



Dear Parents/Carers,

Week 4 already! The end of the year is approaching very quickly. Term 4 is full of activities; transitions, swimming, reports, Family Fun Fest and Presentation Day just to name a few.

Let me say what a 'spooktacular' event the Halloween Disco was last Friday night. It was fabulous to see the effort, with costumes and make-up that everybody went to. All students and staff that attended thoroughly enjoyed the night! Thanks to the P&C for providing food and refreshments.

We look forward to our Grandparents/Grandfriends day which is to be held this Friday 4th November. Grandparents and/or Grandfriends are invited to join us at 1:30pm for afternoon tea outside the canteen. A special whole school assembly will then be held at 2:15pm in the hall.

It is that time of year again when we remind families of the Hat on, Play on rule supported at Speers Point. Students who are not wearing a hat will be asked to sit under the cola or are welcome to use the library on the days it is open. It is also important that students remember to bring a water bottle – it has been scientifically proven drinking water and brain function are linked. A well hydrated brain assists students with their learning in terms of memory and focus and can prevent headaches, sleep issues, anger and many more.

On Thursday 27th October Speers Point Public School welcomed our Kinder Koalas for the first time. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, smiles and fun that was had by our Kindergarten students for 2017. Mrs Doodnath and Mrs Hopton enjoyed the opportunity to get to know these students immensely and have been busy planning and preparing exciting and educational activities for them to participate in. If you know of any friends or family who have not yet been to see us, let

them know what an outstanding school we are here at Speers Point and encourage them to come to our transition program and experience our inclusive and supportive environment for themselves. Please ask them to come into the office and our lovely office staff would be more than happy to give them an enrolment package. Mrs Hopton and Mrs Doodnath would love to have some extra Kinder Koalas join us.

Have a super week!

Elizabeth Cobcroft

Relieving Principal

Upcoming Events

TERM 4 Week 4	
Wed 2 nd	Yrs 5 & 6 LMHS Visit
Thu 3 rd	Kinder Koalas 8.45am-1.30pm Gymnastics
Fri 4 th	Grandparents/Grandfriends Day School Assembly 2.15pm
Week 5	
Mon 7 th	Swim Scheme Yrs 5 & 6 LMHS Visit
Tue 8 th	Swim Scheme Yrs 5 & 6 LMHS Visit
Wed 9 th	Swim Scheme Final Visit Yrs 5 & 6 LMHS
Thu 10 th	Kinder Koalas 8.45am-1.30pm Gymnastics Swim Scheme
Fri 11 th	Swim Scheme Gymnastics
Week 6	
Mon 14 th	Swim Scheme
Tue 15 th	Swim Scheme
Wed 16 th	Swim Scheme
Thu 17 th	Swim Scheme

	<i>Kinder Koalas 8.45am-1.30pm</i>
<i>Fri 18th</i>	<i>Final Day for Swim Scheme</i> <i>School Assembly 12.40pm</i>
Week 7	
<i>Mon 21st</i>	<i>Shine Program</i>
<i>Thu 24th</i>	<i>Kinder Koalas 8.45am-1.30pm</i> <i>Gymnastics</i>
<i>Fri 25th</i>	<i>School Assembly 12.40pm</i>

STAGE 3 CANBERRA TRIP 2016



A huge THANK YOU to Mrs Butler, Miss Musialik and Mr Szczudlo who accompanied the Stage 3 students to Canberra. The excursion was a great success with everyone enjoying the three days in our Capital. Without the support of the teaching staff this excursion would not be available to the students. We began our journey in the wee hours of Tuesday morning, thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to send and see off their child with such an early start. Our bus driver 'James' was instrumental in making our trip everything that it could be from place to place. The first stop was Parliament House where Dominic was able to welcome in our mock session, being the Sergeant-of-Arms. We then rocked over to the Geoscience building completing activities that included recording a 'human-made' earthquake tremor. Our stomachs started to grumble and we were off to check into our accommodation at Canberra Carotel Motel. All students agreed that the chicken schnitzel dinner was the best on our trip. Wednesday saw an early beginning at the National Museum of Australia with Phar Lap's heart being a major talking point.

Canberra Excursion - Parliament and Civics Education Program

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in this visit, the Australian Government contributes funding through the Parliament and Civics Education rebate (PACER)

programme. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of our Civics and Citizenship Education at Speers Point Public School.

Reminders

Please finalise **Macquarie Cup Soccer payments** as there are still a number of payments outstanding. If unsure of the outstanding amount please call our office.

Gymnastics payments need to be finalised **ASAP**
Selective High School Information for Year 7 students
(enrolling in 2018)

Dear Parents/Carers,

If you are thinking of applying for your child to enrol in a government selective high school for Year 7 (entry in 2018) then you must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.

Key dates are as follows:

Tuesday 11 October 2016 – Application websites opens.

Monday 14 November 2016 – Application website closes. Late applications will not be accepted.

If you need further information please contact the High Performing Students Unit via

Telephone: 1300880367 or Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

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 uniform 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 up items from the office or these can be sent home with your child.

***Please make sure all your child's uniforms are marked with their name.**

Our School App Reminder

For anyone who has a smartphone our school uses the Skoolbag app as a means of being able to immediately communicate with our community or send out notes

and reminders. This is a free app that you can download from your app store by simply searching for "Speers Point Public School"



Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Tristan Rich	6 th November
Sean Ardle	13 th
Alaska Hitchcock	14 th



Halloween Disco



P&C News

Our Halloween Disco was held last Friday night. It was great to see so many wonderful costumes from students, teachers and parents. There was lots of dancing and fun had by all. Thank you to everyone who helped make this an enjoyable evening school event.

Afternoon Tea

Our new Kindergarten students for 2017 are currently doing their Koalas Transition Days. We would like to welcome them and their families to our school community by hosting a "Welcome to Speers Point PS Afternoon Tea" on Thursday, 1st December from 12.30pm -1.30pm, to provide an opportunity for new families to meet other families in our school community. We would like to extend this invitation to all parents and careers in our school to meet and help us welcome our new families to Speers Point PS.



Reminder of Upcoming Events

Family Fun Fest – Friday 2nd December 5pm – 8pm. This will be a great night to celebrate with music, inflatable fun, stalls, food etc. If you would like to hold a stall on the night please let us know. We would appreciate any help we can get to run the BBQ and also help volunteering on other small school stalls. This is a whole community event and everyone is invited, so please spread the word. If you would be able to put up some promotional flyers in the local community could you please ask at the office and we will get some flyers for you.



Jumbo Christmas Raffle

We will be holding a Jumbo Christmas Raffle this year which will be drawn at the Family Fun Fest. We really need your help to make this a success! All money raised will

go towards furniture for our school Library. Please see the green note for more information.

P&C Committee

Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 2 nd Nov	Christie Ward & Rebecca Ford
Thu 3 rd	CLOSED
Fri 4 th	Christie Ward & Alex Graham
Mon 7 th	CLOSED
Tue 8 th	CLOSED
Wed 9 th	Rae Nelson
Thu 10 th	CLOSED
Fri 11 th	Christie Ward & Alex Graham
Mon 14 th	CLOSED
Tue 15 th	CLOSED

*If unavailable for your day or would like to volunteer please call Alex 0413 590 583, Sheridan 0431135451 or Krystal 0400376220

Community News



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**SELF DEFENCE
OPEN NIGHT**

**You are invited to attend
a FREE TRIAL CLASS at
our upcoming Open Night**

GKR Karate is offering a limited number of
FREE TRIAL CLASS PASSES to students and
parents of the Speerspoint Public School

This will give you an excellent introduction into the
self defence and safety awareness benefits of karate training.
FREE family passes are also available.

Tuesday 8th November 6-7 pm
Booragul Public School
Asplinall Street Booragul

Call/text Cherie on 0421 555 462 to reserve your spot.
Limited spots available.

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