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21st March, 2018

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Over the weekend a special surprise has been taking shape outside of our library. After conversations with our awesome Mrs Hopton, the very talented pair of Year 6 student, Luca Davids, and her mother, Krystal, have set about creating a very special mural outside our library. As shown in the banner photo above, this work of art shows the artwork from many book covers. We deeply appreciate the efforts Krystal and Luca are going to and express our gratitude at their amazing gift to the school.

### P&C

Following our P&C AGM last night I would like to welcome in our new 2018 P&C executive. They include:

Haley Tibbets – President

Greg Tredinnick – Vice President

Dan Corp – Treasurer and Canteen Coordinator

Sheridan Hitchcock – Secretary

### Assistant Principal – Support

At this time Ms Kate Musialik is relieving as Assistant Principal – Support. I have been advised by Staffing to move to fill this position permanently following Mrs Young's permanent appointment to Warner's Bay High School.

This position will be filled via the merit selection process which will take a number of weeks to complete. I will advise of the successful applicant once the process has been completed. In this time, Ms Musialik (aka Ms M) will continue relieving as Assistant Principal – Support.

### Events this Week

There are a few events on this week that may need a little clarification or reminding of.

Thursday – Harmony Day. This includes a special assembly at 2pm in the hall to which we would like to invite our community to attend with us. **Full school uniform is to be worn on this day.**

Friday – Out of Uniform day – The out of uniform day is to support our upcoming Easter hat parade and involves an Easter egg donation for upcoming raffles. For those who don't observe Easter, a gold coin donation can substitute. As this is our sport / Lifeskills day, please ensure students dress appropriately for physical activity and are sun safe (sleeves over shoulders, enclosed shoes).

### Events Next Week

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> is School Photo Day! Everyone should have envelopes as they went out three weeks ago. Full school uniform is extremely important, including white socks and black shoes. Traditionally we have a whole school photo first, which is taken straight after morning assembly. Please ensure all students are at school on time so they don't miss being in the whole school photo.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> is Easter Hat / Crazy Hair parade! One of the biggest events on the Speers Point social calendar. Everyone is invited to this lovely event. Make sure orders are in for hot cross bun pre-orders by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April are both public holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday.) Please be aware that Easter is not falling within school holidays and school resumes for two more weeks from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Thursday 22nd March</b> Harmony Day Full school uniform	<b>Friday 23rd March</b> Out of Uniform Day Easter Egg Donation/Gold Coin	<b>Monday 26th March</b> School Photo Day Full School Uniform	<b>Thursday 29th March</b> Easter Hat/ Crazy Hair Parade Full School uniform
<b>Friday 30th March</b> Good Friday No School	<b>Monday 2nd April</b> Easter Monday No School	<b>Friday 13th April</b> Last Day of Term 1	

## NAPLAN Online

We are one of the schools piloting the NAPLAN online testing this year. Students from Years 3 and 5 will be using the computers to complete the tests, however Year 3 will still complete their writing task using pencil and paper. For Year 5 students, any extra typing practice at home would also benefit just to help increase familiarity and fluency with a keyboard.

## Canberra Excursion

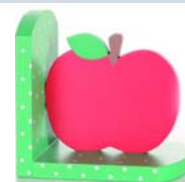
Earlier this year I had spoken about our planned Canberra excursion for Years 5 and 6 in Term 4. Circumstances beyond our control have seen a change to what was organised and I am currently re-booking the excursion. Given the cost of the excursion I will be sending home a brief feedback form to parents of Year 5 and 6 students regarding what these new arrangements look like. A prompt reply to these feedback forms means we can quickly arrange a meaningful and educational experience for our students.

Have a great week,

Chris Payne



# LIBRARY NEWS



## 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.**

### BOOK CLUB

Book Club catalogues have gone out 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.



**Together we may fly ... with our hearts in harmony**

Speers Point Public School will be celebrating

**Harmony Day on Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Children have been learning about the acceptance of people from other cultures into Australian society and about the importance of recognising and appreciating individual's differences and similarities.

We will be holding a special assembly from 2pm that parents are welcome to attend.

Children will be singing some special songs about acceptance that they have been practicing. Our school captains will be leading our assembly and will share with children and parents the significance of Harmony Day.

Normal awards will be handed out at this assembly as well.

As part of an initiative to reward those parents who give up their time to come along to our assemblies, we will begin handing out raffle tickets to win a lucky door prize each assembly.

We hope that you can join us.

**SCHOLASTIC**

## Book Club LOOP for Parents

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Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

**[www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)**



**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**

**Book Club**

orders are due:

**28/03/2018**



### EXPECTATION AWARDS

#### Week 4 & 5

Blue Gum	Zoey C, Marley C
Casuarina	Jaiden G
Bonzai	Chaise H, Kayla C
Eucalypt	Wyatt H
Waratah	Thomas W
Wattle	Matthew P, Luca D
Cedar	Ryan K, Jacob G-H

### AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

#### Week 4 & 5

Blue Gum	Anthony H, Hennessy R
Casuarina	Isaac McG
Bonzai	Kye S, Ruthie T
Waratah	Gabriel B
Wattle	River G, Luca D
Cedar	Cooper T, Jordan B

### OTHER AWARDS

Library Noah D, Henry N

#### Junior Sportsmanship

Bailey D, Ryott , Zoey C, Elyse McH,  
Ruthie T, Tobin F

#### Senior Sportsmanship

Bella M, Marley T, Blade B, Jasmine C,  
Noah G



## MARCH BIRTHDAY'S



Wishing the following students a very  
Happy Birthday!

Wyatt H 23/3 William S 5/3

Myles B 28/3 Azra B 10/3

Deegan S 20/3



The last day to collect Coles vouchers is APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>. All vouchers need to be back at school by April 13<sup>th</sup> which is the last day of the term.















This year, we are putting a big focus on incorporating STEAM or (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) into our lessons and our school as a whole. We are looking at budgeting for new technology resources and programs as well as a continued investment into the LEGO LEAGUE competition.

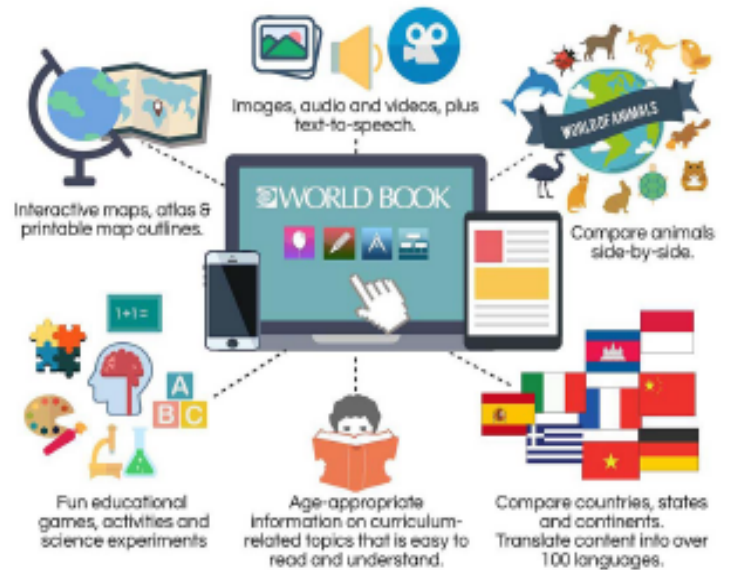
A lot of STEAM activities are easy challenges that allow children to use a diverse range of skills to solve real life problems in creative ways. In order to build a functioning STEAM (!!??) room we are calling out to parents to provide some inexpensive resources in order for us to handle the bigger stuff with our budget. We are looking for the following items that could be bought in your weekly shop and left at the front office.

- Pegs
- Snap lock bags
- Cotton buds
- Cotton balls
- Foil
- Straws
- Toothpicks
- Rubber bands
- Plastic cups
- Play dough
- String
- Plastic spoons



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## Out of Uniform Day

A reminder to parents that **Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March** will be an out of uniform day for all students.

We are asking all students to bring in a donation for the Easter Raffle unless they have already done so. If your family does not celebrate Easter, we would be happy to receive a donation towards prizes for Crazy Hair, or a gold coin donation.

Please make sure that children are appropriately dressed for this day. Friday is our normal sports day so children will still need to wear their joggers and school hats.

# P & C NEWS

## Community News

After a successful AGM held this week and a new Executive Committee elected we would like to say 'Hello' to all of the parents and families at Speers Point Public School. Term 1 for the P&C has been successful so far with a fantastic night supporting the school at our Welcome Disco for 2018 and we are proud to announce that we raised close to \$1000 on the night. These funds will be a fantastic start towards our fundraising efforts this year. We hope to be able to continue in supporting the school with the equipment they may need in the coming months and year for our kids.

In the coming weeks, to give you more information on the P&C Executive and who we are, you will notice some short stories about each of us so that when you see us around the school you can come and say hi! We would love to hear from you and any thoughts you may have around what you would like to see at the school.

Next week we will have our Easter Hat Parade and the P&C will be hosting an Easter Raffle to coincide with the parade. At this time we are asking for donations of Easter Eggs which can be dropped at the school, up until Monday 26th March.

In addition, we will be hosting a Cake Stall in conjunction with the Easter Hat Parade. On this day any cakes, cupcakes and slices of the like would be welcomed. The cakes will then be sold at the Parade, giving families the chance to take home some yummy treats for the weekend or eat whilst watching the parade 😊

If you are coming to the Parade and are happy to assist, we would love you to come and introduce yourself—more hands make light work (and new friends!)

The P&C would like to thank you for all the donations in advance, as all fundraising goes back to our kids!

Look forward to seeing you all next week at the Easter Hat Parade!

P&C Executive Committee



### Mankillikan Local AECG



*"To provide opportunities for Aboriginal people to be actively involved in all decision-making that is relevant to education and training through a collaborative consultative process."*

Would love to invite you to our meetings.

This meeting is held at :

Nikinpa Aboriginal Family and Child Care Centre

9-13 Beckley Street Toronto 2283 NSW

Commencing at 3.30 pm.

Our meetings are on a Wednesdays

21st March

16<sup>th</sup> May

20<sup>th</sup> June

8<sup>th</sup> August

12<sup>th</sup> September

24th October (AGM)

5<sup>th</sup> December

All are welcome

