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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Sunday will be a big day for a few of our students as our Lego League Team takes off to Sydney to compete in the First Lego League. It'll be a very early start for students and staff and we wish them the very best of luck in the competition.

It will be very satisfying for those students who have been working hard for weeks, learning how to code the robot to complete tasks or "missions" on the board. We can't wait to hear the success they have. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page on Sunday as we post from the action.

Kinder Koalas Transition

Today was the final day for our Kinder Koala transition and Mrs Doodnath has done a fantastic job preparing our newest students. Having not yet started Kinder, today we saw them sitting in assembly this morning as if they have been here all year. Such a wonderful addition to our school we're looking forward to a brilliant start in 2018.

Trivia Night

While there is a more in-depth account of our Trivia Night in the P&C section, I do wish to say thank you to our P&C for organising such a fun night! Congratulations to team "Noah's Ark" who won the night, with all teams within a few points of each other. Such events as Trivia Night are not only a great fundraising for our school, but also help bring our community that bit closer together.

External Validations

Over the last few weeks I have been involved in a process of External Validation for a school in Newcastle, and another in Sydney. Every five years a school goes through a process of external validation against the School Excellence Framework with an external panel.

It's an extremely positive process which allows a school to really reflect on these practices and processes and allow them to develop improvements for the school. As it looks like Speers Point will be able to have this exciting opportunity next year, I was able to participate as a peer principal on the panel for these two external validations and celebrate these school's successes.

Next year we're looking forward to the chance to show off Speers Point Public School.

School Vision Statement

Over the last few months we have been working to build our new school plan for the 2018-2020 cycle. At the forefront we have developed our vision statement that underpins the directions of the school:

Speers Point Public School aims to empower our students to thrive, connect and succeed through a positive and holistic wellbeing approach. Staff are dedicated to delivering quality education through best teaching practices and personalised learning in an environment that engages all students. Our students, staff and community are highly valued and have a strong sense of belonging through supportive and respectful relationships that value inclusivity.

This has been shared and discussed in a number of forums however if you has any further feedback please email us at speerspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Concert

Preparations for concert are in full swing and we remind everyone to return concert tickets notes as soon as possible. The draw for ticket allocations will occur at the end of this week. If you have any questions regarding concert costume please talk to your child's teacher. As the night performance is always the "big one" please let us know in advance if your child is not attending as we're expecting students to be performing.

This year we are offering a professional made DVD of our school concert. The pre-order form for Concert DVDs is also included with the newsletter today.

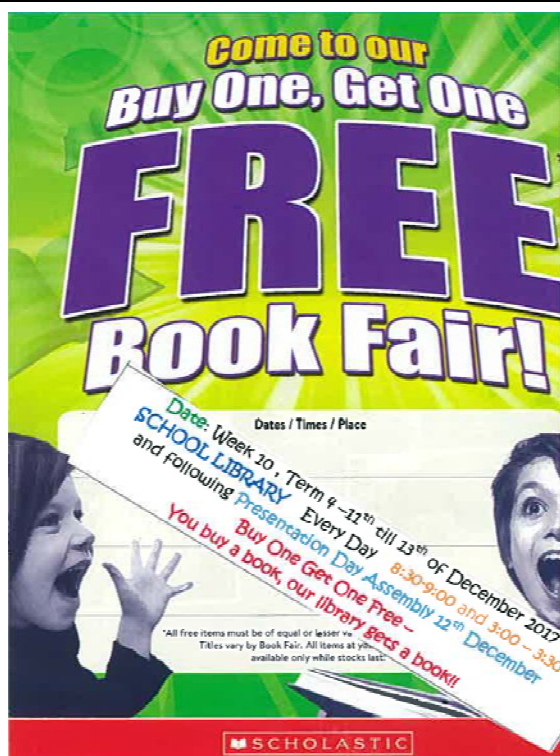
Have a great week

Chris Payne

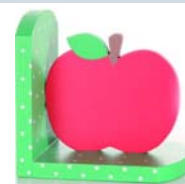
Principal

Upcoming

Term 4		Week 6
Mon 13th Nov		Shine 9am
		Week 8
Mon 27th Nov		60th Anniversary Assembly
		Week 9
5th & 6th Dec		Concert



LIBRARY NEWS



BORROWING

There are still a lot of overdue books so please make sure students return any outstanding books ASAP so they can start borrowing again.

There will be no borrowing after Week 8 this term to allow for stocktaking.

LOVE REALTY BOOK PRIZE

We are incredibly excited to announce a new reading initiative that we have launched at our school in association with local real estate company Love Realty. They have generously donated a \$25 voucher at Dymocks Book Store Charlestown for a K-2 student and a 3-6 student to be handed out at each fortnightly assembly. This will be awarded to a student who demonstrates a love of reading, a commitment to improve their reading skills as well as impeccable behaviour in the library. Love Realty will be attending our Presentation Day Assembly in Week 10 to hand out a major award to a student who has shown great progress in reading throughout the year.

The students who received our **Week 4** Assembly prizes are William Abercrombie (Bonsai) and Ella Allen (Cedar)

Week 6 Award winners are William Schumacher (Blue Gum) and Wyatt Hogan (Waratah)

BUY ONE GET ONE FREE Book Fair

Children will be receiving their flier to advertise our upcoming Book fair with this newsletter.

Date: Week 10, Term 4 - 11th till 13th of December 2017

SCHOOL LIBRARY Every Day **8:30-9:00 and 3:00 - 3:30**

and following **Presentation Day Assembly 12th December**

Buy One Get One Free – You buy a book, our library gets a book!!

This is a great opportunity to buy Christmas presents for the children as well as supporting our library.

EXPECTATION AWARDS**Week 6**

Blue Gum	Pheonix, Jayden
Casuarina	Isaac
Bonzai	Kye, Natalia
Eucalypt	Cooper
Waratah	Quentin
Wattle	Sydney, Lilly, Sophie
Cedar	

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**Week 6**

Blue Gum	Indie, Ella
Casuarina	Abbie
Bonzai	Makayla, Brodie
Eucalypt	Harrison
Waratah	Bailey
Wattle	Terook, Ryley, Ella
Cedar	

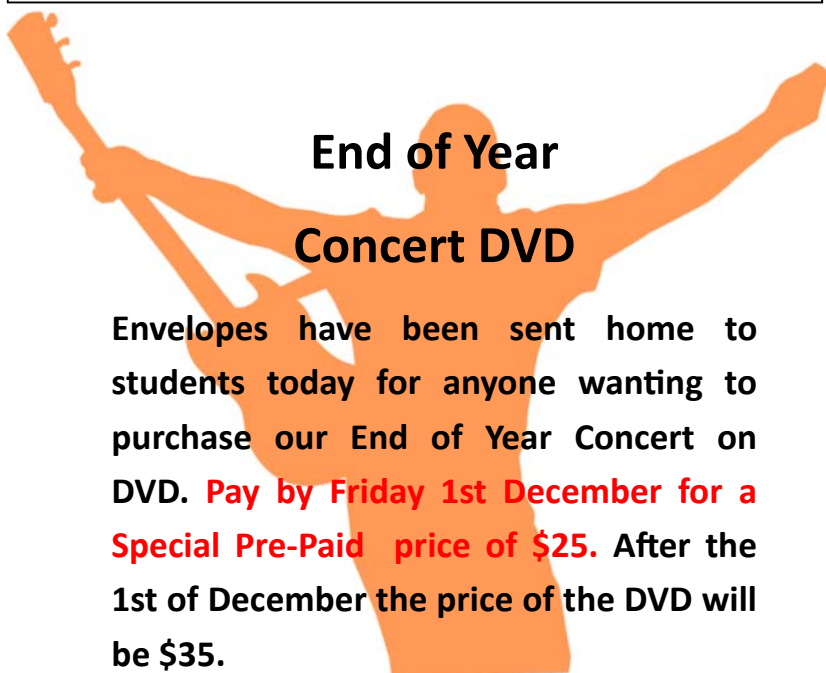
NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Wishing the following students a very
Happy Birthday!

Ella C 1/11	Dominic B 20/11
Tristen R 6/11	Lachlan W 21/11
Sean A 13/11	Ruby M 21/11
Alaska H 14/11	Joshua A 28/11

**End of Year****Concert DVD**

Envelopes have been sent home to students today for anyone wanting to purchase our End of Year Concert on DVD. **Pay by Friday 1st December for a Special Pre-Paid price of \$25.** After the 1st of December the price of the DVD will be \$35.



P & C News

Trivia Night

Thank you to everyone who supported our Trivia Night, which was held last Friday night at Club Macquarie. A total of \$1100 was raised which will go to great use by the school.

The P&C would like to thank our generous sponsors who donated some awesome prizes towards the raffle, as well as Club Macquarie for allowing us to use the venue of free to fundraise for our school.

Some of the generous sponsors included local companies, Bunnings Glendale, Creating Waves Hair Salon, Teralba Quality Meats, Event Cinemas and Tea Two Charlestown.

A big thank you also to Helen Giggins from the University of Newcastle who kindly donated her time to run the Trivia. Everyone who attended had a great time and congratulations to the winning table, Amy Farrugia and friends who came to support our school.

Without such fundraising events the P&C is not able to make the contributions to the school, such as laptops and soft fall, which benefits all students.

Reminder Events Cinema Order Forms due Friday, 24 November 2017.

You can now purchase a book of 5 tickets for \$40, being \$8 per ticket (for both adults and kids). Please complete the order form attached in the newsletter and returned it to the office by Friday, 24 November. Ticket books will then be distributed in the last week of November. These are a great Christmas present idea or entertainment for the family during the holidays.

Outback Jacks

Don't forget about your Outback Jack cards and if you find yourself there for dinner, make sure you hand over your card so that the benefits can come back to the school! They are also offering these benefits on the nights that kids can eat free, which is any Monday to Wednesday!

P&C Executive

FUN OUT ON THE OVAL



Speers Point Public School Uniform



The wearing of a school uniform is encouraged and recommended at all times. We feel that a school uniform:

1. Ensures students' safety and well-being.
2. Contributes greatly to the overall tone of the school.
3. Encourages self pride and a feeling of belonging to the school.
4. Puts all children on an equal footing in terms of appearance.

Girls Day Uniform (Monday—Thursday)

SPPS School shirt

Maroon shorts (appropriate length), skort, trousers, tracksuit pants (no tights, bike pants or jeans)

Maroon school jumper

White socks

Black leather shoes

Boys Day Uniform (Monday—Thursday)

SPPS School shirt

Maroon shorts, trousers, tracksuit pants (no jeans) Maroon school jumper

White socks

Black leather shoes

Girls & Boys Sports Uniform (Friday)

Coloured Sports House shirt*

White Joggers

*A coloured Sports House shirt in line with each child's House Group was introduced in 2016. This means if your child is in house group Bradman they will wear a red shirt, Elliot—Yellow, Fraser—Blue and Jackson—Green. The shirts will be available for purchase through the school, with orders being taken each term. The school will not have a surplus of shirts.

Hats

Hats are compulsory whenever children are playing in the playground. All students need to wear a maroon sun-safe hat when outdoors. If students do not have a maroon sun-safe school hat, they will need to remain in the undercover areas during recess and lunch play periods.

Jewellery and Makeup

No makeup or nail polish is to be worn. Please see jewellery poster for requirements.

Sun-safe maroon bucket hats (\$10) can be purchased from the office.

Speers Point Public School

The correct shoes - what to wear and why?

Enclosed footwear- Black leather or white joggers.

According to the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 Speers Point Public School (through the Department of Education and Training) must ensure:

- ✓ students are not exposed to risks to their health or safety while they are on school premises
- ✓ the school identifies and eliminates (or controls) any foreseeable hazard that has the potential to harm the health and safety of any person on its premises.



Suede leather is ok too, just check the label!



What do I wear for sport on Friday?



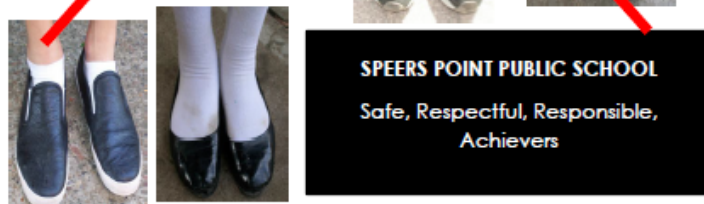
School shoes – what not to wear.

Footwear must be leather-no colours or coloured laces.



No canvas or ballet flats.

Minimal logos



SPEERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Safe, Respectful, Responsible,
Achievers

Jewellery Expectations

at

Speers Point Public School

Jewellery of cultural or personal significance- parents are asked to let the school know.



CAUSES – only on the day





2017 SPPS Presentation Day

THE 2017 Presentation Day is being held on **Tuesday 12th December at 9.30am.** Further information will be sent out over the coming weeks.

GOLD AWARDS: If your child has 10 awards (Excellence or Expectation), they are eligible for a Gold Award. Please bring awards into the office so we can make sure your child receives their Gold Award on the day.

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"



Community News

Busy Brains Hub

We would like to thank all children who attended Busy Brains Hub (Homework Support) at Speers Point School every Tuesday afternoon.

Our last meeting for Busy Brains Hub will be in **Week 8 on 28 November, Tuesday from 3-4pm.** We will have food and games with children. Parents are welcome!

Our Community Place and volunteers have enjoyed providing this activity to the children at the school, unfortunately we are not able to offer this for next year.

We thank the school and the families who have supported this activity. We hope everyone will have a nice break and a great New Year.



Event Cinemas Booklet

ORDER FORM

Super Saver Booklets
Order now for Christmas!
5 tickets for only \$40

(works out to be \$8 per ticket, valid for 12 months)

**Tickets can be used for both Adults and Kids at
Event Cinemas Glendale**

**For more information please contact
P&C Vice President, Haley Tibbetts on
0412 980 829 or
htibbetts@mbansw.asn.au**



Order Form - To be returned by Friday, 24 November

Students Name _____

Class _____

No of Booklets: _____ @ \$40 per booklet = _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Or paid by Direct Deposit to P&C on: _____ (date) _____ (reference in description)
Please note: If paying by DD, please use surname-year-cin as reference (e.g. tibbetts-y1-cin). Form will still need to be returned to school for processing

Bank details for P&C are: BSB: 032 521 Account No.: 106 404 Westpac Banking

Purchased books will be distributed the week commencing 4 December 2017 (week 0)



Speers Point Public School

Term 4

Parent Planner

(as at 14th November and subject to change)

	SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
Week 1	8/10	9/10 * Year 5 & 6 Lake Macquarie HS	10/10 * Year 5 & 6 Lake Macquarie HS	11/10 * Year 5 & 6 Lake Macquarie HS	12/10 * Year 5 & 6 Lake Macquarie HS	13/10	14/10
Week 2	15/10	16/10 * Year 5 & 6 Lake Macquarie HS	17/10 * Year 5 & 6 Lake Macquarie HS	18/10 * Year 5 & 6 Lake Macquarie HS	19/10 * Year 5 & 6 Lake Macquarie HS * Kinder Koalas 8.45am-11.30am	20/10	21/10
Week 3	22/10	23/10 * Year 5 & 6 Lake Macquarie HS	24/10 * Year 5 & 6 Lake Macquarie HS	25/10 * Year 5 & 6 Lake Macquarie HS	26/10 * Year 5 & 6 Lake Macquarie HS * Kinder Koalas 8.45am-11.30am	27/10	28/10
Week 4	29/10	30/10 * Shine 9am-3pm	31/10	1/11	2/11 * Kinder Koalas 8.45am-11.30am	3/11	4/11
Week 5	5/11	6/11	7/11	8/11	9/11	10/11 * Trivia Night – 7pm Club Macquarie	11/11
Week 6	12/11	13/11 * Shine 9am-3pm	14/11	15/11	16/11	17/11	18/11
Week 7	19/11 * Lego Comp	20/11	21/11	22/11	23/11	24/11 * Year 6 Mural	25/11
Week 8	26/11	27/11 * Grandparents Day 9.30am * 60 th Anniversary Assembly	28/11	29/11	30/11	1/12	2/12
Week 9	3/12	4/12 * Dress Rehearsal for Concert	5/12 * Concert 11.30am	6/12 * Concert 11.30am * Concert 6pm	7/12	8/12	9/12
Week 10	10/12	11/12	12/12 * Presentation Day * Volunteers Morning Tea	13/12	14/12 * Movie Day at Lake Cinema * Year 6 Farewell	15/12 * Last Day of Term 4	16/12

- First Day back Years 1-6 30th January, 2018
- First Day for Kinder 31st January, 2018