

# THE SPEERS POINT STAR



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28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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## Principal's Message

As we come towards the end of first term, there are a lot of things happening over the next week and a half. This week we have two excursions, along with the Easter Hat / Crazy Hair day next week.

It's also very important to say that our canteen is in great need of volunteers, especially for this week. Our canteen runs only on Wednesday and Friday and it is only for a few hours in the day. If you are able to volunteer please use the contact below:

Canteen Contact – Jennie Moore (0413 221779)

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

The banner photo above is a scan from a recently discovered slide. We are able to date the photo to some time in the 60's and comes from the nephew of a former Head Mistress who recently contacted the school.

The photo shows some amazing differences as you notice the brick building on the right which is the GA and Green Gang shed (which use to be toilet blocks back in that time) along with the two white buildings in the foreground before it was an awning and COLA shelter. You can also just notice A block right in the back which once had a verandah on the back.



From previous celebrations, the school has a number of class photos starting from 1959, but we would also love to find old photos of our school that shows the grounds, or students outside, or in the classrooms. So

we're asking people now to have a search at home, contact relatives that may have been to the school and dig through old photo albums to find any old photos of our school for the upcoming celebrations.

Part of the celebrations this year include the function at Club Macquarie which has now been booked in for Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>. It's an open event for former students, parents, community and staff to celebrate 60 fantastic years of Speers Point Public School. More information and ticket sales will be available soon.

## Upcoming Maintenance Works

Yesterday a note went home informing every one of the upcoming maintenance works to our school. This is specifically the re-roofing works done to C and B block – which are the middle groups of rooms. Blue Gum, Casuarina, Jacaranda and the Library will be closed for the time the work is being done over next term.

We expect the works to be completed by the end of Term 2, weather and external factors permitting.

## Upcoming Excursions

This week we have Eucalypt heading to Sydney on Thursday and Blue Gum, Casuarina and Waratah heading to Oakvale Farm on Friday for their excursions.

Given the tropical cyclone on the far north Queensland coast at the moment we can expect some wet weather to blow down our way on Thursday. It is advised that students have wet weather gear ready for both of these excursions.

## Explicit Direct Instruction

As one of only 20 schools in the Hunter area running the Fleming model of Explicit Direct Instruction it's important to let you all know what a great impact it is having on our student's learning. In particular, daily

“warm-ups” are all about taking knowledge and skills from the short term to long term memory. Students are not rote learning (the old school drill), it’s about having fast recall, which frees up the working memory and then being able to apply these skills.

### Term 2 & ANZAC Day

As Friday next week (April 7<sup>th</sup>) is our last day of term, please note that students return Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> (day after ANZAC day). Each year our school marches in the Dawn service. A note towards the end of term will come out informing you of times and meeting place. Also keep an eye on the school Facebook page and App for updates.

Enjoy the holidays. We look forward to everyone returning from a great break!

Chris Payne

Principal

### Upcoming Events

<b>Term 1 Week 10 2017</b>	
<i>Thu 30<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Susannah Place Excursion - Eucalypt</i>
<i>Fri 31<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>Oakvale Farm Excursion – Blue Gum, Waratah &amp; Casuarina</i>
<b>Week 11</b>	
<i>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Easter Hat/Crazy Hair Day Parade</i>
<b>Last Day of Term 1</b>	
<b>Term 2 Week 1</b>	
<i>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Staff Development Day</i>
<i>Tue 25<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>ANZAC Day</i>
<i>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Students Return to School</i>
<b>Week 2</b>	
<i>Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May</i>	<i>School Athletics Carnival</i>
<i>Fri 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Sydney Excursion – Cedar/Wattle</i>
<b>Week 3</b>	
<i>Tue 8<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>NAPLAN</i>
<i>Wed 9<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>NAPLAN</i>
	<i>P&amp;C Meeting 6.30pm</i>
<i>Thu 10<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>NAPLAN</i>

## EXPECTATION AWARDS



### Week 9

<b>Waratah</b>	Wyatt Hogan
<b>Wattle</b>	Matthew Poles    Hailey Weston Hayden Cumming
<b>Banksia</b>	Cooper Moonen
<b>Blue Gum</b>	Rain Boulton    Lennon Schroder
<b>Casuarina</b>	Amitiel Rose

## AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



### Week 10

<b>Wattle</b>	Chloe Randle    Anabelle Legge Riley Bridge
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### Banksia Broadcast

Banksia has farewelled Mrs Folwell as she has left for her maternity leave and we wish her all the best at this exciting time. However the hard work in class continues. We have been busy investigating, following and creating procedural texts. This involved making and sampling some delicious fairy bread!



Term 4 Week 10



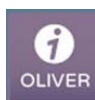
## Library News

### Premiers Reading Challenge 2017



Students at SPPS have eagerly started our Premier's Reading Challenge for 2017 and are starting to log on all books read at school.

The easiest way to access the challenge from home is to log on to your child's student portal (Google search NSW DET student portal), find Premiers Reading Challenge under the Learning Drop down Box and log on. Your child's name will appear at the top of the page and you can then add books your child has read on their Personal Reading Record.



### Oliver

We have been incredibly lucky to have had a huge library system



upgrade in the last few weeks. Students can now log on to the system from home by going onto their student portal and clicking on an Oliver Link Button. They can then click on Orbit which is the child friendly search interface. Through this they can look at their loans and over dues, search books they would be interested in, listen to e-books and go onto child friendly sites.

### Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to students celebrating their birthdays for the month of April

Bailey C	3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Eden H	4 <sup>th</sup>
Molly H	5 <sup>th</sup>
Bruce P	9 <sup>th</sup>
Isabelle T	13 <sup>th</sup>
Eleni L	15 <sup>th</sup>
Sophie R	20 <sup>th</sup>
Jayde W	28 <sup>th</sup>
Jordan B	30 <sup>th</sup>



## P&C News

A big Thank You to everyone who helped prepared all the lunch orders for the Cross Country Carnival last week.

### Upcoming Events

#### 7 April 2017 - Easter Hat/Crazy Hair Parade Morning Tea

The P&C is hosting the morning tea for the Easter Hat/Crazy Hair Parade, which is on Friday 7 April. Hot Cross buns can be pre-ordered using the attached note. All orders are to be returned to school by Wednesday 5 April.

#### Easter Raffle

Thank you for all the Easter Eggs already donated. This is going to be a great raffle. We are still accepting donations which can be left at the school office until Tuesday 4 April. Raffle tickets went out with students last week and are due to be returned to school before the raffle is drawn at the Easter Hat/Crazy Hair Day Parade on Friday 7 April. There are more tickets available at the office and tickets will also be sold at the parade. Thank you for your support.



### 3 May 2017 – Athletic Carnival

The P&C will be running the canteen at the Wangi Wangi Oval on the Athletic Carnival. Lunches are to be pre-ordered and a note will be coming home shortly. A sausage sizzle will also be available for all our spectators. If you are able to help us at the carnival, please contact one of our team or notify the office. We greatly appreciate any help you can give.

### 12 May 2017 – Mother's Day Stall



The year is going quickly and before we know it, we will be back at Term 2 and Mother's Day will be celebrated. The P&C have organised some amazing gifts for students to purchase for the special ladies in their lives. The Mother's Day Stall will be hosted on Friday, 12 May between 9-11am. In the lead up and in preparation for the stall, a gift wrapping workshop will be held on Wednesday, 10 May (9 – 11am) to prepare the gifts. We will be looking for volunteers for both of these occasions, please let us know if you would be available to help, as it would be greatly appreciated.

### Canteen – Volunteers needed!

**Term 2 roster** - Jennie Moore our Canteen Coordinator is now preparing the roster for Term 2. Please contact Jennie if you are available to help.

Without the support of our volunteers we risk not being able to open, so if you are available to help in our canteen please contact us on any of the numbers below. If even you can only offer 1 day a term, we would still love to hear from you.

**Canteen Contacts** – Jennie Moore (0413 221779) or the office (49581230)

**Next P&C General Meeting – Tuesday 9 May 2017 at 6.30pm** in the School Library. Everyone is welcome!

P&C Committee

### Canteen Roster

Term 1, Week 10, 2017	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Kara Peters
	Vacant - Help needed
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Vacant - Help needed
Term 1, Week 11, 2017	
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Kara Peters
	Rae Nelson
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Jennie Moore
	Sheridan Hitchcock

Term 2, Week 1, 2017	
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Kara Peters
	Vacant - Help needed
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Vacant - Help needed
Term 2, Week 2, 2017	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Sports Carnival (Wangi Wangi Oval)</b>
	Kara Peters
	Dan Corp
	Nicole Lambert
	Jennie Moore
	<b>Additional help would be appreciated throughout the day</b>
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Vacant - Help needed

## Community News

**BULK billed**  
**EYE**  
examinations

health fund  
**DIRECT**  
**BILLING**

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Speers Point

Singleton

1/177 Main Rd

1/65 John St

p 4958 7892

p 6571 5600

**aie** optical  
Eyecare & Eyewear

Located in the Office will be a  
Colouring in Competition sheets from  
aie optical, Speers Point.

All entries to be returned  
by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March.



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** - Black Ice  
Sunglasses & Chocolate  
Easter Treats

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** - Chocolate Easter  
Treats

**Busy Brains Hub**

**End of Term  
Party**



**4 April 2017**

**Tuesday—3-4pm**

**Speers Point Public School**

For students and parents of  
Busy Brains Hub.

Students who would like to  
register for Term 2 are invited.

**Food Games Fun**

For any enquiries please contact Our Community Place on 49587251

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PHONE 4924 6499



BOOLAROOK KIDS CLUB APRIL 10–24, 2017

## AUTUMN VACATION PROGRAM



Important Information	Parents Initial
I understand that the cost of Vacation Care is \$55 per day for day camp and \$70 excursion.	
I understand my account must be up to date before for my vacation care booking can be confirmed	
I understand that I will be charged for care if at least 24hrs notice if cancellation is not made	
I understand that there may be an alternative excursion option, in case of extreme weather conditions (Extra Charges May Apply)	
I understand that any electronics such as iPad, iPod or and DS's that are bought into the centre are the responsibility of the child and not BKC staff. We will provide a safe place for the electronics to be stored when we are doing our programmed activities if required.	
I agree to abide by BKC Sun Safety Policy and send my child to Vacation Care dressed in appropriate sun protection (eg. shirts with covered shoulders – no singlets, hats and enclosed shoes – no thongs or sandals). Activities will be limited if appropriate clothing is not worn and footwear is not worn.	
I understand that my child may have their bookings cancelled immediately if their behaviour is deemed dangerous to other children or staff.	
I understand that I will receive a daily email / text regarding important Vacation Care information. This centre mobile is our primary form of communication in the Vacation Care period and I understand that if I do not access this information, I must seek desired clarification from educators myself.	

### FOOD

Please provide your child with morning tea/fruit break, lunch and afternoon tea unless stated in the program. Please ensure your child has a drink bottle that can be refilled throughout the day.

Our Centre promotes healthy eating so please provide healthy lunches with occasion treats.

We are an "allergy aware" service, so please advise staff if your child has any products containing nuts.

If your child suffers from allergies, please see staff to complete an allergies risk assessment form.

### CLOTHING

Parents please ensure your child brings a suitable (broad rim hat) every day in vacation care, not having a hat can limit your child's participation in programmed activities.

Please ensure your child's clothes (and ALL items) are clearly labelled including socks.

A spare set of clothes is recommended, especially for excursions

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the day eg. jumpers, raincoats etc.

### EXCURSION

If an excursion is planned children must arrive by the specified times on the program as buses are unable to wait and staff will not be left at the centre to wait due to out of service and onsite ratio requirements.

If excursion times are not specified, please ensure your child is at the centre by 9:15am.





# PRE-ORDER FORM

**EASTER HAT PARADE**

# HOT CROSS BUNS

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select from either:

Fruit		Qty
Chocolate		Qty

Orders include students and family attending the event

Price \$1.50 each    TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**All orders to be returned by Wednesday 5 April 2017**