Dear Parents,

This Wednesday evening (7:00-8:30) we’ll be holding a Parent Reference Group to discuss communication at Soldiers Point Public School. We’re keen to find out what’s working well, what needs improving and also listen to ideas on how we can improve communication.

The Parent Reference Group meeting will be held in Room 1 (Mrs Wagland’s classroom) or the timber classroom to the left of the hall.

Open for Business
Our new library is now up & running and we (teachers & students) think it’s very cool. As you can see in the photos below, we have tried to make the library a bright and inviting space for students to enjoy. Much of the furniture is bright & colourful.

Student Achievement
As primary school teachers it’s always special to see or hear how past students are fairing in their endeavours. Last week I was very impressed to see past student, Reid Butler, now a journalist with Channel 9, doing a news report on television. I was equally proud to read about past students, Luke Rymer and Noah Connick, who have both been selected in the Sydney Swans Academy.

There is so many amazingly talented students sitting in each and every classroom at our school. Later in this newsletter you’ll enjoy articles prepared by some very talented students about events which have occurred throughout the term.

A Bit Damp
Well done to those families who supported Walk Safely to School Day. Unfortunately the weather wasn’t too friendly which meant our numbers were down on previous years with 76 students walking to school, as well as 12 who chose to ride or scoot; a mighty effort considering the conditions.

Bus Passes
At last week’s assembly I reminded students of the importance of being organised and having their bus pass with them each day they wish to catch the bus. This is becoming quite a problem of late with many students forgetting their bus pass. Additionally, I remind parents of students who do not qualify for a bus pass i.e. they live within a radius of 1.6 km of the school, your child should pay the appropriate fare.

Travelling to school on a bus is a privilege and should be respected as such. It is every student’s responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures safety and comfort of other passengers and the driver.
Term 2 Dates

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Bookclub Orders due in by Thursday 4th June
No late orders will be accepted

Reminder
School Banking
Every Tuesday

Responsible Pet Ownership Program

On Thursday 4th June, Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 will be having a presentation from the Responsible Pet Ownership program to teach the students safe behaviour around dogs.

Please inform your child’s teacher if you do not want your child to attend. There is no cost for the program.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Week 7 – Friday 5th June
No Assembly

Week 8 – Friday 12th June
K-6 Assembly
Hosted by 4/5E
1.30pm All Welcome

Representative School Sports

We have quite a number of Soldiers Point School representative sports shirts, jerseys and socks that have not been returned to school. Could you please check your child’s wardrobe at home and return any items to school ASAP.
Thanks to all the parents who contributed to our Mother’s Day events way back in week 3. We had a number of Stage 3 fundraising activities which included candle decorating and a gift swap. We must thank Michelle and Noel Ford of Get Smart Promotional Products, who kindly donated the gorgeous candles, which many mums and special relatives received as gifts. These activities raised $720 for Stage 3, who are now busy working out what they might like to purchase as a farewell gift to the school.

It was wonderful to see so many mums, grandparents and other special visitors to the school, joining the activities and enjoying time with our students and picnicking in the school grounds. Thank you also to the Canteen and P&C for supporting this event and making the day that little bit more festive through the delicious treats for purchase on the day.
Grip Leadership Conference

The GRIP Leadership Conference was a fun and captivating way of learning the roles of leadership. I personally took away the idea of ‘Paying it Forward’. Learning to do a good deed and keep paying this forward, without expecting anything in return.

We also looked at the ‘four ways of standing up’. Standing up for what is right, standing up for others, standing up for yourself and standing up when there is an opportunity. What I thought was important was standing up when there is an opportunity, meaning you don’t have to be asked to do something, if you see an opportunity for it.

At the conference we played many activities, some involving getting up on stage while your school cheered you on and talking and sharing ideas with leaders from other schools. This taught us to develop confidence to share our ideas and values with others, which will help us in our leadership journey. – Pearl

The GRIP Leadership Conference was a great opportunity for all student leaders. The conference gave us many tools for leading our school. One of the main messages I took from the conference was that being a leader is not about your badge or title; it’s about what you do. I hope our schools leaders continue to attend the conferences that are held to ensure our school student leadership team has many tools to give our school a brighter future. – Dylan

Throughout our day at the GRIP Conference, we were taught there were always opportunities to lead, even when they aren’t first apparent. Our purpose as a leader is always to help others. The leadership conference taught us how to make a plan and put it into action, so we can solve any problems. The GRIP Leadership Conference was a very valuable experience, and I know I learnt a lot about different leading techniques, and how I can help others. – Abbie

Be sure to listen out for two of our SRC members on local radio station 100.9 on Tuesday 16th June from about 9.30am.
School Hours
I remind families that our school hours are:
8:55 AM – 2:55 PM.
Parents should refrain from dropping their children at school before 8:25 AM and ensure they are collected soon after the 2:55 PM bell to go home. Students arriving at school before 8:25 AM will not be supervised by school staff.

2015-16 Entertainment Books (Digital and Hardcopy)
are now available for purchase from the school office.

Still just $60, featuring Newcastle, Central Coast and The Hunter.

20% of every book sold contributes to our school fundraising.

Port Stephens Library
July 2015 School Holiday Activities

FREE
Movie Screenings
HAPPY FEET
Raymond Terrace Library
Friday 3 July 10.30am-12.15pm

LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS
Tomaree Library
Thursday 9 July 5.15pm-7.15pm

Activities
The Art of Origami
Tomaree Library
Wednesday 1 July 10.30am-12.00pm
Suitable for ages 8-12
Cost: $6.00

Nature Craft
Raymond Terrace Library
Monday 6 July 10.30am-12.00pm
Suitable for ages 7
Cost: $5.00

Games Extravaganza
Tomaree Library
Wednesday 8 July 10.30-11.15am
Suitable for ages 6-10
Cost: $5.00

Unicorn Run
with Children’s Author Joee Black
Raymond Terrace Library
Wednesday 8 July 10.30am-12.00pm
Suitable for ages 7
Cost: $5.00
Meetings

Next SIFC meeting:  
Wednesday 3rd June at 7pm.  

COMMUNICATION Parent Reference Group.  
Join us to talk about improving two-way communication between the school, staff and families.

Next P&C meeting:  
Tuesday 9th June at 7pm.  
All welcome in the Admin Building.

Upcoming speakers at meetings

Tuesday 9th June.  
Mrs Egan will be making a presentation about the new Maths Syllabus. Come and listen to what it’s all about!

Tuesday 11th August.  
Mrs Sue Xenos, principal from Tomaree High School, will come to the meeting and talk about our local high school.  
These are terrific opportunities for us to find out what’s going on in the school and community.

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.

Canteen

Thank you to Belinda Lavers, Michelle Campbell, Nicole James, Danielle, Karen Jones, Frank Renner, Megan Hunt, Leanne Benbow and Deanne Cosgrove for all their help over the last two weeks. Roster:

Wed 3/6 HELP NEEDED  
Thu 4/6 Year 6: Taj N, Oscar C  
Fri 5/6 Danielle, Cath Murray  
Mon 8/6 Public Holiday  
Wed 10/6 Cassandra Butterworth  
Thu 11/6 Year 6: Tahlia HS, Ashleigh B  
Fri 12/6 Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach

A huge thank you to Glenn and Julie Thomson, Dean and Karen Jones, Julianne Mamotte, Frank Renner and Belinda Lavers for their help at the Athletics Carnival.

School Disco 2015

Be prepared for a BIGGER, MORE EXCITING School Disco 2015!  
When: Thursday 25th June; Infants 5-6pm, Primary 6.30–7.30pm.

Where: Soldiers Point Bowling Club in the Auditorium.

DJ Tim Halls will be working his magic, along with some special guests to get your children moving!

Volunteers are needed to help make this event run smoothly, please contact Trish (0425 336 934) or Anna (0414 672 252).

Watch out for a note coming soon.