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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone got a little bit of time over the holidays to share with family and friends. As per usual I was able to get one week away out with family at our family property near Dubbo. While the drought continues to take its toll, it's good to get back out on the property despite how freezing the wind was that week. I talk to my family about our small school and my nieces giggle as their whole school only has 12 students.

Student Reports

Having read students reports at the end of last term I was very impressed with the effort by many of our students. On the front page of the report we have included a clear rubric on effort, to match the one on achievement. With the Department's achievement scale, we know that "sound" really means great. It means that students have achieved to their expected learning outcomes for that stage. Similarly in effort, "usually" denotes that students are putting in their appropriate effort into learning experiences. The "very good" and "excellent" in effort shows parents that the student is highly engaged, giving best efforts and working to their personal best.

For all students the back page includes personal learning goals and student progress towards these goals. Term 3 is the best time to reconnect with your child's class teacher and review these learning goals for the next semester of learning. Please contact your child's teacher about having a quick chat to update their learning goals.

I would like to thank the parents of students from Wattle class for their understanding and patience and by now reports for Wattle have been issued. Again, I apologise for this delay. Mrs Chiles has been very open with the

medical conditions for Mr Chiles, who is still hospitalised and is still undergoing treatment.

Staff Changes

At the end of last term we advised that Miss Rebecca Pichaloff stays as our Relieving Assistant Principal and Mrs Sara Metse returns from maternity leave back into her Instructional Leader role. We also got to welcome back Miss Avery also returning from maternity leave and is here Wednesday to Fridays.

Mrs Folwell was planning (hoping) to continue working until next week before going on her maternity leave (it's a common theme and in the past I've had stern words to the supplier of the water tower in our staffroom as there is obviously something in the water), however Mrs Folwell has had to finish up a week earlier than expected.

Over Term 2 we were very fortunate to have an "above-establishment" teacher working across the Watagans classes, Ms Jola Czerwonka (Miss C). At the time we weren't too sure how long Miss C would be with us while the Department was seeking to find a new placement for her. Given



how well Casuarina took to Miss C we were able to devise a plan to have Miss C with Casuarina for the remainder of the year. Miss Avery will also be predominately with Casuarina, but also working across the Watagans classes in support extension learning. Another new face to our school, Mrs Cathryn Culjak, is working in the intervention role Monday to Wednesdays. Mrs Culjak has a range of experiences in support student learning and is working with Miss Pichaloff to deliver the intervention program.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 8th August	Thursday, 22nd August	Friday, 23rd August	Wednesday, 28th August
Education Week Assembly 9.15am, Open Classrooms & Bbq lunch	Wake Up and Read Years 3-6	Book Week Parade 9.30am	Possum Magic Excursion Years K-2

Our Intervention Program

The intervention program is direct support for students one-to-one or in small groups to support student learning and is based directly from teacher assessment and data analysis on our collaboration days. Between Mrs Culjak and Miss Pichaloff we are providing over 25 hours of teacher based intervention support per week for our students. On top of this we also have our SLSOs providing in-class intervention support based from teacher designed programs.

This is currently providing our most intensive intervention and support program that we have been able to offer. Students on intervention will receive letters home informing parents of the program and the learning goals for the student.

P&C

Our first P&C meeting of the term is being held next Monday the 5th of August at 6.30pm at Pippi's At the Point. There are a few great upcoming events to chat about as well as the process around advertising to fill the Assistant Principal position for 2020. If you've never been before it's a great time to come have a look. Our P&C meetings are quite informal, relaxed and usually good for a laugh or two.

Big Events Coming

Speaking of some big events there are a few good ones on the calendar this term. Coming up we have:

- Education Week – Assembly Thursday 8th August at 9.15am
- Book week Parade - "Reading is my Secret Power" – Friday 23rd August along Main Rd. I say it every year and will say it again – parents, family and community – dress up with us and come on the parade! It's so much fun!!
- Kinder 2020 Information Evening – 10th September at 6pm
- Hill End 2 night excursion 18th to 20th September

Preparing for Year 5 Future Leaders and Hill End

With the Hill End excursion just over 7 weeks away, and voting for the 2020 school leaders next term it's a good time to remind students about our expectations for behaviour. Our Behaviour Consistency Guide states that *students with 3 or more resolution room days in a 3 week period prior to, or a suspension, may lead to a possible exclusion from excursions.*

This decision is not made lightly and is made in consultation with parents, however, our aim is safe respectful responsible achievers. It is understandable

that students who are showing us that they are unable to keep themselves safe at school cause concern for their safety at Hill End.

- For school leaders, last year our students in SRC supported the standard that those nominated for leadership should have a positive record of behaviour the year prior. Students with more than 4 Resolution Room incidents may be unable to stand for a leadership position.

Front Gate on Main Rd into Sugarloaf Block

Our GA, Mr Gandy has installed a new latch on the front gates onto the verandah of Sugarloaf block at to our temporary admin. So visitors don't have to worry about reaching around or moving the pins up or down, the simple push button latch should make entry far easier.



Have a great week.

Chris Payne
Principal



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Education Week 2019

26/7/19

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Education Week is a statewide, annual event to celebrate NSW public education, which is held from the 5-9 August 2019. The week communicates the achievements of public schools, their students and the value of public education.

The theme for 2019 Education Week is "**Every student, every voice**". It is a celebration of student empowerment, and how the NSW public education system gives students the skills they need in order to have, and express a voice during their own educational journey and as engaged global citizens.



We warmly invite you to attend our special Education Week Assembly that will be held on Thursday 8th of August at 9:15am.

One student from K – 2 and one student from 3 – 6 will be recognised for their effort in each Key Learning Area of English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, Physical Education and Creative Arts. Parents will be notified by Tuesday the 30th of July if their child is to be awarded.

Agenda

9:30am	Education Week Assembly Each class will present a short item or share something that they have been working on.
10:15am	Open Classrooms Following the Assembly, parents are invited to classrooms where they have the chance to read with their child and see what students have been learning.
11:15am	BBQ Lunch All students, parents and guests will then share in a sausage sizzle for a gold coin donation.
Approx 12 noon	Lunch concludes Students return to regular classes for middle session.

The Book Fair will be open in the top COLA from 8:30am - 9am and from 11:30am -12 noon. You are also invited to purchase a book on your families' behalf to donate to our new library.

We look forward to seeing our fabulous community at such a worthwhile event.

Angela Hopton
Co-ordinator
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Education Week BBQ Lunch **Thursday 8th of August**

Please indicate how many people will be attending our Special Education week Event for catering purposes and return back to the classroom teacher.

There will be people attending from the family of
Class

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Reading is my
SECRET POWER
CBCA Book Week
17-23 August 2019
#CBCA2019

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CREATING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER
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PROUDLY PRESENTS
**BOOK WEEK
PARADE
2019**

Cake Stall

Photo Booth

CAKE

Parade kicks off
at 9:30

BOOM

YR 6 MAJOR FUNDRAISER

Friday August 23rd

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

P&C UPDATE

WEEK 2, TERM 3, 31 JULY 2019



PARENT SURVEY:

The P&C Committee are always striving to want the best for our students and the school – but we want to get your feedback in terms of what you think is important when it comes to what we are doing for the school.

If you haven't already we would love for you to complete our anonymous survey which can be accessed via the following link or a paper copy attached to this newsletter. The survey will be open until Monday, 5 August 2019.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5ZK35D7>

CODING PROGRAM:

Unfortunately our Coding Program hasn't gone ahead this term for lack of numbers. If you are keen to see this again later this year, please send us a message via our FaceBook page. Broader Learning are specialists in the area when working with students and coding. Its also a great way to improve your child's knowledge of coding, as well as advancement in mathematics and problem solving skills.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS:

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. If you have received a reminder letter and have an issue with it, please send an email to the school and they will forward through to P&C.

Email: speerspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

NEXT P&C MEETING:

Will be held on Monday, 5 August 2019 @ 6.30pm at Pippis (find us in a booth)



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>

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.

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A Survey from Speers Point Public School P & C Association

Thank you in advance for participating! Can you please ensure you return to the school office by Monday, 5 August.

Instructions: Please tick your preferred answer for all questions and fill in additional details as required.

Q1: What is your understanding of what a P & C is for a school and its main role?

- ☐ Liaise with the School and its teachers to ensure the best outcomes for students on behalf of all the parents and community of the school.
- ☐ Run the School Canteen
- ☐ Raise funds for the School
- ☐ Run events for fundraising purposes
- ☐ All of the Above
- ☐ Other: _____

Q2: Do you believe our school should have a canteen for students?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q3: How often do you think it should be open? (per week)

- ☐ 1 Day ☐ 2 Days ☐ 3 Days ☐ 4 Days ☐ 5 Days

Q4: Are you willing to be a volunteer for the Canteen?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No, Sorry I work full time ☐ No, This isn't something that interests me
- ☐ Other: _____ (please specify)

Q5: If yes, which of the days suit you? (please select all that apply)

- ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday

Q6: Do you expect the P&C to be raising funds to purchase additional resources for the school?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Q7: What is your preferred option for fundraising?

- ☐ Hosting events / BBQ's to fundraise
- ☐ Selling of items. E.g. Entertainment books, Cadbury Chocolates, Pie Drives
- ☐ Pay an annual contribution and not have to worry about events / selling of items
- ☐ I think we should be doing all of them

Q8: Are you prepared to assist / volunteer at events to raise these funds?

- ☐ Yes – and I am available most days to assist
- ☐ Yes – and I am only available on weekdays
- ☐ Yes – and I am only available on weekends
- ☐ No – Unfortunately I have a very busy schedule
- ☐ No – But am willing to donate funds directly to the P&C by a way of assisting
- ☐ Other: _____ (please specify)

Q9: Mothers Day / Fathers Day Stalls – Do you want them held prior to these special days for the students?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Other: _____ (please specify)

More feedback? We'd love to hear it.

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!**



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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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