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Principal's Message

We're getting a lot closer to our June 14th date for LMBR computer system change over. As communicated with you, the office is in a financial hold (no payments can be accepted) while we conduct a financial roll over and swap to new bank accounts etc.

A really important note about future payments, especially for excursions – the due date is the final cut-off date. No exceptions. The new system will not allow payments on the day or after the event!

We are looking at how we can adjust to give maximum notice for such things as excursions, but once the new system rolls in we are simply unable to extend payment dates.

Miss Avery

If you haven't heard already, it's a very big congratulations to Miss Avery who is expecting her first baby in late Term 3.

Miss Avery will continue with Coachwood until the end of Week 6 next term, with Mrs Skinner taking over the role as class teacher from there. At the moment, Mrs Skinner is already working with Coachwood on Thursdays while Miss Avery is working with staff to build up our expertise in Explicit Instruction.

No Standing Zones

At the top of our school on Main Rd and at the bottom on Bell St there are no-standing zones near the entrances. Please remember not to park in these zones. No standing does allow you to "drop and go" but once you leave your vehicle it counts as parking.

Around Bell St it is particularly difficult as the road was never designed to accommodate school traffic and is narrow, especially on the corner. It creates a higher risk through low visibility.

While we covered road safety last term, please make sure you are walking your children across Bell St, rather than letting them cross themselves.

Dymocks Children's Charities

I had been trying for some time to get media attention onto this sensational opportunity for our school in helping us find a champion, without much success. So we are going a different way in raising support.

Dymocks has now launched a "Books for Speers Point Public" online fundraising initiative to help us find support. On top of that, when it closes in a month, Dymocks will further chip in another \$2 on every dollar raised.

Books for Speers Point Public

By Dymocks Children's Charities



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<https://www.chuffed.org/project/books-for-speers-point-public> to everyone possible to help restock our school library. Think big – any businesses or Dick Smith types out there, hit them up!

A big thank you to Mrs Hopton who has sought out and gotten Dymocks onboard to help us.

Kinder 2017 Information Night

Tonight (Tuesday 31st) we hold our first information night for Kinder 2017. A little differently this year, we are going to focus more on kinder readiness. So even if you have older kids at the school, tonight's session is not one to miss.

We will be holding it in (warm) school library at 6pm with some coffee and tea on offer.

Already we have seen a vast increase on projected numbers for Kinder 2017. I would like to say thank you to our parents and community who are sharing the good news storied about our school. One of the first things a lot of prospective parents say to me is "we've heard such great things about your school."

Please keep this up! One person talking in the community about our school is worth more than a letterbox drop or an article in the Herald. We're projecting growth in 2017, and that's thanks to you!



A promotional poster for the Kinder 2017 Info Session. The top half features a large photo of two smiling girls in maroon school uniforms. Below this, there are three circular inset photos: one showing a child with a chicken, another showing two boys in uniforms, and a third showing a girl's face. The text on the poster reads: "SPEERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL" in a stylized font at the top, "Kinder 2017 Info Session" in bold, "Tuesday 31st May - 6pm" and "Speers Point Public School Library" in the middle, and "Start the adventure with us" at the bottom. A small "COMMUNITY" logo is in the bottom left corner.

Our deepest sympathies

I was saddened to hear late last week that Mrs Tracey Walpole, Aboriginal Education Officer at Fennell Bay Public School had passed away. Mrs Walpole was a sensational support to students and community not just for the Fennell Bay school, but for our whole area.

Our sympathies go out to her family and the students, staff and community of Fennell Bay Public School.

Our Netball team is UNDEFEATED!

So yes, it may have been only their first game but our netball team continued their undefeated streak for this year!

In a tight game against Teralba, the girls dug deep with great courage and preserved onto victory.





Congratulations girls on your brilliant efforts!
Have a great week everyone,

Chris Payne
Principal.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Tue 31 st May	PSSA Softball Speers Point v Wyee Parent Information Night 6.00pm
Fri 3 rd June	Macquarie Cup Athletics Catch-Up Carnival
Thu 9 th	PSSA Netball at Tenambit 12.30pm
Fri 10 th	Sports Day at Newcastle University - Unit Classes Macquarie Cup
Wed 15 th	Starstruck Major Rehearsal
Thu 16 th	Starstruck Dress Rehearsal
Fri 17 th	Starstruck Matinee/Evening Performances
Sat 18 th	Starstruck Performance

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Week 5

Eucalypt	Declan Weston	Jayde Williams
Casuarina	Lucas Batjer	
Wattle	Layal Jackson	Deegan Sandstrom
Waratah	Wyatt Hogan	
Coachwood	Liam Dwyer	Matthew Poles
Blue Gum	Austin Polansky	
Cedar	Alaska Hitchcock	Lara Fermance

Week 6

Eucalypt	Isabelle Tibbetts	Chaise Hitchcock
Casuarina	Cooper Moonen	
Wattle	Elijah Cassell	Ryan Keo
Waratah	Bailey Pearce	
Coachwood	Korey Grant-Sears	Sydnie Dobson
Blue Gum	Austin P	
Cedar	Kaylen Scott	Gemma Watson



BOOK CLUB

A huge thankyou to all the parents who ordered from the last issue of Book Club. I was able to order nearly \$100 worth of new books for our library which will be available to borrow ASAP. If you would like to order from the current issue #4 and need to pay cash, you will have to have orders in by next Thursday (9th of June) at the latest. All online LOOP orders have until June 15th. Remember that the library receives 20% of every purchase and it adds up quite quickly.

STOCKTAKE

I continue to urge you to search at home for school library books. Quite a few have been trickling in and I understand if some have been returned to school but still listed as overdue. I will be doing a Library Stocktake this week On Thursday and Friday and hopefully we will find some missing treasure! There is **no borrowing this week** while I do Stocktake.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Children are continuing to do their best to finish the challenge and this week the following student have completed.

Chaise, Isabelle, Jasmine, Cooper Clayton, Jaiden, Liam Dee, Aurora, Deegan, Jake, Makayla, Jordan and Ashley
The challenge finishes on the 17th of August.

BOOK WEEK

A quick heads up on the theme of Book Week 2016. It will be Australia! Story Country, and will be held around the middle of August. More information will be passed on as soon as our celebrations are finalised but we will be having a community parade as is our specialty!

School Absences, Early and Late Leavers Reminder

All late students who arrive before 9.10am to school should go directly to class. For all students who arrive after 9.10am they need to go to the office for a late slip. Parents/carers should accompany their child to either the classroom or the office. If a child is unaccompanied by the parent/carer they will be marked on the roll as an 'unexplained partial absence'.

LATE - SLIP	
Name _____	My Street Name _____
Late _____	Minutes _____
Date _____	
Signed _____	

If an early leave is required, early slips need to be processed in the office before picking up student/s.

News from Our Community Place

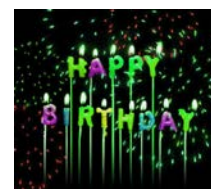
Congratulations Jemma who received a \$30 gift card from the Boolaroo open day drawing competition.



Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Liam Dwyer 5th June
Noah Farrow 6th



Lost & Found

We have quite a few clothing items in our lost property box. These items can be found in our school office.

Found – 1 ring near the canteen. Please call the school with a description to claim your ring.

Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 1 st June	Alex & Liz
Thu 2 nd	CLOSED
Fri 3 rd	Hayley & Gai
Mon 6 th	Beth & Alex

Tue 7 th	CLOSED
Wed 8 th	Rae & Jess
Thu 9 th	CLOSED
Fri 10 th	Krystal & Mandy
Mon 13 th	CLOSED due to a public holiday
Tue 14 th	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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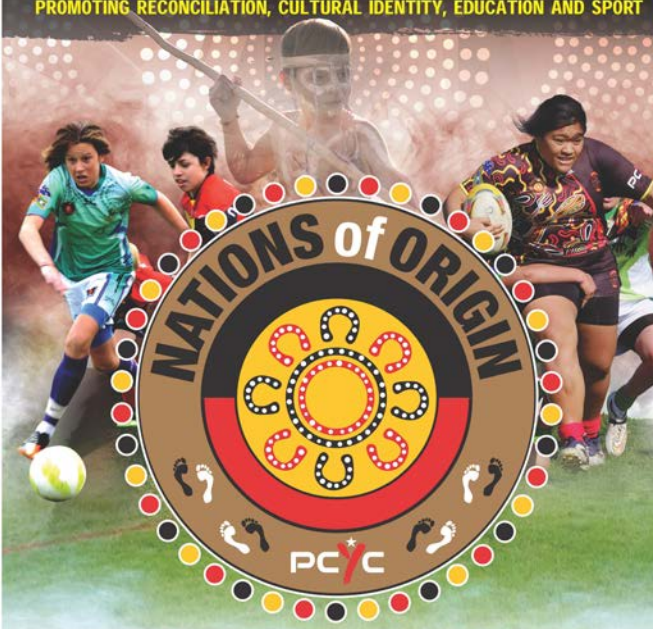
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JULY 12 - 14 2016

FOOTBALL FIVES
Lake Macquarie Regional
Football Facility
13 Park Rd, Speers Point
Tue, July 12 2016

RUGBY LEAGUE 7s
Lakeside Sports Complex
Leisure Way, Raymond Terrace
Wed, July 13 and
Thur, July 14 2016

NETBALL NEW!
Raymond Terrace Netball Courts
William Bailey St Raymond Terrace
Tue, July 12 and
Wed, July 13 2016

For more information, contact: Paula Skinner email: pskinner@pcycnsw.org.au mobile: 0402 206 068



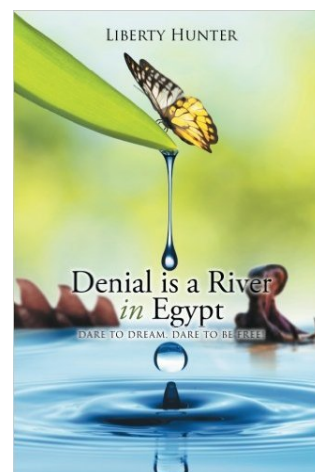
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Written by a local

author Liberty Hunter has experienced some of the challenges a child with Autism can bring to a family. Based on real life experiences, Denial is a river in Egypt, tells Liberty Hunter's story of being a young mum who had a normal life before being plunged into an unfamiliar world where everything she took for granted disappeared.



Many families face the challenges depicted in this book. How they cope and reconcile themselves to make the adjustments and eventually accept change is a personal matter. Each person's journey is unique. Denial Is a River in Egypt shares one mother's story.

Liberty Hunter is a wife, mum of three and a Registered Nurse. This is her first book and she is pleased to present her point of view on the invisible disability of autism – that being different is still okay.

We now have a copy kindly donated by Liberty in our school library.

Change of Contact Details

If you have recently changed you contact details please fill in your information below and return to school ASAP

Parent/Carer 1

Name_____

Address_____

Home Phone Number_____ Mobile_____

Parent/Carer 2

Name_____

Address_____

Home Phone Number_____ Mobile_____

Contact details for parent not living with student

Name_____ Phone_____

Address_____

Family Law or other court orders Yes No If YES please supply office with photocopied details

Emergency Contacts

Name_____ Relationship to student_____ Phone_____

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