

POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



TERM 4 | WEEK 7 | 27 NOV 2024

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

One of the greatest joys of being a school teacher is interacting with the children whilst they explain what they are doing in their classes and the reasons 'why' they are doing it. At PCPS we are very explicit in encouraging the students to set themselves achievable goals in literacy, numeracy and their general work habits. This encourages the students to become self-directed and motivated to improve themselves in a wide variety of ways. This week I had the privilege of interacting with the Stage 2 children who have been working hard in literacy and using the Canva software which is quite a brilliant publishing tool. In this example the Stage 2 Blue children had produced high quality poetry which was a pleasure to read. The Stage 2 students have obviously been working extremely hard on using figurative language tools!

Nurturing Inspiring Achieving

Fri	29/11	Movember - Crazy Sock Day - Gold coin donation
Tues	3/12	Yr 7 - 2025 HKHS Orientation Day
Wed	4/12	Yr 7 - 2025 HKHS World of Maths Day
Mon	9/12	S2 & S3 Presentation Day
Tues	10/12	S3 Party Day - PLC
Wed	11/12	K-2 Presentation Day
Thurs	12/12	K-2 Party Day - Motiv8
Mon	16/12	S2 Party Day - Surf Fun
Tues	17/12	Yr 6 Graduation Assembly Yr 6 Farewell Dinner

LAST DAY TERM 4 -
WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

FIRST DAY TERM 1 - 2025
THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY



Thought of the Week



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

It was amazing to see so many people turn up on a very warm afternoon for the Mingle & Jingle event on Monday night. Each Stage of learning performed a Xmas song which were all sung with gusto and joy. We also had the pleasure of hearing the school concert band play again which was spectacular as usual! Many thanks go out to our very hard-working P&C for co-ordinating the event and having the canteen available on such a hot afternoon. Much appreciated! Thanks also go out to the many teachers who were able to attend and support the event. Extra special thanks to Santa and his helpers for toughing it out in the heat!



SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM UPDATE

If your child is in Year 3-6 next year (2025) they can apply to be a part of this program at Point Clare Public School. Enrolment is via the Central Coast Conservatorium's website (link below and on attached flyer). The program is a fantastic way to introduce your child to an instrument and they get to learn alongside their peers in a program that is catered for all levels of musical ability. First time students will start in training band and learn the basics of learning to read music and be introduced to how to play their instrument. Rehearsals and group tutorials take place at the school during school hours with professional music teachers from the Conservatorium. More information about the program can be found via this website:

<https://centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/about-the-school-band-program/>

An **online information session will take place at 7pm on Zoom TODAY (Wed 27/11)**. The Zoom link to the information session with Central Coast Conservatorium's school band coordinator Vicki Harris can be accessed via the above website or the QR code on the attached flyer. Enrolment has already started for next year's program and instruments are hired on a first come basis, so get your enrolment form in soon to avoid disappointment!

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TRANSITION PROGRAMS K-6

Commencing this Friday 29 November and again on Monday 2 December, we will be holding two whole school transition sessions called 'Two Hours in the Life of a Stage 1/2/3 Student'. During these sessions, students from all grades except Year 6 will visit a new classroom space, guided by one of our current teachers. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain a glimpse of what literacy and numeracy lessons will look like in 2025. Thanks go to Ms. Willcox for her excellent organisation of these two sessions. We are very excited to assist our students in preparation for the year ahead in this engaging and supportive way!

SUCCESSFUL STAFF

Mr Makepeace is once again doing his part to raise funds to support 'Movember'. The Movember Foundation raises funds to support medical research, and mental health supports for men. This Friday 29 November we are encouraging all students to wear 'CRAZY SOCKS' and bring a gold coin donation to raise funds for this worthy cause.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY DATA

The school has been advised that for the eighth year in a row our school has recorded well below the NSW average for recorded bullying incidents. Students at PCPS have recorded on average that only 20% of students have experienced any form of bullying incident in the past 12 months. This compares favourably with the NSW average of 29%. Impressively the data indicates that as the children progress through the grades the incidents of recorded bullying drop each year from Year 4 onwards with Year 6 showing the lowest average incidents in both reported genders. Year 6 boys recorded the lowest average rate with only 16% experiencing bullying in the last year. Full credit goes to the whole staff and the students for working hard on the lessons taught in peer support and child protection throughout the year. Well done everyone and thank you to Mrs McNamara, Mrs Lavelle and Mr Amos for their leadership in this space.



2025 ENROLMENTS & LEAVERS - REPEAT

As we approach the end of the school year it is essential that we have an accurate read on how many enrolments we will have to start the school year in 2025. Being accurate with our enrolment data helps to guarantee that children are placed in the appropriate class and that we have the right number of teachers available to start the school year. We politely request that any family who may be leaving the area let us know at your earliest possible convenience. I am very pleased to announce that our Kindergarten numbers for 2025 have continued to grow and we currently have 71 students enrolled and will be forming four classes at this point in time.

Mr Scott Campbell
Principal

Henry Kendall High School
Orientation Day

Tuesday 3 December
9.30am - 2.30pm

All Year 6 student attending HKHS in 2025 are invited to attend. We look forward to meeting you!

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PBL - POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING



The PBL focus for Week 7 is Library & Games Room.
Week 8 focus is Incursions & Excursions



LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club Issue 8 was distributed to students last week. If your child missed out, they can pick up another copy in the Library.

Book Club Orders are due on Wednesday 27 November.

Did you know if you select 'Gift' when ordering, Mrs McCabe will call you when your order arrives at school, rather than sending it home with your child.

This is a great way to order books for Christmas gifts!

You can view the latest Book Club Magazine here and order through Loop on the Parent Portal <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/issue-preview/>

Borrowing and Library Stocktake

Week 6 was the last week of borrowing for students in 2024.

Students were able to borrow in week 6, however there will be no more borrowing from week 7 onwards, as the library prepares for the annual stocktake.



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LIBRARY NEWS CONT.

The legendary Book Return Race will begin in Week 7. Winning is easy ... all students need to do is return their books to the library!

Week 8 will be the last library lesson for 2024, and all books borrowed throughout the year will be due to be returned. Students can return books directly to the library or books can be dropped in the return tub in the school office.

Borrowing notices will be emailed with the books your child still has on loan. Your assistance locating and returning these books is appreciated. Please contact me if a book cannot be found via Sentral Messaging or the school office. In some instances, a small replacement fee may be required to assist with the purchase of a new copy of the book. But please contact me before sending money or buying a replacement book, as not all books are replaced as it depends on the age and individual title of the book.

Happy Reading!

Jodie McCabe - Teacher/ Librarian



AWARD WINNERS - PHOTO



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AWARD WINNERS - WEEKS 5 & 6

	PRINCIPAL'S AWARD	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD
ES1 BLUE	Aaliyah S	Violet B	Archer K
ES1 RED	Ella Y	Harrison P	Joey R
ES1 GREEN	Piper K	Anabelle D	Sebastian C
S1 BLUE	Esme P	Maddox M	Hazel G
S1 RED	Fergus R	Connor W	Thomas W
S1 GREEN			
S1 YELLOW	Valentina B	Saara O	Cornelius M
S1 PURPLE	Ruby F	Hazel P	Leah M
S1 ORANGE	Willow G	Iona M	Dakota B
S2 BLUE	Mya G Dharan K Monte M	Alex P Eve C Phoenix S	Layla H Adriana H Kayla W
S2 GREEN	Henry G Ben I Kiara G	Toni F Lui F Kayden S	Matthew Mc Austin M Daniel M
S2 PURPLE	Mariana Z Spencer P Laila P	Noah P Cooper Q Alfie R	Nilijah F Atticus M Emmett M
S2 RED	Ivy S Kael W Indianna F	Everly C Samara VDW Skye T	Zara H Victor L Sebastian F
S2 YELLOW	Indi-Lee V	Daisy H	Christopher B
S3 BLUE	Louie A Madison B Elijah T	Ruby S Emily A Wynn L	Liam P Sophie W Nash K
S3 GREEN	Lexie G Xairah S Alice G	Chloe H Hamish C Sebastian O	Jasper B Ariel M Rory M
S3 RED	Hamish B Chiara DP Ethan R	Imogen G Chase T Billy C	Zephyrine M Kieran T Trinity H
S3 PURPLE	Eli K Izzy M Olivia F	Sam C Joel W Josh W	Charlie B Xavier M Chloe S
S3 YELLOW	Huxley S Eleanor T Sophie D	Koa M Vinnie P Lucas H	Coco W Levi V Lenna H



Central Coast
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Schools Program

Do you want to learn an instrument and play in a band? Come and be part of a fun and engaging learning environment while experiencing the educational benefits of learning a musical instrument.

Program includes:

- One-to-one or small group lessons at school with Conservatorium teachers
- Whole band rehearsals with Conservatorium conductors
- Performance opportunities at school and external events including Central Coast Band Festival.

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Join more than 600
young musicians from
20+ schools across the
Central Coast

Register your interest

To register your child's interest in our School Band Program send a text with their details to 0402 000 757. Alternatively scan the QR code (below), phone 4324 7477 or visit our website.



Want to know more?
Join our online parent
information session:
Wednesday 27 Nov, 7pm



Scan QR Code for Zoom
link and to enrol

For more information phone 4324 7477 or visit our website:

www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program

JW Junior Athletic Development

At JW Junior Athletic Development, we specialise in helping young athletes enhance their speed, agility, and overall athletic performance through tailored training programs.

WHAT SERVICES WE OFFER



1:1 Sessions \$50.00

1:1 Coach to athlete session. Focusing on speed, agility and power

Group Session \$15.00pp

Friday afternoon group session
Located in the Terrigal Area



Custom Gym Programs \$40.00

Personalised gym program.
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JUNIORATHLETICDEVELOPMENT

CENTRAL COAST - NSW



AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS



ABOUT US

Supported by the Royal Australian Navy, the Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) is a leading provider of youth development, open to young Australians between the ages of 13-18 of all gender and ability.

With a focus on the maritime domain, cadets participate in numerous exciting and rewarding activities, both on land and the water, with the key objectives of building self-confidence and developing teamwork and leadership skills.

OUR PROGRAM

The ANC will chart a course for youth development into the future, embracing modern technology while ensuring we maintain our maritime focus. This is achieved through our electives which include:

- Drone Flying
- Skill at Arms
- Cooking
- First Aid
- Musician
- Robotics
- Physical Fitness and Wellbeing
- Powerboating
- Bridge Operations
- Sailing
- Public Affairs

“ I love being a Navy cadet because it offers so many unique experiences and you make so many friends. ”

Find your nearest unit and enrol today at www.navycadets.gov.au



Christmas Family Night

FREE



**Free Family Event Bunnings West Gosford
Thursday 5th December 5pm-7pm**

Laser Tag! Mobile Game Theatre, Fairy Floss, Sausage Sizzle, Christmas Craft, Face Painting, Visit from Santa!

Bring the family along for a night of festive fun!

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

13-22 JAN



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NSW Athletics is offering Athletes ages 10-14 the opportunity to take part in our School Holiday Camps from 13 - 22 January 2025 at the NSW Centre of Excellence in Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre.

The camp exposes young athletes to a high-performance environment and enables the athlete a chance to gain insight into what it is to train as an elite athlete.

Run by our NSW Centre of Excellence, this camp will focus on:

- Higher level of skill development
- Introduction to strength development specific to their disciplines in our NSW Centre of Excellence performance facility
- Develop fundamental athletic skills in a positive and inclusive learning environment

The camp takes place every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.30am - 3pm at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre

We welcome athletes from ALL Sports looking to get involved and learn more about training in a high performance program.

We have a discount for a limited time only enter "EARLYBIRDSHC25" at checkout.



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