Dear Parents,

Well done to all students, parents & staff who supported National Ride 2 School Day on Friday, March 4. As you can see below in the picture below we had in excess of 100 students ride or scoot their way to school, which is a mighty effort.

The school’s Student Representative Council’s (SRC) thank everyone for their generous donations, which totaled $385.70, and will go toward purchasing additional bike racks for the school.

Awesome Sports

Already this year we have had numerous students vie for selection in a range of sports at school, Port Stephens Zone & Hunter Regional level. The following students have been successful at Zone level and have or will compete at the Hunter Regional or State level:

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<td>Tennis</td>
<td>Harrison W</td>
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<td>AFL</td>
<td>Cooper L, Jake C &amp; Nicholas D</td>
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Ebony will be competing in the 50 metre butterfly, backstroke & freestyle at the NSW PSSA Swimming Championships at Homebush later this term.

Congratulations to all of the above students on their efforts so far and we wish them well with future events.

NAPLAN 2016

All students in Years 3 and 5 will receive a letter outlining the dates and procedures for this year’s National Assessment Program in Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN was also mentioned at the Parent Information Sessions earlier in the year. I recommend parents of students in Years 3 & 5 read the letter and phone the school if you have any specific questions.

Clean Up Our School Day

On the 4th of March, our school participated in Clean Up Australia Day by cleaning up our school. Our class and some other Stage 3 classes cleaned up the area around the top oval. We had to wear gloves to pick up the rubbish. Two of our classmates were handed recyclable rubbish bags where we placed the rubbish when we found some. There wasn’t much rubbish to clean up which was great because that means we are keeping our school tidy. Now our school is cleaner than before and we can now play in a clean and tidy area.

Korie C, 5/6SE

On the 4th of March 2016, students from Soldiers Point Public School participated in a school clean up day. We found lots of empty bottles and several lolly wrappers. Our teachers gave each class two big rubbish bags and every piece of rubbish that we found had the luxury of being put into one of the bags. Now our school is a cleaner place for us to play.

Will F, 5/6SE

On the 4th of March, all of the Soldiers Point Public School went to different sections of the school and picked up rubbish. It was a surprise how much rubbish there was to the right of the top field. I found twelve TNT wrappers in the bush. We used special rubbish bags that could be recycled. This is very important because our school is very close to the ocean and if we didn’t do it many animals could die by swallowing the rubbish.

Cooper T, 5/6SE
Term Dates

**Term 1 – Week 8**

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<th>Monday 14th March</th>
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**Term 1 – Week 9**

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<td>Tomaree High – Yr 7 Info Night</td>
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**Term 1 – Week 10**

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**Term 1 – Week 11**

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<td>Tuesday 5th April</td>
<td>Pedlar’s Parade</td>
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Playground Open
The playground is now open & operating. The students are thoroughly enjoying their time on the equipment as can be seen below.

School Photos
School Photo Day will be **Tuesday 29th March**. Photo envelopes (see image below) will be sent home soon. Parents may choose to either order online at [www.newcastleschoolportraits.com](http://www.newcastleschoolportraits.com) **Shoot Code: 165632** or by returning the photo envelope **on photo day**, with the correct money enclosed. **(No change can be given)**

Family photo envelopes are available from the school office or order online with code above.

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**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**Friday 18th March @1.30pm**  
*3-6 Assembly Hosted by 5/6SE*

**Friday 25th March - GOOD FRIDAY**  
*No Assembly*
**Years 3-6**

**Would you like child to learn a Musical Instrument with the aim of joining our wonderful Concert Band?**

At Soldiers Point School there are currently a variety of instruments available to hire. This is a great opportunity for your child to hire a musical instrument at a discount price.

Currently we have the following instruments available:

- Flute - $30/term
- Trumpet - $35/term
- Alto Sax - $40/term
- Tenor Sax - $40/term
- Clarinet - $30/term
- Trombone - $40/term

**If your child is interested in this opportunity, please come to the office for an expression of interest note.**

It is expected that upon hiring an instrument children will participate in lessons provided by our specialist music tutor Bianca Wilson. (These lessons are an additional cost and are invoiced and paid directly to Bianca.)

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**HARMONY DAY**

Students are asked to celebrate Harmony Day on Monday 21st March.

Students have been asked what Harmony Day means to them and many students have shared their understanding through art. Some of these art works will be on display in the hall.

To support this day students are asked to wear orange, the colour identified with harmony. No donations required – just smiles!

Reminder hats and enclosed shoes are required.

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**Brainstorm Productions**

Brainstorm Productions will be presenting “Being Brave”, a performance about strategies for building resilience and emotional wellbeing.

Being Brave is a live theatre production which will help students accept change, deal with their emotions and bounce back when things go wrong. The production is inspirational and empowering, providing kids with strategies such as good communication and positive self-talk, to help make them more resilient and able to navigate life’s storms.

**Cost:** $5.00 per student  
**When:** Thursday 24th March Years 3-6  
Thursday 7th April Years K-2
**Yoga Kids**

- Develops social/emotional awareness and skills
- Promotes relaxation, attention, mindfulness and focus
- Encourages physical fitness and character development
- Improves co-ordination, flexibility, strength and balance
- Develops self-esteem, confidence and creativity

**FUN FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5 – 12 YEARS...**

Located at: **BAYFIT, Ground Floor – 5 Horizons Drive, Salamander Bay**  Classes run: **Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30 – 5:15pm**

Phone: **Debbie on 0490 190 284** for more info...

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**Go4Fun**

**FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!**

Are you worried about your child’s weight?

Go to **www.go4fun.com.au** to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities and learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

Go to **www.go4fun.com.au** or call 1800 780 900 to see if your child could do Go4Fun.
P&C news

Meetings
Next SIFC meeting: Wednesday 6th April at 7pm.
Next P&C meeting: Tuesday 10th May at 7pm.
All welcome in the Admin Building.

New P&C Office Bearers
At our AGM on Tuesday 8th March new office bearers were elected. Welcome to our new P&C team:
- President: Paula Adnam
- Secretary: Frank Renner
- Treasurer: Janine Wright
- Canteen Convener: Karen Jones
- Uniform shop Convener: Karen Jones & Brooke Hill
- SIFC Officer: Tristen Cosgrove
- Publicity Officer: Brenda Madden
- Fundraising Officers: Melanie Bonniface, Kirsty Webb, Annette Buiycdas

2016 is going to be good! Watch this space to see how you could be involved with the P&C to help make our kid’s school an even better place.

School canteen
Thank you to Karen Jones, Rebekah Newell, Liz Dennison, Michelle Campbell, Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow, Matt Connor and Lynda Simon for all their help over the last two weeks. A HUGE thank you to all who helped at the Welcome BBQ. Two new industrial fans have been purchased and should be in operation very soon. The Canteen should be a much cooler place when these fans are installed. It is very much appreciated.
Thank you to Salamander Village Butcher for their generous support of the Welcome BBQ in providing the sausages.

Canteen Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser
Fruit, Choc Chip and Non-fruit Hot Cross Buns will be ordered fresh from Thompsons Bakery. Orders need to be in by 3pm Friday 18th March for fresh delivery on Wednesday 23rd March. You can pick them up from the Canteen or we can send them home with your child. An order form will be sent home today. Please fill it in and return to the Office or Canteen with your payment by Friday 18th March. NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

Roster:
Wed 16/3  Matt Connor
Thur 17/3  Yr 6: Erika L., Mackenzie L., Alannah B.
Fri 18/3  Deanne Cosgrove, Leanne Benbow
Mon 21/3  Corrin West-Richards
Wed 23/3  Frank Renner
Thu 24/3  Yr 6: Ryan B., Dane C.
Fri 25/3  GOOD FRIDAY

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

P&C Facebook page