



Principal's Message

Thank you Mrs Cobcroft for leading our school during my recent leave due to personal reasons. It was a great feeling returning yesterday, even just after a week and a half away, to stand back in front of our school at morning assembly. It was just as great to pop into classrooms to see the great learning that our students are engaged in.

Maths Groups

A few weeks ago I included in the newsletter about our move into Maths groups for Years 1 to 6 in the Mainstream classes. Some students may have two teachers during the day, having their class teacher and their Maths teacher.

In this strategy we have been able to add an extra group, with Mrs Young taking a class for Maths. This has allowed for smaller group sizes during Maths and a more intensive approach.

Already we are seeing great success with these groups and look forward to how it may improve student results.

In both Maths and English, our implementation of *Explicit Direct Instruction*, and using "warm-ups" in lessons is also seeing further improvements in our student's learning. It's quite exciting to walk into an Infants class and hear a Year 1 child identify a split diagraph. (A diagraph is two letters making one sound – so a split diagraph is when the two letters are separated, like *made* (the *e* makes the *a* say its name, not the sound).

Wattle Room

Wattle class has finally found their home as they have now officially moved into Wattle room. Our senior class was always slated for Wattle room however unforeseeable delays in having the room painted and a new interactive whiteboard installed meant that the class was using Coachwood room for a little longer than anticipated. Students were very excited to be moving in last week and have quickly made the room feel like home.

Combined Cross Country

This Friday (weather permitting) our school will be hosting the combined Cross Country Carnival with Boolaroo, Awaba, Argenton and Fassifern Public Schools joining us.

This combined event was a tradition that we started some 5 years ago and has become a fantastic opportunity to connect with other local schools.

While the note said that Monday would be the final day for lunch orders for Friday – Miss Elliott has spoken to the morning assembly and has announced that later orders can be accepted first thing Wednesday morning. (Thank you Miss Elliott and canteen helpers!).

P & C Meeting

Our final P&C meeting for the term is tonight (Tuesday) at 6:30pm in our library. If you haven't been to one before it's a great way to be involved in supporting our school with a fun and friendly group of parents.

Mrs Folwell (aka Miss Stroud)

The time has come for Mrs Folwell to take leave pending the arrival of her baby. We wish Mrs Folwell the very best as she welcomes a new addition to her family.

Upcoming Notes:

Be on the look-out for these notes coming home soon:

Excursion notes

- Eucalypt – Sydney
- Blue Gum, Waratah & Casuarina – Oakvale Farm
- Cedar, Wattle & Banksia – Sydney

School Photos – Monday 27th March – notes should be out by the end of the week.

Have a great week

Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

Term 1 Week 8 2017	
Tue 14th March	P&C Meeting - 6.30pm in the School Library
Fri 17th	Cross Country
Week 9	
Tue 21st	Harmony Day
Week 10	
Mon 27th	School Photos
Thu 30th	Sydney Museum Excursion (Eucalypt)
Fri 31st	Oakvale Farm Excursion (Blue Gum, Waratah, Casuarina)

Waratah Bulletin

Waratah have had a fantastic start to 2017, settling in to our new classroom and routines. In English we love listening to and sharing our favourite stories and have been practising our story drawing.



'At the Zoo' - by Wyatt

In Maths we love to get our work done and have a class game of 'Go Fish' or 'UNO'. While these are all fun, what we have enjoyed most is building our social and communication skills through guided play – especially with construction activities!



Miss Musialik
Waratah

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to another busy year at SPPS. All mainstream classes have started borrowing and having lessons in the library and the computer room. The day that your child will borrow is as follows;

TUESDAY - Wattle and Blue Gum

WEDNESDAY - Cedar and FRIDAY -Eucalypt.

Children need to be prepared with their library bags and their books to return on that day. There is still a large amount of books that are overdue within the school. Please have a hunt around as each book is welcomed home like a lost child! Children who still have overdue books will only be able to borrow one book until they return.

BOOK CLUB

Thank you for your continued support of Book Club at SPPS. We receive **20% of all sales** which goes straight back into resources for our library.


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EXPECTATION AWARDS



Week 7

Wattle	Ryley Spies-Farrow Gemma Watson Riley Bridge
Banksia	Bailey Convery

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Week 8

Wattle	Ella Allen Aiden Hughes Ciara Palmer
Banksia	Zavier Hitchcock

Birthday Wishes

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday for the month of March.

William S	5 th March
Emily R	9 th
Azra B	10 th
Deegan S	20 th
Mahlah C	21 st
Wyatt H	23 rd
Oliver D	28 th
Myles B	28 th
Chloe R	29 th



School Uniform Shop Reminder

Just a quick reminder of our opening time -
Wednesdays only 8.30am – 12.00pm
Hats can be purchased at any time.

P&C News

Upcoming events

14 March 2017 - P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting will be Tuesday 14 March (Week 8) starting at 6.30pm in the school Library. Everyone is welcome! We are always looking for fresh and new ideas on how we can support the school so if you have any ideas you would like to share please come along.

17 March 2017 - Cross Country Carnival

Our school is hosting the Cross Country Carnival on Friday 17 March. The P&C will be catering the lunch. We potentially will have 200 lunch orders to fill and to ensure the success of the carnival we are asking for volunteers to help prepare these orders. If you are able to help us at these events, please contact one of our team or notify the office. We greatly appreciate any help you can give.

7 April 2017 - Easter Hat Parade Morning Tea

The P&C is hosting the morning tea for the Easter Hat Parade, which is on Friday 7 April. Hot Cross buns can be pre-ordered using the attached note.

Easter Raffle Donations



The P&C is hosting an Easter Raffle which will coincide with Easter events that will occur at school on Friday 7 April. We would like to ask for donations of chocolate Easter eggs or other Easter items for the raffle. Donations can be left at the school office until Tuesday 4 April. Thank you for your support.

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 Upgrade

The P&C is considering some upgrades to the canteen. The upgrades would include the purchase and installation of a new oven, as well as a refit for some of the cabinets.

Canteen – Volunteers needed

Term 1 roster - We have a number of days this term where we still need volunteers to ensure that canteen is open.

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 Nicole Lambert (0408 623542) or the office (49581230)

P&C Committee

Canteen Roster

Term 1, Week 8, 2017	
Wed 15 th March	Kara Peters Rae Nelson Jennifer Markham
Fri 17 th March	Cross Country Carnival Jennie Moore Kara Peters Additional Help needed
Term 1, Week 9, 2017	
Wed 22 nd March	Kara Peters Vacant - Help needed
Fri 24 th March	Vacant - Help needed

Community News

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**Boolaroo Public School
Mondays 3 - 4 pm**

**Speers Point Public School
Tuesdays 3 - 4 pm**

Permission Forms available at the school offices

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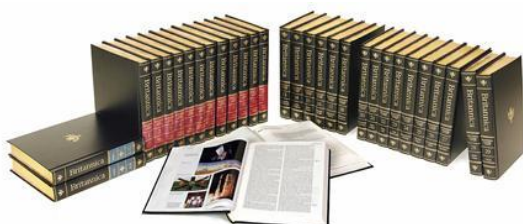
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Speers Point Library Program



As part of our new programs at Speers Point Library, we are holding an information session on how to research effectively use Encyclopedia Britannica online. This session will be of benefit for stage 3 primary school children. It is hoped that students will attend these after school sessions with a parent.

We are holding the first of these on March 27th from 4-5.30pm here at the library. The session will be hosted by Camille Davey, a former employee of Britannica Online

'Timebanking' Coordinator Position (Volunteer)

Our Community Place is seeking a volunteer to coordinate the Timebanking project for the Lake Macquarie area.

The volunteer would be required for 2 x half days per week – Tuesday and Friday and will be based at our office in Boolaroo.

Duties

- Housekeeping of the software
- Customer service for members
- Manage user queries
- Register new Timebanking users
- Provide a matching service to assist trade exchange
- Update member information as required
- Attend expos, festivals etc.

Training is provided for the position – Initially a 2hr session and then ongoing phone and email support.

Skills Required

- Excellent customer service skills
- Ability to problem solve
- Ability to support others and navigate the internet
- Ability to communicate with a diverse range of people.

What is Timebanking?

Timebanking is a community program that allows the voluntary exchange of services between members. It is a project of NSW volunteering and is funded by Family and Community Services.

Members earn time credits for giving their time and sharing their skills to help other members. These credits can then be used to receive services that are useful and valuable to that person.

See www.timebanking.com.au for more information

Closing date for enquires/ interest in the position
Friday 24 March

Would you like to find out more?

Contact us on 4958 7251 or coordinator@ourcommunityplace.org.au



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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.

\$50 Deposit or Pay In Full. Payment Plan Option.

Looking for more under 7s, 9s & 15s to fill these teams.

Good for Kids good for life

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATIONS

Joining in team sports is a great way to increase your child's physical activity. Other benefits include:

- Teaching teamwork
- Increasing communication skills
- Gaining confidence through interaction with other children
- Teaching children it is ok to lose sometimes
- Making new friends
- And most importantly, having fun!



Registrations for winter team sports open in the first weeks of Term 1 so why not inquire today about what team sports are available in your community?



PHONE 4924 6499



PRE-ORDER FORM

EASTER HAT PARADE

HOT CROSS BUNS

Friday 7th 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