



Principal's Message

Kinder 2018

This Thursday night we are holding our first information evening for Kinder 2018. We have already taken a number of enrolments for next year's kindy so it is a great time to meet up and chat about my favourite subject – Speers Point Public School.

This is a great information session for both new and existing parents, for students starting in Kinder or other years. We're looking forward to welcoming you all at 6pm in the school library.

For those who have children ready to start Kinder in 2018, or have friends and relatives, it's never too early to start the enrolment process at our office.

Information from our P&C Meeting

From our P&C meeting last week there are a few items that I would like to bring to everyone's attention.

If you were not aware we are always very happy to accept donations of second hand uniforms to our clothing pool. Any uniforms that children have grown out of can be reused. If you have any that you are willing to donate please drop them off to the office.

Bell St is a narrow residential street that was never designed to handle the volume of traffic at 3pm. While the speed limit in a school zone is 40 km/h – we ask that drivers in the morning and afternoon be especially vigilant on Bell St. Please do not let your children cross the road without you.

The canteen is always looking for more volunteers. Please know it is not an all-day task and runs from 8:45am to 12:15pm. Even the odd day once a term helps!

Upcoming Works - Update

With the "Bridge to Terabithia" (ramp from back of Waratah room) about to be handed over to the school there are other things happening to our school this term. We have the upcoming roofing works to be completed by the end of this term, however we don't have a definitive start date. We will be informing everyone of the dates and impacts of this work once known.

I'm really pleased to see an email pop up at this moment regarding the rubber softfall which is soon to be installed around the fixed equipment area. It has taken some time to get the necessary approvals and start-up but we should see permanent rubber softfall installed within a few weeks.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN assessments have been completed for another year and I commend our students on their efforts. It is a big undertaking and I look forward to seeing our results in September. This year we are planning on holding an information session once results have been released to help parents understand what the information means.

Mother's Day and Warm-Up Wander-Ins

It was another great Mother's Day brekkie last week and we hope all of our mums (step mums, grandmothers etc) had a great day. Thank you to staff for the wonderful brekkie and thank you P&C for the Mother's Day stall.

It was fantastic to see that so many parents were able to stay afterwards and come into the classrooms to watch a "Warm-Up" in action. These have become a very successful teaching tool with high student engagement. You might have noticed how often whiteboard markers are used and these are fast becoming regular classroom equipment like pens and pencils. Students having their own whiteboard markers is a simple thing you can do to help support us.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

There will be more information coming soon regarding Parents / Teacher interviews taking place from Week 5. At the moment we are investigating an online booking system that would make the process easier. More information to come!

Have a wonderful week

Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

Term 2 Week 4 2017	
Week 4	
<i>Thu 18th May</i>	<i>Kinder 2018 Information Night 6pm</i>
<i>Fri 19th</i>	<i>Walk Safely to School</i>
Week 5	
<i>Mon 22nd</i>	<i>Parent Teacher Interviews</i>
Week 7	
<i>Mon 5th June</i>	<i>No Rubbish Day</i>
Week 8	
<i>Tue 13th</i>	<i>Life Education</i>

EXPECTATION AWARDS



Week 3

Wattle	Ryley Spies-Farrow Luca Davids Hailee Weston
Banksia	Zavier Hitchcock
Eucalypt	Natalia Hearne Phoebie Mills
Casuarina	Eli Little
Cedar	Cooper Clayton Elijah Cassell

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



Week 4

Wattle	Hayden Cumming Ciara Palmer
Eucalypt	Callum Dwyer Makayla Weston
Waratah	Jake Rounsley
Cedar	Liam Dwyer Blade Brown
Blue Gum	Savannah Mills Lilly Bartlett

Hatching Chicks in Blue Gum

Our Chickens have arrived! For the next two weeks we will be incubating and hatching eggs. Students in all our junior classes will be studying the development and life cycle of chickens in Science and English lessons with Mrs Doodnath and Mrs Hopton. The eggs and chicks are located in Blue Gum classroom and the

children are excited to meet and learn about our new arrivals!



Hyde Park Barracks Excursion

Speers Point PS classes Wattle, Cedar and Banksia went to Sydney's Hyde Park Barracks on Friday the 5th of May.

Once all classes were at Hyde Park Barracks they split up into three groups to ensure all students had the same experience. These were some of the activities the groups did...

- *students were shown around the Barracks and were also shown old artefacts (cloths, rats, punishment tools and work tools).

- *students dressed up and lived the life of a convict and were told to build a fire place and chimney with foam bricks.

Students had a great time and enjoyed learning about convicts and the history of how Sydney was created.

By Luca





Mother's Day Breakfast Photos



Reminders

All school payments can be made by either POP (parents online payments) or cash (correct money in a sealed envelope) to our school office. Unfortunately we do not keep cash on the premises therefore we are not able to give change.

Uniform Shop

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



Community News

MUMS COTTAGE GARAGE SALE

Rain, hail or shine Mums Cottage will be having a garage sale to raise much needed funds for the local community service on Sunday 4th June between 11am - 3pm. There will be a raffle, 2nd hand & new items for sale - women's & kids clothing, toys, books, handbags, knitted goods, hot dog stall, drinks, a delicious Devonshire tea & face painting for the kids. Come along and bag a bargain at 29 St Helen St Holmesville

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Zumbatomic kids dance party

Little feet will be dancing for a good cause at a special Zumbatomic dance party being held at Goodstart Cameron Park on Wednesday 7 June 2017 at 10:30 – 11:30. The early learning centre is hosting the event to raise money for Autism Awareness. All families welcome. Suitable for children aged 2-6 years. Kids will have fun making friends and learning new moves to high-energy music. Gold coin donation on entry. Contact Goodstart Cameron Park on 4958 9533 for more information. R.S.V.P by 2 June 2017.



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INCIDENTAL PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

It all adds up! Physical activity doesn't just mean team sports. There are simple and cheap ways to get your kids active.

Children should be getting at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity (that is activity that makes them "huff and puff") across the day. Whether it be walking, riding a scooter, cycling or even playing hide and seek! It all adds up.

Here are some ideas to keep your kids entertained during those cold winter months:

- Playing games like 'Simon Says', and 'Hide and Seek' in the backyard
- Walking or cycling to and from the local park, shops or school
- Taking the dog for a walk
- Playing games with siblings such as skipping, hopscotch or handball

These activities don't require any uniforms, expensive sporting equipment or registrations.

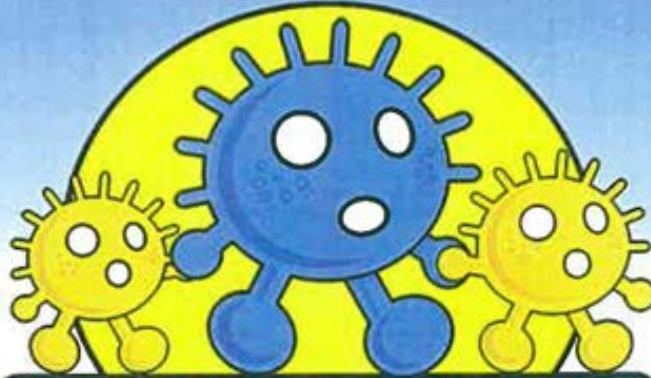
Check out this activity diary to keep track of how much physical activity your kids are getting. <https://www.healthkids.nsw.gov.au/kids-teens/kids-activities/activity-diary.aspx>



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Phone 4924 6499

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FRIDAY 19 MAY 2017



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Speers Point Public School Kindergarten 2018



Parent Information Nights

Thursday 18th May 2017 at 6pm

- Introduction to our school

Thursday 14th September, 6pm

- Getting ready for Kinder

Kindergarten Orientation Days in 2017

12th October, 19th October, 26th October,
2nd November, 9th November, and 16th November

These days are for 2018 Kindergarten students to experience a real session in Kindergarten.
They will take place on a Thursday from 8:45am- 11:30am. More information to follow.



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