Principal’s Message

I don’t think it gets much bigger than last week. While we had a (damp) Book Parade, Dymocks donations, Launch event for Lake Macquarie Area Collegiate (LMAC) we also appeared in the Herald twice and the Council’s Rio video featuring Speers Point students was released online.

New Parking Conditions on Bell St

Yesterday a disabled parking space was created on Bell St close to the driveway (north side). The driveway itself remains a no stopping zone while either side of that keeps a no parking zone.

No Stopping – Vehicle must not stop here at any time
No Parking – Must not stop here for more than 2 minutes and you must be within 3 metres of the vehicle.

I also fielded a concern today regarding parents dropping off students in the driveway of our local library. Please be mindful that this driveway is in use of the general public and is not a safe area to drop off or pick up students.

LMAC Launch

The Lake Macquarie Area Collegiate was officially launched last Thursday. The collegiate is the collective of Booragul, Boolaroo, Fassifern, Fennell Bay, Speers Point and Teralba Public Schools with Lake Macquarie High School and Five Islands School. The collegiate aims to connect our schools together in order for us to share and build each others capabilities to better deliver a great education for our students.

Students were enthralled by Dylan Parker, former Fassifern student who was the inspiration behind the movie “Paper Planes”
Mini – Olympics

In the spirit of the Olympics our school is holding our own “Mini-Olympics” this Friday from 9:15am. Parents and community are invited to join us for the fun.

If you haven’t seen it already the Lake Macquarie Council created a special “Good Luck in Rio” video message using our students. You can see it on the Council’s Facebook page (as well as our own) and their Youtube channel.

Fleming Visit

We continue our great work with Mr John Fleming around Explicit Instruction and welcome back Mr Fleming to our school this Friday as the Mini-Olympics wraps up. We are very pleased to also welcome two of Mr Fleming’s teachers who will be working with our staff.

One of the biggest impacts in the classroom is the work around “warm-ups.” These warm-ups in lessons are about transferring learning from the short term to long term memory. At first glance it looks like rote learning or drills however the deeper knowledge and thinking skills involved goes far beyond simple rote learning.

NED Show

So, who got asked to buy their child a yo-yo yesterday? We had a very special visit from the NED show yesterday which uses yo-yos as a means of grabbing student attention while delivering the message around respect and resilience. Ask your child about the “Ned message” (Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best.) We aim to keep repeating this message often.

Student orders for yo-yos will be returned on the day they are ordered during this week. We will be setting up a “NED zone” behind our library for our students to practice yo-yo tricks at lunch and recess (not in the morning.) Students are reminded of the 3 key safety rules for yo-yos at school:

1. Only yo in the NED zone (under teacher supervision)
2. Stay string length apart
3. No spinning tricks

Book Parade

One of my most favourite events on our calendar. Yes, the rain did try to stop us but we paraded in style all the same in Australiana theme.
The student’s costumes were fantastic, the staff looked brilliant and very pleased to see some of our parents dressing up too! (Be warned parents – we’re looking for a lot more of you to dress up next year too!)

A special thank you to one particular parent who donned the Dymock Duck costume for the Dymock’s presentation.

Dymock’s Presentation

I think we have officially become Dymocks Children’s Charities favourite school. With a combined total of $19,000 worth of books donated to our library (thank you all for helping) we now have the task (well, Mrs Hopton especially) has the task of getting our books out onto shelves (I smell a library make-over in the future.)

Kinder 2017

Our future kinder numbers have never been greater and we are currently looking at creating a second class for Kinder 2017. If you know of anyone else who is still yet to get their child’s name down, please give them a gentle reminder for me.

Our next Kinder Information night is on September 22nd with transition starting in late October.

It’s a very exciting time for Speers Point Public School. Looking back over the last few weeks with Dymocks, Book week, Education week and the LMAC launch – it’s easy to see why I am very proud of this school, it’s students, staff and community.

Have a great week

Chris Payne
Principal

Upcoming Events

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Term 3 Week 4
Birthdays

Wishing the following students a very Happy Birthday!

- Callum Dwyer  10th August
- Jaycob Gundry-Hearne  13th
- Ciara Palmer  14th
- Kayla Cumming  15th
- Jemma Webb  16th

P&C News

Book Week – All the students looked wonderful in their Australiana costumes. It was great to have so many people supporting our students for the parade and other activities. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who generously donated cakes for the Bake Sale which supported our year 6 farewell. Also thank you to everyone who helped with the BBQ.

P&C Vice President – At our P&C Meeting on Tuesday 9 August, Daniel Corp was voted in as our new Vice President. We thank Daniel for taking on this role.

Entertainment Book – We still have some books outstanding. It is important that you return all non-required books to the office, as the school is liable and will be asked to pay for any books that are not returned. If you are going to keep the book please arrange payment online or a cash payment to the office, as a matter of urgency.

Canteen – At the beginning of this term we introduced some changes to the menu. Our new Winter menu is going well with students having options which include soup, pizza wraps and other healthy options. Due to the change in bell times we no longer open for recess, but orders can be taken and delivered to the classroom for this break. Thank you for supporting these changes. We would like to thank all our volunteers who help out in the canteen and Alex Walker who has taken on the role of Canteen Co-ordinator. If you are interested in helping in the canteen could you please contact Alex or the office.

Dates for your Diary

Father’s Day Breakfast – On Friday 2 September we will be hosting the annual Father’s Day Breakfast. Pre-Order notes are in this newsletter. Breakfast will start at 7.30 am and finish at 9am. Everyone is invited and we look forward to seeing lots of Dad’s, Grandad’s, people whom are special to us.

Father’s Day Stall – The P&C have arranged some great gifts for our special people on Father’s Day. The Father’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 2 September. Gifts will range from $3 to $5. We are looking for volunteers to help with the stall so if you are available to help could you please let us know.

Family Fun Fest – Friday 2 December – 5-8pm – Music, Inflatable fun, stalls, food etc. This will be a great night to celebrate at Speers Point Public School. Save the
date and spread the word. Everyone is welcome. Promotional flyers will be out soon.

Our next P&C Meeting will be Term 3, Week 8 - Tuesday 6 September at 6.30pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome.

P&C Committee

Canteen Roster

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Community News

Good for Kids: Healthy Lunchbox Pick & Mix

For a healthy lunchbox pick and mix, just choose something from each category. 1-61:

1. FRUIT
Fresh, frozen or tinned

2. VEGETABLES
Includes legumes and beans of different types and colours

3. MILK, YOGHURT & CHEESE
Reduced fat options are best

4. LEAN MEAT & ALTERNATIVES
Meat, poultry, fish, eggs or seeds.

5. GRAIN (CEREAL) FOODS
Choose wholegrain and high fibre varieties

6. WATER!
Tap, spring, mineral, soda and sparkling!

Source: Healthy Together Victoria

Valentine Swim School

“Could your child be the next Cameron McEvoy or Cate Campbell?”

Here at Valentine Swim School we are dedicated to helping children improve their swim skills and reach their full potential!

Get into the Olympic Spirit with these great deals!

25% off all Lesson Blocks booked up until the end of the Olympics (21/08/2016)

Or $100 Unlimited Term 3 Squads booked up until the end of the Olympics (21/08/2016)

Mention this Flyer to Receive Discount
*Offers exclude entry into Valentine Hydrotherapy Pools

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Homework Support Group

- Enthusiastic ‘Our Community Place’ volunteers assist children with homework tasks
- Students have access to computers and the internet for homework use.
- Additional help with reading, numeracy, and study skills are available.
  - All volunteers have ‘Working With Children Check’ clearance
  - Healthy afternoon tea provided
- For more information, or to register your child for one of our free Homework Support Groups, please contact Our Community Place. Details below.

Tuesdays
Speers Point
Public School

Wednesdays
Boolaroo
Public School

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm

In Partnership with
Speers Point Public School &
Boolaroo Public School

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Speers Point PS

Happy Father’s Day!

Father’s Day Stall
Friday 2 September 2016

Gifts will range from $3 to $5

Each student will have the opportunity to buy a gift their special person at the Father’s Day stall
Speers Point PS
Father’s Day Breakfast
Friday 2nd September 2016

All lunch orders need to be handed in at school
by Wednesday 31st August.

Breakfast Order
Egg & Bacon Roll & Drink $5.00

Name: __________________________________________
Class: __________________________________________

☐ Qty Egg & Bacon Roll

Drinks (Please choose)
☐ Coffee ☐ Tea
☐ Orange Juice ☐ Apple Juice
☐ Apple/Blackcurrant Juice
☐ Water

Amount Enclosed: $_________