



*Speers Point soaring high, spread our wings and learn to fly.*

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As usual, a brilliant start back to the term for Speers Point. We've kicked things off in the usual fashion (yes, flannos are fashion) last Friday with a massive day between Lego out of uniform day, staff dressed for "Flanno Friday" for Drought relief, beginning the Gymnastics program and Tree planting day with Waratah and Casuarina classes. We're excited for another action-packed term!

I would like to welcome our new families who have started with us this term. We have had 7 new students start this term. Welcome to our family.

### Teachers on Internship

I'd like to officially welcome our five University teachers on internship this term in our school. We're very fortunate to have an intern on each mainstream class and we benefit from the extra skills and learning opportunities that they bring to our school. During the term the following teachers will be with these classes:

Blue Gum – Miss Keating (whole term)

Coachwood – Mr Sheargold (whole term)

Bonsai – Miss Smith (Weeks 1 – 5 due to course requirements)

Cedar – Miss Windred (whole term)

Wattle – Mr Ross (Week 1 – 5 due to course requirements)

### P&C Meeting

Our P&C meeting is next Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 6:30pm in the Library. All current and new members welcome to come along to the meeting. One item on the meeting agenda is support at the Book Parade on Thursday week.

### 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 St.

### Concert

If you haven't heard the good news yet, our concert is going 90's this year. With the concert scheduled for Week 2 next term, many preparations are already occurring. We may not end up with millions of peaches, but our hearts will go on!

### Gymnastics Program

Our gymnastics program for Term 3 began last Friday. This program has been subsidised by the school to make it more affordable and accessible. It does make up our core sports program for Term 3 so we are seeking participation (and enjoyment) of all students.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Monday, 6th August</b> Zone Athletics	<b>Thursday, 9th August</b> Book Parade	<b>Friday, 17th August</b> STEM Science Day
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## Attendance / Late Arrivals

As part of our requirements we continue to monitor attendance rates of students. During next week we will be sending out letters to parents of students where attendance rates are causing concern. This is NOT an "in trouble" thing, but a "how can we help?" thing. We are here to support good student attendance rates and will help with strategies to support.

Please also keep in mind late arrivals to school. Between traffic, cold winter wake ups and sleepy kids it can be tricky to sometimes get to school on time. We are required to keep accurate records of student attendance. Students who are arriving to lines just after the bell have this recorded by the class teacher. After this time, students who arrive late are required to get a late slip from the office.

Please be aware that if a student is coming in for a late slip without a parent or guardian then we are required to record this as an "unjustified" partial absence. This is because students are not able to give reasons or excuse their own absence, just the same as we can't take a full day absence from a student. Only parents or



## 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, Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August starting at 9:30am.*

The P & C are running a sausage sizzle and cupcake stall will take place after the parade. A milkshake stall will also be taking place to fundraise for the Year 6 fundraiser.

As usual, **Book Fair** will be run all this week in the mornings and afternoons with main sales following the parade.

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



**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/login.html>

STUDENTS RECENTLY COMPLETED

Matthew Poles

Azra Boulton

Jude Shroder



## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ¼ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**Check the time  
your school  
starts.  
DON'T BE LATE!**



guardians can give the justification.

Chris Payne



**EXPECTATION AWARDS**



*Week 1 & 2*

- Blue Gum**      Annabelle, Mariel
- Bonzai**        Eden, Isabelle
- Waratah**      Saxon
- Wattle**         Liam, Annabelle
- Cedar**         Jaiah
- Eucalypt**     Bailey
- Coachwood**   Kayden, Zara
- Casuarina**    Jaiden

**AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**



*Week 1 & 2*

- Blue Gum**      Parker, Coby
- Bonzai**        Declan, Tylah
- Waratah**      Ethan T-S
- Wattle**         David, Lillian
- Cedar**         Hendrix, Myles
- Coachwood**   Tobin, Veljko
- Eucalypt**     Wyatt
- Casuarina**    Isaac

*JUNIOR LIBRARY— Ruthie T*

*SENIOR LIBRARY— Claudia B*





# P & C NEWS

We hope everyone had a great holiday break and is refreshed for Term 3 at Speers Point PS. Some exciting ventures happened over the holidays on the P&C front.

In preparation for the Book Parade, next week – have you got your Wally outfit sorted? Or maybe you're one of Wally's friends? Greg our VP (Wally) is looking for people to join him on the Parade!!! Call Greg on 0409 774 333 for the details.

Other activities at the Book Parade - you will find details attached to the Newsletter for your BBQ order form. This form will need to be returned by next Tuesday at the absolute latest. Remember – the BBQ isn't just for the kids – so feel free to order yourself a sausage sandwich as well!

Calling all Master Chefs!!!! On the day of the Book Parade, we are also hosting a Cake Stall. On this day any cakes, cupcakes and slices of the like would be welcomed if you can.... The cakes will then be sold for gold coin donations at the Parade, giving families the chance to take home some yummy treats or better yet - eat after the parade ☺ You can't beat a good old fashioned sausage sandwich, followed by something sweet for lunch! The P&C would like to thank you for all the donations in advance, as all fundraising goes back to our kids!

In other exciting news, we recently partnered with Bunnings Glendale for National Tree Day, supported by Planet Ark. Last Friday, some of our students together with staff and representatives from Bunnings Glendale planted 13 trees along the far fence line on the oval. The trees were kindly donated from Bunnings to the School P&C. The kids had a great time learning how to properly plant and look after their budding trees. These trees will grow to approximately 3 metres in height and will provide shade cover for our students (eventually). Bunnings Glendale have also secured SPPS P&C with a date for a BBQ volunteer day! Our date is Sunday, 18 November. There will be more news to come on this closer to the date, but we will be looking for volunteers throughout the day on a roster so if you can pencil the date in your diary now that would be fantastic. We all know how popular those Bunnings BBQ's can be, so this day will be one of our biggest fundraisers this year for the school. A massive thank you to Rebecca Kaptsis @ Bunnings Glendale for your support and we look forward to working with you more!



In canteen news, we will be open Wednesdays and Fridays this term. If you are available throughout the term, Dan would love to hear from you! Dan can be contacted on 0420 441 411 to discuss your availability.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the Book Parade!

P&C Executive



# Community News



**COME and TRY**  
**Fun CRICKET Games**

With  **Players**

**Daniel Hughes &**  
**Lauren Cheatle**

**FREE EVENT**

All School Aged Children welcome,  
just come join the fun.  
No bookings needed



**CRICKET NSW**



Tuesday 7th August 3.30-5pm

Ron Hill Oval Toronto

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# Gymnastics





# Speers Point Public School

## Book Parade

### Thursday, 9 August 2018

## Lunch Order Form

Our School Canteen will be open on conclusion of the Book Parade

## BBQ Lunch Order Form

All lunch orders need to be handed in at school  
by Tuesday, 7 August

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Sausage Sandwich + Drink                      \$4.00

(Please select ✓ your drink from the options below)

PLEASE PLACE A TICK ✓ TO SELECT WHICH DRINK OPTION YOU WOULD LIKE

DRINK OPTIONS	WATER	ORANGE JUICE	APPLE JUICE	APPLE/BLACKCURRANT JUICE

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch orders can also be placed for additional family members attending the Book Parade.

Please use 1 form per person.



## NSW Department of Education - School Infrastructure



This image is an example of a future-focused learning space we are building for students across NSW.

# Speers Point Public School Project update

July 2018

The NSW Government's 2018/19 Budget includes \$6 billion over four years to deliver more than 170 new and upgraded schools.

### Investing in our schools

This year's budget includes an additional \$160 million spend as part of the record \$747 million maintenance investment announced last year. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

### Speers Point Public School upgrade project

An upgrade is being planned for Speers Point Public School to provide new permanent teaching spaces. Further information will be shared as the project progresses.

### What's next?

Early internal investigations and analysis is now underway to:

- identify what school infrastructure solution is needed and why
- assess how much it will cost
- review funding options to deliver a proposed solution.

### How can I get involved?

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students. This project is at the very early stages of planning and we will keep you informed as soon as we know more.

In the meantime, your feedback on this exciting project is important to us. For more information, questions or to make a comment please email us at [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au)

### Project status

- Planning
- Design
- In progress
- Complete

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