Dear Parents,

Soldiers Point students assembled respectfully remembering soldiers past & present as part of our Remembrance Day commemoration last Tuesday. It was both touching and appropriate to listen to Jasmine read aloud the poem, In Flanders Fields, written by Colonel John McCrae during the First World War in 1915.

Thanks must go to Mrs Aitchison for leading the assembly & Danielle, our Defence School Transition Aide, for coordinating the Remembrance Day resources and display in the library.

I acknowledge our students for the high level of respect displayed during our assembly.

Healthy & Active Kids
During the past few weeks we’ve had the wonderful problem of not having enough bike racks to accommodate all the bikes. Indeed, one day last week I counted no less than 33 bikes / scooters at school. With this in mind I’m currently looking into purchasing and installing some additional bike racks for our cyclists. Keep on riding, kids; I think it’s great we have so many keen riders.

I remind children to always ride their bike or scooter with a helmet and, where possible, ride carefully on the footpath. We also recommend children lock their bike or scooter at school.

Lots Happening…
With the end of the school year fast approaching and the days becoming increasingly busy, I’ve included details of some of our school events to assist families with their end-of-year organisation. They are as follows:

• Intensive swimming will conclude at the end of this week;
• Kindergarten Orientation for 2014 students commences today. This will run over 2 weeks from Monday – Thursday;
• Our Term 4 Student Recognition Assembly will be held on Friday, November 28, from 1:30 in the Hall;
• Scripture Assembly will be held on Wednesday, December 3 from 10:30-11:00 in the hall. All students who are eligible to attend weekly scripture shall be attending;
• Year 6 will be attending an Orientation Day at Tomaree High on Wednesday, December 3;
• Our band will be performing at the Twilight Bandstand on Thursday evening on December 4;
• We’ll be recognising our Year 6 students at their Graduation Dinner on Thursday, December 11; and
• On Friday, December 12, we’ll be holding our 2014 Celebration Day. Celebration Day is certainly the most significant of our annual school events. It is intended to be a reflection on the school year where we share the impressive talents of our students. Our Celebration Day assembly will be held in the school hall from 9:30AM.

A very special welcome to all the pre-schoolers attending our Orientation Program.
**Term Dates**

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**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**Friday 21st November**

3-6 Assembly
Hosted by 3/4A

**Friday 28th November – 1.30pm**

K-2 Assembly
Hosted by 1/2F

*All Welcome*

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**Celebration Day Assembly – Friday 12th December 2014**

Below is a draft of our 2014 Celebration Program for your information. Please note that this is not the order of events and items may change.

**Welcome by Captains**, National Anthem, **Concert Band**, Stage One Choir, **Principal’s Address**, Stage 2/3 Choir, **Celebration Slideshow**, Rock Band, Jnr Girls’ Dance Group, Year 6 Recognition Awards, Snr Girls’ Dance Group, Induction of SRC, P&C Report, Early Stage 1, School Song

We look forward to celebrating this important occasion with parents and friends.

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**BUS PASSES – 2015**

If your child is in Year 2 (2014) they **MUST APPLY** for a new bus pass for 2015.

For children going into Yrs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 in 2015 bus passes will be automatically generated.

Thank you
**Gymnastics Champ**

Congratulations to our very own Estelle (Year 4) who was selected to compete at the Gymnastics NSW Country Championships, which were held in Sydney on November 9. Estelle was one of five competitors representing the Hunter area in the Level 2 Intermediate team.

Estelle’s team finished 3rd in the vault, which is her favourite event, and 4th on the floor.

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**Intensive Swimming**

Our 2014 Intensive Swimming program will continue this week for more than 60 students from Years 2 & 3. Soldiers Point has offered the Intensive Swimming program for many years which has improved our students’ water familiarisation and confidence.

I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Egan, Mr Nix and Mr Holloway for their commitment and willingness to run the program again this year as it is of enormous benefit to our children.

As a follow up to the Intensive Swimming program we encourage parents to continue their child’s swimming development by regular visits to the pool.

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**Organisation for 2015**

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. If leaving, please complete the notice on the next page of the newsletter and return to school.

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**Library Update**

Library borrowing will finish in Week 7. We require all books back for library stocktake.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs Merriman

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**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: __________________________
**Stage 2 The Great Aussie Bush Camp**

Students (74) and teachers (Mrs Aitchison, Mr Nix, Mrs Wilson and Mr Holloway) travelled to Tea Gardens for a two day, one night stay at this camp on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th November. Below are some thoughts on the camp.

The activities were the best. There were all sorts of activities like the staple climb which was loads of fun. We could do orienteering, bush craft, making damper and initiatives and team games. My favourite was making damper because you had to look for sticks and make a fire to cook the damper. Then eat it. Yum. The ‘brain’ games were fun because you had to think outside the square to solve problems with your team. **Cale**

In my opinion, the instructors were great. For one they were top class because they made walking to the Snow Cone Shed fun as. Yes, they have a Snow Cone Shed! Same thing happened walking to the activities. IT WAS SO MUCH FUN!!! All the instructors sang songs walking to places. My personal favourite was the Shark Song. Some instructors played a game called Ambush were we had 5 seconds to hide and if they could see us after the five seconds we’d be out! **Jordan**.

In addition, the accommodation was wonderful. The rooms had opening windows, fresh air and the beds were quite nice. We had to sleep on the bottom bed of the bunk. The showers were warm too. **Jorja F**

Furthermore, the food was great. They had lots to choose from and they even had food organised for the people with allergies. They had lots of drinks to choose from as well. They even had snow cones in between activities! Even better, the food is really healthy. For breakfast, we had scrambled eggs, toast, pancakes and even cereal. For lunch, we had awesome salad sandwiches and for dinner, we had a beach barbeque with sausages, burgers and delicious salad. **Edward**
Canteen

Thank you to Belinda Lavers, Rebekah Newell, Lauren Fuller, Ella de la Motte, Karen Jones, Deanne Cosgrove, Tammy Peach and Cassandra Butterworth for all their help over the last two weeks. Roster:

Wed 19/11 MEAL DEAL DAY
   Cassandra Butterworth, Tammy Peach

Fri 21/11 Lauren Fuller, Liz Dennison

Mon 24/11 Karen Jones

Wed 26/11 HELP NEEDED

Fri 28/11 Lauren Fuller, Rebekah Newell

Mon 1/12 Karen Jones

Don’t forget MEAL DEAL DAY on Wednesday 19th November any help will be greatly appreciated. Swimmers will receive their order at recess.

AS ALL SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN PURCHASED NO MORE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Upcoming events, 2015

Tea and Tissues

After the new Kindys get dropped off for their first day at school, we offer ‘Tea and Tissues’ for parents and caregivers. If anyone would like to help out at this event, please let us know by sending an email to sppspc@live.com.au. We’ll be asking for donations of morning tea goodies soon.

Welcome BBQ  Will be happening early Term 1, 2015. This is an event to help welcome in the new school year. A date is yet to be confirmed, but if you would like to be involved in this event please let us know by sending an email to sppspc@live.com.au.
Hey Kids!!

Port Stephens Family Fishing Competition

February 7th - 8th 2015

The Soldiers Point Marina & Pantaenius Family Fishing Competition has been designed to involve the entire family with an emphasis on participation, spending time together and FUN.”

The prizes are fantastic and you don’t even need to be a champion fisherman

You can win $10,000 without getting a bite!!!!
(That’s one main cash prize of $5000 and 5 cash prizes of $1000)
PLUS a three night accommodation package at Flagship Villa Horizons Golf Resort + much much more

Junior and Senior Categories
10 Target Species - 1 prize per fish

For more information please visit www.portstephensfishingcomp.com or call 49 827445

Students’ Medical Information for 2015

If your child has a current Asthma Plan, Anaphlaxis Plan, Allergies or any other known medical condition, can you please ensure that the school office has all the correct information.

Please ring Simone or Bronwyn to update or check what information we have.

Thank you

TENNIS COACHING

Now available for KIDS locally at Soldiers Point Tennis Club

Every Thursday –

Pee Wee (4-7 yrs) 3:20 - 3:50 $5.00
Beginners (7-11 yrs) 3:50 – 4:50 $10.00
Intermediate (11-17 yrs) 4:50 – 5:50 $10.00

JUST SHOW UP