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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Here we are already at the halfway point for the year - which means sooner or later someone is going to post on Facebook about how many Fridays there are until Christmas. It has been another wonderful term with so many things happening in the classrooms and to our school.

### Farewell Mrs Cobcroft

As posted last week, we are sad to announce that our Assistant Principal, Mrs Cobcroft will be leaving us at the end of this term. After 8 years of travelling from home in Maitland to Speers Point every day, her change to Ashtonfield Public School will be a welcome change in travel time. In her 8 years at Speers Point, Mrs Cobcroft has been at the heart of a lot of positive improvements and changes to our school. We know she will take to Ashtonfield with the same dedication and passion. Good luck Mrs Cobcroft.



### Staff Changes

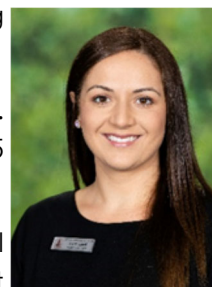
With Mrs Cobcroft leaving it has created vacant Assistant Principal position, along with several staff returning from maternity leave.

Our Instructional Leader, Mrs Sara Metse (left), is returning from maternity leave. With our Instructional Leader entitlement increase Mrs Metse will be with us for 5 days per week in Term 3 and 3 days per week in Term 4.

Miss Rebeca Pichaloff (right) who has been relieving as the Instructional Leader, will be shifting her roles as she moves into the Relieving Assistant Principal role most likely for the remainder of the year.

We also welcome back for 3 days a week Miss Avery, (left) who also returns from maternity leave.

In week 3 next term we will again farewell (for a short time) Mrs Folwell (right). We will be advising at the beginning of next term who the class teacher will be for Casuarina.



### Student Reports

Students Semester 1 reports were issued this week. Last year we refined our reports to make them easy to read and understand, especially with the English and maths comments. This should give parents clearer information on what your child can do, and what they are working towards. Personal goals are also included and reported on, as a product of the Three-Way conferences or PLSP meetings in Term 1. It would be a great opportunity for parents to touch base with the class teacher in Term 3 and discuss how these goals may be updated and extended for Semester 2.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Thursday, 4th July</b> Oakvale Farm Excursion <b>CANCELLED</b>	<b>Friday, 5th July</b> NAIDOC Day	<b>Tuesday, 23rd July</b> First day of Term 3	<b>Thursday, 25th July</b> Oakvale Farm Excursion
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### External Validation

As previously mentioned our school is in the 5 year cycle and this is our year to present our school for External Validation. This means we critically review where our school is at against the School Excellence Framework and present our evidence to an external panel. It's actually a really good chance to show off our awesome school however it is a huge undertaking. With our evidence sets due in week 3 next term it has been keeping me (us) extremely busy over the last few weeks and is a reason I haven't been as visible as I usually am. The team presenting is looking forward to meeting with the panel in Week 5 next term.

### Term 3 upcoming events

There are always some big events in Term 3 so it's great to have lots of notice so you are able to prepare. In Week 5 we have our Bookweek parade on Main Rd. Students and staff love dressing up and slowly each year I've had more and more parents dressing up and joining us for the parade. So I'm giving notice to parents now to start getting costumes ready (one that's not too difficult to walk in) and join us for Book Parade.

In week 3 next term we'll also have Education week celebrations, along with our next Kinder 2020 information session later in the term.

### Construction Update

If the plan comes together like it is meant to, by the time we return for Term 3 the old Admin building should have been cut up into 10 pieces and shipped away to its new home. Over the last few weeks there have been lots of site preparations made at its new school ready for the move. While it would have been great to have been able to see the progress, given the noise involved it has worked out really well to be happening in the holidays. Once the building has been moved off-site we'll see the activity pick up and things progressing quickly.

Have a great holiday break, we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Chris Payne

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**Check the time  
your school  
starts.  
DON'T BE LATE!**





# Oakvale Farm Excursion

## Postponed until Thursday, 25th July—Week 1, Term 3.

## 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.

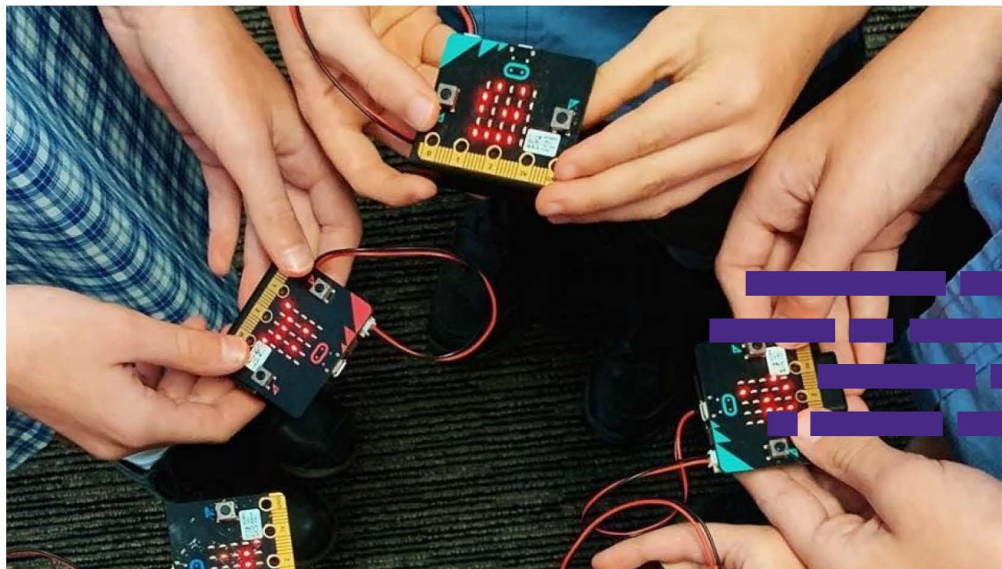
Making an online payment does not constitute permission.

Please return all signed permission notes to school as normal.



# P&C UPDATE

WEEK 10, TERM 2, JULY 2019



## TERM 2:

Once again it's been a busy 10 weeks, with our Annual Movie Night, Election BBQ's and our Mothers Day stall. With some of the monies raised this term we have given the approval to supply the school with a new 6 x 3 Outdoor Awning (heavy duty) which will be school branded and will be used at future events by both the school and P&C. We would also like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to those who have volunteered at our activities throughout the term.

## CODING PROGRAM:

For the first time at the school we gave the students the opportunity to be involved with a coding program and introduced Broader Learning to the school to facilitate. Broader Learning are specialists in the area when working with students and coding. A great way to improve your child's knowledge of coding, as well as advancement in mathematics and problem solving skills. They will be looking to run again in term 3 and you can enrol your student now from the following link: <https://broader.com.au/programs/spps-t3-2019> Creative kids vouchers can also be used with your enrolment to reduce the cost.

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

For those who have purchased, we thank you and hope you are getting some great use out of them. For those who haven't returned, can you please return now as a matter of urgency. The school will not receive the fundraising \$\$ until all unpaid books are returned.

## NEXT P&C MEETING:

Will be held on Monday, 5 August 2019 @ 6.30pm.

## CANTEEN HELPERS TERM 3

To keep our canteen open we are desperately asking for volunteers for next Term. We found Term 2 really hard & we can't expect the same people to keep pitching in. If you can help for just one day please sign up now!  
<https://bit.ly/2RQdwXn>

## MOVIE NIGHT

Thanks to those who attended our Annual Movie Night! We hope you enjoyed the new Toy Story. With over a 120 in attendance it made our private cinema a great family night out!

## BUNNINGS BBQ

Saturday, 24 August @  
Bunnings Boolaroo  
Sign up now for your 2 hours:  
<https://bit.ly/2RQdwXn>

## DONATIONS FOR BUNNINGS BBQ

Can't help on the day but would like to still contribute? Donations towards the cost of the supplies are also welcome. Cash Donations can be made to the office. Please place in envelope and mark for Bunnings BBQ.

# Community News

These July School Holidays, be sure to visit Bunnings Glendale (Boolaroo) to participate in the FREE kids DIY craft workshops. Bunnings is an accredited LEARNING DESTINATION for the Children's University Program and welcomes all participating children.

Bunnings Glendale will be Celebrating NAIDOC week from Monday July 8 until Sunday July 14, with themed activities throughout the store.

Please see [www.bunnings.com.au/glendale](http://www.bunnings.com.au/glendale) for dates and times



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### 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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