



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

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Father's Day

A very happy Father's Day this Sunday to all of our dads, step-dads, granddads and every other awesome positive father figures in our student's lives. Beyond the traditional pressies of socks and stubby holders, we hope you have a great day with family.

Our Father's Day brekkie is being held from 7.30am Friday morning through to 9am courtesy of our P&C and staff. My apologies in advance for not being in attendance as this year I'm going to be dad for an hour and attend a similar event with my own children.

The Father's Day stall will then be held by our P&C during the morning session for students to purchase gifts.

### REQUEST FOR ALL SCHOOL MAINTENANCE LOCAL TRADES PROVIDERS AND SUPPLIERS

The NSW Government has committed the largest investment in planned maintenance at public schools in the history of NSW. A record \$1.3 billion is being spent on an ambitious delivery program, focused on employing local businesses and contractors across the state.

To assist in addressing regional school maintenance issues and at the same time provide work for local trades persons and suppliers across the Hunter / Central Coast regions, over \$100 million is being invested to upgrade and maintain our school infrastructure.

Given this record spend by School Infrastructure NSW, you are invited to an Asset Management Unit industry breakfast briefing. This will provide information to existing and new contractors on how you can get involved.

To find out more or to attend our Industry breakfast, register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/industry-engagement-information-session-tickets-65766578607> or contact your Asset Management Unit on 4088 3500.

### Out Of School Hours Care – Boolaroo Kids Club

We've recently been working with the Boolaroo Kids Club in addressing the pick-up time for students from our school. They have identified a few items that would help speed up the pick-up process, as they are unable to leave until all children on their list have been accounted for. Parents who use this service, please remember to:

- Inform OOSH directly if your child is absent or has gone home sick during the day.
- Inform OOSH directly of any other day to day changes to routine.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Thursday, 5th September</b> Geocaching Excursion to Speers Point Park	<b>Tuesday, 10th September</b> Kinder 2020 Parent Info Night 6pm	<b>18th—20th September</b> Hill End Excursion Year 3-6
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### Hill End Excursion

With the Hill End excursion quickly approaching (18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September), we have asked that final payments are made by the 9<sup>th</sup> September. We don't want to see any child missing out so please contact our office before the due date if you require assistance.

As previously notified, we are now in the three-week period prior to the excursion. As per our behaviour consistency guide it states that students who have had 3 or more resolution room days in that three week period prior to an excursion may be unable to attend. This sort of decision, if required is made in consultation with parents, however, behaviours at school that especially impact on the safety of themselves or others do cause concern for attendance at a two night excursion. We know parents will support us on this as you are entrusting us with the care of, and to keep your child/ren safe.

Information around required medications etc is in the process of being compiled, however, if there are further supports that your child may require on this excursion please have that conversation with your child's teacher as soon as possible. It is going to be a fantastic trip and we want to ensure all students have a happy, safe and educational experience.

### NAPLAN Results

While NAPLAN results have been released we are still waiting patiently for them to become available. Parent reports should arrive in September and will be distributed to parents once they arrive.

### Book Week & Parade

Thank you everyone who came and joined us for our Book Week activities. Easily our biggest parade on Main Rd yet and also had many more parents and community dressing up as well. Usually I like to think of mobility in my costume, so this year the giant peach did prove a struggle, however, the result as always was fun!

Thank you Mrs Hopton for organising our book week activities. While I always enjoy the parade, it was a very special moment when I was invited to read my favourite book, "Ugly Fish", to the school in the afternoon.



### Building Update

With the final piece of the old admin building gone, excavation work has quickly begun in the site to clear the ground for the new buildings. The footings for the new hall are already well underway and the base of a wall is starting to appear.

Over the next few weeks a lot of the ground work will be completed and building will now rapidly progress.



Have a good week,

Chris Payne

Principal

# 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.

# Reminders:

**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.*

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





# PBL Focus

Weeks 6 & 7

## Fair Play

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

WEEK 6, TERM 3, 30 AUGUST 2019

## P & C Update:

Bunnings BBQ is done and dusted for the year. I am thrilled to let you know we managed to bring in just over \$1,300 (after expenses). It would not have been possible without the assistance from the wonderful parents and teachers that came along on the day. After a quiet start we were kept very busy – we even had to make additional bread runs. The BBQ presents many challenges, having enough people on hand to assist, the limited space and coping during the rush hour(s) but all in all was a very successful day. Shout out to Bunnings Glendale for the opportunity as well as Toronto Meats – the Boulevard Toronto for their support once again. Anyone that came along and sampled their snags would agree with all the people that came back for seconds – sensational sausages!!



*Early morning set up with some of our year 6 helpers and our new table covers*

## Father's Day Breakfast & Stall

Once again we will be running an early morning breakfast on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> August for the kids to say a special thank you to the father figures in their world – please come along and enjoy a bacon and egg roll, coffee and/ or juice - maybe even browse through the Father's Day gifts we have on offer (freshly selected this year – not a tie in sight) and drop some gentle hints...

## Book Parade

The school had another successful book parade last Friday and once again the kids (and their helpers) excelled themselves with their costumes. Thank you also to everyone that donated cakes for the stall – the year 6 raised some much needed funds for their end of year farewell

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sppspandc](https://www.facebook.com/sppspandc)



## Canteen helpers

Thank you to our hardworking canteen volunteers but we still desperately need more people. If you can help for just one day please sign up now!

<https://bit.ly/2RQdwXn>

## School Fete

The next fundraiser the P&C are considering is to hold a school fete towards the end of the year. We will need some helpers on the day as well as some stalls – please leave a message on our facebook page if you would be able to assist or have stall ideas.

## Fathers day stall

Please remember – we will be having a stall of some fathers day gifts on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. The gifts start at \$2 up to \$8 so if you would like your child to be able to purchase something from the stall, please arrange for them to have some money on the day