

# POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 | WEEK 6 | 26 AUGUST



## THANK YOU

Thank you to all the students and staff for a very warm welcome back today. I thought the singing was fabulous - thanks Mrs Burke!

## ENROLMENT POLICY CHANGES 2019

Recently the Department of Education has reviewed and updated the "Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools" policy and the General Enrolment Procedures (2019). These documents are available on the Department's internet site at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>

While parents may apply to enrol their child in the school of their choice, acceptance is subject to the child being eligible to attend and the school being able to accommodate the child. In some circumstances, where schools are over their designated enrolment cap and local enrolment buffer, non-local enrolment applications, including those of siblings, are not able to be accepted by the school.

The enrolment cap is the number of students that can be enrolled at a school based on the school's permanent accommodation. The enrolment cap tells us whether the school may or may not have the capacity to accept nonlocal enrolments. It is not a target or limit on the number of local enrolments a school can take. Point Clare Public School will advise our community of our enrolment cap during Term 4 2019.

## SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

During the remainder of 2019, Point Clare Public School will be evaluating how we can improve the ways that we give the students a voice in the school as part of our Visible Learning Program. Currently the students in Stage 3 have a number of existing leadership opportunities and in the other stages we are looking at implementing a number of feedback processes in the classroom so that the student voice has the potential to be acted upon.

This could potentially benefit students, schools and the broader community by:

- \* increasing student's engagement in learning
- \* encouraging collaboration between students and their teachers
- \* creating and maintaining a positive environment and culture
- \* building respectful relationships, connections and belonging
- \* developing personal and social capabilities.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Tues	27/8	NAIDOC Incurison
Wed	28/8	Student Banking Silly Scientist Show Father's Day Stall
Thurs	29/8	S2 Sport at School K-2 Visiting Author
Fri	30/8	Father's Day B/Fast Scope IT - Stage 2 S3 Sport at School Zone Athletics Carnival at Mingara
Mon	2/9	Regional Spelling Bee - Copacabana PS
Tues	3/9	Kinder 2020 Transition
Wed	4/9	ICAS Science Kinder 2020 Transition
Thurs	5/9	Y 3-6 Visiting Author Kinder 2020 Transition
Fri	6/9	Scope IT - Stage 2 Sport at School Kinder 2020 Transition

## Thought of the Week



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## WEEK 5

Friday of Week 5 was a beautiful, sunny day for the **Stage 1 Geography Excursion** to Umina Beach. The students were able to relate some of their in-class learning activities to the real life of the beach and although it was quite windy, thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The same day, **Stage 2** students participated in a **Gala Sports Day** which involved boys' and girls' soccer, league tag, netball and AFL. Thank you to Miss Currie for organising this day with the other schools. Kindergarten and Stage 3 enjoyed having the school playground to themselves!

## WEEK 6

Another busy and action-packed week is ahead for the students at Point Clare this week. We are all looking forward to the Aboriginal Cultural incursion on Tuesday when **Lucas Proudfoot** will be performing. Lucas is a Bundjalung / South Sea Islander man with a background in professional surfing, contemporary music and Aboriginal dance. During his interactive performance, the students will join in the singing and dancing.

Wednesday will be a day of scientific discovery with the Silly Scientist Show. **"The Silly Scientist Show"** is an interactive performance which aims to promote positive attitudes to participating in Science related activities. Our aim is to highlight the 'everyday' accessibility of Science in students' everyday lives. Children will view a performance designed to entertain them with comedy and singing, whilst highlighting many aspects of Science. The show is an engaging and educational experience for the students.

**The Father's Day stall** will be open on Wednesday for students to purchase a special gift for dad or another significant family member. Our P & C have an extensive range of exciting gifts for the students to purchase on the day. Students will take their money directly to the stall when their class attends.

The students are excited about our **visiting author** on Thursday for Kindergarten to Year 2 students. The visiting author is best-selling children's author, Louise Park, who has written many popular children's books that are available in our school library, such as The D-Bot Squad series, Boy vs Beast series, "Harriet Clare" and "Bella Dancerella".

Friday will be starting early for the dads and students with our annual **Father's Day Breakfast**. Please come along any time between 7:30am and 9:00am. We welcome all fathers, grandfathers, significant male family members and mums, if dad is unable to attend. Bacon and egg rolls will be available for a gold coin donation, a tea and coffee van will be selling hot drinks, and the canteen will also be available on the day.

The **Zone Athletics Carnival** is also being held on Friday. We wish all our school representatives the best of luck and thank you for representing Point Clare PS at this event.

**Scott Campbell - School Principal**

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

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



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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## MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

As we head into late winter and spring, NSW Health are urging everyone to be alert to the symptoms of meningococcal disease.

NSW Health have launched a state wide campaign about identifying the symptoms of meningococcal disease.

Meningococcal disease is caused by a bacterial infection that can lead to serious illness if not recognised and treated in time. While anyone can contract meningococcal disease, infection rates are higher in children aged 0 - 4 years and young people aged 15 - 24 years.

### Do you know the symptoms of meningococcal disease?

Symptoms of meningococcal disease include:

- \* Sudden onset of fever
- \* Headache
- \* Neck stiffness
- \* Joint pain
- \* Dislike of bright lights
- \* Nausea
- \* Vomiting
- \* Irritability
- \* Rash of red-purple spots or bruises that doesn't disappear when pressure is applied. (A rash does not always appear or it may occur late in the disease).

Some or all of these symptoms may appear and can mimic other common illnesses. Symptoms usually occur suddenly and can get worse quickly, so it's important to seek urgent medical treatment.

Vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread. The NSW School vaccination program provides free vaccination against meningococcal disease for year 10 students in 2019. Students ages 15-16 can access free vaccine from their GP.

### Act fast and seek medical advice quickly

People infected with meningococcal disease can become extremely unwell very quickly. People who could have meningococcal disease should seek urgent medical advice.

For more information about meningococcal disease and vaccinations, or to obtain information to promote this within your school community, visit [www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/meningococcal](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/meningococcal).

## MULTICULTURAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

It's been a busy few weeks at PCPS in the Public Speaking department. Earlier this year students in Years 3-6 took part in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition and this week we wish Henry McGavin from Stage 2 the very best of luck at the Regional Finals as one of the selected finalists from the previous rounds of the competition.

This Wednesday Henry will travel to Belair Public School in Newcastle to present his prepared speech on the topic "Our Backyard," as well as an impromptu speech on a topic that will be given to him on the day.

Well done Henry on your outstanding achievements so far in this competition!

**Mr Aaron Johnston - Coordinator**



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## THE SILLY SCIENTIST SHOW

The Silly Scientist Show is coming to Point Clare Public School on Wednesday, 28th August! Skilled musicians and teachers provide a high quality performance which aims to promote positive attitudes to participating in Science related activities across the curriculum. It's an interactive production filled with interesting facts, fun skits, music, comedy and science experiments. Not to be missed! Please make sure permission note and money have been returned to ensure attendance.

**Mrs Wilson - Co-ordinator**



## 3D PRINTERS

It is with much excitement that we announce the arrival of four 3D printers to our school. These 3D printers were installed last week and teachers are looking forward to receiving further training so they can be used in the Green room later this year. Stage 3 students started to design a key ring earlier in the year with Mrs Wilson during STEAM sessions and it's encouraging to see some are already in production.



**Vanessa Bain – STEAM Teacher**

## TELL THEM FROM ME - PARENT SURVEY

This Term, our school will be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey on student engagement. The survey asks parents/carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

This survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

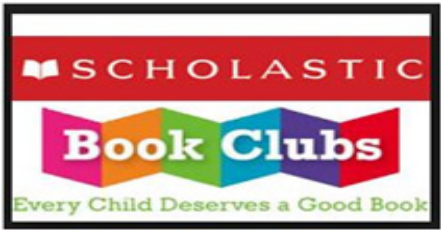
The online survey is now open and parents/carers can access it via the following link;

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/pcps2019>

**Mr Aaron Johnston -Coordinator**

SCHOLASTIC

Orders are due back by Thursday 5 September. Late orders will not be accepted.



NEW SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS NOW AVAILABLE!

Exciting new Term 3 Polar Savers rewards are now available, while stocks last!



Arctic Owl Fluffy Keyring



Scratch Art Cards

For every deposit made at school students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are two new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Wednesday.

SAVE THE TURTLE FUND

Students were surprised with a special visitor from Cleanaway today who was here to make a special presentation of support to Tycen Bedford. This was in recognition of his wonderful initiative in selling reusable metal straws instead of plastic to make a more sustainable future. All Tycen's profits will go to Save The Turtle Fund. It's encouraging to see a young student prepared to make the effort to make a difference!

Well done Tycen, you richly deserve this recognition.

PS: Have you ordered YOUR straws yet?

Mrs Wilson – Acting Deputy Principal



Aubrey Downer Aged Care Home

Aubrey Downer Aged Care Home, 23 Sunnyside Ave, Point Clare.

The Care Home is a small facility which is home to 20 residents.

I am looking for expression of interest from students who would like to visit Audrey Downer Aged Care Home after school from 3.30am- 4.30pm every second Thursday. Adopt a grandparent for the day, talking to the residents, playing cards, learning to knit, crochet, writing letters to them, etc.

If you are interested can you please complete the expression of interest below and give to Ms Conyers by Friday of Week 6.

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Aubrey Downer Aged Care Home

..... would like to be part of the adopt a grandparent at Aubrey Aged Care Home.

## 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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## Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 28th August

All Gifts just \$6



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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

Location: S1 Blue Classroom

For enquiries or to place your name on the waiting list contact Danielle at [info@xtract.com.au](mailto:info@xtract.com.au)

Introduction to drama

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# Enrolment policy

## Information for parents

The Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools policy is in place to assist schools to meet their obligations under the *Education Act 1990* - to ensure that every student has a place at their local school. The policy also communicates to staff and the community a transparent enrolment process.

### Why was the enrolment policy revised?

Across the state, many communities are changing. Some are growing at rates never seen before. Some schools that used to be able to accept out-of-area enrolments, no longer have the room to do so.

The revised policy is designed to support schools to manage all enrolment applications, encourage greater consistency in decision-making and make sure the enrolment choices are clear for parents.

### What are the changes?

#### The enrolment cap

The enrolment cap is the number of students that can be enrolled at a school based on the school's permanent accommodation. The enrolment cap tells us whether the school may or may not have the capacity to accept non-local enrolments. It is not a target or limit on the number of local enrolments a school can take.

Each school with a local intake area will have a cap set by the department from Term 4 2019.

Within the enrolment cap, a number of enrolment places (the buffer) must be kept aside for the likely number of local students who will need to enrol during the year. For this reason, a school will not take non-local students once they reach their buffer, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

#### 100-point residential address check

Parents planning to enrol their child at a school that is near or at their buffer or cap will be asked to complete the 100-point residential address check to confirm they live within the school's designated intake area. This means you will need to provide documents to verify your child's current address.

So that schools only seek information relevant to your child's enrolment, a list of approved documents for the residential address check is available from the school or the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>.

#### Selection criteria for non-local enrolment

Sibling enrolments are now clearly prioritised (where possible) and selection criteria for non-local enrolment will not include student ability, performance or achievement.



## What has not changed?

Schools will continue to enrol students who live in their local intake area, regardless of the school's cap status.

There are no changes to enrolment rights of siblings of non-local students. In schools with available places, each enrolment application is considered on its merits, including if siblings currently attend the school. If the school is below capacity, out-of-area applications for siblings of current students will be given enrolment priority.

Schools will continue to provide families with support and advice during the enrolment process, including assessment of exceptional and compelling circumstances particularly for vulnerable students and their families.

Schools will also continue to apply the policy fairly and consistently using transparent and accountable processes when making decisions around enrolment applications. Parents have a right to appeal to determine whether the stated processes have been applied in a procedurally fair manner.

## But what do the changes mean for me?

### What if my child is already enrolled but we do not live in that school's intake area?

Your child will remain enrolled at the school as the revised policy does not affect students already enrolled in NSW Government schools.

### We were in area when my child was enrolled in the school. The department has since changed the school's boundary and our residence is now out of area. I have other children and I want them all to go to the same school.

#### What are my options?

At times it is necessary for the department to make adjustments to a school's local enrolment intake area. This could mean a family with a child/children already enrolled is then outside the local intake area. When this happens, the family will still be able to enrol siblings together at the school, regardless of whether the school is over the buffer or cap.

### I already have a child enrolled as an out-of-area student in a NSW Government school. Can I enrol my other children at that school too?

This will depend on the capacity of the school:

- If the school is **not near its buffer**, then siblings should be able to be enrolled at the school. In fact, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **nearing its buffer**, then the school will form a non-local enrolment panel. The panel considers non-local enrolment applications when the number of non-local applications received exceeds the number of places available below the buffer. Again, in this instance, siblings of students currently enrolled will be prioritised, where possible, over other non-local enrolment applications.
- If the school is **at capacity** they will not accept non-local enrolment applications unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### I have already accepted an offer for my child to attend a school in 2020 that is not my local school. What happens now?

The enrolment will proceed. Non-local enrolments accepted before Term 4 2019 for students starting in 2020 should not be affected.

### What is the criteria for enrolment in a school that is not my local school?

Schools that are able to accept non-local enrolment applications establish a non-local enrolment selection panel, if demand exceeds the number of places below the school's buffer.

Schools are required to make the selection criteria available to the school community.

### My circumstances are challenging and I think this school is best for my child. We live outside the school's intake area. What should I do?

We understand that not everyone's circumstances are the same, and that there are instances where exceptional circumstances will need to be considered.

Your circumstances should be discussed with the principal of your local school who can assist you to negotiate an out-of-area enrolment if there are exceptional and compelling circumstances.

## Contact

For general enquiries contact: 1300 679 332 or email: [DoEinfo@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:DoEinfo@det.nsw.edu.au)

For enrolment enquiries, speak to your local school. Find school contact details at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/finding-a-public-school>