



Growing Stronger and Smarter every day.

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Principal's Message

Welcome back for another wonderful year at Speers Point Public School. We were yesterday very excited to see our students return with enthusiasm and excitement.

Kinders for 2017 have started with their Best Start assessments and we are looking forward to them having their first day of "big school" on Thursday. In order for the Kinder parents to keep the tears at bay our P&C is hosting a morning tea in the library from 9am to 10am. All are welcome.

For the first few days we have started students in stage groups, rather than their set classes. This allows us to accurately form classes and reduces the chances of having to adjust **any classes over the next few weeks**. We will be forming official classes over the next few days.

Swimming Carnival

The note for the swimming carnival (Tuesday 7th Feb) went out yesterday. Please have the notes signed and returned as soon as possible as we are no longer able to accept late payments. Notes and money must be returned by Monday 6th February.

Welcome to our new staff (and a name change)

Congratulations to Miss Bissett who, just at the end of 2016, was successful in being appointed to Budegwoi Public School as an Assistant Principal. In Miss Bissett's position we welcome Mrs Chiles to our school.

Mrs Chiles comes to us from Biraban Public School where she taught the Opportunity Class. Mrs Chiles will be teaching in the upper primary and has many great ideas around STEM.

We also welcome back Miss Elliott who will be with the junior primary this year and Mrs Hissey with Banksia class on Fridays.

Congratulations to Miss Stroud who has quietly been Mrs Folwell for a little while, waiting till the new year to make the name change.

Early Action for Success

Late last year our become part of the Early Action for Success strategy which included the appointment of Mrs Sara Metse as our Instructional Leader two days per week. This Term Mrs Metse will be working in our school on Thursdays and Fridays tasked with supporting teachers in delivering the highest quality teaching and learning programs.

The key features of Early Action for Success are

- instructional leadership
- personalised learning
- assessment for learning
- targeted interventions
- high quality professional learning with a focus on the early years of schooling K-2.

P&C / Canteen

Our canteen will be open on Friday (not Wednesday) this week as volunteers are preparing for next week. From Week 3 it will be operating Wednesdays and Fridays as per usual. Our canteen is run on the generosity of volunteer's and we appreciate everyone who is able to give a day here and there to help. New volunteers are always welcome to support our school.

Our P&C AGM will be on Tuesday, 7 February (Term 1, Week 3). A new committee will be voted for and all financial members are eligible to vote. If you would like to nominate for one of the P&C roles please speak to

Mr Payne. Roles include: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

On Thursday 16th February we will have a combined Disco and "Meeting the Teachers" night. More information coming shortly.

Works to our School

We are always pushing to have the amenities and grounds continually improved in our school and as such there are two items of planned works. Over the next two weeks Wattle classroom is being repainted and a new Interactive Whiteboard system installed for our Upper Primary class to move into.

The grass area between the top block and Speers Point library has long been a forgotten area since the BER rooms were installed. We are in the process of turning this into a purpose area with a ramp installed off the back of Waratah room for easier access. The ramp and doorway are being installed this term.

60 Years Young

As our school officially turns 60 this year there will be a number of different celebrations through the year to celebrate. We hope to see many of you through the year at these or other school celebrations.

Have a great week (hopefully this weather cools a little)

Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

Term 1 Week 2 2017	
Wed 1 st Feb	CANTEEN CLOSED
Thu 2 nd	P&C Welcome Morning Tea 9am-10am in the Library
Week 3	
Tue 7 th	School Swimming Carnival P&C AGM 6.30pm
Week 4	
Thu 16 th	School Disco

Green Permission Form

All students will be receiving the **Green Permission** form this week. These are to be filled in and returned to your teacher or the office ASAP.

Canteen Roster

Term 1 Week 2	
Wed 1 st Feb	CANTEEN CLOSED

If you or a family member would like to volunteer for 2017 please contact the office or phone Krystal 0400 376 220, Sheridan 0431 135 451 or Alex 0413 590 583

Community News

Homework Support Group for 2017

To register please contact Our Community Place
Ph.: 4958 7251
Email: coordinator@ourcommunityplace.org.au



Discounts for
families with
more than
one sibling
playing



For more info call
Dave: 0420680093
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Registration Now Open ONLINE!!!

Go online to www.playnrl.com/register and follow the links to Glendale Junior Rugby League Club.

OR

Sunday 5th & 12th February 10am - 1pm

UNDER 6's - \$80

UNDER 7's - 8's - \$95

UNDER 9's - 12's - \$110

UNDER 13's - 17's - \$130

Registration is a one off fee and it covers all players insurance & referee fees. We **DON'T** charge a weekly fee as some clubs do.

Head to Bower Oval to pay either \$50 Deposit or in full.