



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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Book Week Parade

Book week parade is here! Our biggest and greatest event of the year has come at last! For those parents who haven't seen one of our book parades yet, you are in for a treat. This is the single greatest excuse to dress up in costumes and go out in public! And what could be better than that when parents and community dress up and parade with us?

The theme for Book week this year is "Reading is my Secret Power" which gives a great scope for costumes. Some staff have been planning their costumes for months, while others have been secretly developing theirs.

Our parade is next Friday, 23rd August starting at 9.30am. Weather permitting we will be parading along Main Rd up as far as Fifth St (where the butcher is) and back down to Speers St, then back up to the school. It's a great walk (some good exercise) as we wave and cheer to the public. We absolutely love it when parents and relatives parade with us, especially when they are in costume too! Seriously - no joke, we want parents to dress up too!

Construction Update

If the RTA (or are they RMS now?) stopped digging up some roads along the transport route we would have seen the old admin out and off site by now. The expected removal of the last piece will be early next week, which will actually be good for us all to be able to be here to see it off on its next adventure.

The area for the hall has had preparations for footings and we'll now see work begin to ramp up on the site.

Assistant Principal Position

The process has begun and the panel has been formed for the currently vacant Assistant Principal position. The process should be concluded by the end of this term with the successful applicant to start in 2020.

P&C

We had a super turn out at the last P&C meeting (maybe something to do with the venue?) and it was great to have some new faces join the fun. The P&C has got some great fundraising events coming up and are always keen to get an extra set of hands. The P&C Facebook page is a great way to see what they're up to.

Thank you to Haley Tibbetts who has been our P&C president for some time now. Haley has unfortunately elected to stand down from the executive role due to family commitments. Greg Tredinnick, the Vice President has stepped up into the President role. After being our helping hand and BBQ chef for years, Robbie Taylor was elected into the joint Vice President role with Kinder mum Megan Gitsham. It is great to have the support of a great P&C who always keep the focus of supporting the school in making it better for all students.

Kinder 2020

We're drawing closer to 2020 and transition for our 2020 Kinders. Our second information session (more focused on transition and first day information) will be held on Tuesday 10th September.

We continue to receive new enrolment enquires weekly so please help spread the word for those 2020 Kinders to come and see us.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 22nd August	Friday, 23rd August	Wednesday, 28th August	Tuesday, 10th September
Wake Up and Read Years 3-6	Book Week Parade 9.30am	Possum Magic Excursion Years K-2	Kinder 2020 Parent Info Night 6pm

Future Focused Learning

As the new classrooms being built are designed to be innovative learning spaces, different to the traditional classroom staff are engaging in professional learning around how to use these new spaces.

Mrs Metse and Miss Pichaloff have travelled to Sydney this week to spend a day in these type of classrooms which were just made operational this year at Rainbow St Public School in Randwick.

Next Monday, Mrs Doodnath, Mrs Varney, Miss Anning and Mrs Metse attend a one day training course in the "concept space" training environment while Mrs Chiles, Mr Bukey, Miss Pichaloff and myself will attend next Tuesday. This will be a big step in our professional learning in preparation for new learning spaces.

External Validation panel

Next Thursday our school is visited by the External Validation panel. With our submission in last week we have the follow up visit which includes the principal from another school near Gosford, and a PSL (Principal, School Leadership) who will talk through our lengthy and detailed submission against the School Excellence Framework.

In creating the submission we have had a great opportunity to examine and review a number of our practices and have been able to draw up a raft of options for further improvements to our school .

Have a great week

Chris Payne

Principal



Reminders!

Thursday, 22nd August— Wake Up and Read—Years 3-6. \$7 due 19th, August

Friday, 23rd August —9.30am Book Week Parade/Cake Stall/Photo Booth

Wednesday, 28th August—Possum Magic Excursion—Kinder—Year 2

Wednesday 18th-Friday 20th September—Hill End Excursion—Year3-6. Full payment due 9th September

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

Reading is my
SECRET POWER

CBCA Book Week
17-23 August 2019
#CBCA2019

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Speers Point Public School

PROUDLY PRESENTS

**BOOK WEEK
PARADE**

2019

Cake Stall

Photo Booth

Parade kicks off
at 9:30

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BOOM

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Friday, 23rd August

Calling all Community Members to join us on our parade or wave us on as
we proudly walk along **Main Rd, Speers Point**



PBL Focus

Weeks 4 & 5

Using Kind Words

Safe, *Respectful*, Responsible, Achiever

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!**



P&C UPDATE

K 3, TERM 3, 14 JULY 2019

P & C Update:

At our last meeting, Haley Tibbets announced she was stepping down from the role as President. Haley has done an outstanding job in the role over the past 18 months however it can be very time consuming and trying to juggle that with working fulltime, looking after a family and everything else that comes along has been difficult and something had to give. The committee elected the current Vice President, Greg Tredinnick into the role with Robbie Taylor and Megan Gitsham as joint Vice President. Katrina McLardy remains as Secretary and Dan Corps as Treasurer. The committee appreciates everything Haley has done and wishes her well in the future. However don't despair, Haley has agreed to continue to help out at our upcoming fundraising events (she can't get out of it that easy)...

SURVEY RESULTS

The P&C Committee received the results from our recent survey and were really pleased with the results. Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete the survey. It will help to guide the committee into the future.

The results indicated that the P&C is on the right track. In particular running the canteen twice a week, with Wednesday and Friday easily being the most popular. Saying that, we still need more volunteers for Friday – our most popular day – please use the sign up button on facebook or make contact through messenger. There was also 92% support to continue holding mothers day and fathers day stalls (which was never really in doubt) as well as pleasing offers of help for our weekend fundraising events. Some people even indicated that they were unable to assist physically with fundraising but were willing to make a financial contribution – if you are still able to do that, please make the donation directly to the office.

FATHER DAY STALL AT BUNNINGS

Our upcoming Bunnings BBQ is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for **August 24** (weekend before fathers day). If you are able to assist on the day, please sign up with the link here <https://signup.com/go/AVXeMAv>.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to buy us some stock to sell on the day (case of drink, kilo of sausages) please put the cash in an envelope marked with Bunnings BBQ and deliver to the office – alternatively we are teaming up with Toronto Meats again (for the best sausages going around) – you can visit their shop on the Boulevard at Toronto and buy us a kilo (or 2) to use on the day!

Find us on  www.facebook.com/sppspandc



Canteen helpers

To keep our canteen open we are desperately asking for volunteers for next Term – especially for Fridays! 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>

Remember Bunnings BBQ

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

Fathers day stall

We have sourced some great new products to sell this year – they will be available at our fathers day breakfast on 31 August 2019 – come along and spoil the special men in your lives – and the school at the same time

Entertainment books

Please double check and return any books you may still have. Contact speerspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with any questions

