

THE SPEERS POINT STAR



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1st November, 2017

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Headstart

A big welcome back to our students returning from the Headstart Transition program at Lake Macquarie High School. Over the last three weeks our Year 5 and 6 students from Wattle attended 12 days to test pilot the High School environment. Students have been able to meet and establish relationships with both peers from other feeder schools and the High School teachers. Our Year 6 students are well prepared for their next chapter.

Apple for the Teacher

We were very excited and honoured to see that not just one, but five of our staff members were nominated in NEW FM's Apple for the Teacher competition. It is wonderful to have so many of our fantastic teachers recognised. Voting is open on their website and you can vote as often as you like for Mrs Chiles, Mrs Cowburn, Mrs Doodnath and Mrs Varney.

I was very flattered to see that I was also nominated (thank you) and have maybe mentioned to one or two other principals that I'm the only principal nominated. However I would strongly urge everyone to vote for one of our teachers (they really do deserve it!) as I don't think the prize of computers for the class is applicable to my role.

Enrolments

We are at that time of the year where I am looking very closely at our student numbers and planning for next year. From our wonderful turn out at Kinder transition we look set to have a full Kinder class in 2018. Our whole school enrolment numbers will be the highest we've had in a few years and is indicating the possibility of forming an extra class next year.

It's important that we have accurate numbers for planning so it is customary that at this time of year we ask that families let us know if they are planning on moving

away. Speers Point real estate seems to be booming lately and we have seen a number of new students join our family already, or plan to join us in 2018.

If you have new neighbours moving in, or people asking you "What's Speers Point like?" then please encourage them to come and have a look at our school. If we are able to form another class next year we can well imagine the benefits to class structures.

Trivia Night

Time is running out to book your seat (or table) for the Trivia Night on Friday 10th November. This wonderful event, hosted by our P&C looks to be great fun and a great way to come together in our community. The event is not just for Speers Point parents, so you can share the information at your work, club or social group and organise a party table!

PBL Expectations

This is the second week of our PBL expectation, *Right Place, Right Time*. Students have been fantastic in showing punctuality to lines and staying safely in designated playground areas. Next week our PBL expectation will change to focus on *Wearing Uniform*. While generally students wear correct uniform, we have noticed a lax in correct all black shoes and some jewellery appearing. Extra Kulai Coin tokens will be awarded to students who are exhibiting correct school uniform.

Captains 2018

We are now at the time where we begin the procedure to elect our new school captains and vice captains for 2018. On Friday 10th November, I will be asking the year 4, 5 and 6 students to nominate those students from year 5 who exhibit the qualities of a school leader.

Those who become nominated, and have demonstrated through the year that they are safe, respectful, responsible achievers, will be able to present their speeches for contention on Monday 27th November at a special morning assembly.

This will also be our assembly commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the school and Grandparent's Day. Voting by students and staff will also occur on the same day.

Captains and Vice Captains will be announced at our Presentation Day Assembly on the 12th December.

Cyber Safety

As mentioned last newsletter we have been sharing a few different resources on our school Facebook around online / cyber safety and behaviour. In an increasingly detached online social environment, students are not often fully understanding that what they post is missing a person's tone or inflection can often be misunderstand and that posts may seem temporary, but can have a long lasting effect. We'll continue to share resources for parents but we cannot stress enough the need for parents to monitor, and possibly restrict access to social apps that often have a user age of 13 or older.

Have a great week

Chris Payne

Principal

Upcoming Events

Term 4		Week 4
Thu 2 nd Nov		Kinder Koalas 8.45-11.30
		Week 5
Fri 10th Nov		Trivia Night
		Week 6
Mon 13th Nov		Shine 9am

TERM 4 PLANNER

To stay up to date with important dates for Term 4, 2017 at Speers Point Public School, we have attached at the back of this issue a whole term planner for you to put on your fridge at home.



BORROWING

Borrowing has started again with all classes. Children are able to borrow two books at a time and can borrow in their allocated class time or every recess in the library.

Classes are as follows;

MONDAY – Bonsai

TUESDAY – Wattle and Blue Gum

Blue Gum will need to return all books for Speer’s Point Library as we will now stay at school for borrowing.

WEDNESDAY – Cedar

Casuarina, Waratah and Banksia borrow to read in the classroom.

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

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.

EXPECTATION AWARDS



Week 4

Blue Gum	Indie T, Jayden C
Casuarina	Noah F
Bonzai	William A, Eden H
Eucalypt	Harrisson C
Waratah	
Wattle	Marley T, Sara A, Amelie L
Cedar	Jordan B, Tristen R

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Week 4

Blue Gum	Lilly B, Zoe E
Casuarina	Eli L
Bonzai	Kirra G, Kobi G
Eucalypt	Molly H
Waratah	
Wattle	Declan Mc, Archer T, Sydney D
Cedar	Mia S, Ashley Mc

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

Canteen Roster

Week 4	
Wed 1st, Nov	Daniel,
Fri 3rd, Nov	TBA
Week 5	
Wed 8th, Nov	TBA
Fri 10th, Nov	TBA
Week 6	
Wed 15th, Nov	TBA
Fri 17th, Nov	TBA



P & C News

Trivia Night at Club Macquarie - 10 November 2017

Secure your table now!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Tickets - \$10 single or \$90 for a table of 10. Tickets can be purchased from the school office or by completing the attached form and returning it to the office. The doors will open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Trivia Night Raffle

Raffle tickets have been sent home. Buy your tickets to win some of the great prizes which include: a BBQ, Bunnings Vouchers, Local Winery packs, Cheese Hampers, Meat Vouchers, Beauty & Hair Vouchers, Family tickets for themed parks and more....
Tickets are to be returned to the office by Wednesday 8 November. If you need extra tickets, please ask at the office. Tickets will also be on sale at the Trivia Night.

The Raffle will be drawn on Friday 10 November at the Trivia Night.

Events Cinema discounted tickets

Reminder that order forms for your Event Cinemas tickets books are 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.

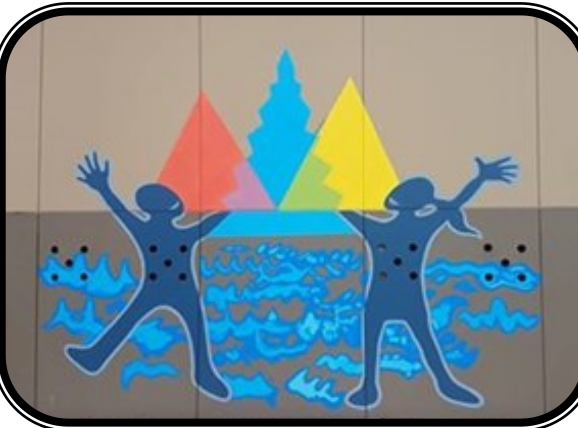
Outback Jacks

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!

P&C Executive

New Mural

Our students have been working with a local artist on a new mural. The area will also include the 60th Anniversary pavers.



SPEERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C INVITES YOU!

TRIVIA NIGHT

BE SMART AND WIN THE PRIZES!

AT CLUB MACQUARIE, ARGENTON

Friday, 10th November - 7.00PM

TICKETS \$10ea or \$90 for Table of 10

Join us for a kid free night and have some fun with trivia, plus other games and win some fantastic prizes!

All proceeds will go back into the school

Purchase your tickets from the school office or return the below form but be quick! Only 100 tickets available

Form to Purchase

Name: _____

Contact Ph No: _____

No of Tickets: _____ @ \$10 each
or No of Tables (of 10) _____ @ \$90 each

Tickets to be returned to student & class: _____

Please tick ☐ Cash enclosed
☐ Direct Deposit to P&C: BSB: 032 521 Act: 268332 on _____ (date)
If paying via DD please reference Name-Trivia and return form to office ASAP

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Community News

"Due to relocating I am selling my son's school clothes, he is currently in kindergarten.

The following clothes up for sale (preferred all in one sale):

- 1. 3 school shirts - size 6
- 2. 1 yellow sports shirt - size 6
- 3. 3 long-sleeve tops (goes under the school shirt) - size 6
- 4. 3 shorts - size 6
- 5. 2 bucket hats - size XS
- 6. 1 hooded zip-up-jacket - size 7
- 7. 1 plain jumper - size 7
- 8. 2 trackies - size 7



I would like \$55 for the lot, there are all clean (I wash 3-4 times a week) and come from a smoke free home.

If you would like them please contact me through the school, I can hand them over at the end of the school term

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"




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 - Vision Perception & Tracking
 - Development of Visual Abilities
- Only for a limited time from 23 October 2017



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Speers Point Public School

Term 4

Parent Planner

(as at 17th October 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 * 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 * 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