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Principal's Message

I had been hoping by this time that I would be able to announce our new softfall around the fixed equipment and show it off with some great photos. The rain, however, had different plans for us. So what now? Well we need a few days for it to dry out before they begin installation, then a few days for installation.

The move of classrooms went well last week and classes are now settled in their new locations. It has been a huge job for staff in moving classrooms and I thank everyone for their efforts.

Eucalypt and Mrs Cobcroft like their new classroom so much that they are planning to stay in Bonzai room and students have requested to rename themselves Bonzai class.

Later this week the temporary fencing will go around the middle block and the area in front of the vege garden will become the construction compound.

It will all take a little adjusting to but with some good weather we'll be back to normal and better than ever.

Planning for the Plan

With the new 3-year school plan being drafted over the next two terms we are keen to have as much community input into our school's future directions as possible.

Yesterday we launched the first online "mini-survey" over the App and Facebook, which held a list of 20 priority areas, which we ask you to rank in what you feel, was most important. It's an easy, five-minute task that gives us a lot of information and can be found at:

<http://spps.polladdy.com/s/what-s-important-for-our-school>

Thank you to those who have already had an opportunity to complete it. If you haven't yet the link is above, on the App or on our Facebook page and will be available for a week. We will also be following up with more mini-surveys.

Coming towards the End of Term

With only a few weeks left in the term there are a few items for the calendar.

Recognition Assembly will be held on Monday 26th at 2pm and will include ribbon presentation from the Athletics Carnival. We warmly invite our community to attend.

Student reports will be going on Tuesday 27th and reflect the student's growth and progress over the last two terms.

Mark the Date – Bookweek Parade

I know Mrs Hopton has it in this newsletter, but just to really highlight, our Bookweek parade is coming up next term in week 3. You can find the theme in the Library news section but I really want to encourage more and more of our community to dress up with us this year as we parade Main Rd!

With the forewarning people can start planning their costumes now.

60th Anniversary Celebrations

The dinner celebration for our 60th has been set for the evening of September 15th at Club Macquarie. While our entertainment includes an awesome local

performer (our very own Mick Gandy) our headline act has fallen through.

If anyone has any contacts with a drawcard name that could hook us up I would love to hear about it.

Have a great week

Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

Term 2 Week 10 2017	
Mon 26 th	Recognition Assembly 2pm
Fri 30 th	NAIDOC Day Last Day of Term 2
Term 3 Week 1	
Mon 17 th July	Staff Development Day
Tue 18 th	Students Return

Wild Man Visit

On Friday, students of SPPS were lucky to experience a travelling show on Aboriginal history and culture. Phillip 'Wild man' Green is a keen explorer and naturalist who presented an exciting and interactive show where children learned about traditional Aboriginal ways of life and survival. The children loved getting the chance to view photos and explore artefacts that Wild man has collected over his time travelling around Australia.



Library News

Book Week is fast approaching and I wanted to give you all a heads up 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.

P&C NEWS

It's nearly the end of Term 2 and it has gone very quick.

It is with great sadness that we are saying goodbye to our Secretary, Nicole Lambert. Nicole has been a long term member of the Speers Point Public School P&C. We thank Nicole for her valuable contribution, hard work, effort and dedication. She loved her role on the P&C but other commitments have come up. Nicole will still be a valuable and welcomed member of our P&C.

In other news a new Secretary has been voted in. We welcome Sheridan Hitchcock to the team.

We have had a productive term with fundraising.

Mother's Day was fantastic. Thank you to the volunteers that helped with the stall and we hope all the special ladies enjoyed their beautiful gifts. (I know I did!!!)

We were happy to be able to provide a delicious lunch for all the people who attended the School Athletics Carnival. Thank you again to our volunteers.

Fundraising is an important part of the P&C. We are proud to say that with our fundraising, we have been able to provide the funds for Laptops for the school and new furniture for the Library this year. Without the help of volunteers our fundraisers wouldn't be able to go ahead and we wouldn't be able to provide these amazing resources for our children and our school.

Entertainment Books

We are currently holding a fundraiser selling Entertainment Books. You can pick up your book from the school office any afternoon. You can pay by cash or provide your credit card details on the note being sent home and return it in a

sealed envelope. You can also pay online by following the link on the attached note. PLEASE NOTE- DO NOT PAY FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS THROUGH THE SCHOOLS POP PAYMENTS. It is completely separate from the P&C fundraiser. The price of the book is \$65 but the savings you will make by buying this book are enormous.

A good amount of our funds raised is from our wonderful Canteen. Without volunteers we risk having to close. The children love having a canteen at our school and so do we. We are in URGENT need of volunteers. Our canteen is open on Wednesdays and Fridays for lunch only. The hours are from 8.45 to around 12.30. As we are only open for a half day it makes it easier on our volunteers. If you are able to spare one day a week, fortnight or even a month it would be greatly appreciated. It is a wonderful way to have a connection with your child's school and help out. Its also a great way to meet other parents, grandparents or carers.

If you would like to help and volunteer in Term 3 then please contact our Canteen Supervisor Jennie Moore on (0413 221 779) or the School Office on (49581230).

Canteen Roster

Term 2, Week 8

Friday 16th June- Ali and Sheridan Hitchcock
Term 2, Week 9

Wednesday 21st June- Kara Peters, Jennie Moore

Friday 23rd June- Sheridan Hitchcock and Lisa Rich

Term 2, Week 10

Wednesday 28th June- Kara Peters and Jennie Moore.

Friday 30th June- Last day of Term 2. Closed for cleaning and stocktake.

Our next P&C Meeting will be held in Week 2, Term 3 on Tuesday the 1st of August. We hope to see some friendly new faces join our already fabulous team.

DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

Friday 16th of June



When you open a book
where does it take you?

Remember to keep logging on your books!!

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EYE **DIRECT**
examinations **BILLING**

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**WESTLAKES NAIDOC
FAMILY FUN DAY
JULY 4TH**

TORONTO FORESHORE

SCHEDULE:

- 11.20 OPENING
- 12.30 AWARDS
- 1.00 YADHA MAYI
- 1.20 LIVE BAND
- 2.00 KARAOKE

STREET MARCH 11AM

GATHER @ TORONTO TOWN SQUARE 10.00AM

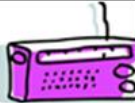



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Good for Kids good for life

KEEPING ACTIVE IN WINTER!

As the temperature starts to drop, it's important that your kids are still physically active through the colder months.

Here are some tips for keeping kids active when it's cold or wet outside:

Freestyle dancing – turn the radio or MP3 player on and encourage your children to make up a dance to the music	
Balloon Volleyball – tossing a balloon up in the air across a make shift net made of pillows	
Story time doesn't have to be sitting still and quiet. Choose a common word in the story and an activity that you do every time that word is read e.g. The word chosen is "car" and every time car is read out the kids zoom around the house making car sounds on their hands and knees.	
If it's wet outside take advantage of the muddy puddles by putting on your rain coat and gum boots and splashing, stomping and jumping in muddy puddles	



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