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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The last two weeks has been a hard time for New South Wales as we've witnessed the devastation of bushfires, and the ongoing effects of the drought. While some parts of the state are on fire, in other parts there's nothing left to burn. We thank the many families who have already donated to our Christmas Drought Appeal and we will be continuing to take donations for this cause.

Here at school, we are continuing to monitor air quality on a day to day basis and when the smoke haze causes concern, we modify our playgrounds to ensure students are not being affected.

Lights on the Lawn – Evening Event

With the lack of a hall this year we sadly had to forgo our yearly concert event. In lieu of this we're bringing back our evening event with the new name, Lights on the Lawn. This is a fun, relaxed evening where families can mingle and lounge about on the oval.

There will be performances from Lake Macquarie High School students at the start of the evening along with performances from each of our classes, as well as our choir. Our P&C will be running a huge raffle with many great prizes to be drawn on the evening.

With the evening running from 5.30 to 8pm we're looking forward to good weather, good fun and good company.

School Leaders – Speeches

Nominees for 2020 Captains and Vice Captains are in the process of preparing their speeches for the upcoming voting. Speeches will be held on the morning of Tuesday 3rd December at 9am with parents invited to attend.

Voting will take place on the same day with those who are present on the day. The top 4 students will be notified after counting is finalised with the Captain and Vice-Captain positions awarded at our Presentation assembly.

Presentation Assembly

As previously notified our Presentation assembly will be held at Lake Macquarie High School on Friday 13th December. While a more detailed note will be coming home shortly, the schedule for the day is as follows:

9am – All students at Speers Point Public School (please do not go directly to Lake Macquarie High School). Students will have rolls marked and Semester 2 reports given to them before being transported to the High School via bus (no cost to parents). Students will have their fruit

break at the high school prior to the presentation assembly beginning.

9.45am – Presentation assembly starting time.

11.15am – Approximate Presentation assembly completion time (as long as I keep my speech to its time limit).

- Students will have lunch at Lake Macquarie High School (no canteen facilities available) before returning to Speers Point Public School via bus.

Headstart

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 students who have attended the Headstart transition program at Lake Macquarie High School. We're looking forward to our students returning to us (some only for a few last weeks) on Monday.

There is a special assembly this Friday morning at the High School before the completion of the program at 1pm. Students need to be collected at that time or have a method of travel back to Speers Point Public School.

Choir Performances

Well done to our choir on their fantastic performance at the Kmart Wishing tree last week. I've had lots of great feedback and have heard that Kmart has already asked us to come back for next year as well. A thank you also goes to Mrs Culjak who took over the choir in Mrs Hazel's absence.

Mrs Culjak and Miss Anning will again be leading our choir on Monday 2nd December at the Lord Mayor's Christmas Appeal. This is being held in the foyer of the Council chambers with parents welcome to attend. Permission is covered by the green general permission form.

Build Update

Despite some hot days, the building continues on the work site. We've now seen the steel framework erected for the Admin, hall and library with the roof on the Admin building. The roof for the hall is now beginning and will continue on to the library next week. At that same time the framework for the classrooms should also begin.

It's all beginning to take shape and is looking amazing!

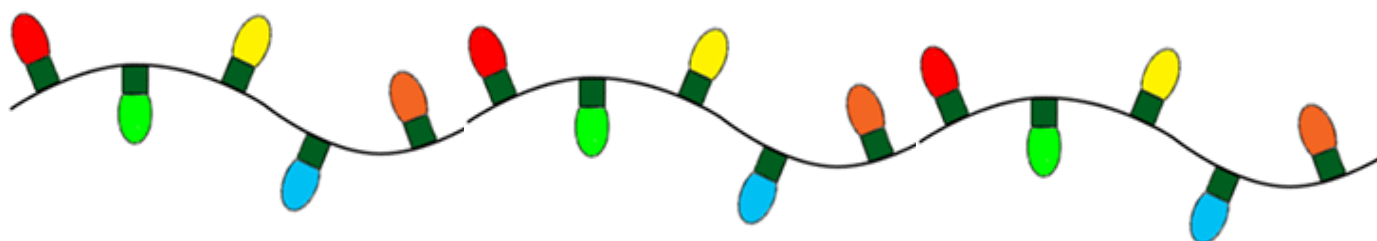
Have a great week

Chris Payne

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, 2nd December School Choir performing at the Mayor's Christmas Appeal 10am LMCC buiding	Friday, 6th December Grandparents & Grandfriends Day From 1.45pm	Thursday, 12th December "Lights on the Lawn" @ school oval Time: 5.30pm-8pm	Friday, 13th December Presentation Assembly @ Lake Macquarie HS Time: 9.45am
Tuesday, 17th December Movie Day "Frozen II" \$7 Payment due 9/12	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	Tuesday, 5th February Swimming Carnival Years 3-6 Also 8 years + that are competent swimmers \$4 due by 4/2/20	Monday, 10th February Active Education Morriset Years 3-6 Price to be confirmed	Monday, 2nd March Active Education Morriset Years 3-6 Price to be confirmed





Lights on the Lawn

Thursday 12th Dec - 5.30 -8pm

BOOK FAIR

Buy 1, get 1
free for the
school

Lounge on the lawn while enjoying
music and carols including performances by

- * Speers Point Public School
- * Lake Macquarie High School

Jumping Castles

Raffles & Food

@ Speers Point Public School

Family event - no alcohol permitted

Speers Point Public School Uniform Order 2019

Order Form	Cost	Size	Size	Size	Size	Size	Size	Size	Size	Size	Size	TOTAL
Gabardine Short	\$20											
School Dress	\$40	Size 5										
Girls Box Pleat Short	\$22											
Hooded Zip Jacket	\$35											
Fleecy Track Pants	\$25											
Bucket Hat	\$10	XS	S	M	L							
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
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

BOOLAROO SPEERS POINT RSL SUB-BRANCH**THE RED POPPY**

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

The Flanders poppy has been a part of Armistice or Remembrance Day ritual since the early 1920s and is also increasingly being used as part of ANZAC Day observances. During the First World War, the red poppies were seen to be among the first living plants that sprouted from the devastation of the battlefields of northern France and Belgium. Soldiers' folklore had it that the poppies were vivid red from having been nurtured in ground drenched with the blood of their comrades. In English literature of the nineteenth century poppies had symbolised sleep or a state of oblivion; this symbolism was carried into the literature of the First World War, but a new, more powerful symbolism was now attached to the poppy – that of the sacrifice of shed blood. The poppy soon became widely accepted throughout the allied nations as the flower of remembrance to be worn on Armistice Day. The Australian Returned Soldiers and Sailors Imperial League (the forerunner to the RSL) first sold poppies for Armistice Day 1921. For this drive, the league imported one million silk poppies, made in French orphanages. Each poppy was sold for a shilling: five pence was donated to a charity for French children, six pence went to the league's own welfare work and one penny went to the league's national coffers. Today, the RSL sells poppies for Remembrance Day to raise funds for welfare work, although they have long since ceased to import them from France.



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Children's University 2019



This year, Speers Point PS again participated in the Children's University program. Children's University is a charity that works in partnership with schools to develop a love of learning in children. We do this by encouraging and celebrating participation in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school.

On Monday 4th November, 15 students represented our school at the University of Newcastle where they received a certificate for their additional learning throughout 2019. Each level of certificate is based on the amount of hours gained throughout the year.

2019 GRADUATES

Gold award recipients

100+ hours

Jordan Birrell
Riley Birrell

Silver award recipients

60+ hours

Azra Boulton
Jasmine Clarke
Tristen Rich
Zara Rich

Bronze award recipients

30+ hours

Rain Boulton
Jayden Chan
Tobin Fulford
Veljko Maksimovic
Eddie McElligot
Aurora McLardy
Nikita O'Brien
Tiah O'Rourke
Amelia Rich



We are extremely proud of all students that graduated in the program this year and I commend their efforts and participation. Well done class of 2019!

Miss Pichaloff



Caring for Our Farmers

Community Service

[@CaringForOurFarmers](#)



OUR FARMERS NEED OUR HELP!!

We are a locally owned and based Transport Company looking to help Mike from 'Caring for Our Farmers' send a convoy of trucks to the bush.

How YOU can Help

We are asking the Community to help out with supplies.

Donations of Bottled Drinking Water, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Dog Food and Toiletries such as Toilet Paper and Bars of Soaps.

Small Christmas gifts for children with approximate age and gender printed on a gift tags can be donated.

Non - perishable food items and Christmas Hamper donations are also welcome.

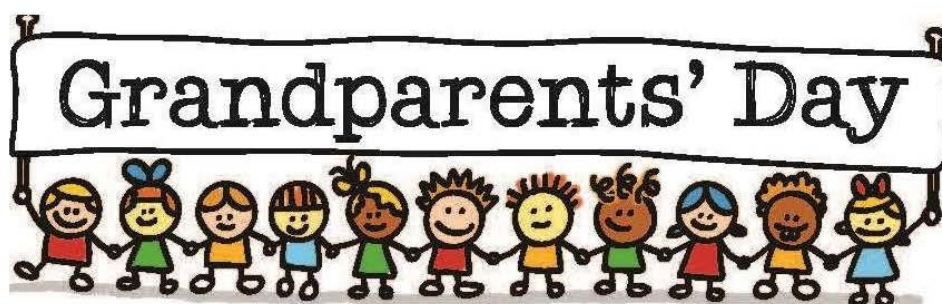


Drop off Locations & Times/Dates

Speers Point Public School front office
final collection on Dec 6th



STRICTLY NO CASH OR GIFTCARDS PLEASE (Anybody wishing to make a monetary donation please refer to the Caring for Our Farmers Facebook page).



Dear Grandparents and Grandfriends,

On **Friday 6th December**, Speers Point Public School would like to honour the role Grandparents/Grandfriends play in the lives of our children. They offer support, love and their time in helping us raise our children. On this day, we would like to open our school, to share with our Grandparents/Grandfriends the learning and fun that happens every day here at Speers Point Public School.

Program for the afternoon

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| 1.45 – 2.00pm | Afternoon tea for Grandparents/friends available for gold coin donation |
| 2:00 – 3:00pm | Activities in COLA, Waratah Garden and classrooms |

We look forward to sharing our school and meeting all our students' grandparents/grandfriends.

Regards,

Speers Point School Staff

Speers Point Public School

2019 MOVIE DAY

Dear Parents,

A trip to the movies for all students is being held on **TUESDAY 17th December 2019**. Students, accompanied by their teachers, will walk to Lake Cinema to view 'Frozen 2' (rated PG TBC) for a 12 midday start.



The cost per child this year is \$7.00. Please return the permission note and money to the office by **MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER** so arrangements with the manager of the cinema can be finalised.

Students will walk back to school after the movie. All students are required to wear full school uniform for this excursion.

Thank you
Angela Hopton

Permission Note

I give permission for my son/daughter _____ in class _____ to attend the Movie Day at Lake Cinema on **TUESDAY 17th December 2019**. I understand that students will walk to and from the theatre with staff members. I have enclosed \$7.00 for movie entry.

Signed _____ (parent/caregiver) Date _____

☐ CASH

☐ Online Payment

Receipt No # _____

Good for Kids good for life



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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P&C UPDATE**WEEK 6, TERM 4, 20 NOVEMBER 2019****P & C Update:**

At our most recent meeting Mr Payne asked the committee to provide feedback in regards how the 2020 voluntary consumables contribution may look. The P&C believe in offering the children as many tools as possible to learn, however without the opportunity for additional funds being raised via this process, these offerings may be limited.

The committee have discussed the matter and we would like to hear from the wider school community about a preferred option

We are proposing the 3 options below : –

- ONLY a Contribution amount (approx \$50 for the first child and \$20 for each additional)
- ONLY a Stationary pack to be purchased for each child (ranging from \$30-\$50 depending on age – school will distribute)
- Combination of both – contribution of approx \$30 (\$50 for an entire family) and stationary pack (fixed amount between \$20 & \$30)

We will put up a poll on our Facebook page in the coming days asking for your preference. We would also welcome any feedback so please get in touch with any questions or comments.

Canteen

We are thrilled at this terms canteen roster – there are only a few shifts that require a volunteer. We have had some wonderful new volunteers recently which have effectively kept the canteen open this term, we thank you all, however we are still looking for a few volunteers to round out the year.

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.

Please Note:

The Canteen WILL be **CLOSED** on the following Days:

Friday 13th Dec

Wednesday 18th December

Find us on 

www.facebook.com/sppspandc

**P&C Meeting**

Will be held on Tuesday
3rd December at The
Commercial Hotel
Bookaroo - 6:30pm start.

All welcome – this will be our last meeting for the year and we encourage any newcomers to come along. We plan to have a meal before the meeting and then stay back for a cold refreshing beverage to celebrate our successes through the year!

The P&C Committee look forward to seeing you at **THE LIGHTS ON THE LAWN EVENT** on the school oval on THURSDAY 12th December from 5.30pm.

We will be hosting a P&C Information Table in preparation for the 2020 year. Feel free to visit us and find out more about what we get up to and how we contribute to the experience of everyone at SPPS! We are also planning some fun

Could you stay the distance?

Dear Speers Point School and wider Community,



CatholicCare Hunter-Manning is looking for people who would be interested in providing a loving, predictable and structured home environment for children and young people who are not able to live with their birth families for many and varied reasons.

We are looking for anyone who is willing to **stay the distance** with a child or children. It maybe a short or medium term distance (6–12 months) while children are being restored back to their birth family or while we identify a home for life for them. It maybe a longer distance leading to a child or young person being a part of your family for a longer term (2-5 years) or possibly a permanent basis. We are also looking for families who would be willing to have a child or young person regularly stay over for a weekend once a month – let's call that a sprint!!

It maybe that your family is **BIG** or it maybe small - your family maybe just you! We welcome all different types and sizes of families to help make a difference in the life of a child or young person and their family.

If you or your extended family, friends or work mates are interested or even just a little bit curious please contact either Dianne Walters who is the Carer Recruitment Intake worker on 4944 0711 or one of our other friendly staff in our Carer Recruitment Team on 4944 0700 or visit us online at www.catholiccare.org.au



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- + Low student to instructor ratio. Your child gets the attention they deserve.
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- + Children's birthday parties. Open for Public use and hire.
- + **Swim Australia** and **Healthy Swimmer** recognised Aquatic Centre.
- + Swim Survival classes to teach children how to Float / Roll / Swim and survive in the water.
- + Aqua Fitness & Acqua Pole classes.
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