Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many parents make time to attend our annual Parent Information Sessions. They really are a great opportunity for parents to meet their child’s teacher and hear about the year ahead.

The feedback I’ve had so far has been positive but if there anything that wasn’t covered in the sessions, please email the school on soldierspt-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au so we can answer your query and possibly include in future sessions.

If you did not attend the Parent Information Session and would like a copy of the school’s Effective Learning Code or Let’s Talk flyer, please contact the school’s office with your details and we’ll forward them home with your child.

I would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank our teachers who willingly offered the Parent Information Sessions after school hours so parents would be able to attend.

**Building Update**

School life is always exciting at SPPS, but the month of March is sure to be even more exciting with the installation of our new library and a classroom. The new library will be located on the southern side of Block J (two-storey building) and the new classroom will be located in on the southern side of Block H (Kindergarten classrooms).

Once installed, it will take us a few weeks to completely fit-out the rooms with carpet, electrical and data work, as well as bringing in new furniture etc. I anticipate both will be operational by the beginning of Term 2.

**Updating our Records**

Keeping up-to-date records for all families is essential. It is also a mighty challenge as families change phone numbers, move house, change jobs etc.

To ensure our records are accurate we will be sending home a copy of your eldest child’s Enrolment Form for parents to assess & update. This will come home in a sealed envelope on Monday, March 9, with students from Year 1 to 5 and should be returned on Thursday, March 26.

It is important to remember that the information you include (or don’t include) impacts directly on how our school is funded as it is based on the Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI). A school’s FOEI is a reflection of our community’s socio-economic situation.

We urge you to thoroughly assess the Enrolment Form details and adjust where necessary. If all details remain current there is no need to return the Enrolment Form.

**Camo for Cooper**

This Wednesday, March 4, is Camo for Cooper day, which is aimed at raising funds to support Cooper’s family at this very difficult time.

Students are welcome to come to school dressed in camo (or something close) for a gold coin donation. Cakes & slices will also be available for purchase.
### Term Dates

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**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 1.30pm**

K – 6 School Assembly

Hosted by 4W

All Welcome

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 1.30pm**

No Assembly

**Interrelate – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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).

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**UNSW Global Assessments**

Competition Information for students in Yr 3 – Yr 6 will be sent home today.

All entries and money are due by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

No late entries can be accepted.
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 has been sent out to all students.

Tell Them from Me

All students in Years 4, 5 & 6 will be bringing home a note this week about a survey we’re keen for them to complete. The Tell Them from Me survey asks students a range of questions relating to school life, for example, participation in sports, effort, sense of belonging and teaching relevance.

The survey will provide our school leadership team with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and teaching practices at SPPS, from the perspective of students. We can then use this information to help us plan for school improvement.

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 which includes information about each sport, including costs and trial dates.

Ride 2 School Day

Next Friday, March 13, we’d love to see loads of families supporting Ride 2 School Day. Why not organize to meet up with other riders at a central point and ride to school together?

Book Club

is due Tuesday 17th March

No late orders can be accepted.
**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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**Canteen**

Thank you to all of those wonderful helpers over the last two weeks. Roster:

- Wed 4/3 Amy Ellis
- Thu 5/3 Year 6: Isabella T.; Jasmine D.
- Fri 6/3 Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach, Cath Murray
- Mon 9/3 Ella De La Motte
- Wed 11/3 Julie Thomson
- Thu 12/3 Year 6: Flynn T.; Joseph A/S.
- Fri 13/3 Deanne Cosgrove, Liz Dennison, Lauren Fuller
- Mon 16/3 Karen Jones

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**P&C Facebook page**

Visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Soldiers Point Public School Parents.

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**2015 Welcome BBQ**

Thank you to all the people who helped to make the 2015 Welcome BBQ a successful event. An especially BIG thank you to the following people:

- **ROTARY SALAMANDER BAY** for providing the BBQ and being such a lovely and generous group
- **Deanne Cosgrove and the Canteen Committee**
- **Michelle Hallam** for organising the baked goods
- **Tristen** for organising the jumping castles
- **Ella and Narelle** for popping popcorn and providing all of the containers and stickers free of charge.

We have such a terrific community, it’s good to see such support for our school.

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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!