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2nd February 2016

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Principal's Message

It has been a fantastic start to our year and we're backing 2016 to be our best year ever. There are some brilliant new learning programs that we will be implementing over the year which will see the quality of our educational outcomes reach even greater heights.

New Staff

We're welcoming some new staff to our family this year. Mrs Bright and Miss Musialik who have previously worked casually at our school are joining our Support Unit.

It was very late last year that a new principal classification system came in that saw a school principal level based not just on the enrolment numbers, but on the needs of the school. Given the structure of our school with both mainstream classes and a support unit, our school is now rated for a non-teaching principal. After the last four years as a teaching principal at Speers Point, I've very grateful to be able to focus on one specialised role, rather than splitting myself between two.

(Mind you I'm far from ready to leave the classroom and have already told classes to be prepared that I will be randomly coming in and helping out with lessons.)

Relinquishing teaching duties created a new position at our school and we're pleased to have Miss Avery fill this role. We also have Miss Lorie joining us as a Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) who will be supporting students in the classroom and playground, with a focus on Eucalypt class.

Classes / Staff Roles

Classes were formed this week now that we have confirmed our enrolment numbers.

In our mainstream we have:

Eucalypt with Mrs Doodnath

Wattle with Mrs Cobcroft

Coachwood with Miss Avery

Cedar with Mr Szczudlo

In the Support Unit we have:

Casuarina with Mrs Wood

Jacaranda with Mrs Bright

Waratah with Miss Musialik (Monday to Wednesday) and Mrs Young (Thursday to Friday)

Mrs Young also takes on the role of Learning & Support Teacher (LaST) whose mission is to support both students and teaching in maximising student learning outcomes. Mrs Hopton is with us three days a week, Monday to Wednesday covering Library and RFF while Miss Stroud is taking on the Reading Recovery teacher role and RFF for the support unit.

EDI

Our school is implementing the Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI) pedagogy this year to further drive improvements to student learning outcomes. Over the last several years we have seen great results from our L3 program, but we want to be doing even better.

We are very fortunate to have Mr John Fleming, an EDI legend and Deputy Chair for AITSL (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership) working with us at our school in the implementation of EDI. – Yes it sounds like I'm name dropping here but it's a really, really big deal – like the education version of David Grohl or JJ Abrams working with us.

P&C AGM

Our first P&C meeting is on Tuesday 9th Feb (next week) at 6:30pm in the hall. As a number of our P&C exec from last year have “graduated” I’m looking forward to some new parents taking on the torch.

The function of the P&C is simply a collection of our school community who want to give that little bit more in helping us make our school great.

Communication

For our new parents, if you are not aware there are a number of ways we try and keep you up to date with what’s happening.

Besides our newsletter, we also have our school Facebook page and App. The app can be downloaded for free from your app store. A great feature of the app is that you can also submit absentee notes through it.

LMBR & POP

Early this term we will be announcing the activation of the POP service – Parent Pay Online. This will enable you to pay for such things as excursions online. We’ll be letting you know as soon as this service is ready.

Our region is also a launch pad for the new LMBR computer system which replaces our old (and I’m talking 1992 DOS based) system for finance and records. This will involve a lot of training, especially around Term 2 when it comes on line.

Captains and Sports Captains

I’d like to congratulate our new Captains, Vice Captains and Sports House Captains in taking on these great roles in our school this year.

Our school Captains are Jemma Webb and Kayleb Scott with Sindy-Lee Richards and Cayden Hitchcock as Vice Captains.



Our House Captains for 2016 include Lara Fernance (c) and Harley Thomas (vc) for Bradman, Dominic Burgin (c) and Kayleb Scott (vc) for Fraser, Tyra Boulton (c) and Ciara Palmer (vc) for Elliot and Jesse Moore (c) and Sharnie Allen (vc) for Jackson.

Have a wonderful week everyone
Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Tuesday 9 th Feb	P&C Meeting 6.30pm

Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Natalia Hearne	2 nd February
Gabriel Black	2 nd
Henry Nelson	8 th
Sindy-Lee Richards	13 th



Soaps & Sanitisers

Upon completion of our school’s yearly chemical register, we have decided to limit the ‘chemicals’ present within our school. The ‘chemicals’ we have looked at are things like;

- Hand soaps/sanitisers
- Glue
- Sunscreen
- Paint etc

In order to limit the number of different types of chemicals within our school, we have decided to use certain brands only. We are asking that students only bring the specified brands to school.

If you are able to, we would really appreciate donations of the following to help us restock the school with supplies for the students to use.

- Hand soap- **Aldi Tricare brand, Coles generic brand, Woolworths generic brand and Black and Gold brand ONLY (other brands can not be accepted)**
- Glue – **Bostick brand only (other brands can not be accepted)**

- Tissues – **any brand**

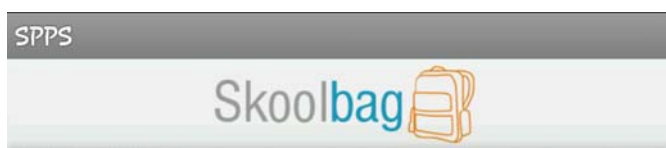
Thank you

Regards

Speers Point Work Health and Safety Team

School App

Our app is free from your app store (just search Speers Point Public School) if you haven't already downloaded it. On the front screen click the "eForms" menu



Please complete this form if your child has been sick or otherwise absent from school.

The school office may contact you to verify details.

Student First Name:	<input type="text"/>
Student Last Name:	<input type="text"/>
Student Class/Year:	<input type="text"/>

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 with water and shake.



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 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.

Green Permission Note

Please fill in front and back of the permission form and return to school ASAP. It is **vital** we have the correct information for all students.

P&C News

The P&C would like to welcome all our families back in 2016 with a special welcome to our new families, we hope you enjoy being part of our beautiful school community.

Our first P&C Meeting for 2016 is our AGM next Tuesday, 9th February at 6.30pm, in the school hall. A new committee will be elected, with the four executive positions open for nomination – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Our P&C is all about how the P&C can best help support the school and we run a couple of events throughout the year to raise funds to support with much needed resources for our students.

Thank you to our volunteers who attended the canteen meeting and ensuring that our canteen continues in 2016 to provide healthy option to our students. Volunteers are always welcome and greatly

appreciated. If you are able to help us in the canteen please let the lovely ladies in the office know.

P&C Committee

Community News

GLENDALE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB
(GLENDALE GORILLAS)

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2016

UNDER 6'S –UNDER 17'S

The registration days are:

Sunday 7 February 2016, 10am - 1pm

Sunday 14 February 2016, 10am – 1pm

Clubhouse, Bower Oval, Glendale (field opposite Domino's Pizza)

Ulinga Netball (Cardiff South) will be holding registrations on Saturday 13.02.16 from 10-12pm at Ulinga Netball Courts, Cross Street Cardiff South. Further information please phone Sally on 0423 323 393.

South Newcastle Junior Girls Hockey Club is looking for new players
Girls aged 4-18 and Boys 4-9

All training and games are played on the synthetic turf at Broadmeadow

Training is Mondays 4.15-5.15 starting 9th February 2016.
Come and Try/Registration day Monday 9th February 2016

Contact Sue Evans 0415 906 234

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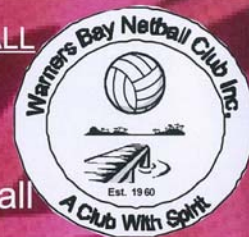
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WARNERS BAY NETBALL CLUB INC.

P.O BOX 885,
WARNERS BAY
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Come and Try Netball Day Clinic

On Saturday 13th February 2016

from 9am to 11am

At Warners Bay Netball Club
Charles Street, Warners Bay

Cost for Clinic: Free

Our Club is currently looking for players of all skill levels from 5 years to Seniors. So if you are aged 5 years to 12 years, new to netball or would like a preseason refresher then this Clinic is for you! No need to book just turn up wearing comfortable clothes and joggers with a water bottle and you are set to go.

Remember Netball is all about

FUN, FITNESS and FRIENDS....

Any questions please email .

warnersbaynetball@outlook.com

or call Susan on 0400 350 840



Good for Kids good for life

PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

Many products marketed as being a healthy lunchbox addition can be high in sugar and fat, and low in nutrients. Here are some healthy options to consider swapping in your child's lunchbox:

- An apple or banana instead of a fruit roll-up.
- Swap chips for unsalted air-popped popcorn.
- Include low-fat plain milk instead of drinks high in sugar such as sports drinks and fruit drinks with less than 99% juice.
- Swap sugary snacks, such as cake or biscuits, for a low-fat plain/fruit-based yoghurt.
- Use wholemeal or multi-grain bread instead of white bread for sandwiches.



PHONE 4924 6499

SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2015



Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must **NOT STOP your vehicle** at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

MAXIMUM PENALTY

\$319

+ 2 POINTS



Means that you have no more than **2 minutes** for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within **3 metres of your vehicle**.

MAXIMUM PENALTY

\$177

+ 2 POINTS



Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are **not allowed to stop your vehicle** unless you are driving a bus.

MAXIMUM PENALTY

\$319

+ 2 POINTS



DOUBLE PARKING

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

MAXIMUM PENALTY

\$319

+ 2 POINTS

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: \$319 + **2 points**, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: \$425 + **2 points**
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: \$177 + **2 points**
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: \$531