Dear Parents,

A tribute to TJ...

Cooper Taylor-Jones, known affectionately to the students in 5/6SB as TJ, showed us all the way life should be lived. Everyone lucky enough to meet him was surely affected by that genuine smile that lit up his face, by his enthusiasm for science and technology, for laptops and Minecraft, by his ever-surprising talents and his love for all things camouflage.

We will all cherish those memories we have of birthday cupcakes made lovingly with his mum, Talia, and will treasure the homemade Sweet Spice Popcorn recipe Cooper generously shared with us all. Attempting to replicate a batch will no doubt become a Christmas tradition for many Soldiers Point families in years to come, a reminder to us all of Cooper's spirit and friendship.

Words cannot express the sadness and sense of loss we feel at this time, although each one of us feels our lives have been made all that much richer for having known him and having shared so many precious days with Cooper at school.

We wish his family love and comfort at this time and assure them that Cooper's memory will be treasured by us all forever.

Parent Information Sessions
This week & next we’ll be holding our 2015 Parent Information Sessions for all classes. These sessions are designed to provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child’s teacher, hear about class expectations, practices and other organisational matters. Dates and times for the Parent Information Sessions are listed below:

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<td>Early Stage 1 (KC, KM &amp; KF)</td>
<td>Thursday, February 19</td>
<td>4:30-5:15pm</td>
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<td>Stage 1 (1F, 1/2E, 1/2L, 1/2S &amp; 2H)</td>
<td>Thursday, February 19</td>
<td>5:15-6:00pm</td>
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<td>Stage 2 (3A, 3N, 3/4W &amp; 4E)</td>
<td>Wednesday, February 25</td>
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<td>Stage 3 (5E, 5/6G, 5/6P, 5/6C &amp; 5/6SB)</td>
<td>Wednesday, February 25</td>
<td>5:15-6:00pm</td>
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Welcome BBQ
The P&C will be holding the annual Welcome BBQ on Friday, February 27, which all school families are welcome to attend. The Welcome BBQ is a social night and a terrific opportunity for families new to the school to meet some of our established families. So please join us on the night.

Please note: as this function is being held at school and children are present the consumption of alcohol is not permitted.

Scripture
Scripture classes will commence this Wednesday, February 18, from 1:30-2:05. Scripture classes will be offered for both Protestant & Catholics students. Students electing not to attend scripture will also be accommodated during this time.
**Term Dates**

**Term 1 – Week 4**

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

Radio Visit
Scripture Commences
Parent Information Sessions
Port Stephens Zone Swimming

**Term 1 – Week 5**

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

Parent Information Sessions
Welcome BBQ

**Term 1 – Week 6**

Monday 2nd March
Tuesday 3rd March
Wednesday 4th March

School Improvement & Finance Committee Meeting @ 7:00

Thursday 5th March
Friday 6th March

**Term 1 – Week 7**

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

P&C Meeting @ 7:00
Selective High School Test

**Term 1 – Week 8**

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

Interrelate Classes (TBC)

**Term 1 – Week 9**

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

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

**Friday 20th February – 1.30pm**

No Assembly

**Friday 27th February – 1.30pm**

K – 6 School Assembly
Hosted by 5/6P
All Welcome

Interrelate - Thursday 19th March 2015 from 6.00pm

Cost: 1 session ($25.00 family), 2 sessions ($30.00 family)

Interrelate’s high-quality Sexuality and Relationship Education program is coming to our school.

**Session 1**: Where did I come from? (1-hour session, Years 3-6)

**Session 2**: Preparing for puberty (1-hour session, Years 5-6, Years 3-4 at parent’s discretion).

Flyers will be sent home this week.

Our school community is committed to providing a supportive learning environment fostering respect, creativity and resilience. (2015) Page 2
**Footsteps – Ten Week Program**

As part of our school’s PDHPE program, all students will be participating in the Footsteps dance program.

At Soldiers Point we run the Footsteps dance program every second year. This year, the program will be held each Thursday of Term 2.

Permission notes and information will be sent home later this week.

**Memorable Outcome**

Our recent Swimming Carnival was a great success. It was particularly memorable, however, for the winning house, Everitt, as this is the first major event they’ve won for many, many years.

There were some notable times taken on the day which will see some of our students qualify for representation at the Port Stephens Zone Carnival.

I congratulate the students on their excellent behaviour, which helped the day run so smoothly. A mighty thank you to Mr Nix and the teaching staff for their efforts in organising the day so well. I also extend a huge thank you to those parents whose help was not only valuable but vital to the carnival’s success.

The age champions for 2015 are listed below:

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<td>Junior</td>
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<td>Cooper J</td>
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**Dogs @ School**

Please note that dogs or other animals are not allowed on school grounds during or after school hours. This does not include companion animals.

If you wish to bring an animal to your child’s class for “show and tell” please contact the teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Thanks

**Hunter Sports High School**

Applications are now available for students seeking enrolment in the above school in 2016.

Information is available from their website [www.huntersports.com.au](http://www.huntersports.com.au) which includes information about each sport, including costs and trial dates.
P&C Annual General Meeting 2015

Our AGM will be held on **Tuesday 10th March at 7pm**.

The next SIFC meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4th March at 7pm**.

All welcome in the School Admin Building.

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2015 Welcome BBQ

**Friday 27 February 2015**

5pm–7pm

**JUMPING CASTLES**

**ROTARY SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**CANTEEN OPEN**

If you have any ideas or feedback for the event, please email us at sppspc@live.com.au

**PLEASE HELP THE WELCOME BBQ BE A SUCCESS WITH:**

Baked goods: Please donate any baked goods on the day to help raise money for the school. Details to come.

Volunteers: Please drop in to the canteen and help out for half an hour.

One of the ideas we have for this event is an information booth. If you are a local not-for-profit organisation that would like to be involved in this, please contact us.

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Canteen

Thank you to Amy Ellis, Rebekah Newell, Julie Thomson, Liz Dennison, Lauren Fuller, Ella de la Motte, Karen Jones, Deanne Cosgrove and Tammy Peach for all their help.

Roster:

- **Wed 18/2** Cassandra Butterworth, Charlotte Wiltshire
- **Fri 20/2** Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach
- **Mon 23/2** Belinda Lavers
- **Wed 25/2** Danielle Whitmore, Deanne Cosgrove, Michelle Campbell
- **Fri 27/2** Liz Dennison, Lauren Fuller
- **Mon 2/3** Karen Jones
- **Wed 4/3** Amy Ellis
- **Fri 6/3** Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach
- **Mon 9/3** Ella De La Motte

Thank you for your support, without volunteers we wouldn’t have such a wonderful school canteen!

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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.)

If you would like to volunteer in the Uniform shop, please contact Belinda.

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Working Bee

**Sunday 22nd March 2015, 10-12pm.**

Come for an hour and help out with some much-needed gardening in the Remembrance Garden. Bring any gardening tools that you think would be useful! (Shovels, whipper snipper, wheelbarrow, gloves etc.)

Morning tea provided!

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P&C Facebook page

Visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Soldiers Point Public School Parents.
NELSON BAY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB INC

Rugby League is a great way to make new friends and be part of a team, all the while learning some skills and having plenty of fun. We are currently seeking new players across a number of age groups for our 2015 season. Registrations can be completed online:

https://reg.spurfingpulse.com/v6/regoform.c p?cID=9&vKey=qa46b5a0b609db349a05cc7 7a712b3dd3&rid=12078&formID=41072

More information is available using the contact details listed below. Make sure you find us on Facebook!

PO BOX 232, SALAMANDER BAY 2317
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Email: nelsonbayjuniorrugbyleague@hotmail.com
www.nelsonbayjr.leagueunited.com.au

Nelson Bay Class
Senior citizens hall
6 Norburn Avenue
TUESDAY & FRIDAY
6:30PM - 8:30PM
Instructor Alex Sobersen
ITTA Certified Instructor
CALL — 0400 170 424
Join Before 28th February and receive
a free uniform, 1 free month and 30% off Registration!

Classed available all areas
ITTA certified instructors
Regular seminars and events
Traditional Taekwondo training
Learn Self defence
Improve fitness and lose weight
Private lessons available
Regular Black Belt sessions
WWW.TOOGEE.COM

Piano Tuition
Piano, Theory, Musicianship
Learning for pleasure or preparing for exams.

Salamander Bay Studio and St Philip’s Christian College
Qualified teacher with 30 years experience in own studio and leading Sydney private schools.

Nancy Hoskins BMus, AMula, MMTA

Mob: 0414 397 579

2015 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR
St Michael’s Catholic Church, Nelson Bay

Attention to all parents/carers of children
wishing to receive the Sacraments this year.

Program evenings for each Sacrament
commence on:

CONFIRMATION - 24th June 2015
FIRST COMMUNION - 6th May 2015
RECONCILIATION - 14th October 2015

If you wish your child to participate in the
Sacramental Program this year, please contact the
church office for further information.
Phone: (02) 4951 1069
Email: stmichaelsnb@mnr.catholic.org.au
Gropers Junior Rugby Union Presents

“Night in White”

Major Fundraiser
2nd May 2015

Angas Bay Surf Club

Dress is White - More Smart

Canapés on Arrival, followed by Entree

Dinner served @ 7pm, Drinks from 6pm - 11pm

Beer, wine & soft drink Inc

Live Band playing from 7pm until late


$130 per head, Limited Numbers

To book your ticket pls contact

Jacki 0434 822 541 or Elizabeth 0410 416 474