

# POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 | WEEK 10 | 16 DEC 2019



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### IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 17/12 Year 6 Graduation  
9.30am School Hall  
Year 6 Farewell  
6pm-9pm

Wed 18/12 Year 6 Show  
**Last day Term 4**

**TERM 1 - 2020 Commences on  
29 January for Stages 1, 2 & 3**



## Thought of the Week



## SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Point Clare Public School has achieved many great things in 2019. We went through the External Validation process and were able to prove that our school has improved substantially when compared against the School's Excellence Framework over the past four years. Our School Strategic Plan for the period 2018 – 2020 continues to provide opportunities for our students and teachers to challenge each other and become better at what we do each day. The two biggest drivers of change in our school at the moment are the Visible Learning program and the Positive Behaviour 4 Learning (PBL) program. Visible Learning has helped our school to build a goal setting culture that is owned and driven by the teachers and the students. This ownership has created fabulous results right across the school. Our PBL program has helped all staff and students to reflect on our school values of respect, responsibility and personal best.

Academically, the school continues to produce impressive results from K-6. In Kindergarten, we have maintained our 4 year average of at least 92% of students achieving above the expected Reading benchmark. In terms of NAPLAN, our Point Clare students have steadily improved the percentage of students reaching the top two bands of NAPLAN in both Reading & Numeracy from 37.74% in 2016 to 48.25% in 2019. Those results are the product of a strong school vision but are importantly driven by excellent teaching and engaged learners.

Congratulations to our outgoing Year 6 students. You have individually and collectively achieved so many great things in your time at Point Clare Public School and will be fondly remembered. We wish you all the best for high school and look forward to hearing all about your achievements in the near future. No doubt there will be many!

## SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

One of our amazing Stage 3 students Courtney was recently featured on NBN news for her art exhibition which highlights bullying and shines a light on Autism. So far this year Courtney has raised over \$2000 for the "Coastwide Therapy Services Siblings" program which supports the young family members of children with special needs. Courtney also recently received a "Community Recognition Statement" from local NSW MP Leisl Tesch.

Congratulations Courtney- fantastic effort!



<https://www.nbnnews.com.au/2019/12/11/inspirational-girl-launches-fundraising-art-exhibition/>

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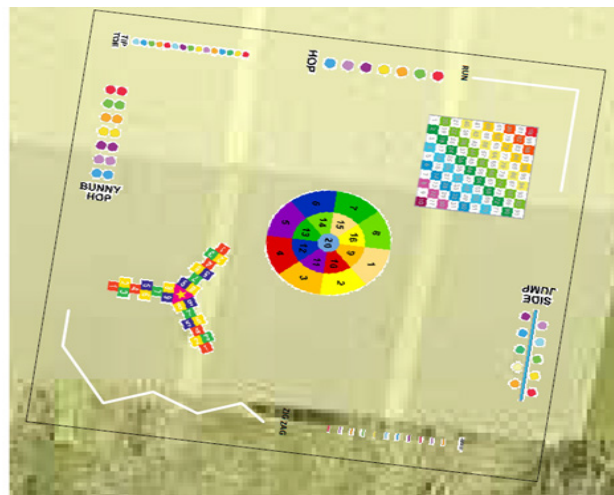
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## SHARE OUR SPACE CANCELLED

These school holidays Point Clare Public School will not be a SHARE OUR SPACE school. This is because there are a number of big construction projects planned to take place over the break including painting of the handrails in A Block, repairs to the basketball court, construction of the new special entry way at the top of Takari Avenue and a number of other minor works to be confirmed on Tuesday 17 December.

## PLAYGROUND DESIGNS

Our staff have been identifying ways that we can improve the school playground by removing older painted games and revitalizing the space with some new fresh designs. After contacting three different designers we have commissioned "The Garden Markers" to create the works identified in the pictures below. This includes two chess boards in the middle playground and a range of activities down under the hall COLA. These works will be completed in a material known as thermoplastic and will last a lot longer than a simple painted design. The works were planned to be completed over the Christmas school holiday break but the construction materials have been delayed by 10 weeks so they are now scheduled to be completed over the Easter school holidays in 2020.



## STAFFING UPDATE

This week marks the final week at Point Clare Public School for a few staff. Mr Peter Mills, one of our General Assistants, has made the decision to retire. Peter will be greatly missed, not only for his outstanding skills but because of his kind and friendly nature and willingness to fix any problem he can. All the best Peter! Mrs Wendy Hillan, one of our long term office staff, is also retiring after serving the Department and the school for many years. We wish Wendy all the best in retirement and thank her for her service to the school.

This Semester we have had the benefit of four fabulous School Learning Support Officers (SLSOs) from Girrakool SSSP. Unfortunately, all four including Shannon Arnold, Jo Wright, Marnya Miche and Helen Parmeter have had to return to Girrakool for the 2020 school year. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank all four of you for making such positive connections with the students and the staff. It has been refreshing to have you all in our school. You will all be missed.

Finally, as mentioned on presentation day, we sadly say goodbye to Mr Joel Brock and Mrs Allyson Carey. Mr Brock has secured a permanent teacher position at Toongabbie East Public School and Mrs Carey has chosen to remain at Brisbane Public School in her Assistant Principal role. We wish both teachers all the best for the future and thank them for their significant contributions to Point Clare Public School. You will both be missed.



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## LAST WEEK OF TERM 4 REMINDERS

- School concludes for all students on Wednesday 18 December 2019.
- School resumes on Wednesday 29 January 2020 for all students in Stages 1, 2 and 3. Teachers return on 28 January.
- Kindergarten students will be completing their BEST START ASSESSMENTS over the period 29 January to 31 January 2020. Families BEST START interview times will be posted later this week. Kindergarten will commence normal classes from Monday 3 February 2020.
- Any security concerns over the school holidays should be phoned into the School Security Hotline - 1300 880 021.

**Mr Scott Campbell**

**Principal**

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) - REWARDS DAY

Last Friday we had our final PBL Rewards Day for 2019. It was great to see our students enjoying their reward time in the afternoon and having their positive behaviour choices recognised. Students were able to use the Kan-Doo Stickers they earned throughout the term for a range of activities including playing sport, riding their bikes, scooters or skateboards and watching a movie. The students who reached 30 Kan-Doo stickers were also invited to a special lunch in the Hall with Mr Campbell, Mrs Young, the Assistant Principals and Kan-Doo!



A huge thank you to the staff who helped make our Rewards Day a success as well as a special thank you to Wiseberry Real Estate at Kariong for their ongoing support of our PBL initiatives and for providing the lunch for our students who had earned 30 Kan-Doo stickers this term.

We've had great success with our PBL programs this term thanks to the ongoing efforts and commitment of our School PBL Team and dedicated staff. We are looking forward to some exciting new initiatives in 2020.



**Mr Johnston - Co-ordinator**

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## POINT CLARE TRAINING BAND 2020

Earlier this term, the Conservatorium held a Band Experience Day in our school hall. Many students expressed an interest in joining the Training Band for 2020.

If you would like your child to be part of the new Training Band for 2020, please enrol online asap as the conservatorium is currently allocating instruments and positions in the band and would like to finalise this before the end of the term.

To enrol online, please use the link below:

<https://centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/SchoolsProgram/enrol2020>

This will also secure an instrument for your child should you wish to hire one from the Conservatorium. Hire instruments are allocated on a first in first served basis and preference will be given to those who have enrolled early.

Alternatively, you can send a text message to 0402 000 757 with your child's name and school and they will send you the link via text.

Thank you for your support.

**Jennifer Ricketts**

**Band Co-Ordinator**



A promotional poster for the 'Buy a Bale' campaign. The background is a close-up photo of a brown cow's head. On the left, a vertical maroon bar contains the word 'WISEBERRY' in white. In the center, two maroon boxes with white text read 'HELP US,' and 'HELP OUT'. At the bottom left are two circular logos: one for 'BUY A BALE' and another for 'RURAL aid'. On the right, white text on a dark background states: 'Wiseberry Kariong will donate \$250 for every house Listed &amp; Sold between Dec '19 - Feb '20 to 'Buy a Bale' for drought affected families.' Below this is a QR code and the contact information for Kariong: 'Kariong Shop 7, 4-8 Mitchell Drive, Kariong (02) 4328 0500 kariong@wiseberry.com.au'.



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**STAR104.5'S CENTRAL COAST CAROLS**

WHAT FUN IT IS TO LAUGH AND SING!

**FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2019**  
CENTRAL COAST STADIUM  
Gates open at 4pm. Show starts at 5pm

Featuring Amber Lawrence, Nick Webster, The Offbeats, The Other Pines, amazing local acts, entertainment, sing-along carols and great food.

Hosted by Star 104.5's Rachel & Julie Goodwin and an appearance by Santa.

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Tickets are \$10.00 per person\* \$5.00 youth (5-17yrs). Get tickets at [www.centralcoastcarols.com.au](http://www.centralcoastcarols.com.au)

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\*18 yrs and over

## Kids Holiday & School Term ART CLASSES



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