

POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 | WEEK 5 | 19 AUGUST



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IMPORTANT DATES

Wed	21/8	Student Banking
Thurs	22/8	Public Speaking final S2 Sport at School
Fri	23/8	S2 Gala Day S3 Sport at School S1 Geography Fieldwork Excursion
Tues	27/8	NAIDOC Incursion
Wed	28/8	Student Banking Silly Scientist Show Fathers Day Stall
Thurs	29/8	S2 Sport at School K-2 Visiting Author
Fri	30/8	Fathers Day B/Fast Scope IT - Stage 2 S3 Sport at School Zone Athletics Carnival at Mingara

Thought of the Week

Google can
bring you back
100,000
answers,
a librarian
can bring you back
the **right**
one.
— Neil Gaiman

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

The students at Point Clare Public School have extended their care of our school environment under the tutelage of Mrs Arkell recently. Not only do they regularly collect bottles and cans from students at lunch and recess for recycling, but now they are turning their attention to further maintaining our gardens. Mrs Arkell recently purchased some new worm farms with money generously donated by the P & C. The worm farms are now operational with the fruit break scraps being collected to feed the worms. It won't be long until our vegetable patches are even more bountiful due to the addition of 'worm juice' to feed the soil and plants. Thank you Mrs Arkell and the 'wormers' team for your support of the environment.

Over the next two weeks, a Year 4 student, Tycen, will be taking orders for reusable straws. Tycen is an environmental warrior and is concerned about the damage that plastic straws are causing to the environment. He has focused on the health of sea turtles. Money raised is being donated to The Sea Turtle Foundation. Tycen has sought support for this initiative from Cleanaway who are donating some of the metal straws to be sold. Tycen will be taking orders in the front foyer before school and at recess for the next 2 weeks. All families received an order form last week, but Tycen will have some in the foyer to hand out too. The straws are \$2 each and \$1.50 for a cleaning brush. As the straws are metal, they are not able to be used at school for safety reasons – running around and playing with a metal straw in a pocket may be dangerous! But, the straws would be excellent for family use elsewhere. Tycen is hoping for a large number of orders.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Congratulations to all the students who represented their Stage at Public Speaking last Thursday in the Local Public Speaking Finals. This event was well organised by Mr Johnston, with our student audience demonstrating their excellent manners and listening skills. One student from each of Stages 1, 2 and 3 will represent our school this Thursday at the District finals.

ONLINE SAFETY

Did you know that research shows: on average 10-14 year olds have two active social media accounts, spend 23 hours on average online each week, share personal information, are subject to cyberbullying and often speak with strangers online?

As parents and carers you know better than anyone and have the best opportunity to support and guide your children to have safer online experiences. The website [eSafety.gov.au/parents](https://esafety.gov.au/parents) provides a wealth of information about online safety. It also includes a range of practical tips and advice on what to do if things go wrong. There is also a list of services that provide extra support if it is needed.

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K-2 SPORTS DAY

The feedback that I have received from the K-2 Sports Day last Thursday is that it was a very well-organised, fun and exciting day for all concerned. Thank you to Mr Mole and Mrs Sharma for your organisation, the canteen helpers for the refreshments stall and our spectators for making this day special for the students to enjoy and demonstrate their sport prowess.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Our Father's Day Breakfast is to be held the Friday before Father's Day which is August 30th, only a couple of weeks away. Our canteen will also be open during the breakfast period selling other foods for those who do not wish to eat bacon and egg rolls. As well, a coffee van will be in attendance for that special morning coffee! All fathers, grandfathers and other males who are significant in our children's lives are invited to attend. Mothers may also come along if the male family member is unable to attend. We will have some school performances and some sporting equipment will be available for games. This event is always very well supported and we look forward to celebrating Father's Day with our families. We apologise that this event clashes with the Zone Athletics at Mingara.

Mr Campbell returns from his leave next week. I would like to thank the school community for their support over the five weeks that I have been relieving in the principal role.

Jane Young, Relieving Principal

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

This week our PBL focus area is Respect in all settings. Students will be revising the expectations of Respect in all areas of the school.



CENTRAL COAST PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Last Thursday PCPS hosted a local final of the Central Coast Public Speaking Competition with K-6 finalist from Kariong, Valley View, Wyoming, Narara, Niagara Park & Lisarow joining us for the event. Our staff and students had the opportunity to hear some amazing speeches from a very talented group of public speakers. We'd like to thank Mr David Sneddon from Gosford High School who was our adjudicator for the day and had a very tough job selecting two students to progress to the next round of the competition in each stage.

We were incredibly proud of all the students who spoke and those who represented our school in the competition on the day. A special congratulations goes to Harley (Stage 1), Kairavan (Stage 2) & Charlotte (Stage 3) who were all selected to go through to the final round of the competition which will be held this Thursday 22 August at Warnervale Public School. We wish them all the best and know they will do us proud.

Mr Aaron Johnston (Coordinator)



DADS, GRANDADS OR SIGNIFICANT FAMILY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR OUR
FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST



Friday
30th
AUGUST
7:30am -
8:45am

Once again we are holding a Father's Day Breakfast for our Dads/Grandads/ Significant Family Members to join us for Bacon & Egg rolls

GOLD COIN PER PERSON

Coffee Van will be available to purchase tea/coffee/water
Counter items will be available for purchase from the Canteen

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AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 4

ES1 GREEN	Principal's Award	Eve D
	Merit Award	Ava W
ES1 RED	Principal's Award	Jake P
	Merit Award	Edith N
ES1 YELLOW	Principal's Award	Nash K
	Merit Award	Archie C
ES1 PURPLE	Principal's Award	Abigail F
	Merit Award	Rowan J
S1 BLUE	Principal's Award	Natasha W
	Merit Award	Peyton W
S1 GREEN	Principal's Award	Sophia F
	Merit Award	Madeleine P
S1 PURPLE	Principal's Award	
	Merit Award	
S1 RED	Principal's Award	Nicola
	Merit Award	Emmaline Y
S1 YELLOW	Principal's Award	Evie O
	Merit Award	Gabby R
S1 ORANGE	Principal's Award	Niamh K
	Merit Award	Vishoka S
S1/2 WHITE	Principal's Award	
	Merit Award	
S2 BLUE	Principal's Award	Harry J
	Merit Award	Matilda S
S2 GREEN	Principal's Award	Halle S
	Merit Award	Charlie S
S2 PURPLE	Principal's Award	Jackson H
	Merit Award	Daijah W
S2 RED	Principal's Award	Grace G
	Merit Award	Ben H
S2 YELLOW	Principal's Award	Thomas H
	Merit Award	Ruby I
S3 BLUE	Principal's Award	Kiara P
	Merit Award	William H
S3 GREEN	Principal's Award	Kristina G
	Merit Award	Alice M & Lahni M
S3 RED	Principal's Award	Ryan D
	Merit Award	Olivia McT
S3 PURPLE	Principal's Award	Leilani G
	Merit Award	Will P
S3 YELLOW	Principal's Award	Elaina Q
	Merit Award	Jordan-Ivy V



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SPORTING NEWS

GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the girls' Touch Team. On 12 August the girls' touch team went to Bill Sohler Oval for their first match against Kariong. Representing Point Clare, the girls team beat Kariong 3-2. In the next round we played Valley View Public School but were defeated 2-1. Well done to the girls for a great job. Thank you to Ms Thomas for leading the Touch Team to close matches and happy wins! Thank you also to the parents and grandparents who came to support the team.

Anya S

ZONE ATHLETICS

Zone Athletics is on next Friday 30 August at Mingara Athletics Centre, Tumby Umbi. Notes and programs will be handed out today, please take these programs with you to Mingara on the 30th. All notes need to be handed in to Miss Currie before the carnival. Money is paid at the gate upon entry.

Alana Currie

K-2 SPORT CARNIVAL

On Thursday 15 August K-2 students travelled to Fagan Park for our annual K-2 Sports Carnival. The Students were eager and enthusiastic to participate in the running races and encourage their peers. In between our running races the students enjoyed a variety of novelty events that was organised by Sports in School. The students were exposed to many new concepts and were encouraged to work in teams. Well done to all the students, families and teachers who participated in a great day that was had by all. A special mention goes to Mr Mole for the organisation of the day.



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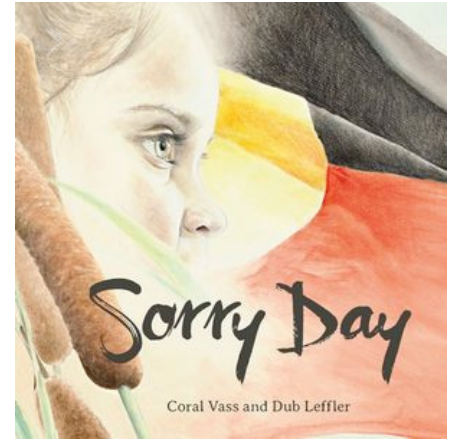
LIBRARY NEWS

CBCA Book Awards - Congratulations Dub Leffler

Coral Vass and Dub Leffler's book 'Sorry Day' has won **THE EVE POWNALL AWARD** in 2019 Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year awards. This is a huge honour in the world of books!

Dub Leffler is an extremely talented author/illustrator and he is part of the school community at PCPS, he has a child attending our school!. Dub illustrated this beautiful book. The story is a retelling of the day when the then Prime Minister of Australia, Kevin Rudd, said 'Sorry' to the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people for treatment of the stolen generation.

Congratulations Dub, a well deserved and amazing achievement, we are so proud to have you in our school. Learn more about the CBCA awards at <https://www.cbca.org.au/winners-2019>



Book Fair Re-Orders - Did your child order a book from the Book Fair?

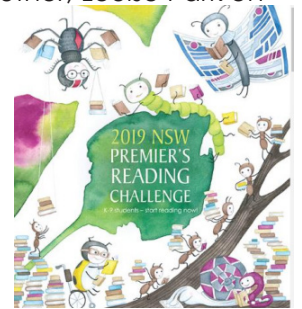
Sorry for the delay, we are hoping that the orders will arrive towards the end of this week. Book orders will be delivered to your child's classroom as soon as they arrive. Please contact me if you are concerned.

Author Visits

Please ensure your child received the note for their author visits. K - 2 will be hosted by author, Louise Park on Thursday 29 August and 3 - 6 will participate in a visit from illustrator, Jules Faber on Thursday 5 September.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Don't forget the PRC ends next week on Friday 30 August. Please ensure that students have updated their reading records by this date. Need help finding the last few books to read? Come and visit the Library, I can suggest a few quick titles to complete the challenge.



Happy Reading!

Jodie McCabe (Teacher Librarian)

NEW ENROLMENTS FOR PCPS

PCPS has now enrolled 1000 new worms and they are busy working in their new classrooms. Our little friends love to eat all types of leftover fruits and vegetables – they don't like citrus, pineapple or onions and never feed them sandwiches or biscuits.

Please leave our worms alone as they do not like to be disturbed while they are working.

Thank you to our P&C, the Clarkson, Jackson and Allan families for your donations and to Mr McWhirter for his expertise to help us make a sustainable garden.

Lucy and Juliette – Stage 2



Tycen Bedford's environment fundraiser



bad ☹️

Plastic Straws

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT & FACTS

It's no secret that plastic straws and plastic in general are bad for the environment (especially Marine Life!) Here are some facts and statistics about the environmental impact of plastic straws...

500 Million

...The number of straws used daily. That's enough straws to circle around the Earth 2.5 times!!

Plastic straws are the **11th** most found ocean trash

It takes up to **200 years** for a plastic straw to decompose and they **can't be recycled** in most places

Each year **1 million** seabirds and **100,000** marine animals **die** from ingesting plastic

DO YOUR PART:

Stop Using Plastic Drinking Straws

Good 😊

Metal straw fundraiser



'Ditch the plastic to become Fantastic!'

1 STRAW = \$2.00!



1 CLEANING BRUSH = \$1.50!

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Drama Academy

Introduction to drama

DID YOU KNOW that drama classes run at Point Clare Public School on **Wednesday** afternoons?

In **Term Four** a new class will be starting for students in **Stage One** that will introduce them to the fun games and activities we undertake in a drama class.

Time: 3.15 – 3.45pm
Cost \$60
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We currently have six new and affordable two-bedroom units for single parent families at Bouddi Place, Point Clare. The bright and beautiful Affordable Housing units will home single parent families with up to two children under 10 years of age. To be eligible, parent must be working or on a low to moderate income.

BaptistCare community housing also offers 43 one bedroom units dedicated to seniors, and features a manager and support staff onsite, offering assistance during weekdays.

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- program of events & activities

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