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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to our students on a brilliant term. Reading through reports, I was continually impressed with the effort and growth of so many of our students. Semester One reports are coming home today (Wednesday) for parents and carers. If you have any further questions regarding the reports, or progress of your child, then please take the opportunity to connect with the class teacher.

### Safety Over the Holidays

With the holidays in sight I would just like to remind everyone to take special care over the holidays. We have included a great safety sheet from the NSW Police titled "Safe People, Safe Places" which details ways in which we can keep our students safe while travelling to and from school. A lot of the strategies are easily transferable across all settings.

### Book Week

Just on the other side of the holidays, Education Week (combined with Book Week) is set for Week 3. Our Book Parade along Main Rd is scheduled for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August with the Book Week theme "Find your Treasure."

Students always dress up so fantastically and this year I'm expecting more parents to dress up too! Don't be the odd one out on parade day, dress up and join us on the parade along Main Road.

### Parking on School Grounds

Following the tragic incident at a Sydney school last year, I need to remind all families that there is to be **no vehicle access on school grounds** for parents. While we are waiting to see the new Department policy the general advice to all schools is not to permit parent vehicles on school grounds.

We have some limited spaces made available for special transport but apart from that I would ask parents not to drive in to, or park, on school grounds, regardless of weather or time. I appreciate your support in this matter.

### Share Our Space Program

Our school is again participating in the Share Our Space program. This means our school grounds are open for community use throughout the holidays. Official open hours is 8am to 6pm each day over the holidays.

Given that we don't have big black fences around our school, I've always encouraged our community to use our field and playground on weekends and holidays. It's a community facility and I've always appreciated the care that our community have taken with our grounds out of school hours.

Being part of the Share Our Space program means that we will have security on site during play hours, as well as cleaners morning and afternoon to provide garbage bins and keep the school tidy.

So over the holidays, if Speers Point Park is just a little too packed out, our school grounds are open for use.

### Recognition Assembly

Our Term 2 Recognition Assembly is being held on the last day of term, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. We invite all parents and community to come and join us.

Have a great week and enjoy the holidays. Students return on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

Chris Payne

Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, 27th July National Tree Planting Day	Friday, 27th July Lego Day Out of Uniform
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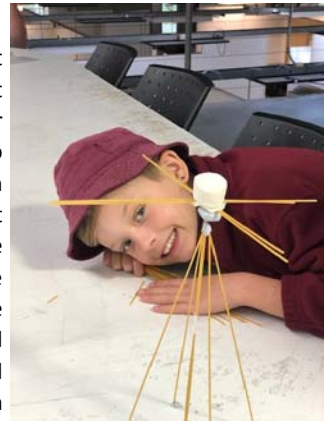


**University of Newcastle. By Jordan B.**

On Monday the second of July, we went to the Newcastle University and did some activities. Firstly, we went to do an obstacle course with a partner and stopwatch. On the obstacle course we had to jump over three blocks, then we threw a basketball in the hoop, and then we ran and zigzagged around some more blocks and swung around a pole. We ran and zigzagged again and swung on some rope over some small cones. Then we went on a balance beam and crawled under some more blocks. And touched a block and finished. Secondly, we went to drama class, the first rotation was a dress up rotation (we had to dress up). The second rotation was where we had to project an image of something onto a blanket. The third rotation was a shadow show where we put something in front of the light. Then we had some lunch and a science show was on in the theatre (which we watched). There were a couple of experiments, in one of them the lady called Cooper Thompson to do one of the experiments. The fourth one was a radio place (2NUR FM 103.7) they told us how they make ads. A man called Riley blocked out the mistakes. Another man called Mark, speaks on the radio and plays music on the radio. The last activity was a building activity. We used spaghetti, a marshmallow, tape and string. The people in my group were, me, Cooper, my brother Riley, Azra and Lillian. We had to build the tallest and most detailed structure. We walked back to where we started and got a black bag and inside it was a book called 'Hope' it was by someone that worked at the Newcastle University. Then we went home.

**University of Newcastle. By Cooper.**

On Monday the second of July we went to Newcastle University. We firstly went to the obstacle course. We went over three mat boxes, shot a basketball into a hoop, then through a zigzag, then around the basketball hoop, went around the zigzag again and ran to the balance beam. We went on the balance beam, we then hung on a rope, then we had to crawl under some mat boxes and had to tap a mat and finish. The second thing we did was drama class. In drama class we did some activities like dressing up in characters. The second activity was a puppet show where we had to collect stuff and put it in front of a screen. The next activity was pick a picture and put it on a white blanket and put it in front of the picture. After that we had lunch, during lunch there was a science show and I got to do some of it, there was basically an explosion. Next, we went to the radio station which is called 2NUR FM easy listening 103.7 and we also got to speak into a microphone and the man said we might go on the radio on 2NUR FM. We met people who worked on the radio station. The next activity was building with stale spaghetti, blue tac, 1 meter of stick tape and my building was 40cm tall and my helpers were Azra, Jordan, Riley, Lillian and me Cooper. Then at the end of the day we got a bag and a book called Hope.

**Children's University. By Ryan.**

On Monday 2nd July I went to the Children's University at Newcastle University. First it was a long walk to the forum and we did an obstacle course. For the obstacle course you needed a partner and a stop watch. In the obstacle course you also needed to complete a series of fun obstacles. Firstly, you start by laying on your tummy and when the stop watch goes you start, then the teacher records your time. After the obstacle course it was another long walk to the drama/performing arts centre. There were three rotations. The first rotation I went to was making different projection with the projector. The second rotation was making pictures appear with objects behind a heated projector thing and made stories. My last rotation was dressing up in costumes and posing like your costume that you dressed up like. We had lunch because everyone was getting hungry. There was a very intriguing science show while we had lunch. One of my favourite experiments is when the lady had a box of liquid nitrogen and got a plastic glove with hot water in it, but it still froze. Then we went to 2NUR FM which stands for Newcastle University Radio FM. We got a little tour around the radio station and got to go on the microphone. Then we got to speak into a little device and say something from our passport. We got to ask some questions too. Our last activity was architecture, it's when you design houses or buildings. We got to build the tallest tower we could out of raw spaghetti, string, blue tac and tape. My team's tower was 27cm tall, which is pretty tall. We got some treats too. After all it was a very fun experience.

**Children's University. By Azra.**

At the university we did 4 different activities. The first activity we did was an obstacle course at the forum. We had to pick a partner, sit down with them and the teacher would give you a stopwatch. Your partner would hold onto the stopwatch while you lay down on the ground getting ready to run. When you start to do the obstacle course the partner would time you with the stopwatch and when you finished the run/obstacle course the partner would stop the timer and tell the teacher what time you got, and some people came first, seconds or third. After that activity we went to drama. We did three rotations in drama the first activity was about how there was a light and when you went in front of the light you could see your shadow on material. And you had some coloured clear paper that you put in front of the light and the colour would show up, and there were some cut out shapes that you could put up in front of your light and the shape would show up. The second rotation was dress up and you could dress up in whatever you want. The third rotation in drama was how where pictures of your choice, shine through the projector onto a black curtain and you got a bunch of white material in front of the projector and see how good it looks. After drama we had lunch. We got to sit with our school with all the other schools. While we ate our lunch, there was a science show on liquid nitrogen and we put a glove and balloon into the liquid nitrogen for a little bit and when we took the balloon out it shrunk but when you blew on the balloon it went back to normal, then we took the glove out and it was frozen, so we decided to smash it with a sledge hammer. After lunch we went to 2NUR 103.7 we got to see somebody who spoke on the radio and he let us speak on the microphone. After we got finished with that we went outside and somebody different from the radio station told a joke about a polar bear to us and we told joke to him. Our last rotation was architecture and we had to build a stable tower out of dry spaghetti and try and make it the tallest and it had to hold a marshmallow. We got to eat the marshmallow after we finished, and we also got to eat a lolly and then we headed back and went home.



**Children's University. By Marley.**

On a gloomy and dark morning we got lost at Newcastle University. We went round and round until we realised..... We were at the wrong part of the University!

First we walked to the Forum where we did an obstacle course. First I got 1:14, the second try I got 1:08 where I beat my score by six seconds. The obstacle course consisted of three jumps, one basketball shot. Swerving around blocks, touching a basketball hoop, swerving again, balance beam, rope swing and crawling under blocks then done.

Next we walked for what felt like forever to the drama hall. During drama we played with shadows, different costumes and lighting against different textures like bubble wrap, sheets and curtains.

The last 2 lessons/stations were NURFM where we went in different studios and recorded stuff about our hours. After NURFM we went to architecture and made spaghetti towers to support the weight of a marshmallow.

All in all I enjoyed the excursion and tour and I hope we can do it again.

**Children's University. By Mia.**

I went to a university yesterday on Monday. We went to children's university, and from Speers Point Public School there was 21 people there. There was a lot more schools there as well.

The first activity was a warmup. We all did a course. We all did it twice, we got a partner and we timed each other. The problem was my partner, whenever I did the course with them, they would accidentally reset my time and because that happened I got a third time and the teacher timed me. My time was 53 seconds.

The second and third activities were a light and dress-up activity. There were three groups and it was really fun. Now to the third activity, well it wasn't really an activity, it was lunch. A scientist did a show while we were eating lunch. It was very messy and fun to watch.

The fourth activity – we went to the radio station. We were split into two groups. One group went outside and talked about radio and got to speak into a microphone and our voice could go on the radio! For the other activity we got to see what they do to make the radio and got to talk and hear ourselves.

The last activity was architecture. We made a sculpture with thin pasta, blue tack, string and sticky tape. We had to do it in groups, make the tallest tower and it had to hold up a marshmallow. After we got a gift bag and it had a book inside. That's it, thank you for reading.



# Waratah Garden Plans

Eucalypt class have been busy planning out what native plants could be used and where they can be planted to utilise the NSW Teachers Federation Tree Levy. The Tree Levy offsets paper that is used and is available to all schools within NSW. We have applied for a \$500 grant of native plants to use in the Waratah Garden area which is off Waratah class at the top right hand side of the school.

If successful, the monies will be available at the start of term 4, 2018. More information will follow when we find out how our application went.









## LIBRARY NEWS



**Book Week** is getting even closer and I wanted to remind you to get costumes sorted, both for the students and yourselves. Our parade will be held: *Week 3, Term 3 on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August starting around 9:30am.*

Whilst details are not locked in at this stage, there will likely be a milkshakes and cupcake stall following to fundraise for the year 6 leaving gift.

As usual, **Book Fair** will be run all this week in the mornings and afternoons with main sales following the parade. A note will come home first week back to advertise this event.

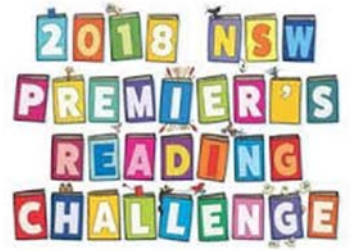
The Theme is quite open and could include stories that explore adventure and travel, pirates and fantasy

Library Books can still be returned



2018 Theme

**Find your treasure**



Don't forget to keep logging books onto the challenge through going onto the DET student portal and searching for PRC. You can also access the challenge through the website.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html>

STUDENTS RECENTLY COMPLETED

Matthew Poles

Azra Boulton

Jude Shroder

## Lego News

Next term we will begin busily preparing for Lego League 2018 with the theme of 'Into Orbit'. In order to build up our school lego supplies both for Lego League and STEM activities, we will be having an **Out of Uniform** day the first Friday back of Term Three (27<sup>th</sup> of July). Students can come dressed in *lego colours* or *as a lego character*. Students will all receive a small plastic container to take home on the first day back of term Three to fill with left over lego pieces you may have at home and don't need. Alternatively, students can make a gold coin donation or bring a small purchased lego kit to school.



# P & C NEWS Community News

## Happy Holidays! What are you going to do?

Looking for something to keep the kids entertained these holidays? Make sure you check out Lake Mac Libraries! They have heaps on over the holiday period for kids, with many of their workshops for free. For example, the library at Morisset has a workshop "coding for kids". It allows them to learn about how to program your own interactive stories, games and animations. If you are wanting something a bit closer to home, the local Art Gallery at Booragul also has a lot of workshops and activities over the holiday period for primary school students, again many for free. If your kids are also participating within the Children's University, points and hours can be collected at many of these activities, so don't forget to ask for your stamp on completion!

Or if you are one of the many parents, that will be at work over the school holidays, our local area has lots of options for vacation care as well. Boolaroo Kids Club have an exciting programme this school holidays (check out their website) or Hunter Sports Centre also offer great vacation care for those into gymnastics!

And for dinner time - If you haven't noticed on social media, some of our local dining places are getting a facelift! The restaurant at Pippis is currently closed for renovations (hotel still open in parts though) and the Argenton Hotel is still closed whilst it completes its major transformation. It might be time to get out that entertainment book and try some of the places in there if you're looking for somewhere to go! Sal's by the Lake have a great offer, as well as many of the cafes and restaurants around Warners Bay offering great deals from the book! Isn't it just great that our local areas are fast becoming trendy and hip and will soon be the place to go!

Whatever you do over these holidays, we hope you enjoy some much needed family time! And remember our school grounds including the playground are also open for our use, so get out and be active! The kids (both young and old) love it and a bit of sunshine and fresh air can be just the right trigger to put a smile on your face! ☺

## Canteen:

Please note our canteen will be closed this Friday, the last day of term and in preparation for Term 3, we would like to put a call out for volunteers now! If you are available on a Wednesday or Friday throughout Term 3, Dan would love to hear from you! Book your preferred date in now. Dan can be contacted on 0420 441 411.

## What's Next?

The Annual Book Parade will be held by the school on Thursday, 9 August and the P&C will be getting involved with this as well. On the day we will host a BBQ lunch, as well as a cake stall. Forms for the BBQ will come out in week 1.

For the Book Parade, we are also calling out for volunteers and want you involved for a bit of fun! Greg, our Vice President will be dressed up as Wally and taking to the streets and wanting to be found by the students during the book parade! But Greg is looking for other Wally's or Wally's friends to join him? Interested? Call Greg on 0409 774 333 for more info!

P&C Executive



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NSW POLICE FORCE CRIME PREVENTION SERIES

## Safe people, Safe places

# Protect your children

The safety and wellbeing of our children is paramount. As parents and carers we can't always be with our children to advise and protect them.

When out and about, children can be confronted with situations where good decision-making is vital. With this in mind, advising our children with appropriate responses to certain situations will help them avoid trouble and danger.

Here are some simple tips to give your children for when they are out and about.

### Protect your child walking home

- **ALWAYS** identify safe places on the way home from school.
- **DO NOT** stop and talk to people you don't know. Go straight home or to your intended destination.
- **ALWAYS** find a safe place if you feel frightened. These include schools, shops, churches or police/fire/ambulance stations and tell them that you are frightened.
- **NEVER** get into a car with someone you don't know.

### Protect your child on public transport

- **NEVER** travel in isolated areas. Find crowded carriages, guard's compartment (marked with a blue light) or at the front of the bus.
- **ALWAYS** try to travel in groups of friends if possible.

### Protect your child when in public spaces

- **ALWAYS** carry a contact number for your parents. (On a card attached to your clothing, written on your arms or in your phone).
- **DO NOT** walk away from family or friends without telling them where you are going, when you'll be back and who you are with.
- **ALWAYS** walk away from fights or arguments, unpleasant or aggressive behaviour and take your friends with you.
- **REMEMBER**, always tell your parents, carer or teacher if something has happened.

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**Police Assistance Line (131 444)**

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To provide crime information. It can be anonymous.





# Speers Point Public School

## Term 3

### Parent Planner

(as at 4<sup>th</sup> July and subject to change)

	SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
Week 1	22/7	23/7	24/7	25/7	26/7	27/7 Tree Planting Day  Lego Day – Out of Uniform	28/7
Week 2	29/7	30/7	31/7	1/8	2/8 Premiers Spelling Bee	3/8	4/8
Week 3	5/8	6/8	7/8	8/8	9/8 Book Week Parade 9.30am	10/8	11/8
Week 4	12/8	13/8	14/8	15/8	16/8	17/8 Ship O Fools 9.30am STEM Science day	18/8
Week 5	19/8	20/8	21/8	22/8	23/8	24/8	25/8
Week 6	26/8	27/8	28/8	29/8	30/8	31/8 Father's Day Breakfast	1/9
Week 7	2/9	3/9	4/9	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9
Week 8	9/9	10/9	11/9	12/9	13/9 R U Ok Day	14/9	15/9
Week 9	16/9	17/9	18/9	19/9	20/9 Kinder 2019 Info night	21/9	22/9
Week 10	23/9	24/9	25/9	26/9	27/9	28/9	30/9