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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 2! It will be a very and exciting term. We ended last term with a great Easter Hat / Crazy Hair parade with a fantastic turn out from our parents and community. During the parade, our senior students interviewed people with a two question survey. It was great to get that information

While some things like less holidays we can't change we had a few points around communication and we're currently looking at ways to improve this with our school community.

## New Staff

We would like to welcome Mrs Cowburn joining Cedar class this term – ok, before I worry people it is really Miss Elliott fresh back from her honeymoon and her new name – Mrs Cowburn.

As we congratulate Mrs Folwell on the birth of her baby boy, we also welcome Mr Bukey. Mr Bukey was with us for a number of days last term and will be with Banksia class.



## Canteen Volunteers

Our school canteen doesn't run without the time and efforts of our volunteers. We are currently seeking more volunteers to help on Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are able to help please contact Canteen Contacts – Jennie Moore (0413 221779) or the office (49581230)

## Kinder 2018

Amazing to think we're already planning for Kindergarten 2018. Our first information night for Kinder 2018 is coming up on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm. Help us spread the word by letting neighbours know. We've attached the flyer for the event in the newsletter so you can rip it off and stick on your neighbour's fridge.

## NAPLAN

Years 3 and 5 student will sit the NAPLAN tests next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. NAPLAN tests were never designed as a way of scoring schools, or comparing students but as a way to help give teachers and parents information on where your child's learning is at and where to direct future learning. We don't teach our students for a test, we teach them for their future.

NAPLAN is not meant to create worry in students. A good brekkie and plenty of sleep the night before is all they will need to do their individual best.

## Upcoming Works

As advised last term there is significant works occurring this term around the middle block. The roof is being replaced on Blue Gum, Casuarina, Jacaranda and the Library rooms. We are yet to receive a date for this work but believe it will begin sometime in the next few weeks.

We have planned around this with some classes moving into vacant rooms upstairs to allow for the works.

Once we are notified of actual dates we will be informing the school community of the timeline of the works.

### PBL Focus

As part of our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) each week we have a different focus around our 4 expectations – Safe, Respectful, Responsible, Achievers.

The week our focus is ***“Safe hands, safe feet!”***  
Please also note that we have included a parent survey for you to complete and return ASAP.

### The Bridge to Terabithia

We’ve been keeping it quiet for a few weeks now however you might be aware of the ramp that has been constructed off the back of Waratah classroom into the area closest to the Speers Point Library.



Since the Waratah and Eucalypt classrooms were built in 2010 the area behind hasn’t been utilised as well as we’d like.

So to make this area more accessible for our support unit, we have been able to have a ramp from the back of Waratah room to the space installed. You may have also seen the extra fencing that Mr Gandy and Mr Flannery installed along the top boundary on Main Rd.

This term we will begin work to improve the gardens and resources in that area which will result in another open space for our students.

Have a great week

May the fourth be with you on Thursday!

Chris Payne



### Principal Upcoming Events

<b>Term 2 Week 2 2017</b>	
<i>Fri 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Hyden Park Excursion Cedar/Wattle/Banksia</i>
<b>Week 3</b>	
<i>Tue 9<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>NAPLAN P&amp;C Meeting 6.30pm in the School Library. All Welcome!</i>
<i>Wed 10<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>NAPLAN</i>
<i>Thu 11<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>NAPLAN</i>
<i>Fri 12<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Mother’s Day Breakfast/Stall Zone Cross Country</i>
<b>Week 4</b>	
<i>Wed 17<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>School Athletics Carnival - wangi</i>
<i>Thu 18<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Kinder 2018 Information Night 6pm</i>
<i>Fri 19<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Walk Safely to School</i>
<b>Week 5</b>	

### AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



### Week 2

<b>Eucalypt</b>	Isabelle Tibbetts Jaycob Gundry-Hearne
<b>Waratah</b>	Bailey Midson
<b>Wattle</b>	Hayden Cumming Declan McGrath Ella Allen
<b>Cedar</b>	River Gilmour Lilian Rounsley

### LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to another busy term 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;

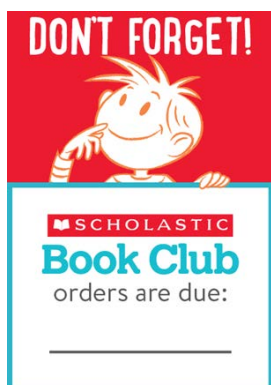
TUESDAY - Wattle, WEDNESDAY - Cedar and THURSDAY - Blue Gum

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.



Please remember to keep logging your books onto the PRC website. This can be done through logging onto the student portal. Children should know their username and password which is usually john.smith and 123



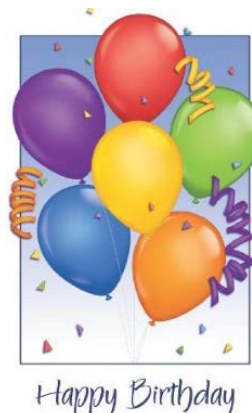
## BOOK CLUB

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.

## Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to students celebrating their birthdays for the month of May.

Matthew P	6 <sup>th</sup> May
Joshua G	6 <sup>th</sup>
Riley M	10 <sup>th</sup>
Indie T	10 <sup>th</sup>
Declan M	11 <sup>th</sup>
Hendrix J	14 <sup>th</sup>
Clayton H	16 <sup>th</sup>
Luca D	21 <sup>st</sup>
Sydney D	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Ryan K	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Lennon S	29 <sup>th</sup>



## Student Achievement

Tristen Rich competed in the National titles for BMX on Friday in Brisbane. He came 7th in the first race, 3rd in the second race and 2nd in the third race, meaning he made it through to the quarter finals where he finished 7th. Tristan made it through to the quarter finals and out of 63 riders in his age group he finished a respectable 26th overall. Well done Tristan!





## P&C News

### Upcoming Events

#### 12 May 2017 – Mother's Day Stall

Next week we will be celebrating Mother's Day, and 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. We will be looking for volunteers to assist at the stall, please let us know if you would be available to help, as it would be greatly appreciated.

#### 17 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.

#### 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.

Next P&C General Meeting – Tuesday 9 May 2017 at 6.30pm in the School Library. Everyone is welcome!  
Canteen Contacts – Jennie Moore (0413 221779) or the office (49581230)

#### P&C Committee

#### Canteen Roster

Term 2, Week 2, 2017	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Kara Peters Jennie Moore
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Ali Perez <b>Additional help needed</b>
Week 3	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Jennie Moore
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Vacant - Help needed</b>

Week 4	
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Sports Carnival (Wangi Wangi Oval)</b> Dan Corp Nicole Lambert Jennie Moore <b>Additional help would be appreciated throughout the day</b>
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Ali Perez <b>Additional help needed</b>

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## Community News

**BULK billed**

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# PBL Parent Survey Term 2 2017

We are currently reviewing our systems and practices in relation to PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning). Our current reward has been a lucky dip at our PBL assembly.

This term we are surveying our student's on what they might like as a reward. We would value your input as to what you might like as your child's individual reward when their name is drawn out of the Kulai Coin Tin?

Please number your preferences 1-4

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Free choice Friday (to be negotiated with your classroom teacher).

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Frozen food treat.

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Technology time (to be negotiated with classroom teacher)

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Lucky Dip

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Other.....