POYNTER PRIMARY SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

POYNTER NEWS

Coming Events

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

House Sports Carnival Lead up Events
31 August - Jumps/Throws/200m
1 September - 400 m

House Sports Carnival 2 September

Next Farmers’ Market
Saturday 27 August

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

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www.poynterps.wa.edu.au

Poynter Primary School APP

SCIENCE WEEK

During Week 5 of Term 2, the school participated in all sorts of activities for National Science Week. Room 9 and 10 had fun making lava lamps and learning about chromatography on their Science Day and the Years 4 to 6 had a fabulous time exploring biomechanics at Scitech. A big thank you to all the teachers and students that got involved with scientific experiments and investigations, not to mention a huge thanks to Miss Seymour for organising the Scitech excursion. Remember, the important thing about Science is to never stop questioning.

Scitech - World Biotech Tour

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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

This term is certainly flying by and with our Science Week activities last week and this week’s Book Fair the days just fly. Science Week was certainly eventful and you will find some excellent photos of last week’s activities. The week finished off with a Scitech visit by our Year 4 to 6 classes, I know that the students and staff had a fabulous time. Scitech is certainly a place that opens your eyes to the Science and Technology that is currently available. Well done to all the staff in coordinating Science group activities during the week but in particular to Ms Seymour for her leadership in getting the week organised.

This week is Book Week and we have had some wonderful activities organised as well, including our traditional Book Fair. I am looking forward to our Visiting Author on Thursday and the fun Book Week Character Parade this Thursday at 9:00am. You are all welcome to attend the parade. Thank you to our Library Officer Sharna O’Sullivan for organising this week’s events.

Over the last week we were busy trialling the NAPLAN Online assessment to test out our ICT platforms. All students in Year 3 and 5 participated in two tests, writing and an omnibus. The writing was a pretty straightforward task and the omnibus was a bit of numeracy, reading, spelling and grammar and punctuation. As I said, we were trialling our system to check its capacity to deal with all students being logged on. A big thank you to the NAPLAN Online team; Mr Joyce, Mrs Cross, Mrs Scholte, and all the Year 3 and 5 staff for their tireless support and contribution to making this trial a success. The feedback from all who participated was very positive.

It is that time of the year that I ask parents to notify the school of their intentions for 2017. If you know that your circumstances have changed or your child will be moving from Poynter Primary School, please notify me directly via email keyla.jeffers@education.wa.edu.au. I am currently looking at the school profile for next year as part of the Student Centred Funding process, so it would help me greatly to know if your child/children will not be attending next year.

Operational

Long Service Leave
Just a reminder that I will be on Long Service Leave in the last three weeks of this term. Mrs Cross will be acting Principal during my absence. Congratulations to Mrs Alison Guhl on her appointment to Acting Deputy for the last three weeks of term.

School’s Big Bins
Over the last weekend someone has filled one of our big bins with cupboard’s that have been removed from their home. If you see anyone helping themselves to our bins during the weekend, please make it known to them that this is for use by the school and not by the neighbourhood as we pay for the bins to be emptied. Alternatively call Ed Security on 9264 4632.
From the Principal (con’d)

Survey
On Monday 12 September 2016 you will receive an email from me alerting you to the completion of the National School Survey which we are supposed to administer again this year. It will be open for four weeks until Friday 7 October 2016. We are surveying the whole school community including all parents, staff and students in Year 5 and 6. Students’ in Year 5 and 6 will complete their survey during school time in the last two weeks of school. The email will come from the following address: admin@schoolsurvey.edu.au, so please click on the link contained within the email that was sent to you. Each person has a unique personal code allocated by the system and it is exclusive to you. The code cannot be re-generated by the school. Please take the time to complete the survey as it gives us excellent information on what we are doing and how we can do things better. The survey results will be reported to the staff, students and parents in summary form. Thank you in anticipation of completing the school survey.

Holiday Requests
Thank you to all the families who have sought my approval for taking children on holidays during the school term. If you know that you are going on holidays during the school term and have not informed the school, please send me an email on keyla.jeffers@education.wa.edu.au and I will reply as soon as I can; this is a Departmental requirement.

Dog Waste
A very disappointed Early Childhood staff member alerted me to the fact that there was ‘doggy do’ inside the Early Childhood playground area. Again, if you see anyone in there over the weekend with a dog, alert them to the fact that they are not supposed to be in there.

Boats
A huge thank you to our P&C President, Pam Birnie, for sourcing and ensuring the transport of the two new additions to our playgrounds, the boats! Thank you also to Chrissy Reeve, Garry Barr and again Pam Birnie for securing the boats and working on them to ensure that they are safe for our students’ to use. The boats are not quite ready yet but when the barriers go down students will be able to use them.

Have a nice weekend and see you at the Market!

Keyla Jeffers
Principal
ROOM ONE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Preevyet, everyone!

This week, our class ‘travelled’ to Russia. Our wonderfully talented Master Chefs, together with five Mini Chefs, created a feast fit for fiercely famished children.

Some of us wore Mrs Shoebridge’s costumes and danced to the music she provided. After that we enjoyed the fabulous flavours of meat and then apple pirozhok as well as a very tasty beet salad.

Thank you, Mrs Shoebridge and Mrs Daley.

ROOM 13 ASSEMBLY PHOTOS

On Wednesday 10th August Room 13 rocked an amazing retro assembly! We took our parents down memory lane showcasing the fashion, culture, music and the historical importance that dominated each decade. It was loads of fun.
Hello everyone,

We are already well into Term 3 and there is certainly a lot happening around the school which is awesome! And how about the Olympics?! If you’ve been able to catch any of the coverage then I am sure, like me, you are amazed at the feats of many incredible athletes from all over the world.

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to ‘Tackling Anxiety,’ an evening for parents and staff on Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm. This event is free and it is being presented by Clinical Psychologist Rochelle Masters (Managing Director, Masters Psychology & Co.). Rochelle will be covering a variety of ideas and strategies in relation to anxiety, specifically anxiety in children. Please note that this is an adult only presentation. You can find out more about Rochelle and Masters Psychology & Co. on their website www.masterspsychology.com.au. This event will be held at Poynter Primary School, if you wish to attend please email me at edenb@youthcare.org.au for numbers and location purposes.

Thank you to the P&C for sponsoring such a fantastic event. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Eden Bracegirdle
School Chaplain
PRE-PRIMARY 2016 OLYMPIC CELEBRATIONS

The pre-primaries celebrated the 2016 Olympics with their own Classroom Olympics on Wednesday 10th of August. Many parents volunteered their time to spend an hour with the children measuring their achievements in the Straw Javelin, Giant Step Cotton Ball Shot Put, High Jump, and Side Step events.

Our units of measure included the metre ruler, the centimetre ruler, bowling pins, glue sticks, tissue boxes and paper towel rolls.

Thank you to all our very energetic parent volunteers. It was a wonderfully happy and busy morning of intense measurement activities.

Valerie Tan

PRE-PRIMARY SCIENCE MORNING

The Pre-primaries had a Science morning on Thursday 18th of August. The children worked through six Science investigations which were run by parent volunteers over an hour and half. Many many thanks to all our very able parent volunteers. The children had a great time learning about the effects and uses of carbon dioxide, colour mixing with milk, the flight habit of gliders and helicopters and the use of vibrations to move particles.

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Don’t forget to dress up in your favourite book character and bring your book to school tomorrow, Thursday 25th, for the Book Parade. Everyone is welcome at 9am in the Under Cover area to watch the parade.
COOKING WITH PARENTS PROGRAM ROOM 8

The Year 2 and 3 children in Room 8 enjoyed an Italian feast for lunch last week. Our parents helped us make amazing pizzas and even an Italian lemonade to wash it all down.

The Cooking with Parents program is so much fun! Thanks so much to our talented chefs disguised as parents.

Elena Procopio

MERIT AWARDS

PP – Nyx Hilditch-Bank, Ruby O’Dea, Edwin Rong, Marlene van den Berg, Ethan An, Rudi Foldvari, Finn Donnelly
Y1 – Madeleine Dinan, Mia Richter, Hari Anwar, Sofia Rocuzzi, Joshua Birnie
Y2 – Luca Del Borello, Saiesha Pather, Elise Masterson, Rachel Kinsella, Isabella Bugg
Y4 – Xavier Roose, Taya Rushton, Cian Lawrence, Isaac Gilmour, Madison Newbury-Groom, Noah Karakyriakos, Charlotte Penn, Harriet Chin, Daniel Provan
Y5 – Isobelle Kennell, Olivia Birnie, Jed Thompson, Amy Kelly
Y6 – Charlotte Stevens, Nikolas Chin
Art Award – Room 16 Year 5
Music Award – Maddie Daley, Olivia Pevsner, Millie Harman
French Award - Sainu Pather, Ben Williamson, Arthur Hoascar, Angeline Bakker

VACSWIM OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons enrolments close 29 August 2016.

VacSwim provides children from five to 17 years old with opportunities to learn vital swimming and water safety skills.

It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. To enrol or find out more visit www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

Hurry, enrol now!!
Dear Parents,

We have completed our participation in the ABODA Festivals now and as I made mention in the last newsletter the Orchestra performed extremely well.

The Concert Band also performed extremely well at the ABODA Band Festival on Thursday 11th August. Their adjudicated comments were very positive and encouraging. You can view the adjudicator comments on the Music Room notice board.

Our next big event is the Massed Choir Festival which takes place (NEXT WEEK) in Week 7 of the term. Details are outlined again below. For the Monday rehearsal, students will need to wear school uniform and bring their morning tea and lunch in disposable containers and a water bottle. Please make sure that all food is nut free. The students will have lunch in the gardens of the University of WA and will return in time for the end of the school day.

MASSED CHOIR FESTIVAL:

Rehearsal: Monday 29 August – Full day
Concert: Tuesday 30 September (Evening)
Venue: Winthrop Hall, UWA

Tickets for the festival are available only online and I believe are close to sold 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!

NOTE: As I am on the Massed Choir Festival Committee, I will be out of the school for the entire week next week (WEEK 7). Therefore there are NO before school rehearsals.

The following rehearsals have been CANCELLED:

- Training Band: Monday morning before school
- Orchestra: Tuesday morning before school
- Concert Band: Wednesday morning before school

NOTE: All after school classes will operate as normal as I will be returning to school every afternoon.

The following groups WILL have a lesson:

- Year 5 Brass: Monday afternoon after school
- Year 6 Brass: Tuesday afternoon after school.
- String Quartet: Thursday afternoon after school

I apologize for the disruption but I do endeavour to honour as many commitments as I can during that week.

MUSIC ASSEMBLY:

The Music Assembly is scheduled for Week 9 on the 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.

Yours sincerely

Mandy Herriman
These are four of the dragons made by room 1 and 2, year 2. They were developed from their previous drawings and fired in the kiln. The children used metallic paint to add colour to their dragons.

Terry Wilson Art Specialist
DISCO

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Tamsyn Young and her helpers for such a successful disco. I think it is safe to say that, from the feedback, everyone that attended had a ball.

5c FUNDRAISER

Our 5c fundraiser has finished. Thank you for sending in all those coins. We raised a total of $1200.00, which will go towards purchasing additional ipads for the school. WELL DONE! The first week was won by Mr Righton’s class; Room 11 Year 4. The second week was won by Mrs Rickson’s class, Room 7 Year 3, and the final week was won by Mrs Procopio’s class, Room 8 Year 2/3. The overall winner was Mr Righton’s Year 4 class. CONGRATULATIONS!!! They will be getting lunch provided to them, at the end of this week.

The teachers will keep the collection bottles in their classroom, so please continue to send coins in as you accrue them. We will count the coins at the end of term. Thank you.

SPORTS CARNIVAL 2 SEPTMEBER

Our sports carnival is in a few weeks so it is now time for us to start organising the morning tea and also the BBQ (Sausage sizzle). If you can help out with baking or selling on the stall please email Cassandra Raath (tcraath@gmail.com). I also need some help to cook sausages for the parents and siblings. Please email me on poyterpandcpresident@yahoo.com.au if you can cook a mean sausage. Please remember to send some money with your child, on sports carnival day, so they can purchase some delicious home baked goods from our Morning Tea stall.

Subway is also available to the students and forms need to be handed into the office by this Friday, 26 August.

FREE PARENT SEMINAR

The P & C is very excited to be able to offer the school community a complimentary seminar on "Tackling Anxiety" with Rochelle Masters, on the 8th of September. Please see Miss Eden’s newsletter information for further details.

IDENTITY DIRECT

There will be Identity Direct catalogues coming out shortly for you to look at and order from, if you can, to support the school. The code to put in with orders at the checkout (so that Poynter Primary gets the credits), will be 38690. Thank you in advance for your support.

NEXT MEETING

Next P & C meeting is on Wednesday 7 September (7pm) in the staffroom. I look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great fortnight.

Pam Birnie
poyterpandcpresident@yahoo.com.au
Hello from the Market,

Flowers are back at the Market and I am happy to welcome Green Vase Flowers to the Market. Jane will have a variety of fresh flowers and can also help you with your next event.

Shak Shuka are also back with their very delicious Moroccan eggs for breakfast or lunch. Our Community Stall on Saturday is Golden Art Therapy for Kids. They will have an art display and some paints around for the kids to play with and offer information on what they do and about heir classes.

The will also be joined with our wonderful regular stall holders and Adventure Snacks, The Family Hub and Duck Duck Mother Goose.

There is lots on offer on Saturday, so come down and have a coffee and a wander around.

See you at the Market.

Cheryl Hamel-Smith
Farmers’ Market Manager

Thank you to Alison King and the Kindy parents who ran the P&C stall at the last Farmers’ Market. With an Olympic theme, there was lots of yummy baked goods and a kid’s Olympic biscuit making activity.

This weekend at the Market, the P&C stall will have the usual delicious baked goods, sausage sizzles, bacon and egg burgers as well as lucky dips and face painting for the kids.

Chantelle Collins
P & C Farmers’ Market Coordinator

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First Aid Training
September School Holidays

Hi, I am a Paynter PS mum and through my company I am offering parents First Aid Training during the September School Holidays.

We own a nationally accredited, Register Training Organisation (RTO) and provide quality First Aid training (Equivalent to St Johns Ambulance).

As a service to our Paynter PS parent I am offering HLTAID001 CPR or HLTAID003 Provide First Aid.

We live opposite Granadilla Park and I am happy to supervise your children while you complete one of our training courses in our home or at our training centre in Balclutha.

HLTAID001 – CPR $65 per person:
Tuesday 27th September – 9am to 12.30pm
Thursday 6th October – 9am – 12.30pm

HLTAID003 – Provide First Aid $150 per person:
Thursday 29th September – 9am to 4pm
Friday 7th October – 9am to 4pm

For further details you can contact me Fleur Smith
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