

# THE SPEERS POINT STAR



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**5<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

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## Principal's Message

It was great to welcome so many of our dads, step-dads, grandads and family to our Father's Day breakfast last week. It was another awesome brekkie served up by our staff and P&C.



More of our father's Day pictures are on our school's website for viewing.



## Assistant Principals

We congratulate Mrs Young who has been successful in obtaining the relieving role of Assistant Principal – Learning and Support based at Biraban Public School. Mrs Young had been relieving in a short term role this term which has now been extended until the end of the year.

Miss Musialik, who has been doing a fantastic job as our Relieving Assistant Principal – Support, will also continue to fill this role for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Cowburn also continues her excellent work as Relieving Assistant Principal (Mon to Wed) for Mrs Cobcroft on those days.

## P & C

Tonight we have our Week 8 P&C meeting in the hall at 6:30pm. We're welcoming all community to our P&C, even if you haven't been to a meeting before. We'll be talking around plans for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and Term 4 fundraising opportunities.

## PBL

Each fortnight in PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) we have a school focus in helping to create our positive school environment. This week our current focus is "Talking politely to each other"

## Kinder 2018 Information Session

Our Kinder 2018 information session is set for next Thursday night, 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in our (looking brand-new) library. It's a great time to drop any last word of mouth advertising for our school to neighbours and friends.

Our information night is not just for new parents, it's a chance to hear about how our successful transition program works and ask any questions.

If there are any siblings of current students who have not yet enrolled now is the perfect time!

## Classroom moves

I'm very pleased to say that we have completed all of the moving classrooms. Mrs Doodnath has Kinder back in Blue Gum and Mrs Wood is very happy to be back home in Casuarina. Bonzai with Mrs Varney has decided to stay in Bonzai room and so Banksia with Mr Bukey has taken the opportunity to move into the bigger room of Eucalypt.

The library is back together and looks better than ever. Thank you to those people who helped with that one! I would also like to thank our fantastic book covering crew who helped cover the new PM readers.



Have a great week everyone,

Chris Payne  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

<b>Term 3 Week 8 2017</b>	
<i>Tue 5<sup>th</sup> September</i>	<i>P&amp;C Meeting 6.30pm</i>
<b>Week 9</b>	
<i>Thu 14<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>2018 Kinder Information Night 6pm - Getting Ready for Kinder</i>
<i>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>SPPS 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner</i>
<b>Week 10</b>	
<i>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Children &amp; Dogs Workshop Visit</i>
<i>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>CANTEEN CLOSED Last Day for Term 3</i>
<b>Term 4 Week 1 2017</b>	
<i>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Students Return Years 5 &amp; 6 LMHS</i>
<i>Thu 12<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Kinder Koalas 8.45-11.30</i>
<b>Week 2</b>	
<i>Mon 16<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Years 5 &amp; 6 LMHS</i>
<i>Thu 19<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Kinder Koalas 8.45-11.30</i>
<b>Week 3</b>	
<i>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup></i>	<i>Years 5 &amp; 6 LMHS</i>
<i>Thu 26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Kinder Koalas 8.45-11.30</i>
<b>Week 4</b>	
<i>Mon 30<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Years 5 &amp; 6 LMHS</i>
<i>Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> November</i>	<i>Kinder Koalas 8.45-11.30</i>





## BORROWING

We are just waiting for the library to be hooked up to the network and we should be all ready for borrowing again next week (Week 9).

Classes are as follows;

**MONDAY** – Bonzai

**TUESDAY** – Wattle and Blue Gum

*Blue Gum will need to return all books for Speer's Point Library as we will now stay at school for borrowing.*

**WEDNESDAY** – Cedar

Casuarina, Waratah and Banksia borrow to read in the classroom.

**There are still a lot of overdue books so please make sure students return any outstanding books ASAP so they can start borrowing again.**

## PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2017

Well done to all K – 2 students who successfully completed the challenge as well as a number from the Support Unit and Wattle and Cedar. Certificates will be issued at Presentation Day in term 4.

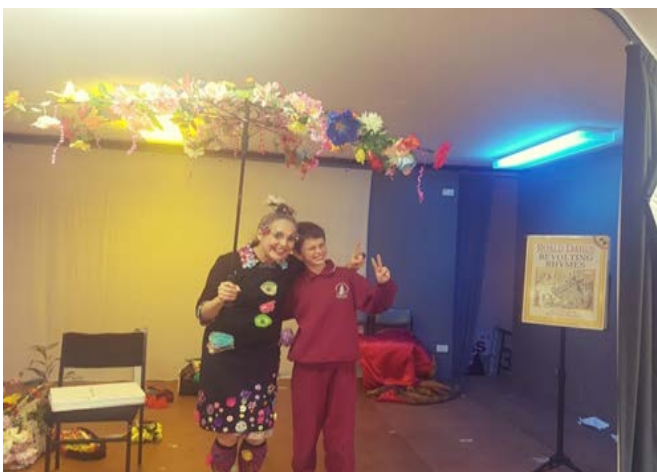
### Glenrock Excursion

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of August two buses left SPPS for our excursion to the Glenrock Conservation Area. K-2, Casuarina and Waratah went to the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre (EEC) and 3-6 and Banksia went on our Bushwalk from Dudley. Both excursions were a great success with students gaining an invaluable insight into the way the Aboriginal people care for and maintain the land as well as how places have developed and changed over time. Students had the chance to use geographical tools to gain a better understanding of the world around them. Congratulations on your behaviour and enthusiasm.



### Aunty Peach

Last week we were lucky enough to be visited by the incomparable Aunty Peach who enthralled and entertained our students using Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes. Students had the chance to act out scenes and dress up in costume. The performance was loved by all and introduced many students to the wonderful world of Roald Dahl through drama, music and rhyme.



## EXPECTATION AWARDS



### Week 8

<b>Wattle</b>	Archie Taylor Archer Tredinnick Ella Allen
<b>Bonsai</b>	Liam Dee Natalie Hearne
<b>Casuarina</b>	Amitiel Rose
<b>Cedar</b>	Cooper Clayton Hendrix Johnston
<b>Waratah</b>	Bailey Midson
<b>Blue Gum</b>	Joshua Groves Ezri Dee

## AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



### Week 8

<b>Wattle</b>	Hayden Cumming Emily Rickards Blake Moffitt
<b>Eucalypt</b>	Molly Hughes
<b>Waratah</b>	Gabriel Black
<b>Cedar</b>	Elijah Cassell Liam Dwyer
<b>Bonsai</b>	Declan Weston Eden Hart
<b>Blue Gum</b>	Lilly Bartlett Lylee Austin



## Canteen Roster

Week 8	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Rae Nelson, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa & Tara
Week 9	
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer M & Dan C
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Evette & Greg Tredinneck
Week 10	
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer M
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	CANTEEN CLOSED

## Community News

**BULK billed**  
**EYE**  
**examinations**

**health fund**  
**DIRECT**  
**BILLING**

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### FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS

Fundamental movement skills (FMS) are the building blocks for more complex and specialised skills required in sports and leisure activities.

FMS include activities such as running, jumping, throwing, catching and kicking. FMS allow children to:

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Improve posture
- Develop parts of the brain
- Develop problem solving skills
- Socialise and interact with their environment.

Teachers at your school are helping to teach FMS to your children. Why not ask them about the skills they are learning to help them practice at home?



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PHONE 4924 6499

## Busy Brains Hub



**Open to all Children**  
**At Speers Point School**

**Every Tuesday from 3:00-4:00pm**  
(During school terms from week 2)

### We offer:

**Support with Homework, Reading and Maths**  
**Afternoon tea**  
**Fun activities at end of each term**

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## 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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