



THE SPEERS POINT STAR

Growing *Stronger* and *Smarter* every day.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Thursday night (22 Feb) the P&C is hosting our 2018 Welcome Disco for our students. Running from 6 till 7:30pm the event is open for parents to join us and stay. The canteen will be open with food available including sausage sizzle.

Our Welcome Disco is always a great opportunity for parents to meet and have a chat with the class teachers. It's a great way for us to get to know each other.

Farewell Mrs Young

As mentioned in a previous email, Mrs Young was relieving at Warners Bay High School this term as their Head Teacher – Support. We are both saddened and happy to tell you all that Mrs Young has been successful in gaining that position permanently.

As she is already relieving in the role, Mrs Young automatically takes that up and Miss Musialik (aka Miss M) will continue her great work as relieving Assistant Principal, Support for the time being.

The school will go into the process of seeking a new permanent Assistant Principal Support and we will advise you of the outcome once the process has been completed.

We will also advise when Mrs Young is able to return for an assembly so we can wish her farewell.

3 Way Conferences

We are establishing a whole school practice this year around 3 way conferences to replace parent-teacher meetings. Together, the student, parent and teacher can create learning goals to work towards through the semester. These goals will then appear on student reports.

It is extremely important that we have every child and a parent / carer active in this process.

Individual class teachers will be soon advertising their availability over the term so they can be completed before the holidays. . It is our aim to have every student with individual learning goals so we can target their learning to their needs. For our Support Unit, this process has always been in place and IEP meetings are already underway.

Student Engagement in Learning

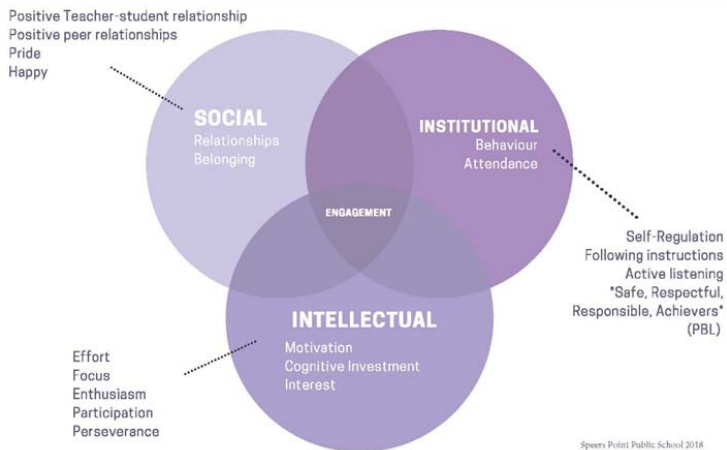
Through our school planning process we recently started looking more closely at *student engagement*. What does it mean exactly, and how can we measure how well our students are engaged in learning?

The short version is, that there is no short answer. I include the Venn diagram below which was devised by staff to help define or explain what we mean by *student engagement*.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 1st March Children's University Information Session 2.20pm	Friday, 2nd March Clean Up Australia Day	Thursday, 8th March Wonder Movie Night	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

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT IN LEARNING



The three key areas, social, institutional and intellectual all work together, not separately. If a student isn't at school, or not interested / focused, or not happy, it will affect engagement. There will always be challenges for students and families and in recognising this we have slightly changed our new school plan to reflect the strategies and programs we are implementing to increase student engagement.

Last week we had the second session of the Lifeskills, which gives students strategies for resilience, mental wellbeing, perseverance, focus, and positive relationships. Our classes have also started investigating Growth Mindsets where we learn that making mistakes **is** learning, where the brain grows from challenge, and hard work and errors. Mrs Doodnath often talks to kinders about "sweaty brains" and Mrs Cobcroft's class is learning about grit.

Our first strategic direction from our school plan, as presented at Presentation Day last year, has been adjusted from *Wellbeing*, to *Wellbeing & Engagement*, to reflect this development.

Vehicles on School Grounds

Following the tragic incident last year in a Sydney school, the Department has issued a safety warning regarding *Vehicles on School Grounds*. From day 1 this year, we had already started trying to make our carpark safer, however we are thinking bigger. Unfortunately Bell St is a narrow back street that was never designed for peak 3pm traffic, and parking is sparse on Main Rd.

The Workplace Health & Safety Officer, and Road Safety Officer from the Department will be making several visits to our school over the term and working with us on some plans to increase student safety around the carpark, the exits and on the roads around our school.

Have a great week

Chris Payne



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.



EXPECTATION AWARDS**Week 3**

Blue Gum	Tyler S
Eucalypt	Noah G
Waratah	Thomas W
Wattle	Blade B, Riley B
Cedar	Deegan S

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**Week 3**

Blue Gum	Lilly F
Bonzai	Taj M
Eucalypt	Wyatt H
Waratah	Coby G
Wattle	Liam D, Mia S
Cedar	Ryan K, Nikita O'B

**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	

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S

Wishing the following students a very
Happy Birthday!

Wyatt H 23/3	Mahlah C 21/3
Bella M 21/3	Azra 10/3
Myles B 28/3	Taj 22/3
Deegan S 20/3	William S 5/3

Canteen Roster

Week 4	
Wed 21st Feb	Kara P, Helen O'R
Fri 23rd Feb	Kara P, Renee M, Elisha J
Week 5	
Wed 28th Feb	Kara P, Daniel C, Amy C
Fri 2nd March	Jennie M, Helen O'R, Elisha J
Week 6	
Wed 7th March	Kara P, Daniel C
Wed 9th March	Lisa R, Alex K



Clean up Australia Day is on at school on **Friday 2nd March**. Students will need to bring along a pair of kitchen or gardening gloves on the day to allow them to participate in our school clean up.



Speers Point Public School's '**Green Gang**' is on again in 2018. Our school's environmental group will meet every Wednesday, at lunch time, to participate in activities such as vegetable gardening, looking after our fruit trees and caring for our worm farm. The students also learn about recycling, composting and ways to care for our environment.

The group is open to all students at the school.

If children are interested in being part of the group, please ask you teacher for a registration form. (Also available from the office). Students will need to bring along a pair of gardening gloves with their name on them (to be kept at school).

Any parents, grandparents or carers who may be interested in helping with our gardening group on a Wednesday at 11.30am are very welcome. A current working with children's check will be needed. This can be obtained by completing an online application, www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check . The check is free for volunteers.

Mrs Wood

Environment coordinator

WELCOME



DISCO



Join us at our Welcome Disco for 2018
Meet the teachers, Meet the parents
Have a sausage sizzle sandwich
And have a dance with the kids!



Event Details:

Thursday, 22 February

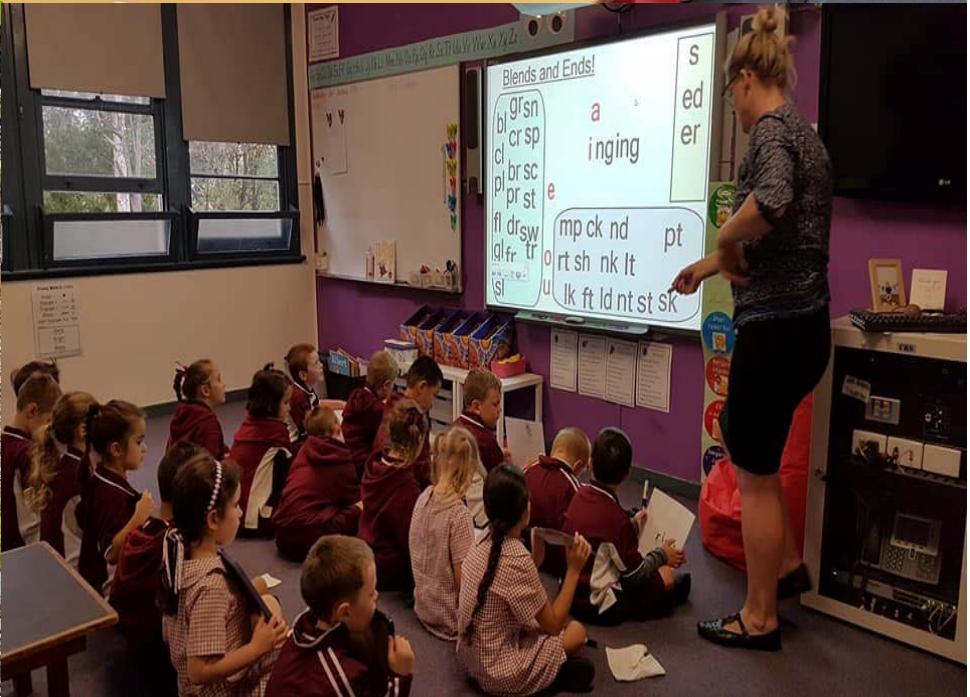
6.00pm - 7.30pm

At the School

Gold Coin Donation for Entry



We ♥ Speers Point Public School



JULIA ROBERTS

OWEN WILSON

JACOB TREMBLAY

Join us for a movie that celebrates inclusion, acceptance and above all ... kindness

LAKE CINEMA**Boolaroo****Thursday March 8th****Doors open from 6pm****Movie starts at 6:30**

BASED ON THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

WONDER

ARE YOU READY TO MEET AUGGIE PULLMAN?

**Tickets****\$10 Adults****\$8 Kids****FAMILY \$35 (2 Adults, 2 Kids)**

To purchase tickets please return slip with cash
or direct deposit DD to

P and C ACCOUNT BSB:032521 Acc 268332

With family name and 'Wonder' in message

Speers Point PS 'Wonder' Movie Night

NAME:

I would like to purchase Adults Kids Family

(If more than 2 Adults and 2 Kids purchase 1 Family and additional tickets)

Please tick your method of payment ☐ DIRECT DEPOSIT—name in message ☐ CASH

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?



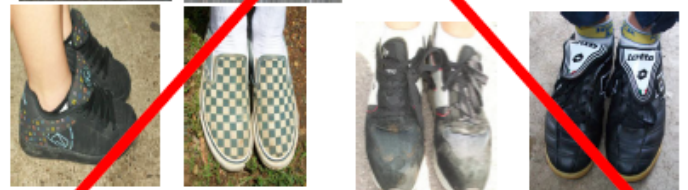
School shoes – what not to wear.

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



Community News



SAFETY around schools



ROAD RULES IN SCHOOL ZONES:

Pedestrian crossings

You cannot stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

Maximum penalty: \$439 and two demerit points

Double parking

You may not stop on the road alongside to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Maximum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points

Parking on a verge

You cannot stop or park on a verge area (footpath, nature strip, dividing strip or kerb).

Maximum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points

PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS



You cannot stop here

Unless there is a medical or other emergency

Maximum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Maximum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points



You can stop here for two minutes only

You have no more than two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and the driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

Maximum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

Unless a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit is displayed.

\$549 and one demerit point

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
Picklets	40c	Chocolate Muffin	\$2.00
Popcorn	50c	Banana Bread	\$2.00

Frozen Snacks

Quelch Fruit Tubes	50c	Money	70c
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Canteen will be open on Wednesday's & Friday's

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