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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone. I hope everyone had a good break and I always know how sad parents are that the holidays come to an end and students return to school. By now, our Kinders are a quarter way through their first year, whilst our Year 6's are a quarter way through their final year. Don't blink, you may end up missing the year.

As usual the holidays allowed us some time to have some maintenance done to our school. Some of these things are a little more visible than others. Our General Assistants, Mr Gandy and Mr Flannery had me as an offsider as we've improved staff parking, stripped the vege garden for an upgrade and cleared gardens in front of the office ready for turf.

The handrails and poles at the Main Rd entrance have been painted, along with the poles underneath the classrooms in that top block. Mrs Cobcroft has also had a new 3.6m whiteboard installed in Cedar room with a new HD interactive projector to replacing the aging smartboard.

Then just this week, several poles have been replaced on the shelter over the Jellybean tables. It made for a busy holiday period and most of the staff were in over the second week doing different jobs either for their class or facilities.

Behaviour Consistency Guide

In a few weeks we will be releasing our updated Behaviour Consistency Guide. This is our document which very explicitly details different behaviours and how they are managed within the school. Since this guide first came out a few years back we have seen such a huge improvement in student behaviour. Part of that is due to this guide and students, staff and parents having a very clear and consistent understanding of what those expectations are.

Upcoming NAPLAN

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program, Literacy And Numeracy) begins next week. This is nation-wide testing for our students in Years 3 and 5. This year our school is

participating in the NAPLAN online testing. While Year 3 writing is still done via pencil and paper, the rest of the tests will all be done in a secure, online environment.

Mrs Cobcroft will be administering and supervising tests. If you have any questions about this process please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Cobcroft.

Department of Education – New Regions

Over the holidays the Department of Education has made some changes to its regions and networks. Speers Point Public School still falls within the Lake Macquarie West network, but is now part of the Regional North operations directorate (Regional North is made up of Hunter, Central Coast and Blue Mountains schools) As part of this change I would like to welcome Mr James Brigden as the new Director for Lake Macquarie West. Mr Brigden will make his first official visit to Speers Point Public School next Monday as an orientation visit to the school.

Canberra Excursion

Last term we were a bit disappointed to find out our pre-arranged excursion to Canberra for Years 5 and 6 had been cancelled on us. Leading on from there we quickly surveyed parents to determine what would be a suitable alternative whilst making new arrangements to book a new Canberra experience.

I am pleased that we have been able to find a new provider for the Canberra excursion, which will be open for all students in Years 4, 5 and 6. More detailed notes will be out soon, however, an estimate of cost is approximately \$310 per students for the 3 day excursion. The excursion is booked for Week 7 of Term 4 and will be an excellent way to bring together the learning from over the year.

Have a great week

Chris Payne

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, 11th May

Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30am-9am

Mother's Day Stall

Thursday, 31st May

Kinder 2019

Information Night 6pm

Friday, 1st June

School Athletics Carnival

Bottle Top Request

This term all students will be focusing on **Geography** as part of their library time with Mrs Hopton. We will be learning about special places within their town and community as well as expanding our focus to Australia itself and our countries' neighbors in Asia in higher grades. Children will be learning mapping and atlas skills as well as identifying towns, countries and identifying features. Children will be exploring the importance of looking after local spaces and as such will be creating a sustainability mural for our school Green Gang Garden. We ask all students to bring in plastic bottle tops of all sizes and colours to use in our mural design. Ask around for family, friends and favorite cafes to donate to our worthy cause. Please drop all bottle tops to the school office in the designated box to be sorted by students. The mural will be created towards the end of the term dependent on donations.



Coles Sport for Schools

We currently have over 21000 vouchers which will result in lots of amazing new sports gear for our students to enjoy. We still have till the end of May so make sure you hunt around for any vouchers still at home to bring in and bump up our final tally. Thank you for your fantastic support of this endeavor.



Canteen Roster

| Week 2 | |
|----------|----------------|
| Wed 9/5 | Kara P, Daniel |
| Fri 11/5 | Jennie |
| Week 3 | |
| Wed 16/5 | Kara P, Helen |
| Fri 18/5 | Alex |
| Week 4 | |
| Wed 23/5 | Kara P |
| Fri 25/5 | Rob S, Lisa R |



LIBRARY NEWS



There is still an alarming amount of library books outstanding which is preventing students from accessing quality resources purchased from school funds. Please have a hunt around your home for missing library books to allow your children to borrow. We pride ourselves on having a library full of new books that our children want to read and it is very disappointing when they are not returned for others to enjoy.

MAY BIRTHDAY'S



Wishing the following students a very
Happy Birthday!

| | | | |
|------------|------|----------|------|
| Luca D | 21/5 | Ryan K | 23/5 |
| Matthew P | 6/5 | Kirra G | 25/5 |
| Sydney D | 22/5 | Kye S | 7/5 |
| Harrison C | 16/5 | Indie T | 10/5 |
| Eddie McE | 19/5 | Zoey C | 11/5 |
| Hendrix J | 14/5 | Liam K-N | 12/5 |
| Declan McG | 11/5 | Dylan C | 8/5 |
| Thomas W | 21/5 | | |

Payments & Permission Notes

Parents and carers are to provide **full payment by close of business on the due date provided on the excursion note.** Children whose parents/carers that have not made full payment by the due date, or who have not made alternative arrangements with the Principal, will not be eligible to attend.

Students will not be excluded from excursions simply for financial reasons. Parents experiencing financial difficulty, who wish for their children to attend an excursion, will be required to discuss their individual situation with the Principal well before the full payment due date. Payment plans will not be negotiated after the full payment due date. Decisions relating to alternative payment arrangements will be made by the Principal on a case-by-case basis.



P & C NEWS

Welcome Back with a Bang for Term 2!

We hope all the kids had an awesome couple of weeks break and much fun was had. For those parents who managed to sneak in some time off work as well, we hope you had some downtime and relaxation happening.

Whilst on holidays, we have been busy getting ready for some special events that we hope to host throughout Term 2.

Our first will be our Mother's Day Stall. The P&C have organised some amazing gifts for students to purchase for the special ladies in their lives. The Mother's Day Stall will be hosted this Friday, 11 May between 9-11am. We are looking for volunteers to assist at the stall, so if you can please let Haley know if you are available that would be greatly appreciated. (Haley's contact details are: 0412 980 829 or htibbetts@mbansw.asn.au)



The second event will be a Movie Night at Event Cinemas Glendale and with the new release of the Incredibles 2 we have gotten in early and booked an exclusive screening for Friday, 22nd June. Further details about this event will be finalised in the next couple of weeks, but we are looking to make it one of our biggest events yet! Be sure to lock the date in your diary now!

On the last day of Term 1, the new entertainment books were sent home and we hope that you were able to take advantage of the early release and put to use over the school holidays. The book offers valuable savings and many of the places that you might already go to are more than likely in there with discounts for you. By using just a few of the offers, you will more than cover the cost of the membership and more! If you are interested in purchasing, can we ask that you finalise your payment as soon as possible and if you are not, please organise to return the book to the school within the next few days.

Our canteen will once again open on Wednesdays and Fridays this term for the student lunches and snacks. If you are available to come and assist for a few hours on either of these days throughout the term, Dan would love to hear from you. (Dan can be contacted on 0420 441 411)

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you around the school this term.

P&C Executive

Executive Profile:

Greg Tredinnick, Vice President.

Hello, my name is Greg and I have been elected as Vice President of the P&C for 2018.

Having 2 children join Wattle Class at Speers Point Public School mid-way through last year I am a relative new comer to the SPPS community.

Straight away I was impressed with the positive energy of the school and it is a credit to Mr Payne and his Staff, the previous P&C and wider school community.

Our children (and family) were warmly welcomed to the school and made to feel that they were able to make positive contributions to the school environment right from the start.

I started volunteering at SPPS by assisting in the canteen when work commitments allowed, and was impressed by the upbeat nature and inclusiveness displayed by the students and began attending the P&C meetings to further assist the school community.

I was raised in the Newcastle area, leaving after High School to work interstate for some 20 years and have recently returned to work for Lake Macquarie City Council.

Having previously spent many years volunteering with Animal Welfare Charities, I am an experienced fund raising BBQer and am happy to bring my sausage sizzling expertise to school events.

I hope to be able to provide assistance and support for the school to continue along its current path. I am passionate about providing our kids opportunities to better themselves not only with their school based education but also physically, emotionally and socially.

Hope to see you at our next School event.

Regards
Greg Tredinnick



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

Term 2

Parent Planner

(as at 9th May and subject to change)

| | SUN | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT |
|---------|------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| Week 1 | 29/4 | 30/4 | 1/5 First day back for students | 2/5 | 3/5 | 4/5 | 5/5 |
| Week 2 | 6/5 | 7/5 | 8/5 | 9/5 Hunter Life Education | 10/5 | 11/5 Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30AM – 9AM Mother's Day Stall | 12/5 |
| Week 3 | 13/5 | 14/5 | 15/5 NAPLAN | 16/5 NAPLAN | 17/5 NAPLAN | 18/5 | 19/5 |
| Week 4 | 20/5 | 21/5 | 22/5 | 23/5 | 24/5 | 25/5 | 26/5 |
| Week 5 | 27/5 | 28/5 | 29/5 | 30/5 | 31/5 Kinder 2019 Information Night 6pm | 1/6 Sports Carnival | 2/6 |
| Week 6 | 3/6 | 4/6 | 5/6 | 6/6 | 7/6 | 8/6 | 9/6 |
| Week 7 | 10/6 | 11/6 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (No School) | 12/6 | 13/6 | 14/6 | 15/6 Starstruck | 16/6 Starstruck |
| Week 8 | 17/6 | 18/6 | 19/6 | 20/6 | 21/6 | 22/6 | 23/6 |
| Week 9 | 24/6 | 25/6 | 26/6 | 27/6 Tree Planting Day | 28/6 | 29/6 NAIDOC Day Celebrations | 30/6 |
| Week 10 | 1/7 | 2/7 | 3/7 | 4/7 | 5/7 | 6/7 | 7/7 |