Dear Parents,

Term 3 has lived up to the expectation of being the busiest of the school terms. Throughout the term there have been loads of extra-curricular opportunities for our students including: Stage 3 Camp, Open Day & Walk-a-thon, Book Week, Tomaree Music Festival, as well as numerous sporting, speaking & other musical events.

The term has been demanding, yet our students’ enthusiasm for new learning experiences has been outstanding. This is a terrific quality and one we need to nurture within our school community.

I would also like to thank the wonderful staff at Soldiers Point for their efforts and willingness to take on these extra tasks. Similarly, I thank our many parents who volunteer and help us make these opportunities a possibility.

As Term 3 will be concluding on Friday, September 19, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families an enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to seeing you all back in Term 4, which commences on Tuesday, October 7.

NAPLAN Reports
Students in Years 3 and 5 will bring their NAPLAN report home with them this afternoon. The report shows how your child is going in aspects of literacy including reading, spelling, writing, punctuation and grammar, as well as numeracy.

Grounds Upgrade
In coming weeks you will be see a transformation in our grounds as we commence the next stage of our playground development under the Creative Play Spaces initiative. The upgrade will consist of a number of improvements to our top field and its surrounds, including:

- Removal of the timber retaining wall and extensive excavation of the top field i.e. the construction of concrete seating at the northern end of the field, installation of sub-soil drainage, soil preparation and turfing of the field;
- Construction of a swale to better manage water run-off and prevent further erosion; and
- Provision of a concrete bed for seating in the Stage 2 eating area. The seating (aluminium) for this will be relocated from the current Stage 3 eating area.

The improvements will take several weeks to complete, thus we will not have access to the top field during and following construction for up to 4 weeks following completion. During this time the students will be using the games court, hall COLA & bottom field for play.

This project would not have been possible without the financial assistance of our very supportive P&C. The project, which has been planned for nearly 4 years, will cost in excess of $70,000.00. The P&C is contributing most of this money through their fund-raising efforts over several years.

On behalf of the students and staff I sincerely thank our P&C for their generosity and making this goal a reality. I anticipate the top field will be ready for action again in mid Term 4.
**Term Dates**

**Term 3 – Week 9**

- Monday 8th September
- Tuesday 9th September: P&C Meeting from 7:00
- Wednesday 10th September: Boys Cricket Vs Seaham, Storytime 3
- Thursday 11th September: Rugby Union Gala Day
- Friday 12th September

**Term 3 – Week 10 ~ Bike Week**

- Monday 15th September
- Tuesday 16th September
- Wednesday 17th September
- Thursday 18th September: Author Visit
- Friday 19th September: Term 3 Concludes

**Term 4**

**Term 4 – Week 1**

- Monday 6th October: Public Holiday
- Tuesday 7th October: Students commence Term 4
- Wednesday 8th October: School Improvements & Finance Meeting in staffroom from 7:00
- Thursday 9th October
- Friday 10th October

**Term 4 – Week 2**

- Monday 13th October
- Tuesday 14th October: P&C Meeting in staffroom from 7:00
- Wednesday 15th October: State Athletics @ Homebush
- Thursday 16th October: State Athletics @ Homebush
- Friday 17th October: Twilights Markets

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**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

- **Friday 12th September – 1.30pm**
  - K-2 Assembly
  - Hosted by 1/2W

- **Friday 19th September – 1.30pm**
  - K-6 Recognition Assembly
  - Hosted by SRC
  - All Welcome

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**Art Recognition**

Many children are very talented in the area of visual arts. Within the classrooms many displays include drawings, painting, collages, designs and portraits.

During the upcoming weeks your child/children will be involved in a *Whole School Art Program* to produce a piece of artwork which may be reproduced into greeting cards, calendars or diaries. Usually this activity is well supported within our school community. The inclusion of diaries this year should be very popular.

Cards and calendars will remain at last year’s prices ($10:00) while the diaries will sell for $15:00. All products are of a high quality and samples will be on display in the foyer.

Student’s artwork and order method will be sent home at the end of Week 9 and orders need to be placed before, or on, Thursday 18th September. No orders can be accepted on the last day of term.

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**Storytime**

This Wednesday, September 10, will be the third and final of our 2014 Storytime sessions. It has been a lot of fun getting to know our future students. We look forward to seeing them again later in the year when they return for a few more visits.

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**Library Author Visit K-6**

- **Friday 19th September - $4.00**

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Our school community is committed to providing a supportive learning environment which promotes success & equity.
**Work Samples**
Next week students will bring home a selection of work samples they have completed throughout Term 3. I urge parents to take time to read through and discuss their child’s work samples with them.

**Bike Week**
Next week, September 13 to 21, is NSW Bike Week. I encourage students & parents to pump up the tyres on their bikes and ride to and from school.

**YEAR 6 Fundraising**
A **BIG** thank you to the whole school community for support and organisation towards the Year 6 fundraising.

**To date $9,000.00** profit has been raised to support Year 6, from Lamington Drive, Funds & Roses Dinner, Fathers’ Day Gift Swap, BBQ and raffle.

Well done to everyone.

Ashlee Pawley

**STUDENT BUS PASSES**
Just a reminder that **ALL** students must show their passes when boarding the bus. Also, if you change address or lose your bus pass you must apply for another.

Applications are available at the school or directly from the bus company.

**Students attending Tomaree HS in 2015.**
Please ensure that all forms are signed and return to SPPS school office by **Thursday 18th September.**

Thank you

**Parking @ the School**
Parents are reminded to use the Kiss & Drop parking area on Bagnall Ave appropriately before and after school. Remember, when using the Kiss & Drop Zone, you are only permitted to stop for **2 minutes**. Staying longer not only slows everyone else down, it may lead to a hefty fine.
WE NEED YOU!!

Would you consider taking on a new role to assist our school next year? The following positions will be vacant in 2015 and we will need you!

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Fundraising Officer
- Publicity Officer

If President, Secretary or Treasurer positions are NOT filled, there will be no P&C.

This means there may be no P&C run Uniform Shop and Canteen, as well as events such as the school disco, Welcome BBQ, and other fundraisers.

As many of you know, the P&C is an organisation made up of parent and citizen volunteers of the school community. We need YOU to keep our P&C operating and to be a successful, active and open enterprise that looks after the students, school’s and school community’s best interests.

Come along to our next meeting to learn what’s involved in these positions and to see if you’d like to be involved.

Tuesday 9th September at 7pm in the School Admin building.

Uniform shop

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

We accept cash or cheque only for your payment.

(There is NO EFTPOS available.)

Upcoming meetings

- P&C meeting is on Tuesday 9 September
- SIFC meeting is on Wednesday 5 November.

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

All welcome.

Canteen

Thank you to Rebekah Newell, Lauren Fuller, Liz Dennison, Deanne Cosgrove, Belinda Lavers, Karen Jones, Tammy Peach and Cassandra Butterworth for all their help over the last two weeks.

Roster:

Wed 10/9 Cassandra Butterworth, Tammy Peach
Thu 11/9 Year 6: Mandela A.; Tiana O.
Fri 12/9 Liz Dennison, Lauren Fuller
Mon 15/9 Karen Jones
Wed 17/9 HELP NEEDED
Thu 18/9 Year 6: Tom P.; Dakota M.
Fri 19/9 Lauren Fuller, Rebekah Newell

The Canteen would like to thank everyone for the wonderful help over the last term and look forward to seeing you all again in term 4. A roster will be out in the first week of the term. Please let me know if your availability has changed. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Twilight markets

Friday 17 October 2014 (Term 4).

The Fundraising Committee is meeting regularly leading up to the markets to ensure the markets are a fun, successful event.

If you would like to come along to these meetings, if you have any helpful ideas, or can assist for even 30 minutes at the event, please email sppspc@live.com.au or contact Anna (0414 672 252) or Trish (0425 336 934).

CALL FOR BOOKS! One of the stalls at the Twilight Markets will be selling used books and board games. If you have some of these items in good repair, please deliver to the Uniform Shop (see orange box for opening hours).