Dear Parents,

One of the highlights of my role as principal of Soldiers Point Public School is venturing out into the playground at recess or lunch to talk and play with the students. When in the playground on a number of occasions last week, I was very impressed with how cooperatively the students were playing and just how healthy they look. There were children playing touch, soccer, handball & skipping; all active and having fun.

One of our guiding principles is to encourage lifelong learning and promote healthy lifestyle choices, which we promote by offering programs such as: Life Education, gymnastics, as well as a range of other sports for students to try. Last week we had students competing in cross country, softball and rugby 7’s, as well as training for hockey and rugby league. Our students are very fortunate to have such opportunities available to them.

The recent athletics carnival was another example of how we’re promoting a healthy lifestyle. It was a brilliant day with a very high level of participation and some outstanding results. I’ll be uploading additional photos to our school website this week.

Thank you to Mr Gibson for all his preparation and organisation. Thank you also to all the teachers and parents who were able to assist and support on the day, especially the P&C for providing a yummy BBQ lunch.

Running Hot
Recently, 5 students (Aidan M, Joel B, Tara K, Edward W & Cale G) represented our school and Port Stephens Zone at the Hunter Regional Cross Country trials in Newcastle. Our runners were very successful with 3: Aidan, Edward & Cale, finishing in a top six position in their respective age groups.

Edward finished 1st, Cale finished 2nd and Aidan 6th. Joel finished a very close 7th and Tara 34th in their events. We sincerely congratulate our runners for their amazing efforts in such a challenging event.

NAPLAN 2014
Spare a thought for our Year 3 and 5 students this week as they will be undertaking the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) along with primary school students in Years 3 & 5 across Australia. The dates are:

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We wish all our Year 3 and 5 students well with their assessment tasks.
Term Dates

Term 2 – Week 3

Monday 12th May
Tuesday 13th May
Wednesday 14th May
Thursday 15th May
Friday 16th May

NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3 & 5
Gymnastics
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NAPLAN Testing Yrs 3 & 5
Opportunity Class 2015 applications close

Term 2 – Week 4

Monday 19th May
Tuesday 20th May
Wednesday 21st May
Thursday 22nd May
Friday 23rd May

UNSW Computer Skills
Gymnastics
Grip Leadership Conference
Gymnastics
Walk Safely to School Day

Term 2 – Week 5

Monday 26th May
Tuesday 27th May
Wednesday 28th May
Thursday 29th May
Friday 30th May

Stage One Excursion – Newcastle Museum & Library
Gymnastics
Gymnastics
Under 10’s Rugby League Knockout
Rugby Union trials

Term 2 – Week 6

Monday 2nd June
Tuesday 3rd June
Wednesday 4th June
Thursday 5th June
Friday 6th June

Gymnastics
UNSW Science
Gymnastics

Term 2 – Week 7

Monday 9th June
Tuesday 10th June
Wednesday 11th June
Thursday 12th June
Friday 13th June

Public Holiday
Gymnastics
Gymnastics

Term 2 – Week 8

Monday 16th June
Tuesday 17th June
Wednesday 18th June
Thursday 19th June
Friday 20th June

UNSW Writing
UNSW Spelling
Kinder Excursion – Shark & Ray Centre & Nelson Bay
Gymnastics
Gymnastics

Term 2 – Week 9

Monday 23rd June
Tuesday 24th June
Wednesday 25th June
Thursday 26th June
Friday 27th June

Gymnastics
Gymnastics
Last Day of Term 2

Term 3 – Week 1

Monday 14th July
Tuesday 15th July
Wednesday 16th July
Thursday 17th July
Friday 18th July

SDD Day
Students return K-6

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Friday 16th May – 1.30pm
Whole School Assembly – Hosted by 1/2C

Friday 23rd May – 1.30pm
Whole School K-6 ~ Hosted by 5/6S

All Welcome

BOOK CLUB

Due Friday 16th May
Life Education Report

The students at SPPS were provided the opportunity to visit the Life Education caravan during the first two weeks of this term. All students were most delighted to see Healthy Harold and his friend, Silvia. Harold enjoyed spending time with us and mentioned how impressed he was with the students at SPPS, a well-mannered and respectful group. Follow-up lessons in class will be conducted throughout the rest of the term.

Kindergarten learnt about;
- seeking help from trusted adults
- benefits of physical activity
- body knowledge and self-assertion strategies

Stage 1 learnt about;
- the function of internal body parts e.g. lungs, heart
- safety in public places
- safe use and storage of medicines
- appropriate remedies for illnesses
- exploring strategies to manage feelings and emotions

Stage 2 learnt about;
- bullying, feelings and support networks
- defining a drug
- managing transitions in life and developing coping strategies
- safety with medicines
- healthy food choices
- benefits of active lifestyles

Stage 3 learnt about;
- short and long term consequences of a range of legal drugs
- safe and respectful behaviour online
- factors that influence health and behaviour e.g. friends, family, media, digital communication
- laws relating to the sale, advertising and use of a variety of legal drugs
- skills and strategies to deal with unsafe situations and social dilemmas
- safe and appropriate use of communication technology

Some student reflections from the Life Education visit;
- ‘I need to be careful of sharp objects at the beach.’ Tye
- ‘Breathing in smoke is bad for your lungs.’ Charlie
- ‘Healthy food is good for our bodies.’ Madeleine
- ‘Look both ways when you cross the road.’ Adrian

Don’t forget Friday, May 23, is Walk Safely to School Day. Why not leave the car at home and walk to school with your children. It will also provide you with an opportunity to reinforce some very important road rules. If you live a little further away from the school you may like to ride your bike instead.
PSSA Cricket

The cricket team advanced to round four of the PSSA Competition after an impressive victory over Wirreanda Public School. With a great display of bowling by all bowlers and some great catches by Isaak and Cooper, Wirreanda were bowled out for 42. Harrison, Cooper and Noah batted well to pass the score with the loss of only three wickets.

The boys’ next game is against Seaham Public School. Thank you again to Simon Lack and the Soldiers Point Bowling Club for the use of the bus.

Rugby 7’s

The rugby team competed in the Newcastle Regional Rugby 7’s tournament last week. While the boys missed out on the finals, their efforts were outstanding. They were, with the exception of their final game, the best team on the day. However, a few missed opportunities and fatigue, cost them a place in the final, though they showed great spirit and determination.

Noah, Riley and George played exceptionally well but all players should be proud of their efforts. We look forward in a week’s time to the Bryan Palmer Shield, where I’m sure we will perform well. Thanks to Dion Cooper for his continued help and enthusiasm.

Fire & Rescue NSW

Fire Station Open Day

Saturday 17th May – 10am – 2pm

Come and join in the fun and learn more about your local station.

Yacaaba Street, Nelson Bay
Monday, 12 May 2014

P&C NEWS

Upcoming meetings
- P&C meeting is on Tuesday 13 May
- SIFC meeting is on Wednesday 4 June.

Both meetings are at 7pm in the School Administration building. Minutes from previous meetings can be found at [http://sppspc.weebly.com/meetings.html](http://sppspc.weebly.com/meetings.html)

All welcome.

2014 SPPS Tea Towels and Aprons

We still have some of our fabulous SPPS Tea Towels for sale as well as limited edition SPPS Aprons available in red or black.

Tea towels are available for $12 or $10 each for orders of three or more. Aprons available for $20. On sale Friday 16 May at the Uniform Shop or leave your order with payment at the Office.

These unique memento featuring the students hand drawn portraits make great gifts and raise funds to support our school. Funds raised will help improve our school grounds.

For more information contact Ruth McLeod 0412746084.

Upcoming events

Annual disco

Friday 13th June 2014. Mark your calendars! If you can help out on the night (and before) please let us know by texting Anna (0414 672 252) or Trish (0425 336 934).

Twilight markets

Pencilled in for Term 4 2014.

We are looking for volunteers to be a part of a fundraising committee to guide and help make this and other events possible. Let us know if you want to be involved by emailing us sppspc@live.com.au.

Canteen

Thank you to Belinda Lavers, Liz Dennison, Lauren Fuller, Deanne Cosgrove, Karen Jones Bekk Paradisis, Cassandra Butterworth, Rebekah Newell and Julie Thomson for all their help over the last two weeks. A huge thankyou to Tony, Penny Whatman, Karen and Dean Jones, Belinda Lavers and Julie Thomson for running the BBQ at the Athletics Carnival on Tuesday.

Roster:

- Wed 14/5 Nicole Shields
- Thu 15/5 Year 6: Tom P., Dakota M.
- Fri 16/5 Liz Dennison, Lauren Fuller, Deanne Cosgrove
- Mon 19/5 Jenny Jones
- Wed 21/5 Louise Barr
- Thu 22/5 Year 6: Connor A., Cooper W.R.
- Fri 23/5 Rebekah Newell, Lauren Fuller
- Mon 26/5 Katie Nicholas

Look out for the new canteen menu with some extra fresh food items added such as Chicken and Vegetable Soup and unfortunately a few small price increases.

Uniform shop

The Uniform Shop is open:
- every Tuesday morning from 8.30–9.30am
- every Friday afternoon from 2.15–3.15pm.

We accept cash or cheque only for purchases.

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YOUR SCHOOL RECEIVES $2.00 from every card purchased

Soldiers Point Public School FUNDRAISING Codes: SPPS14
Port Stephens Human Whale

DETAILS:

WHERE: Shoal Bay Beach

TIME: 11am Meet for 12pm Formation

WHEN: Sunday 1st June - Bring the whole family!

Parking: Cnr of Shoal Bay Road & Government Road or Shoal Bay Rd & Beach Road

RSVP:
Email: info@imaginecruises.com.au
Phone: 49849000

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