



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

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Can February march?, No but April may... Ok now that I've started a newsletter with the best bad joke (it won't be the last either), it does raise the point that we are almost at the end of May. With only days until Winter (although given the weather you wouldn't guess it), We are almost halfway through the year. Every time I walk into a classroom I see engaged learning and students working hard.

At home, please continue encouraging your child/children to keep giving their best every single day.

### School Photos

Due to issues with processing, all Class and Group photos are being retaken. Next Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May will be the day for class and group photos. Please ensure students are in full correct uniform (including black shoes) and any hair bands / ties should be in the school's maroon colour.

### Construction Update

They say the invention of the shovel was simply ground-breaking (see, another bad joke), but if you have been along Bell St in the last couple of days you would have seen the new and exciting changes. Works have started with the assembly of a sturdy plywood fencing that will encapsulate the construction zone. We are very fortunate the construction area is confined to one end of the school and does not encroach too far onto the oval playing area.

Most people have had a chance to view the amazing fly-through video posted on our school Facebook page. If you haven't seen it, it's worth the look as it shows a 3D artist impression of the new construction from Bell St perspective.

Now comes the task of site preparation. We're expecting some tree removal Friday and Saturday, and the demolition of the Green Gang / GA shed next week.

### Kiss and Ride – Bell St

Our new Kiss and Ride zone is being established and will begin usage this Thursday. A separate two page note went home earlier this week with the details of how these zones will work. We're asking for your patience and cooperation as we implement this new system. As always the key message is safety.

A new pathway (we've taken to calling it the Yellow Brick Road, only its brown and not brick) provides an easy access point.



Think of the Kiss and Ride like a drive through – pull in, get your fries with that (ie kids) and pull out again in a smooth transition. It will require some queueing, but we will get quicker as we get use to it. If you're looking to park and walk into the school please park either on the other side of Bell St or on Main Rd.

We will be supplying name tags for your car to help with quicker identification and pick up. These name tags have the student's surname printed on it and can be fixed to the passenger side visor. As you come to the zone you can flip the visor down to display the name.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Tuesday, 26th May</b> Class and Group Photo re-take	<b>Thursday, 28th May</b> Kinder 2020 Info Night 6pm	<b>Monday, 10th June</b> Queen's Birthday—No School	<b>Friday, 14th June</b> Sports Carnival
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Thank you for your support during these changes. I appreciate everyone keeping student safety as the highest priority.

### NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students have undertaken the NAPLAN assessment over the past two weeks. With the exception of Year 3 writing, all tests are online. We haven't made a big fuss over NAPLAN as it is just one form of assessment that demonstrates student learning and growth. Our teachers use an array of assessment methods which help determine student learning throughout the year, and as such didn't want to put any sort of pressure on students. As I explained to students this week, NAPLAN doesn't determine what job you will end up having or what car you will drive, we want everyone to do their best, but your best doesn't involve stress.

### Kinder 2020

Kinder 2020 sounds like some futuristic Sci-fi TV show (there was an old cartoon called Sealab 2020 which involved an underwater city) but Kinder 2020 is fast approaching (and just fun to say). Our first information session for our 2020 student intake is Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm. Spread the word!

### Coding Class & Breakfast Club

There are two wonderful programs happening on Thursday mornings that you may like your children to be part of.

The 'Our Community Place' centre from Boolaroo continues to run a brilliant brekkie club on Thursday mornings from our canteen. These wonderful volunteers have been serving up a nutritious brekkie on Thursday mornings throughout the year. It is a free service, but please keep in mind that they stop serving by 8.50am to ensure students have finished eating before the 9am bell.

The Coding class lessons have been running this term on a Thursday before school and has been a sensational program. Students from Kinder to Yr 6 have engaged with the coaches using a range of technologies to support coding. There's still spaces available if you would like your child to be involved.



### Piano

Thank you everyone who shared our post on Facebook as we attempted to re-home our piano. We've have someone very keen to take and care for our piano. It ended up being one of the most widely seen post we've ever had on Facebook which means in the future the way to get noticed is not to offer scones, but to offer free pianos. It just goes to show you can tune a piano but you can't tuna fish!

Have a great week, promise that was the last bad joke (for this newsletter anyway).

Chris Payne

Principal





# Reminders:

**Monday, 27th May** —\$20 deposit due for Hill End Excursion (Wattle, Cedar & some students from Pine, Bluegum & Casuarina).

Total cost \$270 due Monday, 9th September.

**Friday, 21st June** —Shark and Ray Centre excursion payment \$35 and permission forms due (Bonzai & some students from Pine, Bluegum & Casuarina) Excursion will be on Friday, 28th June.

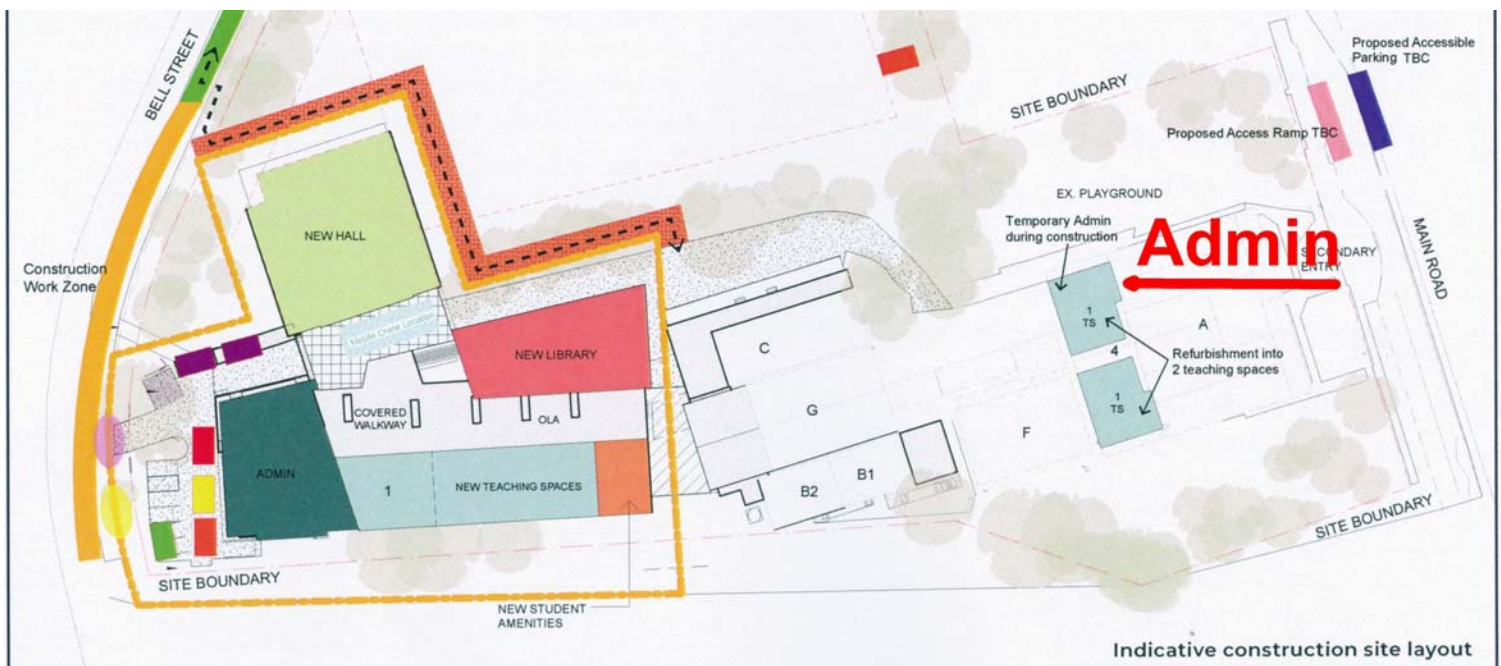
**Thursday, 27th June** —Oakvale Farm \$30 payment and permission forms DUE. (Eucalypt, Waratah & some students from Pine & Jacaranda. Excursion will be held on Thursday, 4th July.

*You are more than welcome to pay off in as many instalments as you wish. Please pay by CASH to the office or online.*

*Should you require financial assistance, please contact the school as soon as possible. Late payments will not be accepted.*

# Admin has moved!

Admin has been relocated to Paperbark room in Sugarloaf block (top block closest to Main Rd). Access is via the entry at Main Rd or the stairs up to the verandah.



# 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 News

## CANTEEN ROSTER:

We are looking for volunteers for the remainder of this term – if you can help please let us know. The next few weeks are looking a bit drab and could certainly improve with a couple of helpers! Send a text message to 0412 980 829 or sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/vykfYfM>

Date	No of Volunteers Needed
Wednesday, 29 May 2019	1 Volunteer
Friday, 31 May 2019	1 Volunteer
Friday, 7 June 2019	2 Volunteers
Friday, 14 June 2019	2 Volunteers
Wednesday, 19 June 2019	1 Volunteer
Friday, 21 June 2019	1 Volunteer

## CODING PROGRAM:

Our coding program is full steam ahead for the term which is fantastic news for SPPS! There are still spots available though so if you would like your child to attend please contact the guys at Broader Learning – their website has all the details. [www.broaderlearning.com.au](http://www.broaderlearning.com.au) The course is held on Thursday mornings from 7.45am – 8.45am.

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL:

We hope all of our lovely mums, grandmothers and carers enjoyed their little gifts from our annual Mother's Day Stall. A big thank you to those mothers who came in and assisted on the stall themselves. Your help was very much appreciated and we hope you had a bit of fun at the same time.

## FEDERAL ELECTION BBQ:

What a great day Saturday was at the Federal Election BBQ! Thank you to those few that came and assisted with the day that made us over \$1300 to go back towards the school. A big thank you to our local Bunnings Store as well for donating our newest item for P&C – a 150 litre esky! This will come in very handy for future events.

## ANNUAL MOVIE NIGHT:

Purchase your tickets now to our annual movie night! See flyer for more details.

# SPEERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Join us at the release of the new Toy Story Movie!

SPPS will be hosting a movie night at Event Cinemas Glendale with all fundraising efforts going directly back into learning resources for the kids!

All tickets are \$10 each (+ ticket fee, per group purchase)



Saturday, 22 June 2019  
6pm for 6.30pm screening  
Event Cinemas, Glendale

Purchase your tickets at:  
<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/86460>



# 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 (crumbed) & Drink	\$6.50
Cheese Burger (lean meat) & Drink	\$6.00	Pie & Drink	\$5.00
Chicken Burger (lean chicken) & Drink	\$6.00	Sausage Roll & Drink	\$3.50

### 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	Nuggets - 4 pack	\$2.50
Spaghetti	\$4.00	Nuggets - 6 pack	\$3.50
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. Burgers include lettuce, tomato and cheese)

### 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

The canteen is operated by the P&C with volunteers who kindly donate their time to ensure we can provide a functional and healthy canteen for the benefit of all students at Speers Point

# Speers Point Public School

## Works notification

May 2019

### Site establishment works

Site establishment works for the Speers Point Public School upgrade are under way and the following activities will start from Thursday 23 May:

- construction of the site compound
- demolition of existing structures with the site
- removal of trees which will be impacted by construction.

Once the site has been cleared bulk excavation and earthworks will start.

### Traffic changes

To allow for construction activity to occur at the school, the following traffic changes will be in effect from Thursday 23 May:

- a construction vehicle zone will be installed adjacent to the existing entry on Bell Street
- a new kiss and ride zone, accessible drop off and pick up spot, and school entry point will be established to the north on Bell Street
- Bell Street will remain as the entry point for emergency services
- the Main Road entry will remain unchanged.

Work will take place during standard construction hours between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm, Saturday. No work will take place on Sundays or public holidays.

The removal of trees will take place outside of school hours on Saturday 25 May.

If you have any queries relating to these works, please contact School Infrastructure NSW using the contact information below.

#### For more information contact:

School Infrastructure NSW  
Email: [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Phone: 1300 482 651  
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Indicative site layout – Speers Point Public School upgrade

