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17th May 2016

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Principal's Message

The last few weeks have been pretty big, including events like the Athletics Carnival, Mother's Day brekkie and NAPLAN testing.

Our Athletics Carnival, for the first time, was earlier in Term 2 after the trouble everyone had with getting rained out last year. Once again Mr Szczudlo has demonstrated talent in bending weather to his will and pulled off a fantastic day. It was also the first time we had the whole school, including Kinder, participating in different field events.



The new sports shirts looked amazing and while we had kept these as a pre-order, we are about to stock some limited sizes in our uniform shop.



Kinder 2017

We have had so much interest in enrolling for Kinder 2017 that I have decided to move our first information night forward to **Tuesday 31st May at 6pm** in our school library.

We have quite a few names already on our list for Kinder next year (we're really excited about that!) but we have the capacity to take more. If you have neighbours or friends with kids ready for kinder next year please let them know about this great evening. For parents with kids already enrolled, don't miss this night as you might be surprised at the new things you can learn. While it's promoted as our Kinder 2017 information night, it is open to anyone who would like to know more about our school.

LMBR / SkyNET – New computer system

Mr Payne completed his fourth and final day of LMBR training this week before the new finance and student wellbeing computer system comes to life on June 14th. Mrs Bowtell is up to Day 8 of her 15 day training regime and we're really excited with some of the changes the new system has to offer. Here's the "but" – this change over is a big deal.

June 14th and 15th are going to be a busy for the office. While we plan for a smooth transition into the new system the first two days will be busy with the change and set-up. Be patient with us, even with the training it takes time to become proficient with a new system.

From 30th May to June 15th we are halting all financial transactions. Uniforms will be unavailable for purchase and any other items will be unable to be paid for. If you require any uniforms – please purchase them by May 27th.

In the new system we will no longer be able to accept payments on the day. For example things like excursions will have a set pay-by date before the event

which must be followed. This a new habit that we need to adjust to. Don't forget we do have online payments available through the school website.

Thank you for everything!

It's sad to hear that one of our awesome crossing guards, Elizabeth, is finishing up in her duties this Friday. Not only has Elizabeth been a protector of our students as they cross the street, but a great supporter of our school.

Rail, hail or shine, Elizabeth has been a wonderful guardian to our students and we thank her deeply for all over her efforts. We wish you all the very best.

Explicit Instruction

Adding to the long list of great events recently, we were proud to welcome back Mr John Fleming who visited during Photo Day last week. Mr Fleming was visiting from Melbourne to work with us on implementing *Explicit Instruction* (EI) in our school.

We all have three types of memory, short term, long term and working memory. Often students find it difficult to process effectively when information that should be in long term memory, is taking up the working memory space. EI helps student commit learning to long term memory with quick access, freeing up the working memory for greater tasks.

Over the last term we have been using "warm-ups" in Maths as a starter – building up greater recall and knowledge. Through this term we will move into Reading and Spelling warm-ups with looking at how to apply the EI lesson structure to literacy and numeracy lessons.

EI is not just a program, but an effective way of teaching in both our mainstream and support unit classrooms. It is great to have the support from Mr Fleming who has become really taken with our school.

Morning Arrivals

Please ensure students are arriving in the morning between 8:30am and 9am. As there is no teacher on duty in the morning before 8:30am students who arrive early are unsupervised.

Students who arrive after 9am are missing crucial messages at our morning assemblies or in the classrooms. Being 5 minutes late is not ok.

Mother's Day Brekkie

Thank you to our staff for their efforts with the Mother's Day brekkie, and to our P&C for the Mother's Day stall. It was a wonderful morning to share with you all.



Have a wonderful week everyone,

Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Fri 20 th May	Walk Safely to School Day Macquarie Cup
Tue 24 th	Starstruck Rehearsal at Broadmeadow
Wed 25 th	Life Education
Thu 26 th	Major Starstruck Rehearsal
Fri 27 th	Macquarie Cup
Tues 31st	Kinder 2017 Info Night – 6pm Venue-School Library

Term 2 Expectation Awards



EXPECTATION AWARDS Week 2

Casuarina	Lucas Batjer
Wattle	Cooper Clayton Ryan Keo
Waratah	Nic Lambert
Coachwood	Taleaha Hay Harrison Clayton
Blue Gum	Bailey Convery
Cedar	Terook M Max Harvey

Week 4

Eucalypt	Grace Ward Declan Weston
Casuarina	Lucas Batjer
Wattle	Jaiden Crooks Chloe Cooper
Waratah	Abbie Carter
Coachwood	Anabelle Legge Eve Harvey
Blue Gum	Cayden Hitchcock
Cedar	Akarsha Fernance Kayleb Scott

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE Week 3

Eucalypt	Callum Dwyer Lachlan Wardley
Wattle	Kayla Napper Tristen Rich
Waratah	Sean Ardle
Coachwood	Declan McGrath Jake Bates
Blue Gum	Jacob Gundry-Hearne
Cedar	Jesse Moore Hailee Weston

Athletics Carnival

Our annual athletics carnival was held on Wednesday 4th May at Wangi Oval, Arcadia Vale. The recent run of good weather continued with the sun shining on what was a pioneering day for our infants by participating in field events such as discus and long jump for the first time in Speers Point Public School history. Overall the day was a success. The students were well-behaved and enthusiastically cheered on their classmates and friends.

An amazing group of parents, grandparents, carers and family members joined us for the day. The carnival would not have been possible without the support and help of several volunteers who assisted with the running of the events. A huge thank you especially to Jo Cooper, Leigh Dobson, Gai Ardron, Tania Kelly, Rachael Palmer, Nicolas and Amelie's grandparents Gail and David, the P&C committee in the canteen and Daniel Corp for helping out with the raking of the long jump pit, recording and other jobs. Many thanks to all staff members who supervised, measured, marshalled and judged throughout the day, the carnival would not have been as successful without you.

The 800m and other field events were postponed due to time restraints and will be held on Friday the 3rd of June at school commencing at 9:30am. A 'Sausage Sizzle' will be put on by the P&C committee with order forms going home today. All parents and carers are most welcomed to attend.

All reports were that everyone had a great day! From the carnival, students who won or placed in the top three of their events may be eligible to compete at the Zone Athletics Carnival to be held in Term 3 at the Hunter Sports Centre Glendale to represent Speers Point proudly!

Mr Jacob Szczudlo



Macquarie (Soccer) Cup Round 1

Speers Point Public School made a triumphant return to the Macquarie (Soccer) Cup on Friday 13th May at the Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility. The school fielded three teams (2 junior and 1 senior). All sides went down in their matches; however they didn't go down easy! The teams displayed a valiant effort and all players should be very proud. Thank you to all the parents and support staff that helped out and cheered on our teams! Games are played on Fridays across Terms 2 and 3. Here's to a successful and fun Soccer season.



Reminders

There will be no payments processed between 8th June and 15th June due to the changeover to LMBR. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding payment before these dates.

Payments for the Life Education excursion need to be finalised by **Monday 30th May**. Payment can be made by either POP (parents online payments) or cash (correct money in a sealed envelope) to our school office.

Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Luca Davids	21 st May
Sydney Dobson	22 nd
Ryan Keo	23 rd
Kirra Graham	25 th



Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 18 th May	Kristy-Lee & Liz
Thu 19 th	CLOSED

Fri 20 th	Gai & Kristy-Lee
Mon 23 rd	Beth & Alex
Tue 24 th	CLOSED
Wed 25 th	Rae & Jess
Thu 26 th	CLOSED
Fri 27 th	Gai & Kristy-Lee
Mon 30 th	Kristy-Lee & Liz
Tue 31 st	CLOSED

*If unavailable to volunteer on your day please ring Liz 0431 675 102 Kristy-Lee 0400 709 559

Community News



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Music Lessons Now Available on The Music Bus

The Music Bus has available on Fridays at school this term in Keyboard, Guitar and Drum lessons.

Friday

12:15 PM	Drums
12:45 PM	Drums
1:20 PM	Keyboard
1:50 PM	Guitar

The Music Bus is a great program and is now open for all students from Kinder to Year 6. It's a brilliant and cost effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school. Cost of lessons is only \$15 per week (Drums \$17), which is around half the price of a regular private lesson. =If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus,

please check out their website at
www.themusicbus.com.au or call 1300 168 742

Boolaroo Open Day!

Sat 21 May: 9am - 2pm

24 Main Rd, Boolaroo
(Outside IGA & the Salvos Store)



Gourmet Pancake Stall



Homewares & Giftware
Candle & Soap making
Plaster Painting

Nail painting & Hand massages

Essential oils, incense,
coconut oil & other beauty products



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Community Information Stalls

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HEALTHY LUNCHBOX INSPIRATION

When packing lunch boxes it's easy to fall into a routine. It can be difficult to think of new, interesting and healthy options to include. Why not try some of the following healthy ideas in your child's lunchbox?

- Pita pockets with tuna/corn/mayo mix
- Sushi rolls
- Rice cakes with low fat cheese and tomato
- Savoury muffins packed with vegetables
- Vegetable fried rice
- Mini pizzas from dinner leftovers
- Triple decker sandwich fingers
- Cheesy tomato vegetable pasta



For more healthy lunchbox ideas visit the
'Packing Healthy Lunchboxes' section of the
Good for Kids website:

www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au



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Speers Point Public School 2017 Kindergarten Orientation



Early Parent Information Night

Tuesday 31st May 2016 at 6pm

with a second on Thursday 22nd September, 6pm

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

Kindergarten Orientation Days

27th October, 3rd November, 10th November

17th November, 24th November and 1st December

These days are for 2016 Kindergarten students to experience a real session in Kindergarten.

They will take place on a Thursday from 8:45am- 11:30am. More information to follow.



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