



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

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20th March, 2019

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Myuna Bay

Congratulations to our students who attended the Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation camp excursion. So many students were given opportunities to try something new, take on a challenge and prove to themselves that they can take risks and achieve things they thought impossible. Now that we're back at school we will continue that spirit of having a go, trying new things and encouraging students to achieve things they didn't think they could achieve.

The format of two day trips without the overnight stay has been far more accessible to a lot more students and we had an extremely high attendance for this excursion. We were so impressed with the students and the excursion that we have now decided that this needs to be an annual excursion, not just once every three years. Many students are already talking about how they are going to challenge themselves to do more next time.

We can let parents now know that we have already pre-booked the 2 day trips to Myuna Bay in 2020 and 2021 for Years 3-6. This will be held in Term 1 Week 8 just as we did this year. We will be organising first notes to be coming out Term 4 this year for the 2020 excursion so parents can begin to pay it off sooner if they wish. A new tradition has just begun!

### Photo Day

Our school's photo day is being held Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April (just less than two weeks) No April Fool's joke, it will be our photo day. Some students would have already brought home envelopes, except those students who attended Myuna Bay. Those students will be bringing home envelopes this week.

Please make sure children are in correct full school uniform, which includes white socks and black shoes.

### Cross-Country

Notes went home last week for our Combined School Cross Country. The event is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. This year the Cross Country is being held at Boolaroo Public School, which allows us to walk up to the venue. Students need to come to Speers Point in the morning, not straight to Boolaroo, as the event does not begin until 10am.

Any student wishing to order lunch needs to have their order

returned to our school by THIS Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Reminders and notes are on the skoolbag app.

### P&C

On Monday the P&C held a fantastic information evening with two guest speakers, Reena from "Newy with Kids" and James Rabbitt from Broader Learning.

Reena's summary of the "Newy with Kids" was very informative as it lists so many different events, things to do and even places to eat with kids in the greater Newcastle area. I didn't know that there were enough restaurants around Newcastle that offered a "kids eat free" promotion that you could go out every night of the week and never have to pay for your kids! Brilliant! The website has so much great information [www.newywithkids.com.au](http://www.newywithkids.com.au)

James took us through his before or after school extra curricular learning program with coding. Be on the look out for sessions soon to be offered at Speers Point for coding classes. You can apply for the \$100 Creative Kids voucher from Services NSW which will cover more than half the cost of a term in the program.

Our P&C will be running a BBQ fundraiser on Election Day over at the Council Chambers. If you have a spare hour or two and can help out please sign-up at <http://signup.com/go/bMydCPo>. Our P&C has their own Facebook page, search and like Speers Point Public School P&C to keep up to date with P&C information and events.

During my presentation I referenced the School Infrastructure NSW site for the current information and update on our build project. Following on from that, I have been able to confirm that there is an error on the page which lists a new canteen as part of the upgrade. Unfortunately a new canteen is not part of the project, however a new hall, new admin, new library and new classrooms are still a great deal.

### Year 6 EOLs for Year 7

Year 6 students in Cedar received Expression of Interest forms for High School in 2020. There are still a few to be returned and can cause enrolment problems down the track if not returned. These forms give the information to High Schools on who to send enrolment forms to. Any EOLs not returned need to be returned immediately.

Have a great week—Chris Payne

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 21st March Harmony Day	Friday, 29th March Cross Country	Monday, 1st April School Photos	Friday, 12th April Easter Hat Parade
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## NAPLAN Online 2019

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between 14<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May, our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. To see the types of questions and interactive features of NAPLAN Online, visit [the public demonstration site](#).

### Practice Test

Students will participate in an online NAPLAN practice test between Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. All eligible students in Years 3 and 5 will participate. The practice test will be a 45 minute test with questions from the domains of Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. The practice test enables students to become familiar with the types of questions and also for staff to become familiar with functions and administrative duties.

### **Students will need to provide their own set of headphones for BOTH tests**

The following headphones are examples of suitable headphones to use for the test. Please label your child's headphones clearly.



If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

*For more info:*

- [How to support your child during NAPLAN](#)
- [information for parents and carers](#)
- [Watch a video that explains NAPLAN Online](#)
- [Subscribe to ACARA's monthly parent newsletter, Parent Update](#)

# How to download our school app

## Stay informed with the SkoolBag App



The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications.

# 1

### Download the app

Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store

# 2

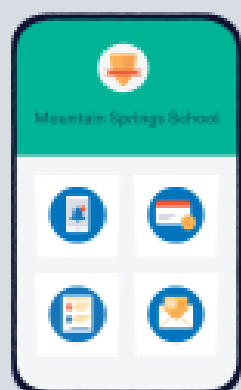
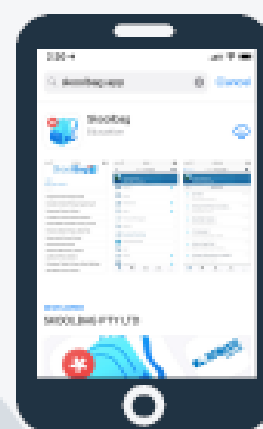
### Create an account

Sign up in seconds with your email address

# 3

### Add your school

Search for your school and add your subscription groups



# 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.

# 2019 Stationary Pack **OFFER EXTENDED**

For several reasons, **we are implementing** a stationary pack for all students at Speers Point Public School in 2019.

Firstly, we are now under strict chemical register guidelines and need to have specific types of glue, sanitizer and other liquid items that may be difficult for parents to buy.

Secondly, as a school we can purchase stationary items at a greater discount than individuals; saving parents a considerable amount of money and time at the start of the new school year.

Finally, we would love to have all students prepared with the right equipment at the start of each lesson and teach them the responsibility to look after their belongings.

The packs are made of a library bag as well as consumable items that are used by the whole class throughout the year and stationary that children are responsible for individually

**All packs are at a considerable saving to you with the estimated price from Office works included next to each pack to compare.**

Packs will be ready for collection upon payment. If you wish to take up this offer please fill out the form that has been sent home with your child and make payment by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



For more information or to register for the program:

**TO REGISTER: FREE CALL  
1800 780 900**

SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back  
Register online at [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au)

Visit our Facebook page!  
[www.facebook.com/go4funprogram/](http://www.facebook.com/go4funprogram/)



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## P & C News

**we need  
VOLUNTEERS**

**Election BBQ on Saturday**  
Sign up via our facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/sppspandc](http://www.facebook.com/sppspandc)



# Speers Point Public School

## Canteen Menu

2019

### Lunch Meal Deals

Everyday Food (Healthy Option)		Occasional Food (Select carefully)	
Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich & Drink	\$4.50	4 x Chicken Nuggets & Drink	\$4.00
		6 x Chicken Nuggets & Drink	\$5.00
Toasted Chicken & Cheese Sandwich & Drink	\$4.50	Chicken Burger & Drink	\$6.50
Cheese Burger (lean meat) & Drink	\$6.00	Pie & Drink	\$5.00
Chicken Burger (lean chicken) & Drink	\$6.00	Sausage Roll & Drink	\$4.00

### Hot Food

Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich	\$3.00	Chicken Burger (crumbed chicken breast, lettuce, mayo & cheese)	\$4.50
Toasted Chicken & Cheese Sandwich	\$3.00	Sausage Roll	\$1.80
Cheese Burger (lean meat)	\$4.50	Warm Beef Noodles	\$1.50
Chicken Burger (lean chicken)	\$4.50		
Spaghetti	\$4.00		
Macaroni	\$4.00		
Fried Rice	\$4.00	Sauce - Tomato & BBQ	30c

### Salads, Sandwiches & Wraps - All meet everyday option

(all options below available in rolls or toasted - extra 50c)

Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	\$2.50	Vegemite Sandwich	\$1.50
Chicken or Ham & Salad Sandwich	\$4.00	Ham Sandwich	\$2.70
Plain Salad Sandwich	\$2.70	Ham Salad Plate	\$4.00
Salad Plate	\$2.50	Chicken Salad Plate	\$4.00

(all cheese is reduced fat and everyday foods will contain lean meat)

### Drinks

Chocolate Milk (light)	\$2.00	Juice Poppers (Apple, Orange or Apple/Blackcurrant)	\$1.50
Strawberry Milk (light)	\$2.00		
Water 600ml	\$1.00	Chill J	\$2.00
Milo served Warm or Cold	\$2.00		

### Snacks/Recess

Carrot Sticks & Dip	\$1.50	Honey Soy Chips - small	\$1.00
Seasonal Fruit / Fresh Fruit Cup	\$1.00	Grain Waves	\$1.00
Pikelets (x 2)	40c	Chocolate Muffin	\$1.80
Popcorn	50c	Banana Bread	\$1.80
Rice Crackers	70c		

### Frozen Snacks

Quelch Fruit Tubes	50c	Moosies	70c
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The Canteen is open on Wednesdays and Fridays

Open during Lunch only, Recess available by pre-order only



# Community News



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grow \* inspire \* realise \* love

... improving self esteem through  
creativity, chatter and fun!

Commences  
Thursday 9th May 2019 - 3.30 - 5.30pm (8 sessions)  
Eastlakes Family Support Service - 14 Hickory Road, Gateshead  
Phone Paula on 4943 9255 to register!



## Charlestown City Blues

RARE & EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

FOR A DEFENSIVE PLAYER

HAS OPENED UP IN THE 12As!

D.O.B. 2007 + 2008

We are seeking a defensive minded player who has ambition to play in the NPL the following year.

This squad has been put together and coached by Charlestown's First grade NPL coach & B licensed coach David Tanchevski with the intention to have these players ready for NPL the following year.

If you are interested please contact:

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