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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With less than three weeks left there is so much excitement over what's happening. Let's face it, you wouldn't want to close your eyes, you wouldn't want to fall asleep, because you don't want to miss a thing!

Concert

The big one is upon us. From your feedback last year we moved concert from end of Term 3 to end of Term 4. The end of the year was a great time to focus on the performing arts part of the curriculum with less impact on other subject areas whilst giving the students a real focus to strive for in these final weeks.

We are very excited by the show the students have prepared and we can't wait for you to see it all. A reminder note went home yesterday with the key messages. To repeat a few things:

- All costumes need to be in by tomorrow (Thursday) so we can ensure it's all prepared.
- P&C have kindly offered to provide all students at the evening performance with a free sausage roll and popper.
- Students need to be at school by 5:30 so we have time to prepare. Again, acting from feedback we are starting the concert a half hour later (at 6pm) than previous years to allow parents to make it in time from work.
- At the end of the evening performance, we ask parents to sign students out, so we can be sure our students are getting home safely. If a child is

going home with someone other than their parent or carer please let us know beforehand.

- DVD \$25 pre-sales finish this Friday. As of next week DVD post-orders will still be available at \$35.

Following further feedback, at the P&C meeting last night there has also been a slight menu change to the food for sale for audience. During the evening performance lollies, sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for purchase. During the matinees lollies, chips and drinks will be available.

School Plan 2018 - 2020

At our Grandparents Day assembly this week I was able to talk about our school's three strategic directions for our school plan 2018 – 2020. What we see in our directions is a continuation of the great things happening at Speers Point, because this has been a brilliant year for our school (seriously, your children have been smashing it!) It's a continuation with some upgrades.

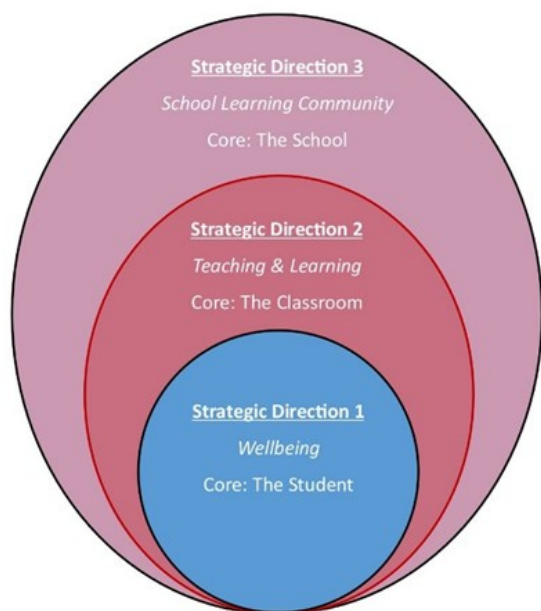
First area is on wellbeing, and that focuses not on behaviour, but on the whole child. Giving them the tools to connect, succeed and thrive. If you haven't heard of "growth mindsets" there is a great little two minute video at <https://youtu.be/EIVUqv0v1EE> and that's just one aspect of the Wellbeing direction.

Teaching & Learning continues the great practices in the classroom. Explicit Instruction, L3, and intervention have all yielding great results from our students across the school.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, 4th December	Tuesday, 5th December	Wednesday, 6th December	Thursday, 7th December
* Dress Rehearsal for Concert	* Concert 11.30am	* Concert 11.30am * Concert 6pm	* Water Day PBL
Monday, 11th December	Tuesday, 12th December	Thursday, 14th December	Friday, 15th December
* Book Fair 8.30am-9am & 3pm-3.30pm	* Presentation Day * Volunteers Morning Tea * Book Fair 8.30am-9am & 3pm-3.30pm	* Movie Day at Lake Cinema * Year 6 Farewell	* Last Day of Term 4

The third direction, School Learning Community, is all about our connections. How we work together with our community, other schools, other support agencies, extra curriculum opportunities, student transition and how we are growing as a school.



Speers Point Public School 2018-2020

Road Safety

Over the last few days we've had several reports of some students in danger when crossing the road. One of the problems exists around Bell St. It's safe to say that Bell St was never designed for the volume of traffic at 3pm, especially with the narrow setting and bend at the gate.

If you are picking children up on the opposite side of Bell St **please escort them across the road**. Due to the narrow road, cars parked either side, student are unable to see over the parked cars for cars coming. It is important that students are walked across safely.

For students walking along Main Rd we will continue to remind them, and we ask parents to reinforce this message at home, along cross at the crossings and when it is safe to do so.

Newsletter Adjustments

We've been slightly adjusting the newsletter over the last few weeks and today we have moved the "What's Happening" section to the very front so nothing gets missed. While I could break into Steve Tyler again, I'll leave the singing to the kids.

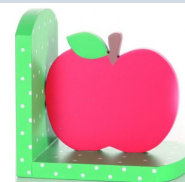
Have a great week

Chris Payne

Principal



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 8**

Blue Gum	Lilly B, Savannah M
Casuarina	Abbie C
Bonzai	William A, Isabelle T
Eucalypt	Cooper M
Waratah	Wyatt H
Wattle	Ryley S, Matthew P, Emily R
Cedar	Myles B, Nikita O

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**Week 8**

Blue Gum	Noah D, Bailey D
Casuarina	Noah F
Bonzai	Riley H, Chaise H
Eucalypt	Austin P
Waratah	Sean A
Wattle	Archer T, Anabelle L, Ella A
Cedar	Liam D, Blade B

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Wishing the following students a very
Happy Birthday!

Blade B 02/12	Syrecee M 11/12
Anabelle L 03/12	Elijah 11/12
Jasmine C 03/12	Sara AI 29/12
Hayden C 04/12	Bailey D 28/12
Aiden H 08/12	River G 31/12



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.

The MUSIC BUS Free Trial Lesson



For a limited time, we're offering new students a free trial lesson – just to give it a go*.

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Music Lessons Available on The Music Bus

The Music Bus now has availability in some of their classes across an array of instruments including Singing, Guitar, Drums and Keyboard.

The Music Bus is a wonderful program and is now open for all students from Kinder to Year 6. It provides a brilliant and cost effective way for students to get fun and specialist music lessons without parents having to travel all over the area after school.

Cost of lessons is only \$16 per week (Drums \$18), which is around half the price of a regular private lesson.

If you're interested in your child having music lessons through The Music Bus, please check out their website at www.themusicbus.com.au or call 1300 168 742.



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



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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





**Save
the
Date!**

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.

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.

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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	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 * Water Day PBL	8/12	9/12
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- First Day back Years 1-6 30th January, 2018
- First Day for Kinder 31st January, 2018