



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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Newsletter Re-boot

I realise the irony of putting this in the newsletter but we're currently gathering information on who actually reads the newsletters and what sections are being read. School newsletters were a product of a time when the printed newsletter was the only information source for parents. Now that we have the Skoolbag app, Facebook and See-saw it's one of many sources.

Parents and community were given a survey during Athletics Carnival about our newsletter and how we might update it to make it more useful and accessible. We also have the survey online for people who weren't at our carnival. <https://spps.survey.fm/newsletter> - It's a quick and short survey if you have a moment this weekend.

Construction Update

While it's been looking a little quiet in the worksite this week there has been lots happening behind the scenes. With our old admin block being relocated to another school, there is lots of working being done at the new site before it can be cut up and transported.

Earlier this week our program group met to review plans and begin finalisation of actual floor designs. The design is coming along fantastically but for someone who has had little interior design experience, the challenge is in picking the right colours!

Illness

Sadly the illnesses are still having a big impact on attendance and we appreciate that when a child is sick, that they are being kept home. Some classes have had over ten students away each day this week.

We've been constantly reminding students of healthy hygiene habits to try and keep the bugs at bay. Sometimes it's just a year for a nasty bug.

We also really appreciate those who have been informing us of absences. It is a requirements that any absence is explained within 3 days before it becomes an "unexplained absence." One of the easiest ways that you are able to submit absences is via our Skoolbag app.

Athletics Carnival

Perfect weather, great attendance and lots of fun! Our Athletics Carnival was a great day last week and it is always wonderful to have so many of our community in our school for these events. There were some great photos from the day; of smiles, some very intense and determined runners. A few of these photos are on our Facebook page and more in our newsletter.

Mrs Chiles is Back!

Welcome back Mrs Chiles! Following her husband's unfortunate illness, Mrs Chiles returned this week to a very delighted class.

Recognition Assembly

On Wednesday 3rd July at 2pm we will be holding our Term 2 Recognition Assembly "in the valley" (concrete covered area where we normally line up). Parents and community are warmly invited to join us for this special assembly as we celebrate the many great achievements and efforts of our students this term. Student reports will also be distributed on this day.

Have a great week

Chris Payne

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, 25th June	Friday, 28th June	Thursday, 4th July	Friday, 5th July
Woolworths Earn & Learn Finishes	Shark and Ray Centre excursion	Oakvale Farm Excursion	NAIDOC Day

Reminders:

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.

P & C News

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>

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.





Community News



**Sato-Kai Karate-Do
Newcastle Region**

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- * Confidence
- * Discipline
- * Self Control
- * Sport & Fitness

Woodrising Neighbourhood Centre
80 Hayden Brook Rd, Woodrising NSW 2284

TUESDAYS

Kids 5-6pm

Beginners 6-7pm

Teens & Adults 7-8pm

FRIDAYS

Beginners 5-6

Advanced 6-7

Beginner classes are for all ages

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SMALL STEPS ANXIETY AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR PARENTS

1 in 10 children are affected by anxiety

Problematic anxiety can have significant impacts on a child's social, family and school life. However, early intervention through informed care, treatment and support may assist in preventing the development of more serious problems later in life.

Small Steps seminars share the tools to identify differences between normal levels of worry and problematic anxiety, spot signs and symptoms and consider potential options going forward.

24th of June

1 - 2:30 pm

Lecture Theatre
Mental Health Admin Building
Cnr Edith and Platt Streets
Waratah

[stickytickets.
com.au/87664](http://stickytickets.com.au/87664)

24th of June

7 - 8:30 pm

Elsie Graham Centre
Wallsend Hospital Campus
Longworth Ave
Wallsend

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com.au/87665](http://stickytickets.com.au/87665)

25th of June

**1 - 2:30 pm or
7 - 8:30 pm**

Singleton Public School
8 Hunter St
Singleton

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com.au/87666](http://stickytickets.com.au/87666)



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