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Principal's Message

Speers Point Public School is now part of the newly formed group of schools known as Lake Macquarie Area Collegiate (LMAC). We are currently working with a group of schools from across the state around innovation.

By working together with our local schools (LMHS and its feeder primary schools) we are forming a vision for where we can lead education. By doing some things differently we are creating a truly fulfilling education for our students.

Today's workplace will look radically different, due to automation of the workforce. This will be up and running by the time our students graduate Year 12. (Because completing Year 12 markedly increases life opportunities).



(taken from "New Work Order")

So the challenge is on for schools to be able to prepare today's students for tomorrow's workplace. Yes it sounds clichéd but we are actively part of the Future Schools Project in looking how we can achieve that.

Late Arrivals

Each day we have a number of students arriving after 9am. To some people it may be "just a few minutes

late" but as our school rolls are a legal document we have to record all late arrivals. Like whole day absences, late arrivals are required to be explained by parents. Like whole day absences, we also get concerned when there is a pattern of late arrivals.

My top tips to prevent late arrivals:

- Hide the remote control the night before. TV is a big distraction in the morning. Reveal its holiday hiding spot only after your child is ready.
- Make the alarm clock really really loud and put it on the other side of the room. Once they're up out of bed to turn it off they're less likely to hit snooze
- Be prepared the night before. Have uniforms out and lunches made the night before for a quick get-away.
- If you're driving across from 5 Islands bridge stay in the left lane and come around from Seventh St.

Joint P&C Meeting

As part of the building our LMAC community, we are having the first joint P&C meeting over at Lake Macquarie High School this Thursday at 6pm.

This is creating fantastic opportunities for the LMAC schools to work together in creating better friendships and support between the schools. All are welcome to attend, even if you have never been to a P&C meeting before.

Clean Up Australia Day

It was great to have our Federal MP, Pat Conroy in to join us for Clean Up Australia Day. Students did a fantastic job (even though it was pretty tough to find rubbish in a school as clean as ours)



Word is that Mr Conroy was so impressed with our school that we are going to get a mention when he speaks in Parliament on Wednesday.

Search for a Champion – OMG!

I may get in trouble for announcing this one early but it's too exciting not to mention. We're on the search for a champion. We need to find a Daddy Warbucks.

It's been our mission over the last four years to improve our schools library. Our staff have done a fantastic job of that with the meagre resources we've been able to purchase. Our library looks a million times better than when I first saw it. BUT.... we can do more.

Mrs Hopton, the extraordinary person that she is, has linked in with the Premier's Reading Challenge and Dymocks Children's Charities for the "Book Bonus." Dymocks want to make us their poster child and give us monetary support.

Short version – if we have a "champion" willing to donate \$2000 for our library, then Dymocks will match it. If we get someone to lay a \$4000 grant on us, Dymocks will double the amount to \$8000. Better yet, Dymocks have made no cap on the limit they're willing to match.

Needless to say I've been doing blackflips over the possibilities for our library right now. Our next step is media – I'm currently preparing a plea to media to help us find our Daddy Warbucks or Bill gates, or Dick Smith (or two, or three). Watch this space – we're all very excited over what's to come.

JEDIs

Last newsletter I mentioned the Explicit Direct Instruction teaching strategies being implemented across Speers Point. It has been awesome to walk into different classrooms and see "warm-ups" happening. It was even more exciting to jump into Coachwood class and teach a warm-up myself (yes I'm missing having my own class.)

I do want to mention the great work Wattle class, and Mrs Cobcroft, are doing around EDI. It has been a wonderful thing to see the great teaching happening in that room, and in all of our classrooms.

Have a sensational week

Chris Payne

Principal

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Mon 21 st Mar	Harmony Day 12.55pm-2.55pm Parents Welcome
Tue 22 nd	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Thu 24 th	Easter Hat/Crazy Hair Day Interrelate Night
Fri 25 th	Good Friday
Mon 28 th	Easter Monday

School Payments

Payments for school purchases **will not** be processed between the 8th June and the 15th June due to our transitioning over to our new system. Please review the note that was sent home in week 4.

Westlakes PSSA Netball Trials



On Tuesday 1st March, Shakayla Cooper, Lara Fernance, Ciara Palmer and Jemma Webb took to the Wangi Netball Courts to trial for the 2016 Westlakes PSSA Netball team to compete in the Hunter Regional Championships. The future Australian Diamond players played multiple mini games to display their talents in hope of achieving a position on the team. "We all had fun competing, we did our best playing some challenging netball against the other girls" (Lake Macquarie West Schools), said Lara. The four members of the Cedar class did a fantastic job; especially Lara, who was able to make it through the first round of team cuts, but unfortunately none of them were successful in gaining selection for the Westlakes PSSA

team. The girls did Speers Point Public School and our community proud. Well done girls!

Mr Szczudlo
Sports Coordinator

Term 1 Week 7 Class Awards



AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Eucalypt

Declan Weston
Callum Dwyer

Casuarina

Isaac McGrath

Wattle

Jaiden Crooks
Azra Boulton

Waratah

Nicolas Lambert

Coachwood

Archie Taylor
Hayden Cumming

Jacaranda

Jacob Gundry-Hearne

Cedar

Jemma Webb
Raphael Keo

EXPECTATION AWARDS

Eucalypt

Natalie Hearne
Lachlan Wardley

Casuarina

Lucas Batjer

Wattle

Elijah Cassell

Waratah

Oliver Dobson

Coachwood

Sophie Rickards

Jacaranda

Cayden Hitchcock

Cedar

Hailee Weston
Jemma Webb

Harmony Day Celebrations – Monday 21st March Time: 12.55pm – 2.55pm

Parents and Grandparents are welcome to join in our Harmony Day activities followed by our special Harmony Day Assembly in the hall at 2pm.

A note will be sent out with more details – make sure you mark it on your calendars.

Mrs Cobcroft and Mrs Young



Environment News

Thankyou to everyone for their great work at our school's 'Clean up Australia Day'. We were happy to report that we only found a small amount of rubbish. We were joined on our clean up by the Honourable member for Charlton Mr Pat Conroy.





Last Friday two volunteers from the Warners Bay community garden group joined some of our senior students in our vegetable garden. They are hoping to help us in our gardens each Friday morning with weeding, planting and maintenance projects. This week we harvested some amazing sweet potatoes, thanks to Mrs Dobson's great planting earlier in the year.

If any parents or grandparents are interested in gardening and would like to join in please let the office know.

Di Wood
(Environment Coordinator)

Donations of new or second hand items wanted!

Kindergarten is looking for items in good to excellent condition to develop their role play areas including:

- Play kitchen & play kitchen items (aprons, picnic set, play food, table cloth, utensils, etc.)
- Large dolls & accessories. Large Teddy Bears.
- Play shop items (cash register, handbags, purses)
- Jobs sets (Doctors, Vet, Fire/Police)
- Small table and chairs

Please let Mrs Doodnath know if you can help!
Donated items may be dropped off in the area in front of the canteen (please let Mrs Doodnath or the office know).

Student Achievement!

Tristen Rich competed in the **2016 Bmx National titles** held in Bathurst last week on Thursday 3/3/16. He did exceptionally well finishing 4th in his first race then 3rd in his 2nd race and then 2nd place in both his 3rd and 4th races. Congratulations Tristen!



Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Lara Fernance	15 th March
Deegan Sandstrom	20 th
Mahlah Cassell	21 st
Cayden Hitchcock	22 nd
Wyatt Hogan	23 rd
Jack Livermore	26 th
Oliver Dobson	28 th

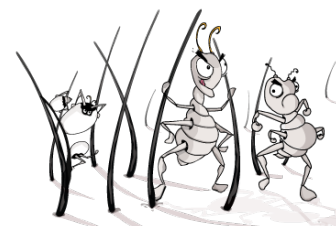


Head lice

We are asking all parents/carers to check their child's hair for Head lice on a regular basis. Here are some tips for you to read.

The facts

Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.



- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Treatment/Hints

- daily combing of hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)
- Olive oil/coconut oil will effectively smother and kill head lice.
- regularly check your children's hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

P&C News

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our "welcome to DISCO". It was a great night and lots of fun was had by all.

Thank you also to everyone helping with the 120 lunch orders for the cross country carnival. We greatly appreciate the time given to help out with these events that support our school and students.

REMINDERS and UP COMING EVENTS

Thursday 24th March, 2016 - Easter Hat/Crazy Hair Day Parade

Our P&C is supporting the school by organising the Morning Tea and Easter Raffle.

EASTER RAFFLE - DONATIONS

We would like to ask for donations of chocolate Easter eggs or other Easter items for the raffle. Donations can be left at the school office until Tuesday 22 March. We have had lots of community support and donations of raffle prizes, which include gift vouchers like wish cards, Kmart vouchers, dinning gift vouchers. Raffle tickets will be coming home this week, so get selling your raffle tickets. The Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat/Crazy Hair Day Parade.

Thank you for your support.

EASTER – HOT CROSS BUN PRE-ORDER

Preparation is already in place for the Easter Hat/Crazy Hair Day, which is on Thursday, 24 March. Our P&C is supporting our school by organising morning tea. Hot Cross buns can be pre-ordered using the attached note. Other cakes and gluten free sweets will be available to purchase on the day.

CANTEEN

Thank you to the volunteers in the canteen who attended the Canteen induction on Friday, 4 March. If you would like to help out in the canteen, we would love to have you help, please let us know.

NEXT P&C MEETING – Change of date

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 22 March at 6.30pm in the school hall. We apologise for the change from our regular time, but Lake Macquarie High School are holding a combined schools P&C meeting which clashes with our Week 8 meeting. We are hoping to bring you lots of exciting news from this combined schools P&C meeting.

P&C Committee

Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 16 th Mar	Christie & Tanya
Thu 17 th	CLOSED
Fri 18 th	Mandy D & Hayley
Mon 21 st	CLOSED
Tue 22 nd	CLOSED
Wed 23 rd	Rae & Jessica
Thu 24 th	CLOSED
Fri 25 th	Good Friday
Mon 28 th	Easter Monday
Tue 29 th	CLOSED

Please let either **Kristy-Lee 0400 709 559** or **Christie 0403 334 765** know if you are unavailable to volunteer on your day.

Easter Hat & Crazy Hair Day Parade

Thursday 24th March at 9.30am

You are welcome to stay after the parade to join your child for a special morning tea until 11.00am.

Please remember to send in your Hot Cross Bun pre-order forms. Other cakes and gluten free sweets will be available to purchase on the day. This year Kinder to Year 6 will be choosing to participate either with a crazy hairstyle or a fancy hat! Please create your hat or hairstyle at home and wear it to school on the day. The amazing P&C Easter Raffle will be drawn at the end of the parade.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Community News



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**We invite you to help our friendly
community gardeners**

10am-12pm every Wednesday

No cost, tools supplied

No experience necessary

Contact Trish Jarvie

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WE WANT YOU!!!

We are currently seeking players (Boys or Girls) to join in our family friendly club.

* Under 6's - \$80

* Under 8's - \$95

* Under 9's - \$110

* Under 12's - \$110

* Rego fees include shorts, socks and a shirt to wear to games, the rego payment is a one off fee we do not ask for a weekly payment on top for referee fees as some other clubs do we pay this for the children.

If you are interested in signing up you can come in and see us at Bower Oval (Corner of the crossroads) Tuesdays and Thursdays between 4:30pm and 5:30pm.

Any enquiries please contact Michelle Cumming on 0425375056

Or

Email us at glendalegorillas1962@hotmail.com



PRE-ORDER FORM

**EASTER HAT/CRAZY
HAIR PARADE**

HOT CROSS BUNS

Thursday 24th March 2016



NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

Please select from either:

Fruit		Qty
Chocolate		Qty

Orders include students and family attending the event

Price \$1.50 each TOTAL \$_____

All orders to be returned by Wednesday 22 March 2016