Dear Parents,

Your child’s Semester 1 report will be sent home on Wednesday, June 24. These reports document the expected learning that took place during this semester. I encourage all parents to take the time to sit down and discuss the report with your child. Congratulate your child on the positives and perhaps negotiate some areas to work on throughout Semester 2. Setting future goals will give your child a focus for improvement. It also shows that you greatly value their education.

I can honestly say that I have enjoyed the opportunity to read our students Semester 1 reports. It is wonderful to read of the growth and gains the children have made in key learning areas and to hear of their development as learners. So many of our students are curious about our world, care for others and demonstrate true enthusiasm for learning. It reinforces that our school really is a great place to learn. I would like to acknowledge the time and effort our teachers have put in to compiling these reports. They have spent much of their own time preparing and creating their class reports and for that I’d like to say thank you.

I knew Mr Parson had an important role, but I hit a bump when I was asked ‘Now that you are Mrs Parson, can you please change the laws so that all kids can have the internet at home.’ Wow, if only I had that power. This sent the cogs in motion and I hit the playground to find out what it is that a principal does.

Lots of work, like writing and hard maths. Oh, and school reports. I don’t really know, but he should get some swings for the playground. Ruby KM

Talking to other principals on the big TV and going to meetings at other schools. Sienna 1/2E

I don’t really know what he does. He should do work and work hard. Harvey KC

He does work, like bringing the teachers to meetings. I wouldn’t want to be a principal because it’s hard work. Harrison 1/2E

He plans what he will talk about in assembly and writes planning room notes. And sometimes eats cake, but he deserves it for working hard. India 4W

While I have enjoyed my role, relieving in Mr Parson’s absence, I am very much looking forward to returning to 5/6P next term. I must also thank Mrs Marina Faulkner for taking good care of 5/6P parents and students over these last few weeks. The students were spot on, Mr Parson does have a hard job, as do our teachers; however, a lovely school community of students, teachers and staff make it all worthwhile.

As this will be the last newsletter for this term may I thank all of the parents who have supported our school throughout the term and acknowledge the tremendous effort put in by all our very hardworking teaching and administrative staff. I wish you all an enjoyable winter break and look forward to seeing you again for a very busy and musical Term 3.
Term 2 will end Friday, June 26. Term 3 will commence for all students on **Tuesday, July 14.** Monday, July 13, is a Staff Development Day when all teachers will be participating in a variety of professional learning activities.

**Recognition assembly**
We will be acknowledging some of our students at next week’s Student Recognition Assembly. The assembly will be held in the school’s hall from 1:30PM and include all students (K-6). Parents are very welcome to join us in recognising our students.

**Term 2 Dates**

**Term 2 – Week 9**

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**Term 3 Dates**

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**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**Week 9 – Friday 19th June**
No Assembly

**Week 10 – Friday 26th June**
Student Recognition Assembly
K-6
Hosted by SRC
1.30pm
All Welcome

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**Reminder**

School Banking
Every Tuesday

**Library Overdue Notices**

Will be sent home on a fortnightly basis. Please check at home if you have the overdue books and return to the library as soon as possible.

Thank you
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.

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
Monday, 15 June 2015

P&C news

Meetings
Next P&C meeting:
**Tuesday 14th July at 7pm.** First day back (for the kids) at school for Term 3!
Next SIFC meeting:
**Wednesday 5th August at 7pm.**
All welcome in the Admin Building.

Upcoming speakers at meetings
**Tuesday 11th August.**
Mrs Sue Xenos, principal from Tomaree High School, will come to the meeting and talk about our local high school.

Canteen
Thank you to Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach, Cassandra Butterworth, Danielle Sharpe, Leanne Benbow, Deanne Cosgrove, Danielle Whitmore, Cath Murray and Karen Jones for all their help over the last two weeks. Roster:

- Wed 17/6 Frank Renner, Megan Hunt
- Thu 18/6 Year 6: Levi E., Elijah G.
- Mon 22/6 Karen Jones
- Wed 24/6 Michelle Campbell
- Thu 25/6 Year 6: Jake S., Cooper J.
- Fri 26/6 Rebekah Newell, Tammy Peach

Meal Deal!
The Canteen is offering a Dominoes Pizza Meal Deal on the last day of term.

- A slice of pizza and a poppa for $5
An extra slice of pizza is available for an additional $2.00. Please fill in the order form, one for each child and return to the school with your payment by Monday 22nd June, no late orders can be accepted. There will be no other lunch orders available on that day. Have a great break and see you all next term.

School Disco 2015
When: Thursday 25th June; Infants 5-6pm, Primary 6.30-7.30pm at Soldiers Point Bowling Club in the Auditorium.
Watch out for a note coming home this week!

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.)

School photos
How did you like this year’s school photos from Newcastle School Portraits? Please email us at sppspc@live.com.au to let us know your feedback!

School banking
What a success!
Julie and Nerelle have now facilitated over 100 school banking accounts with the CBA and SPPS kids. Not only is this a terrific way to educate kids about money, but it’s also a great fundraiser for the school! ($5 is donated from CBA to the school for each account that is opened.)
A huge thank you to Julie and Nerelle for donating their time to set up and maintain this initiative.
If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the school banking, please email Julie or Nerelle at sppspc@live.com.au