Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff & students of Soldiers Point Public School I would like to formally thank our school P&C for making the Twilight Market such a successful event. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining evening and a great concept, especially as it involves school and community working so closely. The goods on sale were very creative; the entertainment clever and engaging, all making for a fun event.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our school’s P&C, in particular Anna Webster & Trish Bray. Anna & Trish raised the idea of the Twilight Market in 2013 and followed it through to fruition last Friday. Well done ladies, I hope you were able to enjoy the evening as much as we did. There was also a mighty crew of parent helpers involved with event organisation and management who did an outstanding job.

I would also like to thank the wider school community for your attendance at the Twilight Market. Our school is a better place for your efforts.

Staffing Update
Last week was Mrs Beavan’s final week at SPPS as she prepares for the birth of her baby. We all wish Ash every success with the birth and look forward to seeing them both in the near future. Mrs Beavan will be replaced by Mrs Fuimaono whilst she’s on maternity leave.

Parent Forum
An important aspect of thorough planning is reviewing current practices to see if they’re working or not. With this in mind, and in preparation for the development of our school’s 2015-2017 Strategic Plan, we’re hoping to hear from our parent community with feedback and lots of ideas at a Parent Forum on Wednesday, November 5.

On the evening we will review some of our current school practices and generate ideas for future improvements. If you would like to be involved, please join us at the forum on November 5. The Parent Forum will be facilitated by members of our School Improvement and Finance Committee which is made up of parents and school staff.

Organisation
To assist with our preparations and organisation for classes in 2015, we need to ascertain how many students will be at Soldiers Point so we plan classes based on these numbers. We ask families with children from Kindergarten to Year 5, who may be leaving the school at the end of 2014, to inform us at your earliest convenience.

A notice can be found later in this week’s newsletter. If leaving, please complete the notice and return to school.

Our school community is committed to providing a supportive learning environment which promotes success and equity.
**Term Dates**

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**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**Friday 24th October – 1.30pm**

- K-6 Assembly
- Hosted by 3/4N

**Friday 31st October**

- K-6 Assembly
- Hosted by KS

**All Welcome**

**State Athletes**

As you saw in last week’s newsletter, Aidan and Tyla represented Soldiers Point Public School and the Hunter Region at the 2014 State PSSA Athletics Carnival, at the State PSSA Athletics Carnival. Both students braved the cold conditions on the day resulting in:

- Aidan coming a very respectable 21st from 54 competitors in his 200 metre sprint; and
- Tyla placing 37th overall in the shot put.

Again, our congratulations to both Aidan and Tyla.
Grounds Update
The grounds at Soldiers Point Public School are steadily being improved to resemble the plan developed for our Creative Play Spaces project. As you can see in the below photo, the construction process is well underway with the concrete seating at the northern end of the top field nearing completion.

The project still has a number of weeks before completion but it’s terrific to see progress has been made during the break.

Lost Property
Please ensure all jumpers, hats and lunchboxes are clearly marked with your child’s full name.

Our lost property box is currently overflowing with lost items that cannot be identified.

To: Mr Parson

My child/children listed below will be leaving at the end of December 2014, and not returning in 2015.

Name: ___________________________ Class: _______ Destination: ______________________

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Signed: ___________________________
P&C NEWS

What a success!!

An awesome success and great community building event was the general consensus from our Soldiers Point Twilight Markets. Trish and I had many ‘thanks’ throughout the night and after the event, but we would like to thank you - our Soldiers Point community - for supporting this fundraiser. Without this support and can-do attitude, the markets would not have been such a success. The greatest thing that we are taking from organising this event is the realisation that the people and businesses in Soldiers Point are very generous and willing to donate their time and services to our school for the betterment of our community. Come along to the next meeting to listen to the wrap-up of the event and final amount raised.

Below are some photos from the night, and please take some time to read the following page and...
Thank you to all our lovely parent volunteers who donated so much of their time and effort to this event. We would like to especially thank Belinda Lavers, Deanne Cosgrove and Karen Jones for all of their effort to help prepare and cook the P&C dinner boxes. Also thank you to Ruth McLeod, Karen Smail, Emma Bowen, Liane Saunders, Brenda Madden, Corrie Kenrick, Gerard McClafferty, Simon Lack, Anna-Maria Ford, Laura Miles and Ella De La Motte for all of their help in the months before the markets. Without your help we would not have been able to get this market off the ground.

Raffle sponsors:
- BAYSIDE JEWELLERS
- BEKK PARADISI & TRISH COOTE
- CHEF LAURENT
- CHICK PEA
- DAVID GRAHAM GOLF COMPLEX
- THE DECK, SOLDIERS POINT
- DENISE’S CANDLE DELIGHTS
- HOPELESS COUTURE
- HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS
- KDS HAIR DESIGN
- AT SOLDIERS POINT
- LUCKY LOCALS
- NELSON BAY GOLF CLUB
- PHOENIX TRADING
- RAY WHITE SALAMANDER BAY
- & SPOCKS SPOKES
- SALAMANDER BAY RECYCLING
- SALAMANDER VILLAGE FLORIST
- SUPERCHEAP AUTO
- TOMAREE AQUATIC CENTRE
- QUEENDY LUI
- VILLAGE GRIND CAFÉ.

Business sponsors:
- Woolworths Salamander Bay for all of the ingredients used to make our lovely dinner boxes.
- Coles for a $50 gift card.
- Rotary for donating their time and effort for the sausage sizzle.
- Ray White Salamander Bay for their generous donation of a bicycle.
- Nelson Bay Action Group for their very popular fairy floss stall.
- Port Stephens Ice for their slushy stall.
- Salamander Bay Recycling for helping us to transport tables.
- Soldiers Point Bowling Club for use of their tables (and transport).
- Beachside Christian Fellowship for use of their tables.
- Good Vibrations Academy for providing very enjoyable entertainment.
- Signs @ The Bay for our promotional signs.
- A Beautiful Occasion stall for the lolly guessing competition.

The following people helped out on the night to make it a fun event that ran smoothly.

Fin Adnam, Karen Smail, David Smail, Christina McClafferty, Fez McClafferty, Emma Bowen, Linda Thompson, Dan Bowen, Grant Lavers, Belinda Lavers, Deanne Cosgrove, Tristen Cosgrove, Karen Jones, Dean Jones, Craig Thompson, Jenny Jones, Emma McDowell, Kaitlyn Bzadough, Pip Sutton, Ruth McLeod, Brenda Madden, Lauren Fuller, Marcelle Searles, Sharon Barnett-Beau, Sarah Stokes, Pip Brock, Caroline George, Edith Gippel, Tim Gippel, Patrice Chapman, Julie Lack, Sam Baker, Mat Baker, Kylie Herdegan, Megan Thompson, Natalie Budden, Brad Smith, Nathan Ford, Anna-Maria Ford, Pip Brock, Sean Miles, Julianne Mamotte, Ted Saunders, Rick Bray, Matt Clements and all of the lovely stall holders. And a big thank you to our First Aider Stephen Price.

Lastly but not least we would like to thank the staff and particularly Mr Parson, Miss Cornwell, Mrs Soulsby, Bronwyn and Simone for their support leading up to the markets. We would also like to thank all of the staff and administration for helping to make the night a success and staying on to man the student stalls.

It was great to see such great involvement from all. We hope you enjoyed the evening!
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**SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTRES PROGRAM**
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E jacqueline.orwell@det.nsw.edu.au

**TERM FOUR PROGRAM 2014**
**TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER TO FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER**

**FREE Stepping Stones Triple P Group**
For Families with Children aged 3-8 yrs with a Disability

Supermarket meltdowns? Mealtime tantrums? Bedtime battles? When you're the parent or caregiver of a child with a disability, sometimes life can be extra challenging.

Stepping Stones Triple P gives you:
- Tips and strategies to manage the big and small problems of family life
- Tips on how to encourage behaviour you like
- Information on how to teach your child new skills

When: Five Wednesday sessions:
15th October to 12th November
Time: 10.00 am – 12.30 pm
Then Two (one on one phone calls) 19th & 26th Nov

Cost: FREE – morning tea provided
Bookings: Please phone Sara on 02 4961 0700 or email sara@familyinsight.org.au

**MANDALA ART PROJECT**
COME ALONG TO OUR MORNING TEA and get involved in our Art Project which explores
PARENTING ACROSS CULTURES
Bring the Kids and get Creative
Everyone Welcome
Tuesday 4th November
10 am - Noon
Followed by a series of weekly workshops
Run by local artist Sarah Brown

**GANGAN FAMILY CENTRE**

**Come to our Healthy Lunch Box Session**
Eating enough fruit and veg everyday can help protect your little against illnesses, including some forms of cancer.
The popular sessions run by Cancer Council NSW are part of the Eat It To Beat It program will give you:
- New and exciting ideas for healthy lunch boxes your kids will love
- A Show Bag including a great healthy lunch box
- Simple ways to get the whole family eating enough fruit & veg

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
TIME: 10.30 am - 11 am

**PLAYGROUPS RESTART ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**
- SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP: Monday October 13
- PLAY to LEARN: Tuesday October 14
- PLAY CONNECT: Wednesday October 8
- READY SET FOR SCHOOL: Friday October 17

**COUSE STARTING DATES THIS TERM:**
- STEPPING STONES: Wednesday October 15
- NEW PARENTS GROUP: Thursday October 30
- BABY MASSAGE: Friday October 31
- MANDALA ART PROJECT: Tuesday November 4
- HEALTHY LUNCH BOX: Friday October 24
- TOY & BOOK LIBRARY: School Days: 9 am – 11 am

**MEETING DATES THIS TERM:**
- BAY GAPS (Grandparents as Parents): Every Wed@10 am
- YOUNG PARENTS NETWORK: Every Tues@10.30 am
**PLAYGROUPS AT THE CENTRE**

**SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP**
(Newborn to 5 Years)

Supported Playgroup provides opportunity for parents and children to enhance their relationship in a supportive environment, increase their skills and confidence and develop valuable social and family support networks.

Held every MONDAY in the School Term.

**Play to Learn Playgroup**

Our ‘Play and Learn’ program is for children aged 0-5 years. Childcare staff from Good Start Early Learning, Anna Bay work alongside parents/carers to help children learn about themselves and their work through the power of play. Tuesdays during term at 9.45 am.

* Bookings essential.

**PLAYCONNECT PLAYGROUP**

A fun, educational playgroup for families with children, 0-5 years with Autism Spectrum Disorder or Autism like symptoms? Your child does not need a diagnosis to join.

Every WEDNESDAY 10.00 am – 12 noon

*Booking required.
Ring Charmaine: 0422 056 210

**OUR TOY & BOOK LIBRARY**

Toys on Tap Toy & Book Library
Providing quality toys, books & resources.

Open Weekdays during School Term 9.00 am – 11.00 am.

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**TRANSITION TO SCHOOL**

**READY, SET FOR SCHOOL**

A TRANSITION TO SCHOOL PLAYGROUP!

The READY, SET FOR SCHOOL program focuses on children aged 4 -5 years who are commencing school in 2015/2016.

Our fun structured 90 minute sessions allow your child to develop their skills and confidence through play based learning experiences.

Held each Friday 10.00 am – 11.30 am.
Younger Siblings are Welcome.
*Bookings required.
Ring Jacqui or Liane 4982 1767

**GROUPS FOR NEW PARENTS**

**Baby Massage**

BABY MASSAGE (Newborn to 6 months)
A course for parents & their babies to enhance bonding & empower parents in the care of their baby.

Assists with colic and digestion, stimulates baby’s growth & development & helps baby sleep better.

Commencing Friday 31st October: 10.00 am – 12.00
Booking Required. $35.00 for the five sessions.
Ring Clare: 0421 678 680

**Early Parenting Support Group**

For new mums and dads with babies aged 0 – 3 months.
Facilitated by the Child & Family Health Nurse.
Come along and chat about the joys and challenges of parenting.
Four weekly sessions commencing:
Thursday 30 October: 10.00 am to 12 noon.
For more info phone 4924 2588.
FREE Stepping Stones Triple P Group

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When: 5 consecutive Wednesday sessions, 15th October - 12th November
2 consecutive weeks of one on one phone call sessions 19th – 26th Nov

Where: Anna Bay Public School

Time: 10.00am – 12.30pm

Cost: FREE – morning tea provided

Bookings: Please email or phone Sara on 02 4961 0700 or email sara@familyinsight.org.au

We are regrettably unable to provide child minding for this group

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL – LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE