

The Speers Point Star

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28th June 2016

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Principal's Message

By the time this newsletter comes out we'll be just about wrapped up with the "Books for Speers Point Public" campaign with the Dymocks Children's Charities.

After a hard slog we finally got the media interested and we've seen articles in both the Newcastle Weekly and Newcastle Herald, along with radio interviews on ABC radio and NEWFM

We've seen great donations from Love Reality, Boolaroo Bowling Club, Pat Conroy, many of our community and relatives, and of course, the biggest donation of all, from our P&C. With close to \$10,000 raised, Dymocks will match this and we'll see somewhere in the vicinity of 1000 new books for our library.

Thank you to Mrs Hopton who got all of this rolling, and getting Elissa Gerrand from Dymocks to recognise and take an interest in our great school.



LMBR / Payments

The LMBR system has been successfully rolled out and we are all systems go! I say a very big thank you to Mrs Bowtell and Mrs Searl in the office who have been first and foremost on the front lines of this change. They have worked extra hours and through problems to ensure the school ran smoothly.

Starstruck

Congratulations to Miss Avery and her team for their fantastic performances at Star Struck this year. I was fortunate enough to see the final performance with the 3500 students from across the Hunter performing, instantly spotting our awesome performers!

We were all very proud to see you guys rock out on the big stage!



Working Bee

When the office was remodelled by a tree last year the foyer and admin was repainted, and while the hall got new carpet, it wasn't on the painting schedule... so we're going to do it.

In the first week of the holidays, on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th we are holding a working bee for anyone who is available to come and help swing a paint brush around for an hour or two.

Our General Assistants, Mick and Phil will be hitting parts of the garden if you're more interested in hitting the tools than a bucket of paint – but any help is appreciated.

Day Restructure

In case you missed the note last week, next term we having a significant restructure of our bell times around breaks. We will still start and 9am and finish at 3pm but we are moving to a structure of 3 sessions and 2 breaks.

9am	School Commences – Session 1 English session with fruit break and morning fitness (2 hr 15 min)
11:15am 11:25am	Lunch, 10 min eating time Play commences (30 mins)
11:55am	Session 2 Maths session (1 hr 15min)
1:10pm 1:20pm	Recess, 10 min eating time Play commences (25 mins)
1:45pm	Session 3 KLAs, Assemblies etc. (1 hr 15 mins)
3pm	End of day

These new times are made to give maximum learning time as well as longer break periods allowing for things like Green Gang and team practices. Any feedback can be shared at <http://poll.fm/5miap>

Reports / Parent-Teacher Meetings

Student reports will be issued on Thursday this week. Teachers will be letting you know of available times early next term for Parent-Teacher meetings.

3 Pea “Pop Up” Markets

On Saturday 9th July (middle weekend of the holidays) the 3 Pea Markets are operating at Speers Point Public School. A lot of great things will be happening between 9am and 2pm for all.

New School Counsellor

Over the last two terms we have been very fortunate to have the experience and expertise of Mr Steve Watts as our school counsellor. Mr Watts was filling the role in a temporary basis until a permanent appointment was made. While next term we welcome Mr Luke James to the family, we would like to thank Mr Watts for all the support he has given our school and our students in the short time he was with us.

Next Term Heads Ups

Looking at the schedule for next term there are a lot of things planned to make it another busy and exciting term.

In the first week back we have NAIDOC celebrations with special activities occurring on the Thursday. In Week 3 as part of Education / Book Week we have our parade up Main St with an Australiana Theme. As always we encourage parents to dress up and join us in the parade, I know one parents already has their “Man From Snowy River” costume ready.

In the same week we also have the official launch of the Lake Macquarie Area Collegiate (LMAC), which is the cluster of schools for Lake Macquarie High School.

Towards the end of term is the big event, our school concert!

Canteen

Please don't forget that the canteen will be **CLOSED** on Friday (last day of term) for stocktake / cleaning purposes. There is a P&C / Canteen meeting this Tuesday night at 7:30pm at Pippis.

The P&C is now running a BBQ for Election Day in the Council carpark this Saturday. Anyone able to help, even for an hour, please let the office know. Thanks

Have a great week everyone

Chris Payne
Principal

Notification for Parents/Carers regarding Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and or Learning Difficulties

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

Please be advised that all Australian schools will be collecting data at the end of this semester on students who are receiving adjustments within their classroom setting in order to meet their additional learning and support needs.

These adjustments are in accordance with teacher obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*.

A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department's website at <http://education.gov.au/notices>

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's classroom teacher.

Mrs Nicole Young
Assistant Principal
Speers Point Public School

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Week 10	
Wed 29 th June	Public Speaking
Thu 30 th	Reports issued Cedar Pre-School Visit
Fri 1 st July	Macquarie Cup End of Term 2
Term 3 Week 1	
Mon 18 th July	Staff Development Day
Tue 19 th	Students Return
Wed 20 th	Naidoc Week
Thu 21 st	Indigenous Performance
Fri 22 nd	Macquarie Cup
Week 2	
Wed 27 th	Mixed Netball Gala Day
Fri 29 th	Macquarie Cup

Week 3	
Mon 1 st August	Education/Book Week
Tue 2 nd	Book Parade
Fri 5 th	Macquarie Cup

Lost & Found

A signet ring was found in the school playground. Please ring our office for further information.

The ring that was found near our school canteen has now been claimed.

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Week 9

Eucalypt	Kayla Cumming	Grace Ward
Wattle	Liam Dee	Ryan Keo
Waratah	Nicolas Lambert	
Coachwood	Jake Bates	Hendrix Johnston
Blue Gum	Cayden Hitchcock	
Cedar	Ciara Palmer	Tyra Boulton

TERM 2 EXPECTATION AWARDS



Eucalypt	Sam Jackson
Casuarina	Gabriel Black
Wattle	Ryan Keo
Waratah	Abbie Carter
Coachwood	Taleaha Hay
Blue Gum	Bailey Convery
Cedar	Sindy-Lee Richards

Starstruck Stars!



Public Speaking Reminder



Parents are invited to our Public Speaking finals on Wednesday 29th June in our school hall commencing at 12.35pm.

Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Claudia Black	28 th June
Quentin Perese	29 th
Archie Taylor	29 th
Gemma Watson	6 th July
Ella Allen	9 th
Hailee Weston	12 th
Aurora McLardy	13 th
Sharnie Allen	16 th
Ashley McHardie	25 th



Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 29 th	Alex
Thu 30 th	CLOSED
Fri 1 st July	CLOSED DUE TO CLEANING
Term 3	
Tue 19 th July	CLOSED
Wed 20 th	Beth & Alex

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

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3 PEAS MARKETS PRESENTS

POP UP

Winter Market

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you are invited to the

book launch

of

Bullies, Bees and Brussels Sprouts

written and illustrated
by Narelle McAllister

**& AN EXHIBITION
OF ILLUSTRATIONS**

**SUNDAY
31st JULY 2016
at 2pm**

cstudios Art Gallery
Shop 1/738 Hunter Street, Newcastle West

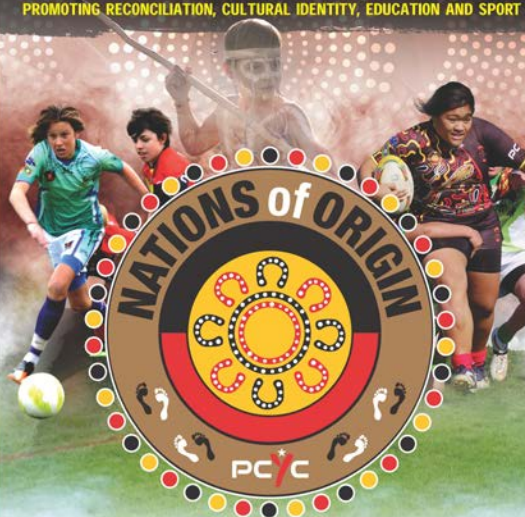
*Drinks and light snacks will be provided
and special guest appearances!*

Take part in our COLOURING-IN COMPETITION!

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Winners will be announced on the day of the Book Launch of
'Bullies, Bees and Brussels Sprouts'

For all the details go to - www.narellemcallister.com

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JULY 12 - 14 2016

FOOTBALL FIVES	RUGBY LEAGUE 7s	NETBALL NEW
Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility 13 Park Rd, Speers Point Tue, July 12 2016	Lakeside Sports Complex Leisure Way, Raymond Terrace Wed, July 13 and Thur, July 14 2016	Raymond Terrace Netball Courts William Bailey St Raymond Terrace Tue, July 12 and Wed, July 13 2016

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ACTIVE PLAY ON A RAINY DAY

Rainy days can mean spending more time indoors and less time in active play. However, there are lots of fun activities to keep you moving indoors!

The next time you have a rainy day try these indoor activities:

- Hide and seek
- Dance competition/disco
- Balloon volleyball
- Charades
- Build an indoor fortress with chairs and sheets
- Hallway bowling with toilet paper rolls and a soft ball or rolled up socks



Or, brave the weather with a raincoat and gumboots and splash in the puddles!

A adapted from Murrumbidgee Local Health District Quick Bites

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Local Health District

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Have a Safe & Happy Holiday!