



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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

With the end of Term 3 we've been able to tick off some pretty big items from our plan this year. External Validation done, Book Parade, Education Week and a whole lot of teaching and learning. As we come to Term 4 we get into some of the programs that will help our students prepare for the next phase, as Year 6 prepare for High School and our next batch of students being Kinder transition.

In Term 4 there is no staff development day so everyone (students and staff) return for Day 1 on Monday 14th October.

Construction Update

Things are taking shape in the building site and we can begin to see the outline of the hall, the library, classrooms and admin. The recent rains didn't help the timeline but work is progressing well.

Last week I was able to again review internal designs and look critically at items like furniture, joinery and acoustic wall materials. We've continually tried to apply the common day to day operations and "what ifs" to ensure the spaces, including foot traffic flow, are above all else, functional.

Tell Them From Me – Parent Survey

Who doesn't love a good survey? The Tell Them From Me parent survey is currently open for parents and community to complete. This is an anonymous and confidential survey that helps give vital feedback for our school. You can access the survey at <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/spps2019>

Assistant Principal Position

Last week were able to conduct interviews for our Assistant Principal position. With the final stages of the process being finalised I will be able to publically announce the successful applicant by the time we return for Term 4.

NAPLAN Reports

NAPLAN (Year 3 and 5) reports for parents were sent out

earlier this week. Please inform us if you did not receive your child's report. I would further encourage parents to catch up with their child's teacher about their results and talk about any new learning goals that can be developed to support future learning.

Kinder 2020

If you have a child starting Kinder in 2020 please ensure enrolment forms are returned. Future students who are participating in the Kinder Koalas transition program receive their free hat and Kinder Koala t-shirt on return of forms which gives them their own uniform for transition.

New Classroom Styles

With our new classrooms under construction we're preparing for how these new learning spaces will change the ways we teach. To make best use of spaces and resources rather than having 5 separate and isolated rooms, facilitates have been combined.

Aspects like a "wet area" mean that we've combined the 5 rooms worth into one wet area teaching spaces that resembles an art classroom. Open space has combined to give one presentation room that resembles a tiered learning space. This has allowed for some fantastic allocations and opportunities for future learning. On Tuesday teachers were engaged in a learning session with the team from School Learning Environments and Change. This is professional learning our staff need ready to use our new spaces when ready.

We are also making preparations for an Information Booth session on Friday morning 1st November between 8.30am and 9.30am that will give community a more detailed look at the designs.

Have a great week and enjoy the holidays.

Chris Payne

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, 27th September Recognition Assembly 12.15pm	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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National Week of Deaf People 2019



The Lake Macquarie West Hearing Support Team proudly supports students who are Deaf and hard of hearing across the region. The team recognise the Deaf Community as important role models and stakeholders in Deaf Education and are celebrating Deaf people in our area in **Week 10, 23rd - 29th September 2019** for National Week of Deaf People.



Deaf Australia began the National Week of Deaf People celebration to allow Deaf people the opportunity to celebrate their community, language and history. It is also a time to recognise the achievements of Deaf people so the Hearing Support Team will be coordinating activities across the week to acknowledge the amazing Deaf people in our community.

Here at Speers Point during Week 10 we will be celebrating National Week of Deaf People during our End of Term Recognition Assembly on Friday 27th September with the Support classes performing a song in Auslan. So, in essence, we will be signing a song not singing a song!!!

I ♥ Auslan

Auslan is short for Australian sign language, a language developed by, and for, Australians who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

It is an official recognised language in its own right. Just like different languages are spoken around the world, people who are deaf use **Auslan** sign language.

It's a visual form of communication that uses hand, arm and body movements to convey meaning.

We would love to invite the local community to come and celebrate with us!!



Hill End Camp



We are all still on a high after an amazing excursion last week to Hill End. The children gained an invaluable insight into the life and times of life in the 1850s Gold Rush. John and Bernie at **Hill End Lodge** looked after us with comfy rooms and amazing food. Teleah Parkin even won a return trip for her family to stay for a weekend and John has gifted our school with another family getaway to be raffled later in the year. Jhob

Drinkwater showed the children around the cemetery, Golden Gully, the historic Town of Hill End and demonstrated how to pan for Gold which was a real highlight. It was a privilege to show our SPPS students such a beautiful part of Australia. I was amazed at how many had never seen real country before!



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.



**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/af19s

For more information please contact
Nic Ellis wbafl9s@gmail.com or 0409 090 271

*Find your inner legend
play.afl/af19s*



**PBL
Focus**

Weeks 9 & 10

**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 10, TERM 3, 25 SEPTEMBER 2019

P & C Update:

Canteen

We have reviewed the canteen roster for the remainder of the year and once again have to ask for volunteers.

- We have less than 40% of the roster covered for term 4
- Those positions are shared by only 3 people
- 7 out of 10 Friday's are yet to have anyone sign up

We appreciate life gets busy but if you have time to spare on a Wednesday or Friday morning (less than 4 hours), please consider volunteering on the canteen. Put simply, without volunteers, we are unable to open. We have an area for young children that is safe and has plenty of things to occupy young minds – it is adjoining the canteen so you can keep an eye on them. We can team you up with an experienced volunteer on the day, so even if you've never done it before, you will pick it up in no time. We also guarantee (if they are anything like me) it will be one of your kids favourite day(s) of the term.



To volunteer you can either

- use our sign up page via - <https://bit.ly/2RQdwXn> or
- go to signup.com or
- go to Speers Point Public School P&C facebook page, under About / General Information for the sign up link
- leave a message on our facebook page
- You could even call into the school, leave your details and someone will be in touch.

Find us on 

www.facebook.com/sppspandc



Year 6 farewell

We are pleased to announce that the P&C will be contributing to purchase some great decorations for this years, Year 6 farewell dinner (at a location to be advised). It is a special night for the kids and we are pleased to be able to help to make it memorable for them.

School Holidays

Another term is drawing to a close – we hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe 2 week break.

In other breaking canteen news – we are now stocking Ice Mony's (instead of moosies) at the bargain basement price of 60c each (instead of 70c)