 September**, between 7.30– 9.00am. Please put this date on your calendar. Breakfast order forms will be sent home soon.

### Father's Day Stall

Each student will have the opportunity to buy a gift their special person at the Father's Day Stall on **Tuesday 1 September**. Gifts will range from \$2 to \$5.

### Upcoming Community Event

"SAVE THE DATE"

**Family Fun Fest** - Friday, 4 December 2015



### P&C Secretary

We currently have the position of Secretary vacant in our P&C Committee. If you would like to take on this role, we would love to hear from you.

### Next P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be in Week 8, on **Thursday, 3 September at 6.30pm**. Hope to see you there.

P&C Committee

## Community News



Have a look at all the great offers available for all OUT OF SCHOOL CARE GROUPS on offer at this year Mattara Festival of Newcastle.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September** is Mad Hatters Day with Workshops and Hat Parade on stage  
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** is Community & Cultural Day with Cultural Performances and Workshops  
**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September** is NBN Day with Big Dog and Picnic Races  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October** is KOFM Day with great prizes and a Free BBQ for lunch  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** is The Herald Sports Clinic day, free for all with many sports represented  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October** is Pets Day with free fossil digging and Pet Dinosaur Display

**Other offers available with Mattara are:**

Circus Avalon Circus in the Big Tent - \$2.50

Baby interactive Animal World - \$2.50 per child

4 hour Ride Pass - \$12.50

**Carers are free accompanying children.**

Kind regards

Kim Hillery  
Mattara Festival  
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### Rotary Club of Lake Macquarie The Lake Macquarie 2015 FIFA Gaming Tournament

Would you like to be crowned the 2015 Lake Macquarie FIFA Gamer of the Year?  
Join us for this open competition.  
Rounds, Semi Final & Final.  
\$10 per person (incl BBQ)  
Payment online here or Cash paid at PCYC Lake Macquarie.

PCYC Lake Macquarie Open Day  
Demonstrations including:

- Boxing
- Judo
- Archery
- Gymnastics
- Pipe Band

BBQ, cold drinks and coffee cart onsite.  
Proceeds to Rotary & PCYC.



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## Speers Point Public School   Term 3   Calendar   2015

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>4</b>	<b>3 August</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Assembly 2pm</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Snr Netball Gala Day</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>10</b> Yr 3-6 Myuna Bay Camp Payments Due Life Education Excursion	<b>11</b> <b>ICAS Maths</b> Parliament	<b>12</b> <b>Scripture</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Kinder 2016 Parent Information Night 6pm</b>	<b>14</b> Zone Athletics
<b>6</b>	<b>17</b> Zone Athletics	<b>18</b> <b>Assembly 2pm</b>	<b>19</b> Yr 3-6 Myuna Bay Camp	<b>20</b> Yr 3-6 Myuna Bay Camp	<b>21</b> Yr 3-6 Myuna Bay Camp
<b>7</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Parliament	<b>26</b> <b>Scripture</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1 September</b> <b>Father's Day</b> <b>Breakfast</b> <b>Assembly 2pm</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> P&C Meeting 6.30pm	<b>4</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Parliament	<b>9</b> <b>Scripture</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Recognition</b> <b>Assembly 10.30am</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Last Day of Term 3</b>  Students Return on the 6 <sup>th</sup> October