Coming Events

Monday-Friday 15-19 August
Science Week

Thursday 18 August
Yr 4-6 SciTech Excursion
Pre Primary Science Morning

Friday 19 August
P&C Colour Disco

Monday-Friday 22-26 August
Book Week (visiting author 25 August)
Book Fair 22-24 August

Monday 29 August
Massed Choir Rehearsal
Winthrop Hall
9.30am-12.45pm

Tuesday 30 August
Massed Choir Performance
Winthrop Hall
Rehearsal - 6.00pm-7.00pm
Final Performance - 7.30pm-9.00pm

Next Farmers’ Market
Saturday 13 August

2016 School Bell Times
8:30am on Children arrive at school
8:50am–9:00am Home Room
9:00am–9:10am Period 1
10:00am–11:00am Period 2
11:00am–11:20am Recess
11:20am–12:20pm Period 3
12:20am–1:20pm Period 4
1:20pm–1:35pm Lunch (eat)
1:35pm–2:00pm Lunch (play)
2:00pm–3:00pm Period 5

Reminders

Uniform Shop Hours:
Monday morning: 8.30am-9.00am
Friday afternoon 2.45pm-3.15pm

School Banking:
Thursday morning in Activity Room
8.20am-8.50am

Poynter Primary SMS:
0437 311 380
(or through App)

Education Security
9264 4632 (24 hours)

Interschool Cross Country

Well done to all the children from our school that tried their very best at the Interschool Cross Country Carnival on 9 August. Poynter Primary School came 4th overall.

We are proud of you all.

Placements - Well Done!!

| Yr 5 Boys | Jack Brennan | 4th |
| Yr 6 Girls | Naomi Neumann | 4th |
| Yr 4 Girls | Sarah Beiers | 2nd |
|                Harriet Chin | 2nd |
| Yr 4 Boys | Darien Goncalves | 1st |
| Yr 3 Boys | Lachlan Phillips | 1st |
Dear Parents

I had a lovely start to the week this week attending the Inter-School Cross Country yesterday to watch our students try their very best in representing Poynter Primary School. Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Carnival on their exemplary performance, support of each other and in representing the school. All students tried their best and for some, who were trying for a personal best, were very successful in achieving it. Congratulations to Lachlan Phillips for setting a course record for the Year 3 boys. Congratulations also to Darien Goncalves who again won his division this year. Please read the front page for all place getters in yesterday’s competition. All the personal bests achieved yesterday contributed to Poynter Primary School achieving fourth place overall! Well done everyone. I would like to say a very special thank you to Mr Darius Schwarz and to all the staff that have helped in the early morning for the tremendous effort in getting our students ready for the event. The Running Club early starts on Mondays and Fridays certainly paid off. Thank you as always to all our parents who went along to support our students.

At our last School Board meeting on Monday I informed the Board of several priorities that will take place this term and early next term. The first is the election of new members to the Board for 2017. As the Principal I am charged by the Terms of Reference to run the elections for new Board members. I will be running the election for new Board members for 2017 next term; there are three parents and one staff member positions available. I will put out the information next term for parents to nominate. The election will be run the same way as last year, as this was a transparent, accountable method. Please keep your eyes open for when this information becomes available if you are interested in nominating.

The second priority is doing the student, parent and staff National Survey again in 2016. For those of you who may remember, we had to do a National Survey last year as one was not done in 2014 as per the requirements. Consequently I am required to do one again in 2016. As per last year all parents and staff members will be invited to participate and only Year 5 and 6 students will participate as per the guidelines. I will put out information on the National Survey later this term.

The third priority is an accountability document that we have developed to guide the school and the Board on how we are tracking in achieving our milestones from our Business Plan 2015-2017. This will prove as a very useful document when we are reviewed sometime next year. Parents don’t forget that all Board meetings are open to you to attend.

Operational

Long Service Leave
I will be taking Long Service Leave in the last three weeks of this term. Mrs Lynne Cross will be acting Principal whilst I am away. A staff member will be appointed to an acting Deputy Principal role; however, we are currently in the process of this appointment.

NAPLAN Online
Our Year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN Online Trial over the next two weeks. I have sent parents of these students a letter to alert them to this. Please keep in mind that this trial is to test our computing systems only.

Keyla Jeffers - Principal
An Invitation to Parents and Teachers from Tony Krsticevic

The Minister for Education will conduct an information session for the schools in my Carine Electorate, and I would like to encourage you all to attend. The Minister has a very positive message that he would like to share with you all.

In the past three years there have been policy reforms related to education which have resulted in many achievements, including overall funding, maintenance funding, chaplaincy funding, Independent Public Schools, changes to the Western Australian Certificate of Education and early intervention reforms.

We are looking forward to sharing this information and answering your questions.

This function will be held:

When: Monday 19 September 2016 at 6.00pm
At: Sorrento Bowling Club
Where: Percy Doyle Reserve
       40 Warwick Road, Duncraig
RSVP: 12 September 2016
Note: Numbers are limited: It is imperative that we receive any RSVPs by the due date.

Tony Krsticevic
Member of the Legislative Assembly
Member for Carine
P: (08) 9246 1800 F: (08) 9246 1987
Room 6 Oral Health Winners and Grinners

A huge congratulations goes to Taleeka Bakker, Ruby Martin and Maree Tang of Room 6!

During Term 3 Health lessons students in Room 6 learnt about oral hygiene and the healthy habits needed to maintain a bright smile. They combined their knowledge of appropriate dental care and maintenance, along with their creative and artistic skills, to design a poster promoting oral hygiene.

Students entered their posters into the Colgate Bright Smile Global Poster Competition. Taleeka, Ruby and Maree were named as three of the 12 Australian finalists.

The girls’ entries will now be sent to New York to compete with other finalists from many other countries from around the world. Good luck girls in the World Final!

Room 8 Cooking with Parents Program

Room 8 has started their Cooking with Parents program.

We travelled all the way to the Middle East and started with a traditional Lebanese lunch:
- Lamb kofta meatballs
- Falafel
- Hommus dip
- Tabbouli

To finish off our adventurous journey, we travelled all the way over Europe to reach Ireland and tried the amazing apple crumble. Thanks very much to our parents who gave us the opportunity to try something new and exciting!

SCIENCE WEEK 13-21 AUGUST

SCIENCE DAY WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST
YEARS 4-6 SCITECH ‘WORLD BIOTECH TOUR’ EXCURSION
THURSDAY 18 AUGUST

BOOK FAIR 22-24 AUGUST

Volunteers are needed to help set up the Book Fair on Monday morning and pack up fair on Wednesday afternoon 24 August. Please leave your name at the Library or office if you can make it.
- Library morning tea is on again on Tuesday 16 August – jobs include covering, labelling and stamping new books. Morning tea is supplied and little ones are welcome.
- The Book Week parade is getting closer so it’s time to think about our favourites books and characters. There will be prizes for the best costumes.

There will be more details to come. THANKS!

Sharna O’Sullivan - Library Officer
Poynter Way Merit Awards - 3 August

PP – Melody Kinsella, Jake Aiberti, Niamh Gaughan, Caitlyn Walker, Oliver Nicholas
Y2 – Andrew Love
Y1 – Imogen Yorg, Mathew McFarland, Olivia Morrow, Jasmine Hart, Ruby Traianou
Y3 – Jayden Taylor, Tora Yamamoto, Ethan Walker, Leonard van den Berg, Darcy Castiglioni, Yeshe Shakya,
Y4 – Charlie Glyn, Cara Tucker, Harry Burge,
Y5 – Harry Haigherty, Annabel Cunningham, Jack Brennan,
Y6 – Matthew van Selm, Naomi Neumann
Art Award – Evie Beckett Y1
Music Awards – Anja Vojinovic, Grace Young, Ben Galvao, Conrad Steyn
Aussie of the Month – Hannah Vincent Y3, Ewan Johnson Y2
French Awards - Adam Hill, Anja Vojinovic

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Poynter Way Merit Awards - 10 August

PP – Jake Stone
Y1 – Joshua King, Jayde Gillard, Frank Li, Axle McCarthy, Ruby Bates
Y2 – Isla Rushton, Dane Hore, Ben Rowles
Y4 – Sophie Weaver, Charlie Bates, Michael Peel, Thomas Hodgen, Lucy Gupwell,
Y5 – Aston Bond
Y6 – Finn Parry, Grace Young, Ethan Riches, Grace Preston
Art Award – Noah De Roach Y2

Aussie of the Month- August

Hannah Vincent - Room 6
This Aussie of the Month exemplifies what it means to be an upstanding citizen of our school community. She is the first to lend a hand to her peers and teachers alike. She places the needs of others ahead of her own, mentoring her peers and volunteering to perform extra classroom duties. She tackles all tasks with enthusiasm and demonstrates persistence when challenged. Her work is always presented to the highest standard, as she places great attention and care into the little details. She has worked hard to improve her self-confidence this year and is starting to realise just how wonderful and talented she really is. Entering the classroom each day with a wide smile and a positive outlook, her peers can look to her as a shining example of the Five Keys to success.

Ewan Johnson - Room 8
With a smile that lights up our classroom every day, Ewan is to be commended for his positive attitude to all aspects of school life. He is an outstanding member of our class who displays a personal endeavour to achieve his best. He has a genuine love of learning and consistently asks questions to quench his thirst for knowing why and how. Ewan is always fair and inclusive friend who encourages those around him to do their best. He is generous with his time and words. Ewan makes the most of being an active and energetic participant in every opportunity his school community offers him. Ewan always gets along with others, which is a particular strength of his. He is a caring and considerate member of Poynter Primary School. He shows understanding and compassion to his many friends, both in the classroom and in the playground. When someone is sad or upset, Ewan listens and is comforting. His generosity and commitment to fair play are traits of his that make him an asset to every minute of our school day, and a good friend to everyone. His happy disposition makes him a joy to teach. What a remarkable young man!
Dear Parents

**ORCHESTRA/STRING ENSEMBLE:** Our performance at the ABODA Orchestra Festival was on Saturday 6th August. All the students in the Orchestra and the String Ensemble deported themselves extremely well and were great ambassadors for Poynter Primary School. Quite apart from their great behaviour and enthusiasm, they all played with focus and commitment. The adjudicators were very complimentary in their comments and the students are all to be congratulated on their superb efforts.

The Senior Orchestra was judged to be ‘EXCELLENT’. You can view the Adjudicator's comments in the Music Room noticeboard on Thursday.

**CONCERT BAND:** Our next imminent performance is for our Senior Concert Band this Thursday at the ABODA Band Festival. Students have been working hard to prepare for this performance and we are looking forward to performing.

**ABODA BAND FESTIVAL:**

- **Thursday 11th August**
  - Concert Band performing at 6.05pm
  - Venue: Churchlands Senior High School Concert Hall
  - Tickets: On sale on the day $6.00 Adults, $4.00 Concession

**Please note:** I have called an extra rehearsal on Thursday morning from 07:50 to ensure that we are as well prepared as we can be for the performance that afternoon.

**CHOIR:** The Senior Year 5/6 Choir also had their first Cluster rehearsal on Monday 8th August in preparation for the Massed Choir Festival on the 30th August. All students behaved beautifully and participated with enthusiasm. Information regarding tickets has been sent home and can only be purchased on line. Our next rehearsal will be in Week 7 – the Monday before our performance on the Tuesday evening.

Thank you to all families who returned their permission slips expeditiously.

Could I please remind all choir students to KEEP PRACTISING!!

**MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL:**

- **Rehearsal:** Monday 29th August – full day
- **Concert:** Tuesday 30th August (evening)
  - Venue: Winthrop Hall, UWA

We have limited numbers of tickets online for Poynter PS so please purchase early so you don’t miss out. There are no door sales. This is an event not to be missed and the songs chosen for this year’s festival are fabulous. The choir members are really enjoying singing them. You may have heard some of the songs around the house as they have been practising!

**MUSIC ASSEMBLY:**

The Music Assembly is scheduled for 14th September. The following groups will be performing:

- **String Ensemble**
- **Orchestra**
- **Training Band**
- **Concert Band**
- **Year 5/6 Choir**

All these performances are wonderful opportunities for our instrumental and choral students to grow and develop as musicians.

**YEAR 4-6 MUSICAL PRODUCTION:**

**Items Needed:** Does anyone have any lawn mowers (not real!!! But rather toys) lying around their home? We would appreciate them please!

Mandy Herriman  
Music Specialist
Cooking with Parents Room 2 Year 2

This term the Year 2 classes have begun their ‘Cooking with Parents’ program. Interested parents, grandparents and family are invited to cook with a small group of children to prepare lunch for the class. The focus is on dishes with an international flavour as they learn about food and different cultures around the world. This week Room 2 began their food journey around the world very close to home...Australia! Here are some of the children's comments:

Last Friday Dane, Ben, Noah and I cooked party pies and made vegemite sandwiches. It was really fun. Noah struggled to scrape the carrots but I did them straight away. It was an Australian lunch. When Naomi put the party pies in the oven, the lids fell off. They were really nice. I brought two at once to the classroom. I put the Australian flag in the party pies. I was a mini chef. I had a master chef hat on. Isla took the pictures. How in the world could Noah not scrape the carrots? I was good at it. They were lovely. By Toby

Last Friday, Room 2 had an Aussie lunch made up of meat pies and vegemite sandwiches served on a paper plate. They were cooked by our mini chefs Noah, Toby, Ben and the main chef Dane. Isla took photos of the boys cooking. YUMMMMMM.......... Toby said Noah couldn't peel the carrots for Dane's Mum. We all wanted more pies, so Mrs Pratt pulled six names out of a hat. I was the second name pulled out. I got three meat pies! It was Joshua’s first day back so we ate the toffee he gave us when everyone else ate their lunch their mums made them. This lunch was the first “Around the World” Lunch (even though we stayed in Australia!). Oh and Noah is famous for carrots. I love it! Yum. By Rachel

Last Friday our class had an Aussie lunch. Dane, Toby, Noah and Ben cooked it. They wore master chef hats and aprons. Isla was the photographer. Mrs Hennessey said that Isla did excellent photos. It was very, very, very yummy. We had lunch early so that we could eat all of it. I ate EVERYTHING except for the crusts and one meat pie. Isla had the other one. I thought it was SCRUMPTIOUS AND WONDERFUL. By Sophie

Last Friday, Year 2's from Room 2 had an Aussie lunch. It was cooked by Naomi Hore. We had meat pies and vegemite sandwiches. The mini chefs were Dane, Toby, Ben and Noah. It took about thirty minutes to cook, but when I ate the pie it was scrumptious. I got an extra pie and Alyssa was very, very, nice and she gave me her sandwiches because she didn't like them. I think they were WONDERFUL!!!!!!!!. I feel like having them again. By Tegan
These masks being made by Year 5 are nearing completion. They are being painted and lined in to show a variety of colourful patterns. We hope soon they will be on display. What a fantastic group effort from the people in Mr Rings’ class!

Terry Wilson - Art Specialist
Five Cent Fundraiser

I have just come back from the bank where, when I started putting a lot of money bags full of 5c pieces on the bench, the lady looked like she wanted to get up and walk out! She didn't walk out and after a while we worked out that we have raised $718.25 (so far) from our 5c fundraiser.

Mr Righton’s class Year 4 (Rm 11) is the winner of the first week with $92.90. WELL DONE!!

Their icy poles are waiting in the freezer for the weather to become a little more icy pole friendly. A big thank you to all the children and parents who have raided the piggy banks and the back of the couch to start our fundraiser off with a bang. Please continue to bring in what you can find. The money raised is going towards the purchase of additional ipads for the students.

School Colour Disco: Friday 19 August Undercover Area

You should have had your forms hand delivered by your child. Please complete and return to the office, along with your payment, at your earliest convenience. Please dress up in the most colourful clothes you've got and have fun with your friends. As a reminder, the attendance times for various year group are:

K, PP and Yr 1 (4:30pm–5:15pm) Parents are required to stay to supervise their children (K, PP and Yr 1 only).

Second Disco: Yr 2 and Yr 3 (5:30pm–6:30pm) Parents are welcome to stay but will need to be part of the supervising team to ensure the kids are safe (numbers of parent volunteers limited).

Third Disco: Yr 4, Yr 5 and Yr 6 (6:45pm–8:15pm) Parents are welcome to stay but will need to be part of the supervising team to ensure the kids are safe (numbers of parent volunteers limited).

There is a 15 minute changeover time between groups. Water will be available for the children.

Any queries please don't hesitate to email myself or Tamsyn on t_jfy@hotmail.com

Sports Carnival 2 September

Before we know it the sports carnival will be upon us (2 September). As per usual we will be asking, very nicely, for parents to donate some baked goods for our morning tea stall. We will also be offering Subway for the students and a sausage sizzle for the remaining community. To allow for us ALL to be able to watch our children participate in the events, we would love as many helpers as possible to volunteer some of their time to serve. Thanking you in anticipation...

P&C Meeting Information

At our last P&C meeting we discussed offering two complimentary workshops to our adult community. I am happy to advise that the P&C are going to welcome Clinical Psychologist Rochelle Masters - Tackling Anxiety and also Protective Behaviours. Information about both workshops will be communicated closer to the time.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 7 September. We look forward to seeing you at 7pm in the Staffroom. Please don't hesitate to email me with any queries or questions on poynterpandcpresident@yahoo.com.au

That's it from me this newsletter. I'm off to cheer for the Australian hockey team! Pam Birnie - P&C President

Office News

Semester 2 Activity Charge:
Teachers are currently compiling incursions and/or excursions planned for the remainder of the year. Once these have been costed and finalised we will be able to send out the appropriate charges to parents.

Most students are still in credit from Semester 1. If you are unsure of payments your have of have not made, please don’t hesitate to contact us at the office and we will clarify for you. We would appreciate payment of any outstanding amounts to be cleared as soon as possible.

Lost Property

Can parents please check lost property (now located up where the Uniform Shop is), as there is a large collection of jumpers, both with and without names on, to claim.

Also, after swimming, there have been numerous items handed in from drink bottles, goggles, clothes, a girls watch and containers. The watch is at the Office.
Farmers’ Market - Next Market Saturday 13 August

A big thank you to Amber Yorg and her team of Year 1 parents who helped to run the P&C stall at the last market. There was lots of lucky dip jars and yummy baked goods. Thank you also to the parents who contributed the jars and baked goods to sell on the day.

The P&C stall at the next market will have an Olympic theme with Olympic themed kids activities and face painting, lots of delicious cakes and other baked goods, a sausage sizzle, bacon and egg burgers, drinks and more.

Chantelle Collins
P&C Farmers’ Market Coordinator

Sweet Dream Foods is back on Saturday with their vegetarian friendly bagels and doughnuts and delicious avocado smash. Our own local bee keepers, Boy & Bee Honey will also be back, and if you have not tried the chocolate from the Chocolate Alchemist as yet, you can on Saturday. They use Australian bush herbs in their chocolate and only organic natural ingredients.

This week is Pretty Sharp week as well, so you can bring down your knives and saws to get them sharpened.

I always have a parent or two that comes up and has a little chat at the Market about how much they love the atmosphere and the market. Thank you so much for all the support that you all give the Market. It all goes back to the school but without the support of the parents there is no growth. So please continue to share our information with your friends and families so that they can come down and support the Market as well, and once again thank you and see you at the Market.

Cheryl Hamel-Smith
Farmers’ Market Manager

Get Involved in School Banking!

An account opening morning for school banking 25 August

Have you ever wondered what the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is all about? It’s a great way to teach our kids about regular saving, whilst offering great incentives like rewards and competitions. The CBA School banking program also benefits our school. Every account enrolled in the program earns Poynter $5, plus for every student deposit over $2, the CBA pays a 5% commission to the school. So far this year our bankers have earned for Poynter over $470!

If you are interested in joining the School Banking program, Denise from the Commonwealth Bank will be available to provide information, answer any questions and open new bank accounts from 8:20am on Thursday 25th August, in the Activity Room (old uniform shop) for all Poynter Primary students and Mel, Julene, Astrid and Jemma will be there to join your child straight up to our banking program. All you need to bring in is your child’s CBA account number and deposit book or to open a new account – your driver’s license. It’s that simple.

You should have received an email from your class coordinator regarding this along with all necessary information about the morning. Hope to see lots of new, eager little bankers there.

Happy savings,
Melinda Stoitis - Banking Coordinator
Community News

Inclusion of the items below does not represent endorsement by PPS

Children’s Art Classes

Ages 6-11 yrs... max 10 children per class

A place for children to think creatively with open minds

I LOVE ART

Monday 4:00pm – 5:15pm  |  Wednesday 4:00pm – 5:15pm

9 WEEK SCHOOL TERM - $280  - ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED

We will discover drawing and painting techniques and basic methods. different mediums le pastels, water colours, acrylics, oils, clay

Every child can feel pride in their original artistic creations

To enrol please contact Maria Creedon (Artist & Educational Assistant) mariacreedon@outlook.com or 0403 616 400 | mariacreedon.com

For additional information please visit www.leannepearson.com or Leanne Pearson (Professional artist and art teacher) 0400 728 548

55 Rosetta Drive, Dungog

GLENDALE LAC

REGISTRATION

Registration Day for all new athletes in all age groups (Under 7 to Under 17).

Saturday, 3rd September 8am – 11am at Henrys LAC Club Rooms, Charles Riley Reserve, Wooding Road, North Beach.

Please bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate on the day electronic banking payment preferred. Uniforms can be ordered on the day.

Training: Mondays and Wednesdays 4.45– 6.00pm at Canne Open Space commencing end of September. Saturday competitions commence 8th October 2015.

Any queries, please contact glendalelacs@gmail.com or glinda@bigpond.com

Kind Regards
David MULLA
0417 928 114

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Location
Canine Senior High School Gym (Entry off Cumnor Rd)

Youngstars (5-8yr olds)
4:00-4:45pm

Middlers (8-12yr olds)
5:00-5:45pm

Contact:
erin@geckosports.com.au
to book a FREE Trial
geckosports.com.au

Copies of the Keyed Up Music Newsletter are available in the office.