



Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 3, which is set to be a brilliant term. Walking into Cedar classroom last week, I saw the 'Goal Garden' where students had created their own personalised learning goals which they will be working on during the term. Over in Blue Gum there were some samples of great independent writing from our youngest students. These are only a couple of examples of the great learning that is happening within our school.

Planning for 2020

If you ever delve into the science fiction genre you might be familiar with a cartoon series called Sealab 2020, or maybe a TV from the 90's called Seaquest DSV. The interesting thing about both of these series is that they were set in between the next 3 years, and had big ideas about what the future may look like. Ok, so we're not living in underwater cities but the future is upon us all the same. After all, it's been two years now since Marty McFly went forward into the future by 30 years and found powered Nike's and hover boards.

Our next school plan spans the years of 2018 to 2020. Giant submarines aside, it's important to work out where we want our school to be in 3 years; what would it look like? Where would we be? Last term people filled out our mini-survey to voice their ideas. To understand what we are achieving can be seen through this mind-map



Our school is engaging with review and self-evaluation this term to answer the questions *where are we now?* and *what has had the best impact?* We are aligned with Department directions, so it leaves us with seeking the answer to "The Golden Future." Start having that thought, and discuss at home "where do we want our school to be in 3 years?" because at the Book Parade in just a few weeks' time our senior students will be asking and recording community responses to that very question.

Bonzai Class Teacher

Last week a letter went home informing community of a few staffing changes. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Kristy Varney to our school as the Bonzai class teacher. Mrs Varney will be continuing the work from Mrs Cobcroft to ensure a seamless handover.

If you missed that letter last week I'd just like to repeat congratulations to Mrs Cobcroft who is now the relieving Instructional Leader at Cooranbong Public for three days per week. Mrs Cowburn will be relieving Assistant Principal the three days per week that Mrs Cobcroft is at Cooranbong (Mon – Wed)

Mrs Young is also relieving as the Assistant Principal – Learning & Support out of Biraban public school for at least the next four weeks and Miss Musialik is the relieving Assistant Principal-Support in her place.



Mrs Kristy Varney

Completion of Works

Over the holidays the scope of works for the new roof to the library and classrooms was added to, and now includes new awnings around the rooms facing into the COLA. Due to this late addition it has extended construction time and we're looking at a completion date of mid to late August.

Assemblies

Rather than having a separate Academic and PBL assemblies, please be aware that assemblies are now combined and scheduled for each fortnight (Wk 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10) on Monday at 2pm.

Next Week

Next week we have both our P&C meeting at 6pm on Tuesday night and Book Parade on Thursday 3rd. The theme "Escape to Everywhere" is a really great open theme with millions of possibilities. As we parade on Main St we're hoping for lots of community to join us **in costume** for this great event.

Upcoming Events

Term 3 Week 2 2017	
Fri 28th July	Tree Planting
Week 3	
Thu 3rd August	Book Parade
Week 5	
Mon 14	Zone Athletics

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Throughout the beginning of Term 3, we are again required to collect and submit information for the NCCD. Please read the following information regarding the NCCD. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Payne.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they are receiving.

The national data collection counts students who have been identified by a school team as receiving an adjustment to address a disability as defined under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?

All schools across Australia collect information about students with disability. But the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

When undertaking the national data collection, every school in Australia uses the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney collects and submits data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an independent school in the Northern Territory.

The annual collection aims to, over time, lead to nationally consistent, high quality data that will enable schools, education authorities and governments to gain a more complete understanding of students who are receiving adjustments because of disability in schools in Australia, and how to best support them.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

Every year your child's school will collect the following information for each student receiving an adjustment due to disability:

- the student's level of education (i.e. primary or secondary)
- the student's level of adjustment
- the student's broad type of disability.

The information collected by schools will be available to all governments to inform policy and program improvement for students with disability.

IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?

Yes. All education ministers agreed to full implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and submit information annually on the number of students receiving adjustments due to disability in their care, and the level of adjustment they receive.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child's school principal and the relevant education authority.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact your child's school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.

You can also visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

An e-learning resource about the Disability Standards for Education 2005 is freely available for the use of individuals, families and communities at <http://resource.dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/>.

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.*

We will be leaving school, heading left along Main Rd, then back down past the cinema, finishing by crossing near Pippis and returning.

Please join us for Cupcakes and Milkshakes following our parade which is our major Yr 6 Farewell Fundraiser. *We ask all SPPS families to donate cupcakes or small baked goods to our stall to ensure its success.*

As usual, **Book Fair** will be run all this week in the mornings and afternoons with main sales following the parade. A note has accompanied this newsletter to advertise this event. 30% of all sales go directly back into our school library.

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

Students have been issued with **overdue notices** and I would love to have all books returned ASAP to I can commence our library stocktake

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/logon.html>



2017 Theme

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

EXCITING EXCURSIONS COMING UP TERM THREE

Notes have been sent out with students on Monday of Week 2

Geography Excursions - Wednesday 24th of August \$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.



SPEERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Monday 31st July 9:15am.

*Speers Point Public School warmly
invites you to join us for our*

NAIDOC celebrations

Monday 31st July 9:15am – 12pm

Guest Speaker

Uncle Joe Hampton

(Anaiwan Mob)

Performances by

Biraban Public School's

Aboriginal Dance Group

and

Lake Macquarie

High School Didgeridoo Group

***Stay on for a some games,
a cuppa and a yarn!***



August Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

William A	4 th August
Jayden C	4 th
Chaise H	6 th
Rain B	9 th
Callum D	10 th
Jaycob G-H	13 th
Ezri D	13 th
Ciara P	14 th
Kayla C	15 th



P&C NEWS

Hi everyone and welcome back to Term 3!
Fathers Day will be in week 7. On the 1st of September the P&C will be running the Fathers day Stall with Gifts \$5 and under. If anyone is able to volunteer their time to help with running the stall then please let us know.

P&C Meetings will be in Week 3 on Tuesday the 1st of August and Week 8 on Tuesday the 5th of September In the school hall at 6.30pm. Please come along and have your say! We welcome all new Parents, Carers and Grandparents along to our meetings and hope to see you there.

Term 3 Canteen Roster

Week 2	Wednesday 26/7	Jennie Moore Volunteer needed
Week 2	Friday 28/7	Lisa Rich Volunteer needed
Week 3	Wednesday 2/8	Jennie Moore Volunteer needed
Week 3	Friday 4/8	Ali McIntyre Volunteer needed
Week 4	Wednesday 9/8	Rae Nelson Volunteer needed
Week 4	Friday 11/8	Sheridan Hitchcock Volunteer needed
Week 5	Wednesday 16/8	Jennifer Moore Volunteer needed

Week 5	Friday 18/8	Ali McIntyre Sheridan Hitchcock
Week 6	Wednesday 23/8	Jennie Moore Volunteer needed
Week 6	Friday 25/8	Lisa Rich Volunteer needed
Week 7	Wednesday 30/8	Jennie Moore Volunteer needed
Week 7	Friday 1/9	Ali McIntyre Volunteer needed
Week 8	Wednesday 6/9	Rae Nelson Volunteer needed
Week 8	Friday 8/9	Sheridan Hitchcock Volunteer needed
Week 9	Wednesday 13/9	Jennifer Moore Volunteer needed
Week 9	Friday 15/9	Ali McIntyre Sheridan Hitchcock
Week 10	Wednesday 20/9	Jennie Moore Volunteer needed
Week 10	Friday 22/9	Canteen Closed

We are in desperate need of Canteen Volunteers. The canteen operates on a Wednesday and Friday from 9am- 12.30pm. If you can volunteer any time it will be greatly appreciated. Without volunteers we run the risk of having to close the canteen. Please notify the office if you are available.
*Please note that if we cannot fill vacancies, our canteen may have to be closed on Wednesdays.
Thank you
Speers Point P&C

Community News

BULK billed
EYE
examinations

health fund
DIRECT
BILLING
FIND US ON
facebook

Speers Point **Singleton**
1/177 Main Rd 1/65 John St
p 4958 7892 p 6571 5600

aie optical
Eyecare & Eyewear



WALLSEND TOUCH JUNIOR COMP 2017

HEY KIDS! PLAY TOUCH FOOTY!
TEAMS – INDIVIDUALS – SKILL SESSIONS – CUBS PROGRAM

Registrations
NOW OPEN

Easy online process!
Register your team **NOW FREE!**
Players pay before comp starts!
Teams accepted up to 20 Aug 2017



Starts 29 Aug

Cheapest Sport Around
Sibling Discounts
PLUS a **FREE SHIRT & TEAM BALL**

Same Venue each week
Air Conditioned Canteen
& Club House
All ages **NOW** Tuesdays

Girls & Boys - 6 to 15 yrs

CUBS Program 4/5/6 Yrs

Touch Footy Skill Program

'Try Touch Footy' School
Carnival - Has your
school registered?

MORE INFO –
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1st Teralba Sea Scout Group is having an
OPEN DAY!!

Be prepared...
for new adventure!



For more than 100 years Scouts have offered a program to young people which helps develop them through teamwork and using their own initiative.

Scouts believe encouraging young people to "be prepared" is more important today than ever!

What should you be prepared for? Fun and adventure, team involvement, helping other people, being a leader, making friends, caring for the environment, and being a positive influence in your community.

Come along to our OPEN DAY
10am to 4pm on 2nd September 2017

Held at 1st Teralba Sea Scout Hall
York Street
Teralba

For more information call
Barry Kilby
0418 414725 or 4958 2930



DON'T MISS OUT!!

Many Activities and a Free BBQ Lunch FUN FOR ALL!!

Good for Kids good for life

WHY DOES OUR SCHOOL HAVE HEALTHY EATING AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROGRAMS?

Good nutrition and physical activity improves students' concentration and behaviour and boosts school performance.

Below are some examples of strategies schools are implementing to promote healthy eating and physical activity:

- Crunch&Sip® – a daily fruit, vegetable and water program
- NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy – revised canteen strategy replacing Fresh Tastes @ School
- PE lessons have a focus on developing students fundamental movement skills
- Students have access to physical activity equipment during breaks
- Teachers have been trained in the Live Life Well @ School Program
- Teachers are regularly incorporating healthy eating and physical activity into their lessons



PHONE 4924 6499

Busy Brains Hub

**FREE with
afternoon tea!**



All children from **Boolaroo & Speers Point** schools who need support with **Homework**, **Numeracy** and **Literacy** are welcome.

Boolaroo Public School

Mondays 3-4 pm

Speers Point Public School

Tuesdays 3-4 pm

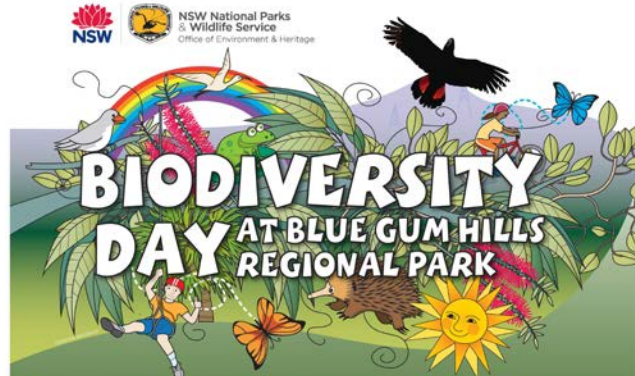
Our dedicated volunteers have current
Working with Children Check.



Our Community Place - 7/24 Main Rd, Boolaroo
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NSW National Parks
& Wildlife Service
Office of Environment & Heritage



BIODIVERSITY DAY AT BLUE GUM HILLS REGIONAL PARK

Free fun for families

Thursday 28 September, 10am-3pm, Blue Gum Hills Regional Park, Minmi Road, Minmi
(back-up day in case of cancellation Thursday 5 October)

- Free BBQ lunch
- Win great prizes
- Interact with live native animals
- Learn about bats, bees and birds
- Free native plants
- Crazy animal photo booth
- Free activities and craft
- Learn about biodiversity
- Nature walks
- Meet other nature lovers
- Freebies
- Learn about volunteering in nature
- Discover nature near you



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Please always pack plain water and some vegetables or fruit. Some ideas are:

WHAT TO PACK



TIP: For younger children, chop vegetables and fruit into bite size pieces

TIP: On weekends, get the whole family involved with Crunch&Sip® at home

TIP: Vegetables and fruit taste best and are cheaper when you buy what's in season

TIP: If you can't buy fresh, try canned fruit in natural juice

PLEASE DO NOT PACK



CBCA BOOK WEEK 2017

Please join us

Thursday 3rd of
August from

9:30

escape to everywhere

We will be selling Cupcakes and milkshakes at school following the parade and will be holding our Book Fair in the area outside the canteen. Please buy a book and support our amazing school.



We will be walking along Main Rd and would love to have you join us in costume for the parade or cheer us on