



Growing *Stronger* and *Smarter* every day.

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7 February, 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It's been a cracker of a start for Speers Point Public School in 2018. We were able to form classes straight away this year and all classes have demonstrated such a positive start.

With the return of our awesome students, we welcomed 20 new kinders, 9 new students across Yrs 1-6 and 4 students into our Support Unit. With 128 students in our school we have grown over the holidays (just like the kids) and now at our biggest size in 6 years. I'm tremendously proud of our growth and welcome all of our new families, to our family.

Staff

Our staff remains very similar to last year we a few special mentions. Mrs Cobcroft is back with us full time and in her role as Assistant Principal (Mainstream). Mrs Young is relieving as the Head Teacher, Special Education at Warners Bay High School at this time and Miss Musialik (aka Miss M) continues as Relieving Assistant Principal, Support.

A new face, Mrs Hazel, joins us three days a week (Wednesday to Friday) and is working with our Support Unit.

Classes

With the new numbers we have made 5 Mainstream classes with our 3 Support Unit classes this year.

Blue Gum (Kinder) – Mrs Doodnath

Coachwood (Year 1) – Mrs Cowburn

Bonzai (Year 2) – Mrs Varney

Cedar (Years 3/4) – Mrs Cobcroft (AP)

Wattle (Years 4/5/6) – Mrs Chiles

Casuarina (Support) – Mrs Wood (Mon – Wed) Mrs Hazel (Thur – Fri)

Eucalypt (Support) – Mr Bukey

Waratah (Support) – Miss Musialik (AP)

During the year if you have any questions about you child the best first contact point is the class teacher. They have the most up to date information and can directly answer many of your questions.

Student Accessibility, Driveway & Parking

Our school, students and community have always been extremely supportive of the different needs of different students. This year we are making some changes to give better accessibility whilst keeping ensuring student safety.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 1st March Children's University Information Session 2.20pm	Friday, 2nd March Clean Up Australia Day	Wednesday, 21st March Harmony Day	Monday, 26th March School Photo Day
Friday, 30th March GOOD FRIDAY (No School)	Monday, 2nd April EASTER MONDAY (No School)	Friday, 13th April Last Day of Term 1	Monday, 30th April First day of Term 2

Our driveway / carpark has always been a concern around safety. Please help us maintain these safety through the following:

- Pedestrian access to and from Bell St is **via the veranda**, please do not use the driveway as a walkway.
- Car park has been made available for students who have identified needs around their accessibility. It is not available for general access.
- Those identified vehicles are asked to park on the office side of the driveway, **reversed** in. This allows for clear visibility when leaving at peak times.

Canteen

As we are seeking new volunteers to help with the canteen please be aware that for the time being that the canteen is only open on Fridays.

Medication

As some students require medication for different reasons to comply with the Department's policy we have the following procedures in place.

- Any medication has a completed medication form (available from the school) which includes dosage and times.
- Liquid medications are clearly marked with child's name eg nurofen
- Tablet medications are in Webster packs in their correct dosage

Notes

There are a few notes out at the moment. Please get these back to us ASAP

- Permission note for the Lifeskills Group (Mindfulness program)
- Green General Permission Note
- Stationery packs (by Friday)

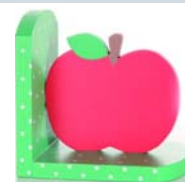
Have a great week

Chris Payne

Principal



LIBRARY NEWS



BORROWING

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

CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS FOR BORROWING STARTING Week 3

MONDAY - Wattle

TUESDAY - Cedar

WEDNESDAY - Coachwood

THURSDAY - Blue Gum

FRIDAY - Bonsai

Please ensure students have a library bag ready to borrow.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues went out last week to all students. This is the main source of our books for our library as we receive 20% of all orders back to order for our school. The LOOP system is by far the easiest to pay by credit card online.



Book Club LOOP

for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

GET IT ON
 Google play

Download on the
 App Store

DON'T FORGET!





Book Club

orders are due:

21/02/2018

JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S



Wishing the following students a very
Happy Birthday!

Nikita O'B 10/1	Ivy O'N 3/1
Zavier H 27/1	Phoebie M 12/1
Jaiden C 15/1	Savannah 22/1
Jude S 18/1	Elyse McH 26/1
Riley H 24/1	Tyler S 20/1

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S



Wishing the following students a very
Happy Birthday!

Bailey M 17/2	Brodie 26/2
Henry N 8/2	Riley B 12/2
Gabriel 2/2	Noah D 8/2
Ruthie T 17/2	Lilly F 1/2
Natalia H 3/2	



This year Speers Point Public School is embarking on an extremely exciting journey. In collaboration with Newcastle University students are invited to become part of Children's University. Children's University provides a great opportunity to support your child to succeed and achieve in their education and to celebrate with them at graduations.


The program is open to all children who love to learn. The concept of Children's University (CU) is to recognise and acknowledge kids that find **new** areas of learning through discovering what educational events they can go to in their local area. Children are working towards a minimum of 30 hours of learning time that occurs **out of classroom** hours: before school, during lunch, after school, and at events in the school holidays. Children log this learning in a passport. Each activity is capped at 10 hours so exploring new educational experiences are encouraged. These activities can be music classes, art classes, sporting activities and any validated activity on the CU web page.

Children are rewarded for their participation with certificates presented at formal ceremonies held in high profile locations, such as the Great Hall at the University of Newcastle. Children graduate in caps and gowns just like the adults do and celebrate their achievements with friends, family and teachers


Speers Point PS will be hosting an information session on **Thursday March 1st at 2:20pm** and we invite and encourage all interested parents to attend.

REMINDER

Stationary Orders are due this
Friday, 7th February



P & C News



The P&C would like to welcome all our new students and their families to Speers Point Public School in 2018.

AGM – Election of office bearers

The P&C AGM will be held on Monday, 19 March 2018 at 6.30pm in the school library. All P&C Executive positions will be vacated and new people elected to the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in taking on any of these roles, please contact Mr Payne.

The P&C at Speers Point PS, supports the school with fundraising events that allow the P&C to help the school by purchasing resources that are used by every student in our school. Please support our fundraising events and our canteen and help us give back to the school.

Canteen - Open Friday Lunchtime only

Our canteen operates through the generosity of volunteers who give their time to allow the canteen to be open. The canteen prepares healthy lunch orders for students and a small number of miscellaneous sales. Volunteers are asked to be in the canteen between 8.45am and 12.30pm and we need 2 volunteers each day to ensure we can deliver healthy lunches to students.

Due to the difficulty getting volunteers to operate the canteen, it was decided late last year to only open on a Friday.

If you are interested and available to volunteer in the canteen, we would like to hear from you. Please contact the school office or Dan on 0420 441 411. We would love to open more days during the week but require your help to do so.

New Menu

Changes have been made to ensure we are compliant with current school canteen guidelines. Please see the new menu included in the newsletter.

Looking forward to a great 2018

P&C Executive

Speers Point Public School Uniform



The wearing of a school uniform is encouraged and recommended at all times. We feel that a school uniform:

1. Ensures students' safety and well-being.
2. Contributes greatly to the overall tone of the school.
3. Encourages self pride and a feeling of belonging to the school.
4. Puts all children on an equal footing in terms of appearance.

Girls Day Uniform (Monday—Thursday)

SPPS School shirt

Maroon shorts (appropriate length), skort, trousers, tracksuit pants (no tights, bike pants or jeans)

Maroon school jumper

White socks

Black leather shoes

Boys Day Uniform (Monday—Thursday)

SPPS School shirt

Maroon shorts, trousers, tracksuit pants (no jeans) Maroon school jumper

White socks

Black leather shoes

Girls & Boys Sports Uniform (Friday)

Coloured Sports House shirt*

White Joggers

*A coloured Sports House shirt in line with each child's House Group was introduced in 2016. This means if your child is in house group Bradman they will wear a red shirt, Elliot—Yellow, Fraser—Blue and Jackson—Green. The shirts will be available for purchase through the school, with orders being taken each term. The school will not have a surplus of shirts.

Hats

Hats are compulsory whenever children are playing in the playground. All students need to wear a maroon sun-safe hat when outdoors. If students do not have a maroon sun-safe school hat, they will need to remain in the undercover areas during recess and lunch play periods.

Jewellery and Makeup

No makeup or nail polish is to be worn. Please see jewellery poster for requirements.

Sun-safe maroon bucket hats (\$10) can be purchased from the office.

Speers Point Public School

The correct shoes - what to wear and why?

Enclosed footwear- Black leather or white joggers.

According to the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 Speers Point Public School (through the Department of Education and Training) must ensure:

- ✓ students are not exposed to risks to their health or safety while they are on school premises
- ✓ the school identifies and eliminates (or controls) any foreseeable hazard that has the potential to harm the health and safety of any person on its premises.



Suede leather is ok too, just check the label!



What do I wear for sport on Friday?



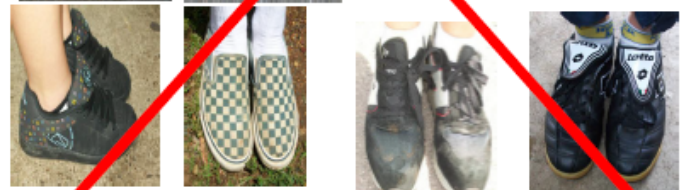
School shoes – what not to wear.

Footwear must be leather-no colours or coloured laces.



No canvas or ballet flats.

Minimal logos



SPEERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Safe, Respectful, Responsible,
Achievers

Jewellery Expectations at Speers Point Public School

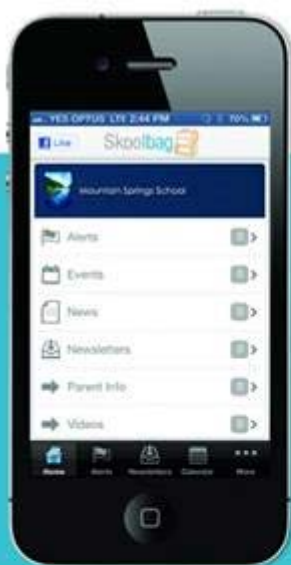
Jewellery of cultural or personal significance- parents are asked to let the school know.



CAUSES – only on the day



Have you got our Skoolbag app? It's a great way to get up to date information from our school. Search for "Speers Point Public School" in your app store.



Skoolbag



Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.




Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook!  Like

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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Coles Sports for Schools is back!

We are collecting the School's for Sport tokens here at Speers Point Public School. Every voucher received at our school will go towards our tally to help us order more sports equipment.

Please place tokens in the box located in the office.



Community News

Good for Kids good for life

ACTIVE TRAVEL IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Active travel to school is a great way to get extra activity in your child's day but sometimes it isn't safe to do so. Luckily active travel can be added into everyday life to get your heart working!

- Check your local area for designated bike paths and ride your bikes to the shops
- Try parking at a greater distance from your location and walking the rest of the way.
- If you use public transport, get off one station before your destination and walk.
- Even making little changes in everyday life such as taking the stairs instead of the elevator can make a big difference.



Health
Hunter New England
Local Health District

PHONE 4924 6499



Come play Rugby League in 2018

All are welcome to join our team from age 5 to 17

Every player gets Shorts and Socks

Registration days
10 Feb and 24 Feb
10-12

Training is on NOW

Macquarie Junior Rugby League Football Club
Keith Barry Oval, Toronto

E: secretary@macquariejuniors.com.au P: 0450 558 565

Register online: www.playnrl.com

**2017
PREMIERS**
U11, U12, U14, U17

Speers Point Public School

Canteen Menu

2018

Lunch Meal Deals

Everyday Food (Healthy Option)		Occasional Food (Select carefully)	
Toasted Ham Cheese & Tomato Sandwich & Drink	\$5.00	4 x Chicken Nuggets & Drink	\$4.00
		6 x Chicken Nuggets & Drink	\$5.00
Toasted Chicken & Cheese Sandwich & Drink	\$5.00	Chicken Burger & Drink	\$6.50
Cheese Burger (lean meat) & Drink	\$6.00	Pie & Drink	\$5.00
Chicken Burger (lean chicken) & Drink	\$6.00	Sausage Roll & Drink	\$4.00

Hot Food

Toasted Ham Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$3.50	Chicken Burger (crumbed chicken breast, lettuce, mayo & cheese)	\$4.50
Toasted Chicken & Cheese Sandwich	\$3.50	Sausage Roll	\$1.80
Cheese Burger (lean meat)	\$4.50	Warm Beef Noodles	\$1.50
Chicken Burger (lean chicken)	\$4.50		
Spaghetti	\$4.00		
Macaroni	\$4.00		
Fried Rice	\$4.00	Sauce - Tomato & BBQ	30c

Salads, Sandwiches & Wraps - All meet everyday option

(all options below available in rolls or toasted - extra 50c)

Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$2.50	Vegemite Sandwich	\$1.50
Chicken or Ham & Salad Sandwich	\$4.00	Ham Sandwich	\$2.70
Plain Salad Sandwich	\$2.70	Ham Salad	\$4.00
Salad	\$2.50	Chicken Salad	\$4.00

(all cheese is reduced fat and everyday foods will contain lean meat)

Drinks

Chocolate Milk (light)	\$2.00	Juice Poppers (Apple, Orange or Apple/Blackcurrant)	\$1.50
Strawberry Milk (light)	\$2.00		
Water 600ml	\$1.50	Quench (Orange or Lemonade)	\$2.50
Milo served Warm or Cold	\$2.00		

Snacks/Recess

Carrot Sticks & Dip	\$1.50	Honey Soy Chips - small	\$1.50
Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00	Grain Waves	\$1.50
Picklelets	40c	Chocolate Muffin	\$2.00
Popcorn	50c	Banana Bread	\$2.00

Frozen Snacks

Quelch Fruit Tubes	50c	Money	70c
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The Canteen is open on Fridays

Open during Lunch only, Recess available by pre-order only