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23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016

Principal , Chris Payne

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## Principal's Message

What a great event our Mini-Olympics was! Due to being called to attend the regional Principal's meetings I was disappointed to miss the action and fun of the event that has been 4 years in the making!

## Concert



Our concert, "Musical of Musicals" is fast approaching and yesterday notes went home detailing requirements for costumes and purchasing tickets.

For us the concert is a big deal and we go all out to ensure that our parents and community get a great show. If you know that your child is unable to attend the evening performance, please let their classroom teacher know sooner rather than later.

As the concert is also a mini-fundraising event we are very pleased to say that the funds raised from this event will be used to purchase the new learning resources required for our second Kindergarten class next year.

At this time we have the best numbers for a Kinder intake in the last seven years. This means we are currently planning around a second class of Kinder and the resources required to kit it out. We are still yet to confirm who the second Kinder teacher will be, however, we are looking to have that in place by the time transition begins.

Overall for our school it means we are currently planning to add an extra class based on projected enrolments. It's great to see our school growing.

**Don't forget the Kinder 2017 Information Evening is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm.** Enrolment forms for Kinder can be now returned at any time.

## Year 6 – 7 Lake Macquarie HS Transition

This year, as previously informed, our Years 5 & 6 begin a very new transition program to the High School with 12 days at Lake Macquarie High in Term 4. It's a very exciting new program with an information night at lake Macquarie High School on the 6<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. The information session will include more detailed information on the transition program as well as enrolment for 2017.

## Farewell Miss Avery

Miss Avery has now begun her Maternity leave and we wish her all the very best for the imminent arrival of her baby. Mrs Skinner, who has already been working with Coachwood this term, has taken over the role as class teacher for the remainder of the year. Welcome to the family, Mrs Skinner!

## Zone Athletics Results

At this time we are yet to receive the results back from Zone Athletics which we were hoping to include in this newsletter. Be on the lookout for the next issue to get the information.

## Father's Day Brekkie & Stall

Our Father's Day brekkie is on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September kicking off at 7:30am. All are welcome to come and join us for the event and some much loved bacon! (Order forms at the end of this newsletter!)

Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm in the hall. All are welcome to join in on the fun!

Have a wonderful week

Chris Payne  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

<b>Week 6</b>	
<i>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>Day 2 Zone Athletics Glendale</i>
<i>Wed 24<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Cycling Workshop - Cedar</i>
<i>Fri 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Macquarie Cup</i>
<b>Week 7</b>	
<i>Wed 31<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Support Unit Circus Excursion</i>
<i>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> September</i>	<i>Father's Day Brekkie &amp; Stall Macquarie Cup</i>
<b>Week 8</b>	
<i>Tues 6<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>P &amp; C Meeting 6:30pm LMHS Info Night 6pm</i>
<i>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Macquarie Cup</i>
<b>Week 9</b>	
<i>Tue 13<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Concert Dress Rehearsal</i>
<i>Wed 14<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Concert Day/Evening Performance</i>
<i>Thu 15<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Concert Day Performance</i>
<b>Week 10</b>	
<i>Thu 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>Kinder Information Night 6pm</i>

## AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



### Week 5

<b>Euclaypt</b>	Sam Jackson	Will Abercrombie
<b>Casuarina</b>	Gabriel Black	
<b>Wattle</b>	Aurora McLardy	Cooper Clayton
<b>Waratah</b>	Nicolas Lambert	
<b>Coachwood</b>	Dylan Palmer	Blake Jackson
<b>Blue Gum</b>	Isaac McGrath	
<b>Cedar</b>	Blake Moffitt	Teneka Hay

## Expectation Awards



### Week 6

<b>Eucalypt</b>	Chaise Hichcock	Grace Ward
<b>Casuarina</b>	Noah Farrow	
<b>Wattle</b>	Elijah Cassell	Makayla Weston
<b>Waratah</b>	Nicolas Lambert	
<b>Coachwood</b>	Declan McGrath	Ella Allen
<b>Blue Gum</b>	Zavier Hitchcock	
<b>Cedar</b>	Emily Richards	Alaska Hitchcock



**Congratulations to Declan McGrath  
Olympic Sportsmanship Award**



**Students had a fantastic day at our schools Mini Olympics** where we celebrated the Spirit of the Olympics with enthusiastic participation and great sportsmanship by all.



## Reminders from the Office

**Years 5 & 6 Canberra excursion** – Payments can be made via POP (parent online payment), cash or cheque.

**Year 6 Shirts**

**Zone Athletic Payments** – Please finalise payment ASAP

**Smart Laser Light Show** – Please finalise payment ASAP

**All payments must be in a sealed envelope with the correct money as we do not keep a float for change.**

## 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 will be 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.

## Our School App Reminder

For anyone who has a smartphone our school uses the Skoolbag app as a means of being able to immediately communicate with our community or send out notes and reminders. This is a free app that you can download from your app store by simply searching for "Speers Point Public School"



## Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Bianca Gray 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Dylan Palmer 3<sup>rd</sup>



## Reminder that our Father's Day Breakfast and Gift Stall is next week, Friday 2 September.

Father's Day Breakfast will start at 7.30 am and finish at 9am. Pre-Order notes are in this newsletter. Everyone is invited and we look forward to seeing lots of Dad's, Grandad's, and people special to us.

The P&C have arranged some great gifts for our gift stall for our special people on Father's Day. Gifts will range from \$3 to \$5. We are looking for volunteers to help with the stall so if you are available to help could you please let us know.

## Council Election BBQ – Saturday, 10 September 2016

The P&C will be hosting the BBQ at the upcoming Council Election held at the Lake Macquarie Council Chambers. This is a great fundraiser for our school and we would appreciate anyone who could spare some time throughout the day to come and help us. We will be serving up awesome egg & bacon rolls, steak sandwiches and sausage sizzle to our local community of voters. We will be setting up from 7am and serve until about 2pm.

**Save the Date - Family Fun Fest – Friday 2 December – 5-8pm** – Music, Inflatable fun, stall, food etc. This will be a great night to celebrate at Speers Point Public School. Save the date and spread the word. Everyone is welcome. Promotional flyers will be out soon.

**Our next P&C Meeting will be Term 3, Week 8 - Tuesday 6 September at 6.30pm in the school hall.** Everyone is welcome.





## P&C Committee

### Canteen Roster

Date	Volunteer
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Beth Johnson & Rae Nelson
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	Krystal Randle & Alex Graham
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup>	Alex Graham & Tania Kelly
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Sep	<b>CLOSED</b>
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alex Graham & Sheridan Lambert
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>



## Head Lice Prevention Tips

Head lice myth buster				
Myth or truth				
	State of hair	Length of hair	Spread of lice	Itchy scalp?
Myth	Prefer clean hair	Prefer long hair	Jump and can spread via clothes/towels	Always means itchy scalp
Truth	Infect both clean and dirty hair	Infect all lengths and types of hair	Walk from head to head	Only itches if allergic to bites/faeces

The most important things to remember in order to prevent head lice are:

1. If your child has long hair, tie it up for school every day (plaits or braids are great) and if you like, spray their hair with hairspray. Many mothers swear by hairspray.
2. For long or short hair, encourage wearing a hat to protect their hair from coming into contact with others.
3. You can buy (or make your own) head lice resister sprays which you can spray into their hair and inside their hats. Most of the sprays have essential oils – mainly tea tree, eucalyptus, geranium and lavender – which lice don't like.
4. Make absolutely sure that you follow any treatment program as per the instructions. No treatment exists that kills both the head lice AND the eggs in one go. Repeating a treatment is always needed because the live lice die, but the eggs in your child's hair will hatch soon after, so you need to make sure you get them out before they are old enough to reproduce – around 7-10 days is a good time to repeat a treatment.
4. Use tea tree shampoo and/or conditioner for washing your children's hair.
5. Make sure you check yourself and your partner for head lice. Kids love to be up close to your face and hair, especially when they snuggle, so you may have transmitted head lice between you before you realised head lice was around.
5. If you want to make your own lice repelling shampoo, you can add the following ingredients to a normal shampoo bottle: 1 tsp of tea tree oil and 1 tsp of rosemary or eucalyptus oil. Please use eucalyptus oil with extra care, making sure your children don't get it in their mouth or eyes.

## Community News



**Amy Marciniak**  
Certified Optical Dispenser

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## Does your child love to dance?

There's something so precious seeing your child perform with absolute confidence & their eyes sparkling with joy  
Special Boys combo class starts this term!  
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**Lake Macquarie Dance Centre**



[www.lakemacdance.com.au](http://www.lakemacdance.com.au)

# CATCHING UP WITH YOUR TEAM



## SUMMER IN AUSTRALIA MEANS CRICKET!

It is a perfect way to play fun games of cricket and keep active with friends!



**ACTIVITY:** Register Online for this season [www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=2316](http://www.playcricket.com.au/club-finder/club-details?id=2316)

**CLUB/CENTRE:** Cricket Southern Lakes/Toronto Workers District Cricket Club

**ADDRESS:** Ron Hill Oval, Straight Drive, Toronto



Registration Day

**DATE:** Sunday 28th August

**TIME:** 10am to 4pm

**CONTACT:** Chris Kuszelyk

0428 397 207



Find out where you can play cricket this summer at [PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU)

## Good for Kids good for life

### START THE DAY THE FRUIT & VEGIE WAY

Research shows that kids who eat breakfast have higher levels of alertness, energy and concentration. Also, kids need to increase their intake of fruit and vegetables throughout the day.

It can be easy to sneak fruit & vegies in at breakfast time!

Here are a few ideas:

- Wholegrain toast topped with cooked mushroom, fresh tomato, baked beans or creamed corn
- Chop and add left over veggies to an omelette or pancake
- Porridge mixed with mashed banana and frozen blueberries

Eating fruit and vegetables at breakfast will help your kids get their 2 & 5 serves every day!



Sourced from the cancer council, [www.eatitobeatit.com.au](http://www.eatitobeatit.com.au)



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# HOMEWORK SUPPORT GROUP



- Enthusiastic 'Our Community Place' volunteers assist children with homework tasks
- Students have access to computers and the internet for homework use.
- Additional help with reading, numeracy, and study skills are available.
  - All volunteers have 'Working With Children Check' clearance
  - Healthy afternoon tea provided
- For more information, or to register your child for one of our free Homework Support Groups, please contact Our Community Place. Details below.



**Tuesdays**  
Speers Point  
Public School

**Wednesdays**  
Boolaroo  
Public School

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm



In Partnership with  
Speers Point Public School &  
Boolaroo Public School



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# Speers Point PS

## Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 2nd September 2016

All lunch orders need to be handed in at school  
by Wednesday 31st August.



## Breakfast Order

Egg & Bacon Roll & Drink \$5.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Qty

Egg & Bacon Roll

Drinks (Please choose)

Coffee

Tea

Orange Juice

Apple Juice

Apple/Blackcurrant Juice

Water

Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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## Father's Day Stall

**Friday 2 September 2016**

**Gifts will range from \$3 to \$5**

Each student will have the opportunity  
to buy a gift their special person  
at the Father's Day stall