Coming Events
Whole School Parent Information Evening 6.30pm - 7.30pm Wednesday 10 February
P&C Maggie Dent Evening Friday 12 February 7-9pm Warwick Hall
ROC Workshop Yr 6 Monday 15 February
Class Parent Information Evenings:
Rms 5/6/7/8 5.30pm Mon 15 Feb
Rms 9 & 10 5.30pm Tue 16 Feb
Rm 16 6.30pm Tue 16 Feb
Rms 1 & 2 5.30pm Wed 17 Feb
K & P 5.30pm Thu 18 Feb
Rms 11/12/13 5.30pm Mon 22 Feb
Rms 3/4/14 5.30pm Tue 23 Feb
Assembly Yr 1 & 6 (Buddy) Wednesday 17 February 2pm
Year 6 Rottnest Camp Mon 22 Feb - Fri 26 Feb

NEW School Bell Times
8:30am onwards Children arrive 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:
Mon: 8.30am-9.00am
Fri: 2.45pm-3.15pm
School Banking:
Thursday in Activity Room
8.20am-8.50am
Poynter Primary SMS:
0437 311 380
(or through App)

Farmers’ Market
Next Farmers’ Market
Saturday 13 February

POYNTER GALLERY
YEAR 6 INTERM SWIMMING

YEAR 6 /YEAR 1 BUDDIES
Welcome back everyone, and a big welcome to all our new families! I hope that you have all had a restful and exciting holiday break. We had a very smooth start to the year and this is greatly due to the wonderful collaboration between parents, staff and students. It was great to see all our students back for day one, as we start the year with 498 students. We have started with 85 new students and 52 of them are in our Kindergarten. 2016 will be a year of some change and consolidation as we continue to focus on our three key areas of: High Quality Teaching and Learning; School Environment; and Partnerships. I am looking forward to the year ahead and working with our very supportive community.

As you are aware our new school uniform was introduced as of the 1 February 2016. Thank you to Tracey Formilan for the tremendous effort in making herself available for delivery and smooth organisation of students' uniform delivery. Tracey coordinated the helpers and had all pre-orders organised for parent pick-up on the Friday before school. All our helpers are parent volunteers and we certainly appreciate the tremendous time and effort that they give.

This year we welcome four new teaching staff: Mrs Guhl, Mr Righton, Mrs Hart and Mr Schwarz. We also welcome back Mrs Lamb and Mrs Wright to their Education Assistant special needs roles. They are all a great addition to our very experienced staff.

Last year we were unable to say farewell to Mrs McIntyre who decided to take 2016 off on leave in the last week of school. Mrs McIntyre has since decided to resign her position and will not be returning to Poynter PS. We wish her well in her new endeavours and thank her for her dedication and commitment to Poynter PS over the last 13 years. Mrs McIntyre will be farewelled by staff at a later date.

**Operational Matters**

**Parent Information Evening**

Tonight I will be holding the general Parent information Evening (PIE) at 6:30 pm. The evening is designed to inform you and give you an overall picture of the direction of the school. I will touch on operational changes that have occurred and clarify any questions that you may have. If you are unable to attend I will be sending out the PowerPoint presentation via email and putting it in our school App. Tonight will be followed up with individual PIE nights for all classes. These sessions will be held over the next two weeks. Teachers’ will discuss their own classroom set ups and expectations. Please note that Room 16: Mr Ring, will now have his session at 6:30 pm to accommodate families with children in Rooms 9 and 10.

**Kiss and Drive**

The Kiss and Drive has been working very well over the last week as our students are being kept within a designated area, ready for parents to collect them. For the safety and wellbeing of our students they have been instructed not to run towards the cars or get into cars when the cars are double parked. We have told them not to move beyond the gate or fence until the car has come to a complete stop in the Kiss and Drive Zone. Thank you for your support in this matter and for moving through the Kiss and Drive so effortlessly.

**Reminders**

As the new school year begins and situations change I would like to remind you that:

- If you are dropping your child off between 8:00am and 8:30am I need you to notify me. This is to ensure that someone is at school as there is no-one on yard duty at that time.
- If you are running late, that is after the siren at 8:50am, please go through the front office.
- The front office opens from 8:00am to 4:00pm, please make sure that you make all enquiries between those hours.
- Our school App has all the latest information. You will find all our letters and booklets under School > eForms. That includes opening hours for the Uniform Shop.
- At the beginning of every year we need to reset all passwords for all of our systems and do rollovers and additions, this includes Mathletics and Literacy Pro. We will have it up and running very soon, please be patient.

This weekend we celebrate five years of our superb Poynter Farmers’ Market. Make sure that you come down to celebrate with us. We have an extra 10 stalls this weekend as part of the celebration.

Have a good fortnight and see you at the market!

Keyla Jeffers - Principal
Welcome back to school for 2016! I am looking forward to another year of music making with the fabulous students of Poynter Primary School.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMME:**
Students are currently being selected for the SIM Instrumental Programme and these will hopefully be finalised by the end of Week 2. Peripatetic Instrumental Teachers have been in the school beginning ongoing instrumental lessons and meeting with prospective beginner students.

- Eight Year 3 students will be given an opportunity to take up violin or viola (4 on each).
- Three Year 4 students will be given an opportunity to take up cello.
- 20 Year 5 students will be given an opportunity to take up flute, clarinet, brass instrument (Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone) or percussion.
- Two students in Year 6 will be given an opportunity to take up double bass.

Second round offers will be made as positions become available over the next week. Please discuss with your child, if they receive a letter of offer, the implications and expectations of taking up an instrumental place in the school programme which are outlined in the letter.

**ONGOING INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS:**
Please note the attached schedule of proposed lesson times and ensemble rehearsal times. Parents and students are reminded that instrumental students are required to participate in the school based ensemble programme as an adjunct to their instrumental lessons such as is mandated by SIM.

**ORCHESTRA:**
Orchestra will be slightly revamped this year but will continue every week on **TUESDAYS** from 7.50-8.45am in the Music Room EXCEPT for Week 4 when the Year 6s are on camp.
The following students are expected to attend Orchestra:
- Year 6 Violin students
- Year 6 Cello students
- Selected Year 6 Flute, Clarinet, Brass and Percussion students. Auditions for the selected places will be held in Week 3.
  Students are required to prepare 1 piece of their choosing for the audition.

**A list of students in Orchestra will be posted on the Music Room Notice Board.** I would greatly appreciate prompt arrival by 7.45am so we can maximise rehearsal time.

**CONCERT BAND:**
The Senior Concert Band continues this year and rehearses in the Music Room on **WEDNESDAY** mornings from 7.45-8.45am under my direction. The following students will be required to attend:
- ALL Year 6 Flute, Clarinet and Brass students
- Year 6 Percussion students

If you are unsure which ensembles you are required to attend, there are lists for all ensembles on the noticeboard outside the music classroom. It is anticipated that the Orchestra and the Concert Band will alternate playing the Anthem at the school assemblies.

**CHOIR:**
Choir this year comprises all students in Year 5 and 6 and continues to rehearse in timetable time on **THURSDAY** afternoon straight after lunch. The Choir is an integral part of the Music Programme at Poynter Primary School and performs at both school and community events. Information about the proposed performances for 2016 will be forwarded home later in Term 1.

I look forward to working with the students to maximise their music learning opportunities and experiences.

Mandy Herriman

*Music Specialist*
Voluntary Contributions and P&C Voluntary Contributions
If you have not paid your voluntary contributions via Campion through your booklists, cash or cheque payments can be made at the office or online as below:

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Semester 1 Activity Charges
Semester 1 Activity Charges are now payable. For new parents to the school, this is to cover incursions and excursions for the first semester as a one off payment rather than paying individual activities, although this is still an option should you choose. Any credit rolls over to Semester 2 Activities. A sliding scale has been introduced this year to better reflect the activities undertaken across the school and is payable by the same methods mentioned above:

| Kindy to Year 3 | $50  |
| Year 4 & 5      | $75  |
| Year 6          | $100 |

Student Immunisation Forms
It is now a legal requirement that students are immunised when they attend school or supply a letter or certificate from a doctor explaining your objection, medically or otherwise, to having your child immunised. We are in the process of updating our records and will be sending home an update form soon. If we have marked that we do not have an immunisation certificate from you, please supply a copy to the office as soon as possible.

Special Religious Education Form (SRE) - Opt In Forms
We will also be sending home a Special Religious Education Opt In Form for you to complete and return to the office if you WANT YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. This is an opt in form, please do not return if you do not wish your child to attend SRE.
HEAD LICE

Back to school for another year and unfortunately this often means the start of the head lice season too. We see an increase in the number of head lice cases in the February to March period, particularly amongst primary school aged children.

Head lice are extremely contagious. Early treatment is recommended to kill head lice and their eggs and to limit school and family contamination.

95% of lice are transmitted through close head to head contact and by sharing objects such as hats, hair brushes, head bands, pillows and towels.

Ensure that you and your household is protected from head lice this season by taking the necessary preventative steps to keep head lice away:

Below are 4 crucial steps to keep your school head lice free:

- Avoid sharing clothing, especially hats, ribbons, head bands and helmets
- Discourage children from playing with each other’s hair
- Don’t share brushes, combs, towels and pillows
- Keep long hair plaited or firmly tied back to prevent contact from other kids

The above tips will help limit the outbreak of head lice at our school. For further information contact your chemist or the office for treatment options. The Department of Health website is also very informative: http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Treating-head-lice

If there is an outbreak in your class, the teacher will arrange for a note to go home with all students advising of this and to check your child’s hair accordingly. Please note that if your child is found to have head lice, they are not permitted to remain at school and you will be called to collect them for treatment.

MORE YEAR 6 / YEAR 1 BUDDIES
Welcome to Term 1 everyone. I hope you had a fabulous and safe holiday. It went much too quickly for my liking.

Thank you to all of you who have purchased tickets to see Maggie Dent speak this coming Friday. We still have some tickets available for the evening so they can still be purchased via Our Online Canteen or you can email me on poynterpandcpresident@yahoo.com.au if you would prefer to pay by direct debit or cash. It promises to be an entertaining evening and we will probably all come away with some tips to help our children thrive.

We have our first P&C meeting for 2016 on Wednesday 2 March at 7pm in the staff room. This will include a short general meeting followed by the AGM. ALL positions on the P&C become vacant for nominations at the AGM so please come along. To be able to vote on any motions you need to pay a fee of $2. This will give you membership for the whole year and you will be able to come and share your thoughts and ideas.

To make it easier to remember we are going to try and have the meetings, throughout the year, on the 3rd and 8th Wednesday of each term. After the AGM (I know, its not in Week 3 but we have had to move it a little due to other events on the school calendar) the future meeting dates for Term 1 and 2 are 23 March, 11 May and 15 June.

Whilst we are talking about vacant jobs we are looking for some help with:

- **Buying for the P & C cupboard/Market:**  
  This entails keeping an eye on stock levels in the P&C cupboard to make sure there is enough for each market. Sausages and Bacon also need to be purchased for each market (from Coles).

- **Market newsletter formatting:**  
  Cheryl will advise what stalls will be at the market. We would need you to type it up and get it sent to the people who are on the mailing list.

- **Uniform Shop co-ordinator:**  
  Help with the administrative side of the Uniform Shop. Stock levels, processing and packaging of orders etc. This role has been simplified with the use of Our Online Canteen.

If you are a new family to Poynter Primary School you should have received an invitation to attend an evening of fun, to enable you to meet and mingle with other new parents and children. We hope to see you there and please make sure you RSVP so we can cater for you all.

Finally a bit of housekeeping: Can we please remind our kids that renovating the toilets and the kitchen cost a lot of money. It would be great if they could respect that by keeping the areas clean and tidy.

I think that is it for this newsletter. Have a great fortnight and stay safe

**Pam Birnie**  
P&C President  
poynterpandcpresident@yahoo.com.au
Welcome back everyone.
The big news this week is that our Market is turning five and we are celebrating with a Valentine’s themed Birthday Party. There will be a raffle and face painting for the kids. We have 10 extra stalls and have asked the stall holders who have been with us from the beginning to join us. The wonderful girls at Catering Green are making us a birthday cake for the celebration and you are all invited for cake.

Some of the stalls joining us are:
Anna from the Spice Library who will be doing samples on Saturday so go have a taste.
Bon Pussy Jamaican Spices will also be there with her chilli sauces.
Cathy from Witherspoons will make your hands feel soft.
We also have a new dairy goat farmer, Bookara Goat Dairy, lots of wonderful cheese all hand made.
T Sisters Fresh Foods will be with us making their very delicious dumplings.
Miam Miam will have a special birthday crepe for us.

There will be face painting and a raffle at the P&C stall with prizes donated by the stall holders.
The Woodturners of Joondalup are our Community Stall so you can pick up a beautiful had made gift from them.

Thank you to all of you who have supported our Market for the last five years. It has grown into a wonderful addition to the community and your school and your children continue to benefit from the growth of the Market. I would also like to thank Maria Newbury for being a great Assistant Manager and Pam Birnie and Keyla Jeffers for their continued support. Have a great weekend and see you at the Market.

During the holidays while we had a break we offered the P&C stall to charities that would like to raise money and Heartkids WA took up that opportunity. The stall was run and coordinated by Meg Gillard who has two children at Poynter, one of them who is a Heartkid herself. HeartKids are dedicated to providing support, encouragement and hope to families of children with Heart Disease, while raising awareness and vital funding into the causes of this chronic disease. The money raised on the day all went towards this worthy cause, well done Meg and thank you to all the parents who also helped out on the day with their time or donating baked goods to sell.

Cheryl Hamel-Smith
Farmers’ Market Manager

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 1 2016
Please note, all book club orders must be in by tomorrow morning into the office or online.

Belinda Lakic
Bookclub Coordinator
Poynterbookclub@outlook.com.au

POYNTER NETBALL
Poynter Netball requires a parent volunteer to co-ordinate the netball that is played at the Kingsway Sporting Complex. If you are interested, please contact Leah Baxter on 0447 977 688 or email leahbaxter1@bigpond.com. This position would suit someone who is not working at the moment as they must be available every Saturday throughout the season.

ON-LINE CANTEEN
The canteen is open on Tuesdays and orders can be placed until 9am that morning using the Our Online Canteen website. If you are a previous user of the canteen, please make sure you have updated your child(rens) class number for this year. We are aware of the different lunch times and are able to deliver for the 2 lunch periods K-PP at 12:30 and 1-6 at 1:20pm. If you have any more questions, don’t hesitate to ask.

Clare O’Sullivan
Canteen Manager 9447 8255
**Ready Steady Go Kids** - Term 1 is here!

Ready Steady Go Kids, Australia’s largest and most reputable multi-sport and exercise program for pre-schoolers (aged 2.5-6 years), is now open for enrolments for Term 1. With indoor locations in Carine, City Beach, Claremont, Currambine, Floreat, Karrinyup and West Leederville, our high quality, physio-designed program teaches children the fundamentals of 10 different sports in a fun team-based environment. To arrange a free trial or for more information about our great program, please visit www.readysteadygokids.com.au or call 1300 766 892.

**Inclusion of the items below does not represent endorsement by PPS**

**CirQuest Circus School classes at Joondalup Primary School, Blue Mountain Dr, Joondalup**

Introduction to Circus for 5-8 year olds 4.00-5.00pm Tuesdays. Term fee: $150 (10 weeks) Casual fee: $18 per session Membership fee: $10 (for the whole year)

**CirQuest Circus School classes for 8-12 year olds 4.00-5.30pm Tuesdays. Term fee: $200 (10 weeks) Casual fee: $22 per session Membership fee: $10.**

For more information, please see our website at www.cirquest.com.au.

**Keyed Up Music**

We will be running Guitar and Keyboard lessons starting in Term 1. Lessons start from $17 for half an hour in a small group. For enquiries please phone Therese on 1300366243 or visit our Website www.keyedupmusic.com.au

**Want to play AFL - Sorrento Duncraig**

Junior Football Club registration is now open for boys and girls from PP to Year 3 (Auskick) and Year 4 to Year 7 (Modifieds). This year we hope to put together our first all-girls teams so come along and be part of the fun. To register visit sorrentoduncraigfc.com.au and follow the prompts or come down to Percy Doyle Club Rooms, Duncraig, February 21st 11am-1pm to speak to our committee members.

**Creative Kids Art Club**

After School Art Classes

Classes for Term 1 2016 now enrolling near you! Classes run for one hour and are suitable for children from 3 to 10 yrs. All materials and aprons provided. Visit www.creativekidsartclub.com.au for our class timetable, locations and term dates. Ph 9397 7618 or email jane@creativekidsartclub.com.au

**Pilates**

**Strength for Kids**

Carine Grades Shopping Centre
Pilates Gym Studio
30 min $12/session $450m $10/8/season

**SESSION TIMES**

- 10am Wednesdays
- 10am Saturdays

**DOES YOUR CHILD STRUGGLE WITH:**

- Posture and control
- Sitting in the right seat or at a desk in school?
- Balancing or coordinating movements?
- Flexibility?
- Crouching down or focusing on a task?

Then Move It Kids! Classes are for you!

**LOCATION**
The Pilates Gym at Carine Grades Shopping Centre, Unit 10/8, 88 Main Road

LISA 0402 054 829
lisa@moveitpilates.com.au

**Western Devils Netball Club**

New interest players wanted for 2016 Winter season. Age 7 to ADULT - all levels of experience.

- Girls’ friendly club with experienced coaches.
- Season starts on Sat 11 April 2016
- Training once a week
- Games on Saturday
- Play at Wanneroo District Netball Association (Kinggraj)

Registrations are open now with Preseason and Graduating commencing in 5th February 2016. Please contact Kylie or Elza by email at register@westerndevils.com.au or go to www.westerndevils.com.au for more information.

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