



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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kinder 2020

We have held our second Kinder 2020 information evening this week and it was an absolute pleasure to meet and talk with current and future parents who have students starting in 2020. A large turn out came to hear more about the transition program starting next term and preparing for day one next year.

There is space available for more Kinder enrolments if there is anyone who has not yet enquired. We are also happy to take enrolment forms as soon as you have them ready. With a higher than expected turn out, we can't wait for our new Kinder to start.

Wattlewood

As we strive to offer the best support for all of our students we have developed a further intervention strategy to support some of our Wattle students in their learning. For the remainder of this year, some students from Wattle will be working with Miss Phillips, who we have been very lucky to have on loan from Toronto Public School. As these students will be working in Coachwood room, it has quickly been dubbed "Wattlewood" as they split their time between whole class and small group interventions. While this intervention support is underway, this also greatly benefits all Wattle students as Mrs Chiles is able to further individualise and focus learning for the students she is teaching.

Hill End Excursion

Hill End Excursion is fast approaching, with our departure Wednesday next week. Please ensure all items are packed and ready. All medications and information need to be finalised with our office by early next week. One item often overlooked is travel sickness. If your child suffers from travel sickness please look into any requirements and inform staff as soon as possible.

Weather out in that area can be a little unpredictable this time of year with warm days in the high 20s to cold nights. The sun can be strong in the day and the breeze chilly when you lose the sun so it is

important to have a range of clothes that covers all weather possibilities. If properly prepared, it is going to be an amazing journey.

External Validation

One item that was not included in our last newsletter was around our recent completion of our external validation. The short version is we smashed it! But in all seriousness, it was great to welcome the two panel members to our school and run through the operations of our school. The panel were suitably impressed with what happens at Speers Point, with some other additional ideas on how we can continue to improve on what we are doing. In the end, the process was enormous for all of the staff involved, and I congratulate and thank Mrs Varney, Mrs Metse, Miss Pichaloff, Mrs Folwell, Miss Musialik and Mrs Hitchcock in all of their efforts supporting me in creating what has been described by our director as one of the best submissions.

Got a Question or Need Help?

As I spoke about this at the Kinder information night, I thought it might be a good opportunity to remind everyone that from time to time you may have a question about your child's learning, or how things are progressing, what is being taught or more specifically regarding an issue. Please always feel free to call on the school to make an appoint with your child's teacher as first point of call. Making an appointment allows the teacher to ensure that they can spend that uninterrupted time with you. As there are times I may not be available due to commitments or construction requirements, please know that our Assistant Principals, Miss Musialik (aka Miss M) and Miss Pichaloff are also available if you have a greater concern. We are more than happy to help and support our students as best we can.

Have a great week

Chris Payne

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

18th—20th September Hill End Excursion Year 3-6	Friday, 27th September Sports Fair Bring \$1 or \$2 to participate	Friday, 27th September Last day of Term 3	Monday, 14th October First Day of Term 4
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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.



WARNERS BAY AFL9s COMPETITION

WHERE: Feighan Oval, Warners Bay

WHEN: Friday evenings (grading on 18th Oct)

DURATION: 6 week comp (starting 25th Oct)

COST: \$700 per team

Divisions available for mixed social and family friendly teams

Register at play.afl/afl9s

For more information please contact
Nic Ellis wbaf9s@gmail.com or 0409 090 271

*Find your inner legend
play.afl/afl9s*



**PBL
Focus**

Weeks 8 & 9

Assembly Manners

*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 8, TERM 3, 13 SEPTEMBER 2019

P & C Update:

Father's Day breakfast & Stall

A big thank you to everyone that came along and enjoyed breakfast last Friday – 100 + eggs and 5kg of bacon went very quickly and everyone seemed to enjoy the morning. We also held a raffle and one lucky family got to take home a 4.5 kg Toblerone chocolate bar. I trust everyone had a great Father's Day and were spoilt by the selection at the Father's Day stall.

A huge thank you to the P&C parents, teachers and the school kids that helped on the morning. Extra special thank you to the parents that have been working for the past few weeks sourcing the gifts for the stall – I have no doubt the recipients appreciate your efforts.

P&C meeting

Our next meeting was due for 9th September, however, with the kindy info night on the 10th, we have changed the date to the following Monday - 16th September at Pippi's. All parents are welcome and we encourage you to come along, even just to get an idea of what goes on with the P&C.

It is an informal meeting in a friendly atmosphere that usually goes for just over an hour. We have a few families who are moving on to high school next year and would love to see some new faces – all welcome.

Canteen

We are still struggling to fill some spots for canteen duty – and that's with one volunteer taking on every Wednesday. If you can spare a few hours on a Wednesday or Friday, please get in touch with the committee through our Facebook page or sign up via this link <https://bit.ly/2RQdwXn>.

In recent weeks, without the last minute support of our volunteers, we would have had to close the canteen the afternoon before – we realise what an inconvenience that could prove to be for busy families, however, without volunteers we would have no choice.

Find us on 

www.facebook.com/sppspandc



Thank You

Another thank you to everyone that has helped over the past few weeks with our many fundraising events. Your help is making a big difference in terms of the additional support we are able to provide for the school which in turn benefits all of the kids.

Please get in touch if you can help – always needed

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.