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Principal's Message

And we're already half way through the term!

Our banner photo this issue comes from the 1993 Speers Point staff photo, which was taken just outside our library. We've included this photo as we prepare for our 60th Anniversary dinner on September 15th. This is a celebration for all of us. Tickets are still available online at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/56353>

Spread the word and let's see how many past and present parents, staff and (past) students we can bring together to celebrate our fantastic school.

Kinder 2018

On September 14th we are holding our Kinder 2018 Information Session at 6pm in our school library. It's a great session for both new and current parents who have students starting next year as we talk about upcoming transition as well as our new programs.

If you have neighbours, family or friends with children starting Kinder next year this is the one they want to come to.

There is also a letterbox drop going out this week to our area for those people we haven't been able to spread the message to yet. We're looking forward to our biggest Kinder enrolment in 2018.

Year 5/6 Headstart Transition

Lake Macquarie High School is holding their transition information session TONIGHT (Tuesday) at 6pm. This is a great information session for both Year 5 and 6 parents as both years will be involved in the 12 day transition program next term.

Moving Back

We've had our library and classrooms handed back over to the school following the completion of works. What started as a roof replacement was expanded to include new ceilings, lights, fans, awnings and water tank for the vege garden. The total work looks fantastic and we're very excited to move back.

Official moving day will be next Tuesday 29th. As before, we're expecting removalists to come early in the morning and move furniture before students arrive, which makes the learning spaces ready for the day.

This also gives us a week to prepare. Thank you to Dan, Jenni and Greg who helped Mrs Hopton and myself last Sunday with the repainting of the library. We managed to get first coat of paint done and will likely look for an afternoon to finish the job. We also need to help Mrs Hopton move all of our library books back out of the boxes and onto shelves. If anyone has a spare hour or two to help please contact the school.

Mornings & Breakfast

The last few mornings the teachers on duty have noticed an increasing amount of students, who, once they arrive and sit, rummage through their lunchboxes for their lunch or recess. We're unsure if it is a result of kids eating brekkie early, or kids skipping breakfast.

Please have a chat with your children to see if they maybe hungry in the mornings before school. It might be handy to pack a second sandwich or another piece of fruit.

Tell Them From Me

Later this week we open the **Tell Them From Me** survey tool. This survey tool is more comprehensive than the previous mini surveys we have used so far this year and covers topics not yet explored.

The parents survey opens soon, along with the student survey which is to be completed by Years 4 – 6. Staff are not able to identify student responses. This survey provides us with valuable feedback on student wellbeing and engagement. Student participation is voluntary and parents may wish to withdraw their students from participating if they wish.

Don't forget our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 5th September at 6:30pm.

Have a great week
Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

Term 3 Week 6 2017	
Thu 24 th August	Awabakal/Glenrock Excursion
Week 7	
Tue 29 th	Aunty Peach Show
Fri 1 st September	Father's Day Breakfast/Stall
Week 8	
Tue 5 th	P&C Meeting 6:30pm
Week 9	
Thu 14 th	2018 Kinder Information Night 6pm
Fri 15 th	SPPS 60 th Anniversary Dinner

Reminder

The Aunty Peach Show!

Permission note for the show needs to be in by no later than Thursday 24th August along with the \$8 payment. Any late payment for this excursion will not be accepted.

September Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Bianca G	1 st	Nicholas J	24 th
Dylan P	3 rd	Amelie L	27 th
Moonen C	11 th	Archer T	29 th
Liam D	23 rd		



Canteen Roster

Week 6	
Wed 23 rd August	Jennifer Moore, Ann Rowe
Fri 25 th	Lisa Rich, Tara
Week 7	
Wed 30 th	Jennifer Moore, Volunteer Needed
Fri 1 st September	Ali McIntyre, Lisa Rich
Week 8	
Wed 6 th	Rae Nelson, Volunteer Needed

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ACTIVE TRAVEL

Active travel is a great way to get some extra physical activity in your day. Why not try these ideas on your way to and from school:

- Park a greater distance from school than usual and increase your step count!
- Instead of using the bus stop closest to your house, leave home a bit earlier and walk to the next bus stop
- For older children: if your school has bike racks available, why not ride your bike or scooter to and from school?



You can also include active travel in your weekend plans to ensure you're active every day!



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60th Anniversary Celebration

FRIDAY
15
Sep

Stepping back
at Club Macquarie
Tickets \$40 - Covers entry, buffet & entertainment

STARTS AT 6PM - ADULTS 18+ ONLY

Tickets at: stickytickets.com.au/56353 Info: 4958 1230



Speers Point Public School Kindergarten 2018



We invite our community to our
Parent Information Night

Thursday 14th September, 6pm
"Getting ready for Kinder"

Kindergarten Orientation Days in 2017

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

These days are for 2018 Kindergarten students to experience sessions in Kindergarten.
Sessions will take place from 8:45am- 11:30am.



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