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Principal's Message

I would like to congratulate our students on a very successful term. It has been fantastic to see the achievements and progression of all of our students over the term and there is much to be proud of. I would also like to congratulate the staff and community on their great efforts in teaching, supporting, and encouraging our students. Student's reports are due to come home on Thursday (not Tuesday as mistakenly advised in the last newsletter.) These reports are the reflection of two term's worth of learning. Following reports, if you have any further questions about your child's learning and progress, please feel free to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

A small change for Casuarina

Starting next term Mrs Wood will be teaching Mondays to Wednesdays. Over the first six weeks of Term 3, Mrs Skinner will be the Casuarina class teacher on Thursdays and Fridays. Following that, Miss Avery returns from maternity leave to resume with Casuarina on Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the year.

Softfall Completed!

I'm extremely delighted to announce that the softfall in our fixed equipment has been completed! It is very exciting to see this project completed after so much time in planning and fundraising. With a little bit of landscaping to complete around the softfall we will have the fixed equipment back in use next term.

Phone System

We have had a new phone system installed throughout our school, this now means we have a phone in every classroom. Now to just get that roofing completed...



Fleming Visit

Last week we welcomed back Mr John Fleming who has been supporting our school with our implementation of Explicit Instruction. Back on Mother's Day Breakfast you may have seen one of our Warm-Ups or you may have seen just recently, Luca read 49 unseen words in 20 seconds on our school Facebook. These are all elements of Explicit Instruction that Mr Fleming has supported with. This visit, Mr Fleming brought with him two expert teachers, Mr Green and Mr Lucas who gave demonstration lessons for our teachers in different areas of Explicit Instruction.

Survey

We have recently run an online mini survey which was also given to our audience at recognition assembly. So we can get everyone's voice we have included this survey in our newsletter.

We'll Be Back

School returns of Term 3 on Tuesday 18th July. Staff return on Monday 17th where they will be engaged in a professional learning session in MAPA (Management of Actual of Potential Aggression.)

Have a great week and enjoy the holidays. Don't forget to save the date – September 15th for our 60th Anniversary Celebration

Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

Term 2 Week 10	
Fri 30 th	Last Day of Term 2
Term 3 Week 1	
Mon 17 th July	Staff Development Day
Tue 18 th	Students Return
Fri 21st	LMHS Naidoc Day
Week 3	
Thu 3 rd August	Book Parade

Wattle News

Wattle have been hard at work, honing their writing skills, developing imagination, creating sizzling and captivating starts and more recently, have begun to focus on creating long and strong scenes of tension by employing their senses to evoke emotion and a

connection between heroes and build scenes to a crescendo.

These pieces are all works in progress. Students are encouraged to start writing after the story has begun. To leave the reader hanging with suspense and ultimately to make us all want to read just a little more of the story....

The Stadium of Silence

By Anabelle Legge Yr 4



I stood on the moss and just stared... I'd fled this place twenty years ago and vowed I'd never come back. As I sat down in silence I just stared. After the earthquake I hadn't ever really planned on coming back, I'd vowed to stay as far away as possible.

But today, today I felt something pulling me...

I stood up and walked about...The sound of my shoes crunched and echoed like the sound you might hear walking through a canyon. I walked over to a door, it had an old illuminated sign that said, "Tonight Only! Game tickets only \$20!" As I walked through the door, it all came back. I knew it wasn't real, yet it felt like the past was coming back, I saw myself, a little child. My brown curly hair, the tiny worn overalls I used to love, I carried my stuffed bear that was a little bit too big for me. Behind me, I thought I saw someone I knew. I fell down and cried...

Like Father Like Son.

By Declan McGrath Wattle Yr 4



The two of them stared each other down, just waiting for the other to blink. One tear, two, then three, tear after tear dripped down their faces, eyes stinging, but they didn't flinch. They didn't care. They could see the light flickering above them violently, the light completely blew up above them. Their clothes now covered in glass, but they didn't care...Were either of them ever going to blink?

Like Father Like Son

By Emily Rickards Wattle Yr 6



They could not take their eyes of each other, as if they were unaware of their surroundings, like they were the only human beings left on earth. Pedestrians walking by were amazed at the pair's incredible connection, even as the pedestrians went to the extreme of stepping on glass from an earlier exploded light bulb. They just stood there, frozen with their hands on the contours of the wall, all evening, even though the extreme weather during the frosty night threaten to freeze them.

When finally they had built enough courage to nervously speak, they didn't. They decided to stay put. Then, unexpectedly, the father tried to test their true connection by suddenly walking away, only to find at the very same moment the son decided to leave as well, prving what they already knew. To this day their connection is still alive and true, like a long living tree, never to die, through all troubles they face, they shall never give up on each other, not now, not ever in a million years.

Mysterious Imagination

By Bianca Gray



He had been working on the drawing for hours, locked away in complete silence in his study, letting his imagination run wild. The only sound he could hear was the fish tank that reminded him of the sea. When he had finished, he stood up and took a step back, proud of the work he had done. He was an extraordinary artist, more extraordinary than any other artist in the world!

As George drew, the ships sails started to flutter as if he could feel the sails blowing against him. He loved this moment, seeing his creation come to life. As soon as he left his bedroom he could feel little splashes of water hitting up against him which reminded him of the boat his father had died on. George went back to his room and looked very confused at his drawing like he could see someone on the ship.

As he grew older his imagination ran away, getting out of control, and the little man on the boat started calling, "draw more, draw more". He could draw anything he could set his mind to. He started drawing bigger and better things. At night, all you could hear was the pencil still scratching, scratching...

The Stadium

By Sara Al Rubaaei Wattle Yr 6



The officer stood there silently, he could have sworn he'd heard something from the inside of the stadium, and yet it had been abandoned for years. Back in 2003, 14 bombs had been planted throughout the stadium. The officer had been there and somehow, he had survived.

"Crash!" Glass broke. He was terrified. Yet as he stepped back, he was amazed to suddenly see all the chairs in the stadium start...moving! All of the caution tape and filth disappeared. It was as if it was being reversed in time. All of a sudden it looked as if the building had only just been built. All of it came flooding back to him... All those people, standing and cheering? He looked at the scoreboard...how could this be? He knew it was same game, the same year that had changed everything. Suddenly he knew exactly what he was doing. His life wouldn't be the same, but he was happy knowing that he'd be able to save everyone...

Mrs Karen Chiles

Library News



Book Week is getting even closer and I wanted to continue to remind you to get costumes sorted, both for the students and yourselves. Our parade will be held: *Week 3, Term 3 on Thursday the 3rd of August starting around 9:30am.*

Whilst details are not locked in at this stage, there will likely be a milkshakes and cupcake stall following to fundraise for the year 6 leaving gift.

As usual, **Book Fair** will be run all this week in the mornings and afternoons with main sales following the parade. A note will come home first week back to advertise this event.

The Theme is quite open and could include stories that explore adventure and faraway places and spaces.

Library Books can still be returned



Don't forget to keep logging books onto the challenge through going onto the DET student portal and searching for PRC. You can also access the challenge through the website.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/login.html>

STUDENTS RECENTLY COMPLETED

Ella Allen

2017 Theme
When you open a book,
where does it take you?



EXCITING EXCURSIONS COMING UP TERM THREE

I have two new dates for your diaries that are fantastic learning opportunities for students. *Notes will come early next term with definite costs and details.*

Geography Excursions - Wednesday 24th of August approx. \$15

Blue Gum, Eucalypt, Casuarina and Waratah:
Awabakal Education Centre DUDLEY

Students will explore the wide range of habitats and the Awabakal Aboriginal people's connection to the local land.

Cedar, Wattle and Banksia: Glenrock State Conservation Area MEREWETHER

Students will use a number of fieldwork techniques and geographical tools to find out how people have changed the environment and the management of the area.

The Aunty Peach Show - Tuesday 29th of August approx. \$8 WHOLE SCHOOL

This will be held at school to coincide with national book week. It is a performance based around Roald Dahl's stories and fairy tales. It uses storytelling, magic tricks and drama to inspire and entertain children.

Angela Hopton

Birthdays

Wishing our following students who are celebrating their birthday in the month of July.

Gemma W	6 th July
Ella Allen	9 th
Hailee W	12 th
Aurora M	13 th
Zoe E	22 nd
Ashley M	25 th



Community News

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MUSICAL PICNICS

You're invited!

Join us for a **FREE** morning of music & fun

Featuring a musical workshop for kids of all ages and abilities!
Facilitated by The Rhythm Village

When: Wed 12th July 10am - 12pm
Where: Speers Point Park Playground
Park Road, Speers Point
Lunch provided

Please RSVP to:
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RIVERWOOD DOWNS TRAIL RUN 22 AND 23 JULY 2017

AUSTRALIA'S NEWEST AND MOST UNIQUE TIMED TRAIL RUNNING EVENT WHERE THE WHOLE FAMILY CAN ENTER, INCLUDING THE FAMILY DOG. THIS EVENT IS A FANTASTIC WAY OF BEING ABLE TO RUN OR WALK WHILE RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR CHOSEN CHARITY HERD2HOMES WORKING DOG RESCUE GROUP.

**EVERYONE GETS A FINISHERS
MEDAL INCLUDING YOUR DOG.**

GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY

Tail Runner is about encouraging everyone to go outside and play. To create and make memories of your outdoor adventures, to help you stay motivated, stay healthy and exercise with your four legged training partner or walking companion.

The timed events for the Branch Management 15km Blast and the BMTS 30km Classic will be held on Saturday 22 July and the Tree House Adventures 4km Fun Run will be held on the Sunday morning 23rd July 2017. (The 4km is not timed)



Speers Point Public School Kindergarten 2018



Parent Information Night

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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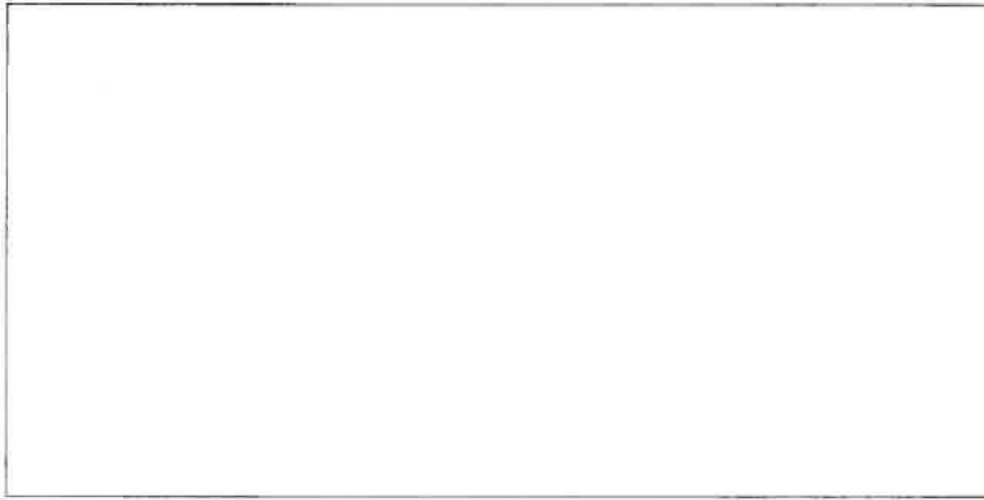
Mini Survey

Planning for the Plan 2018 – 2020

We recently ran an online survey to help us determine what our community feel are our priorities for the next 3 years. Below is a list of 20 aspects – **please rank these from 1 to 20 in order of your personal belief of importance for our school over the next 3 years.** (1 being the most important, 20 being the least important)

<u>Rank (1 – 20)</u>	<u>Aspect</u>
	Communication
	Student behaviour
	Numeracy
	Creativity
	Sport
	Music
	Teacher Professional Learning
	Belonging
	Personalised Learning
	Effective Feedback (teacher to student)
	Interpersonal skills
	Student empathy
	Evaluative thinking
	Quality Teaching
	Values
	Literacy
	Community involvement
	Resilience
	Student Wellbeing
	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths)

Please write two words (connected or unconnected) in the box below to describe what you think, or how you feel about Speers Point Public School as it is today?



Please write two words (connected or unconnected) in the box below to describe what you would like Speers Point Public School to be over the next 3 years.



Thank you for sharing your thoughts and helping us plan for the next three years.