

# THE SPEERS POINT STAR



Growing *Stronger* and *Smarter* every day.

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19<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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## Principal's Message

Final week of Term 3... are we ready for holidays?

## Recognition Assembly

The final week of term doesn't mean we slow the pace at all. This week there are a few special events on, including yesterday's Dog Safety talk with our infants and unit classes. On Friday we welcome back Mr John Fleming, who has been supporting us with our implementation of Explicit Instruction through the school.

We would also like to invite everyone to join us for our Recognition Assembly on Friday morning. We ask parents to be seated in the hall at 9am for a 9:15am start. While students are having rolls checked and coming to the hall, I would like to take the opportunity to go over the new draft of the school vision for your feedback and suggestions.

We're very pleased to have a special guest with us for Recognition Assembly. Former Assistant Principal and Acting Principal of Speers Point, Mrs Josie Bailey, is currently the relieving Director for Lake Macquarie West and is returning to Speers Point for our Recognition Assembly.

## Planning Day

On Thursday this week the teachers from Blue Gum, Bonzai, Cedar and Wattle will be coming together with our Instructional Leader (Mrs Metse) to review student's growth data and plan for next term. We have begun holding these days twice a term and have seen how valuable they have become. Teachers are able to work together to better review student data and plan for future teaching both in the class and intervention strategies in supporting students in reaching their learning goals.

## Term 4 – It's all happening!

There is a lot set to happen in Term 4 so please keep an eye out on the app, newsletters, notes and Facebook page because as Steve Tyler sings – “and I don't want to miss a thing” (I bet that song will now be stuck in your head... you're welcome)

## Transition to High School

For parents of our Support Unit students, we've just been made aware that placements for High School are being finalised and notifications will be out by the beginning of next term.

For our mainstream students in Years 5 and 6, day one next term starts over at **Lake Macquarie High School**. The Headstart program runs next term with Years 5 and 6 attending LMHS on Monday to Thursdays for the first 3 weeks. Fridays are at Speers Point Public School as usual. Mrs Chiles will be at LMHS with our Year 5 and 6s on those days.

## Year 4's Bump it Up

Last year during the Headstart program we ran a very successful program for our Year 4 students while the Year 5 & 6 students were at LMHS.

During the 3 weeks of Headstart, our Year 4 students will come together with Mrs Skinner as a small focus class that will allow our Year 4 students to be “bumped up” with their learning.

## Kinder Orientation

We had an excellent turn out at our Kinder 2018 Information session last week and we're very excited by our next intake of Kinder students.

Thursday Week 1 will also see the beginning of the Kinder Orientation program with Mrs Doodnath. There are still places available and it's not too late for anyone to join in. For parents unsure if their child is ready to start then the orientation program is a perfect opportunity for us to see them in a school setting and give you feedback on their school readiness.

#### Other Big events in Term 4

Throw these ones on the calendar before things get too busy!

**Trivia Night** – 10<sup>th</sup> November

**School Concert** – Dress rehearsal Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, Matinee 5<sup>th</sup> Dec and Matinee / Night performances 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**Presentation Day Assembly** – 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Year 6 Farewell** – 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Last Day of School** – 15<sup>th</sup> December

Don't forget that the canteen is CLOSED on the final day of this term.

Have a great holiday

Chris Payne  
Principal

#### Upcoming Events

Term 3 Week 10 2017	
Fri 22nd September	Recognition Assembly 9am <b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b> Last Day for Term 3
Term 4 Week 1 2017	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Students Return Years 5 & 6 LMHS
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder Koalas 8.45-11.30
Week 2	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6 LMHS
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder Koalas 8.45-11.30
Week 3	
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Years 5 & 6 LMHS
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder Koalas 8.45-11.30
Week 4	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Years 5 & 6 LMHS
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Kinder Koalas 8.45-11.30
Week 5	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Swim Scheme
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	Swim Scheme
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Swim Scheme

Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	Swim Scheme
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Swim Scheme

#### Uniform Shop

Unfortunately we have had a price increase from our supplier which means a small adjustment has been made to our school uniform price list. This will be in effect from the beginning of Term 4 2017. New prices are as follows:

Bucket Hats \$10  
Polo Shirt \$26  
Sports Polo Shirts \$22  
Hooded Zip Jacket \$35

We still have limited stocks in our SALE items (microfiber jacket & pant) available.



## October Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

Riley B 4<sup>th</sup>  
Eli L 4<sup>th</sup>  
Bailey M 9<sup>th</sup>  
Dylan C 11<sup>th</sup>  
Kobi G 13<sup>th</sup>  
Cooper C 19<sup>th</sup>  
Zara R 20<sup>th</sup>  
Lilly B 27<sup>th</sup>  
Isaac M 29<sup>th</sup>



#### P&C News

Just a reminder that our canteen will be closed on Friday 22 September.

#### Outback Jacks

Don't forget about your Outback Jack cards. If you find yourself dining there over the school holidays, make sure you hand over your card so that the benefits can come back to the school!



## Event Cinemas

Speers Point P&C have partnered with Event Cinemas to provide you access to discounted movie tickets! Coming in Term 4, you will be able to purchase from the school a book of 5 tickets for \$40, being \$8 per ticket (for both adults and kids). These books will be great for Christmas presents and the like. An order form will be sent out in early term 4, so keep your eyes posted.



### Upcoming Events – Save the date!

10 November 2017 – Trivia Night at Club Macquarie  
The P&C is hosting a Trivia Night at Club Macquarie on Friday, 10 November 2017. The doors will open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Cost of Tickets - \$10 single or \$90 for a table of 10. Tickets will be available for purchase from the school office from Term 4. Further detail will be provided in the next newsletter.

P&C Executive

## Canteen Roster

Week 10	
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer M
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>CANTEEN CLOSED</b>

Thank you to our wonderful Canteen volunteers.  
If you would like to volunteer please phone Dan 0420 441 411 or our School office 4958 1230

## Community News

### BEHAVIOURAL OPTOMETRIST

Available for assessment of....

- Eye & Focus Co-ordination
- Vision Perception & Tracking
- Development of Visual Abilities

**Only for a limited time from 23 October 2017**

**CALL TODAY TO MAKE A BULK BILLED APPOINTMENT**

**Speers Point**  
1/177 Main Rd  
ph 4958 7892

## Good for Kids good for life

### TIPS FOR PACKING A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

Packing a healthy lunchbox doesn't have to be hard or time consuming. Use these helpful tips to pack a lunchbox your kids will love.

- Include a piece of fruit or chop up a variety of fruits and place in a container
- Provide some easy to eat vegies such as snow peas or cherry tomatoes for a snack
- Include some reduced fat dairy like yoghurt or cheese
- Use wholegrains like wholemeal bread, brown rice and wholemeal pasta for long lasting energy
- Include lean meat and alternatives such as chicken, tuna and eggs and salad vegetables as sandwich fillers
- And don't forget that water is the best drink!

Health Hunter New England Local Health District

PHONE 4924 6499

## The Music Bus

### Free Trial Lesson

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More than 80 schools across the Hunter and the Central Coast have got their art on to create artworks which talk about "What inclusion means to ME". The Smart Art Includes You Challenge is an Ability Links NSW initiative to promote awareness of the value and importance of inclusion.

By sharing their artwork with you, we hope that you feel inspired to think about inclusion in new ways and consider its value to you, and your community.

Participating schools go in the draw to win up to \$9,000 to build capacity within their school to be inclusive.

Linking people and communities with opportunities.



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

## SPORTS CAMPS AUSTRALIA

### SCA Junior Mountain Bike Camp

Location: Glenrock Scout Centre,  
Glenrock National Park

Director: Damien Enderby

Date: 3rd - 4th October 2017

Cost: \$199

Ages: 8-16 years

Skill: All Skills

Gender: Co-Ed



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