



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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

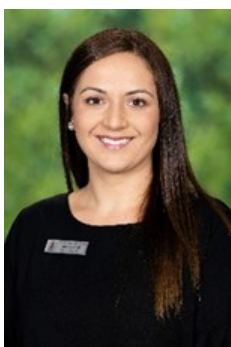
Welcome back to Term 4! We're already knee-deep in the term and Term 4 is always the big one. While I'm feeling the absence of a concert this year, there are a great number of things that make up for it.

Big Events Coming

Speaking of some big events there are a few good ones to add to your calendar. Coming up we have:

- Years 5/6 Cedar students will attend the Headstart program to Lake Macquarie High School in weeks 5 and 6 (11th November to 22nd November)
- Kinder Koalas Transition program – every Friday starting this week (25th Oct) through to 29th November.
- Information Booth (Construction) 8:30am 1st November.
- "Lights on the Lawn" – 12th December on the oval
- Presentation Assembly – 13th December at Lake Macquarie High School
- Year 6 Farewell – 17th December
- Last day 2019 with Year 6 clap-out – 18th December. 2.45pm for Year 6 clap-out

It's Official – Our New Assistant Principal



It was announced at our Recognition Assembly at the end of last term but we're putting it in writing. Congratulations to Miss Pichaloff who was successful through the merit selection process in obtaining the role of Assistant Principal here at Speers Point.

Miss Pichaloff has been relieving as Assistant Principal since the start of Term 3 and previously had been relieving as our Instructional Leader for a year.

Information Booth – School Infrastructure

School Infrastructure will be hosting an information booth on the morning of Friday 1st Nov (next Friday) from 8.30am to 9.30am. The information booth will be set up in front of the painted mural on the asphalt area (basically in the middle of the school)

The information booth will have the latest details of the designs including artist impressions.

The information booth is being held to coincide with Kinder Koalas program so current the newest community members have the opportunity to see what the project holds. Our new rooms are being designed quite differently to traditional classrooms as we've combined resources to develop open teaching spaces and engaging learning environments.

Presentation Assembly at Lake Macquarie High School

With our hall currently under construction we had to look around how we would hold our presentation assembly at the end of the year. Lake Macquarie High School has kindly given us access to use their hall for our assembly.

We are still working out the transport logistics and time for the assembly but wanted to give everyone advanced notice of the change of venue for this year.

"Lights on the Lawn" Event

Our Lights on the Lawn evening event will be held on Thursday 12th December on our oval (weather permitting). It's been a few years since we've had this style of evening event with music and food and is a very welcome returned.

It's aimed to be a fun family evening for everyone which will include class performances in lieu of concert. More information coming soon.

P&C

Our first P&C meeting of the term is being held next Monday the 28th October at 6.30pm at Pippis. There are a few great upcoming events to chat about as well as the process around advertising to fill the Itinerant Support - Hearing position for 2020 and organisation for P&C help with Lights on the Lawn. If you've never been before it's a great time to come have a look. Our P&C meetings are quite informal, relaxed and usually good for a laugh or two.

Kinder Koalas – Starts this Friday

Our Kinder Koalas program starts this Friday with Miss Pichaloff leading the transition program this year. The program runs over the next 6 weeks and is a great introduction to school life, the environments and the staff.

It is also a great time for our current Kinder students to become the "experts" of the school as they support the transition program.

Have a great week

Chris Payne

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Thursday, 7th November Musica Viva (in school performance) \$7—Payment due 31/10 | Monday, 11th November— Friday, 22nd November Swim Scheme starts Years 2 & 3 \$35—payment due 1/11 | Monday, 11th November— Friday, 22nd November Years 5/6 Cedar students Headstart @ Lake Macquarie HS | Thursday, 12th December “Lights on the Lawn” @ school oval Time: TBC |
| Friday, 13th December Presentation Assembly @ Lake Macquarie HS Time: TBC | Tuesday, 17th December Year 6 Farewell @ Club Macquarie Years 5 & 6 students welcome (\$18 payable for Year 5 students only) | Wednesday, 18th December Last day of 2019 2.45pm Year 6 clap-out | Wednesday, 29th January First day of school for Years 1-6 Monday, 4th February Kinder starts |

Making Payments

Just a reminder that our office does not have EFTPOS facilities. If you wish to make payment using your card, the instructions to make a payment via our school website are below. We also take cash payments. Please ensure you provide the correct money as we do not have change.

Parent Online Payment Instructions

Speers Point Public School offers online payments for parents and caregivers. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard, credit or debit card. The secure payment page, hosted by Westpac, is accessed via our website by selecting the Make a Payment link above.

You will be able to pay for anything you would normally pay at the front office.

When you access the Make a Payment you must enter:

1. the student's name
2. date of birth
3. the ref. or invoice (if applicable)
4. the payment option
5. the payment description
6. the amount you are paying.

These details need to be entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. No student's details are given to Westpac. As a consequence, payments for each child need to be made separately.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured securely. These details are not passed back to the school.

Under payment options, enter the details provided on the permission note.

You can print your own receipts or have the receipt emailed to your email account. This gives you immediate proof that you have paid for the item. Record your receipt number on the permission note and return it to school as normal. Your payment will be reconciled against the receipt number on the permission note.

Making an online payment does not constitute permission.

Please return all signed permission notes to school as normal.

P & C Update

WEEK 2, TERM 4, 23 OCTOBER 2019

P & C Update:

A big welcome back to everyone for term 4 – we hope you enjoyed the break with the kids and everyone is ready and raring for the last leg of the school year.

Kinder transition—Kinder Koalas

This year, we will be providing complimentary tea and coffee for parents dropping off their little ones for kindy transitions on Friday 1st November. We know this can be a stressful time and hope a chat and a cuppa can make things a

Speers Point Public School presents

THE GREAT AUSSIE BAKE OFF

Auditions held every wednesday and friday

To volunteer you can either

- use our sign up page via -<https://bit.ly/2RQdwXn> or
- go to signup.com or
- go to Speers Point Public School P&C facebook page, under About / General Information for the sign up link
- leave a message on our facebook page
- You could even call into the school, leave your details and someone will be in touch.

Ok, it's really volunteering in the school canteen, but what a wonderful opportunity to show off your talents and win a few admirers along the way. There is no competition, no special guest judges and sadly no \$\$ prizes, but you will have a fun morning supporting our wonderful school community.

www.facebook.com/sppspandc

Find us on 



P&C Meeting

Will be held on Monday 28th October at Pippi's. 6:30pm start.

All welcome – would be great to see some more new faces there, is a great opportunity to listen to the upcoming plans we have for this term and next year.

What is the difference between a piano, Tuna and glue?

You can tune a piano but you can't piano a Tuna!!

What about the glue I hear you ask....

I knew you'd get stuck on that

Boom Boom!

Speers Point Public School Uniform Order 2019

| Order Form | Cost | Size 4 | Size 6 | Size 8 | Size 10 | Size 12 | Size 14 | Size 16 | Size | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|------|-------|
| Gabardine Short | \$20 | | | | | | | | S | |
| School Dress | \$40 | Size 5 | | | | | | | | |
| Girls Box Pleat Short | \$22 | | | | | | | | | |
| Hooded Zip Jacket | \$35 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fleecy Track Pants | \$25 | | | | | | | | | |
| Bucket Hat | \$10 | XS <input type="checkbox"/> | | S <input type="checkbox"/> | | M <input type="checkbox"/> | | L <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Library Bag | \$10 | | | | | | | | | |
| School Monogram Shirt | \$26 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sports Polo Fraser | \$22 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sports Polo Jackson | \$22 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sports Polo Bradman | \$22 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sports Polo Elliot | \$22 | | | | | | | | | |

| DATE | NAME | AMOUNT | PAID | YES | NO |
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| Taken | YES | NO | | | |

*Payments can be made by cash, cheque or POP online payment *Uniform Shop open Monday- Friday – 8.30am - 3.00pm

Girl's Summer Uniform

School Dress
Box Pleat Short
School Monogram Polo Shirt
School Bucket Hat
White Socks
Black Leather Shoes/Black Joggers

Girl's Winter Uniform

School Track Pant
Hooded Zip Jacket
School Monogram Polo Shirt
Box Pleat Short
White Socks
Black Leather Shoes/Black Joggers

Boy's Summer Uniform

Maroon Short
School Monogram Polo
Shirt
School Bucket Hat
White Socks
Black Leather Shoes/Black Joggers

Boy's Winter Uniform

School Track Pant
Hooded Zip Jacket
School Monogram Polo Shirt
White Socks
Black Leather Shoes/Black Joggers

**Would you like to improve your fitness, health and wellbeing for free, at your local park?
Plus, get an ecofit fitness pack worth over \$50 and vouchers for participating...**

**Sign up by yourself,
with friends
or family**



ecofit

ecofit is an evidence-based program to increase physical activity levels through the use of local parks and facilities. It includes the use of a smart phone app, a group training session and a health check.

We are seeking people to participate who:

1. Are not meeting aerobic and/or resistance training public health guidelines (<150 mins of moderate activity per week, and/or <2 days of strength training),
2. Have access to a smart phone,
3. Will have passed the pre-exercise screening test (by answering questions about your health).

Locations

- Cameron Park
- Dixon Park
- Home Challenge
- Islington Park
- Lambton Park
- Speers Point
- Stockton Foreshore
- UoN Callaghan
- Wangi Wangi
- Warners Bay
- Fernleigh Track Adamstown and more to come.



Interested?

Get more info and see if you are eligible by emailing us at ecofit@newcastle.edu.au or call either 4985 4060 or 4921 7391



Good for Kids good for life

HEALTHY SCHOOL CANTEENS

When it comes to healthy eating it is important that kids get consistent messages at school and at home. As part of the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, the Good for Kids team provides support to school canteens to create healthy canteen menus.

How can parents help?

Below are some ideas to use at home that support the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and build positive food habits for life.

- **Swap sugary drinks with water.** For a twist try adding sliced or frozen fruit, herbs or vegetables to the water.
- **Plan meals together** and allow your child to assist in compiling a shopping list, and help with meal preparation and cooking.
- **To add flavour to meals** use your favourite herbs and spices. Spring is the perfect time to plant a herb garden with your kids. Easy to grow herbs include mint, chives, thyme and basil.

For more ideas visit healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au and search 'parents and friends'



HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>



PBL Focus

Weeks 1 & 2

Follow Teacher Instructions

Safe, Respectful, Responsible, Achiever

Hi,

My name is Michael Leggett, I am a 1st Year Music student at the 'Conservatorium of Music Newcastle' and I am offering Beatboxing lessons to anyone interested in pushing their creative boundaries. I have been beatboxing for 3 years during which I presented a Viva Voce (Titled: Beatboxing - Expressive Techniques) and performed a routine for my HSC, in 2018. I was on the Encore Honour Roll for my Viva Voce and I received full marks for my beatboxing performance.

I am an enthusiastic beatboxer and overall performer with over 12 years of musical experience, having beatboxed locally and internationally. Lessons are open to all ages as I believe music should be taught at as soon as possible to encourage a creative mindset.

BEATBOXING LESSONS



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