SuperFish Perform Well at Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our competitors on their team spirit, determination and great results at the Brisbane Water Zone Swimming Carnival. I had the opportunity to drop in and watch a few races yesterday and it was great to see Point Clare students with big smiles and enthusiastic demeanour. Simply Sensational!

Harmony Day Celebrations, Friday 21st March

Next week sees our annual Harmony Day activities occur. Our school has a great emphasis on “Getting Along” and I am pleased to say with a student population of 530, our young people do a remarkable job. There are always occasions where disagreements occur - that is human nature, but we try to give our students the skills to “work things out.” This is called Resilience and we talk about it all the time.

Harmony Day this year coincides with National Anti-Bullying Week. So our messages to students will be clear - Harmony, Tolerance, Patience and Resilience. To mark the occasion students have been asked to come in the National dress of their own personal family heritage (Yes I will be wearing my Kilt as recognition of my family’s Scottish Heritage) If this is not possible we ask students to wear some Orange clothing. There will be some special activities including an assembly in the Hall after Recess and our school Canteen has a special lunch for the day. We hope students and parents support this important day by spreading the Harmony Day and Anti-Bullying Message by dressing up!


Selective Schools Tests

A note was given to all students who have applied to do the Selective Schools test this coming Thursday. Our local testing Centre is at Gosford Selective High School and students should try to be at the testing centre by 8:30am for a 9am starting time. All details are on the note, but please contact the school if you are not sure about anything. Best of luck to all of our students sitting the exam and we hope you do well!

Commonwealth Day

Many of you may not be aware that the 2nd Monday in March each year is designated Commonwealth Day. This year the theme is “Team Commonwealth” to mark the fact that it is a Commonwealth Games year. The games will be held later this year in Glasgow, Scotland and the Commonwealth Baton was dispatched by Queen Elizabeth II five months ago to visit all the countries of the Commonwealth before arriving in Glasgow in July 2014. Today we held a special assembly in our school hall to educate the students about the Commonwealth.

Did you know?
1. There are 53 countries who are members of the Commonwealth
2. More than two billion citizens, over half of whom are 25 years of age or less, and a quarter are under 5 years old.
3. Kamalesh Sharma, an Indian diplomat, became Commonwealth Secretary-General on 1 April 2008. He was appointed to the post by Commonwealth Heads of Government at their meeting in Kampala, Uganda, in November 2007.

http://www.commonwealththeme.org/

Voluntary School Contribution 2014

Thank you to those families who have made the Voluntary Contribution. The contribution has again been set at $35 per student or $50 per family. It works out to be less than $1 per week your child is at school. All donations are gratefully appreciated.

David Harris -Principal

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Zone Swimming Carnival Report
The Zone Swimming Carnival was held on Monday 10th March at Peninsula Leisure Centre and our school was represented by 22 swimmers. The children had a very enjoyable day and for many children it was their first time representing the school. At the time of printing the carnival results were unknown. Congratulations to all of our swimmers who all tried their best in the pool and their behaviour on the day was excellent. This was our second competition in the Brisbane Water Zone. The big difference is that our second placed swimmer has to reach a set qualifying time in order to go to the regional carnival. Hopefully we will be as successful in other carnivals this year.

Results
All events are timed heats and so there were no finals.
Tim Cuthbert - 2nd 10yrs 50m Freestyle, 1st 11yrs Backstroke, 1st 11yrs Butterfly, 1st 100m Freestyle, 1st 200m Medley
Taylem Barnard - 1st Open 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Breaststroke, 1st 50m Backstroke, 1st 50m Butterfly, 1st 200m Medley.
Skye Regan - 3rd 50m Butterfly, 2nd Jnr Backstroke, 3rd 50m Breaststroke.
Liam Golden - 1st 200m Medley.
Natarsha Grimley - 1st 200m Medley, 1st Jnr Butterfly, 3rd Jnr Backstroke, 3rd 50m Freestyle
Floyd Jennians - 3rd 50m Freestyle
Junior Boys Relay 2nd (Liam Golden, Floyd Jennians, Jye Goncalves, Mitchell Finn.)
Junior Girls Relay 1st (Skye Regan, Jade Sweeney, Ella Meese, Natarsha Grimley)
Senior Girls Relay 1st (Rebecca Casey, Jessica Rivers, Poppy Davis, Taylem Barnard.)

The 3 relay teams, Tim Cuthbert, Taylem Barnard, Skye Regan, Natarsha Grimley and Floyd Jennians will represent the Brisbane Water Zone at the Sydney North Carnival which will be held at the Homebush Olympic Pool, on Tuesday 25th March. We wish you all the best at this regional carnival. Thanks to all of the parents and grandparents who came to support our swimmers at the carnival. The support for our swimmers was fantastic. Colin Cashman – Organiser

State Surf Carnival Event
This carnival was held over 3 days at Umina beach from the 28th February. Some of our students participated in team and individual events against 75 teams from throughout the state. Lucia and Bayley Richards entered for Umina Surf Club. Bayley was in multiple events and managed a great result of 15th in the board relay. Kevin Poechhacker also entered from Umina Surf Club in multiple events. Great sportsmanship and team effort was shown especially in unfavourable weather conditions. Many of our students from Umina, Ocean Beach SLSC competed and we congratulate you all.

You Can Do It! – Week 6 Term 1
Infants (K – Year 2)
Golden ticket - Infants
Paul 2T - Getting Along
Iceblocks - Charlotte KR – Persistence
Belle 2A - Persistence
Kory 2T - Getting Along

Golden ticket - Primary
Layton 3LA - Getting Along
Iceblocks - Jack C 3LA - Getting Along
Elizabeth 6R - Getting Along
Isaak 4M - Organisation

Congratulations to all winners!

School Photographs
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Important Dates
| Week 7 |  
| --- | --- |
| Wednesday 12th | 4M Gymnastics  
P&C Meeting 7.30pm |
| Thursday 13th | Primary Gymnastics  
Selective High School Testing  
Kinder Muffin Morning Tea 10am |
| Friday 14th | Book Club Orders Due  
Week 8 |
| Wednesday 19th | 4M Gymnastics |
| Thursday 20th | Primary Gymnastics  
Years 5 & 6 IMAX excursion |
| Friday 21st | Harmony Day |
**School Banking**
Welcome to all our new bankers! Please remember to fill in your deposit slip (and stub) each week.

**How do I earn rewards?**
Each week that you make a deposit, you receive a silver token. Once you have collected 10 tokens, please complete the redemption slip for the reward you would like, and send the slip and tokens in with your banking. Rewards usually take 1-2 weeks to arrive and will be sent to your classroom. In term one, available rewards are **scented pencils (set of 4; 2 x popcorn & 2 x watermelon scents)** or a handball (blue and yellow in colour). A sample of each is on display on the noticeboard in between the office and Mrs Carey’s classroom.

**Stay Cool at School Competition**

**Win a CommBank Marquee for your school and $50 for a student just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking account in Term 1.**

The school with the highest percentage of active students at the end of Term 1 will win a marquee. There are 4 marquees to be won in the Central Coast area. Every student who completes a minimum of 3 school banking deposits in Term 1 will also be in the running to win one of two $50 credits to their School Banking account. **Competition opens 28/01/2014 and closes 11/04/2014. For full terms and conditions please visit [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking).**

**Consistent Savers**

Week 4 - 1R (12) followed by 4M & 1T (8 ea)
Week 5 - 1R (10), followed by 3/4B (7)
Week 6 - 1R (12) followed by 4M & 1T (8 ea) ell done!
Well done! Remember, the more students participating in banking, the higher chance the school stands Week 6 - 1Rof winning a marquee in the competition. At the end of term, the most consistent savers class will receive a certificate to display in their room.


As always, if you have any questions, you can contact Liz Post on 0411 497 567 or liz.post@icloud.com

**Happy saving! - Liz Post & Odette Clarkson**

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**March 29th 2014 Working Bee Wonder**

All Systems GO !!!!!!!!!!!!!

With little more to do than show up, I hope everyone has pencilled in the date for our next family working bee!

The sausages are being ordered the bread etc organised, so please don’t leave us stranded.

The more hands we have the more fun it is and the more friends and enjoyment there is to be had.

Dads love running around the school racing each other with wheel barrows full of children!! Oops I was meant to say mulch®. Mind you both happens in fairly even percentages.

It is a day to feel relaxed, become familiar with our school along with making it the nicest friendliest school on the coast.

I love that after working bees I have all sorts of new friends smiling at me in the playground. Coming over for a chat. It’s nice to know friendly faces so I don’t get left standing like Nigel No Friends at pickup time®.

The list of jobs is varied from painting to pressure cleaning, to mulching. Please if you can bring your wheelbarrow and pitchfork it makes the day really easy.

Covered shoes are a must as is a hat...It’s still so Hot!! Is it just me I’m a bit over the humidity myself...?

Feel free to contact me! Seriously anytime! If there’s something you feel needs addressing it only takes mentioning...

I can’t wait to meet you! And look forward to hearing from you®

Lauren Taylor on behalf of the ‘Sustainability Committee’
Community News...
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Hi I'm Floyd and I am shaving my hair to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. I am trying to raise $1000 but more would be great. If you would like to sponsor me you can go to worldsgreatestshave.com.au and search for me, Floyd Jennians.

I am 9 years old and know that my hair will grow back, but some people who get very sick lose their hair. I feel very sorry for the people that lose their hair. I am doing it so I can raise money for cancer. Next year I might do something else but I am going to do something every year from now until I die to help other people.
Canteen News

Harmony Day Green Lunch

Mexican Nachos or Mediterranean Pasta

Orders Due in THIS FRIDAY 14th March

The canteen is getting in theme for Harmony Day on Friday 21st of March and will be offering a Special Green Lunch Meal Deal. For $5 you can select either Mexican Nachos or Mediterranean Pasta and a Drink. Order forms are coming home, or are available from the school website. Please return these to the canteen with payment and a paper bag by this Friday 14th of March.

This is our Green Food Promo for this term, as required to keep our Healthy Canteen status. Our Green meals are the healthiest that the canteen offers- and we work hard to make them very Yummy too! Please help support the canteen and the schools nutrition education by considering $5 meal deal for Harmony Day.

Thank You!

Lunch Orders on Tuesdays
Don’t forget the canteen is open for Lunch orders EVERY Tuesday now 😊

Uniform Shop

Open Tuesday 8.30 - 9.15 and Thursday 8.30 – 9.15

WINTER TUNIC PRE-ORDERS DUE BY MARCH 28th

TERM 2 is fast approaching and we are preparing for the Winter Uniform change- we have samples of our new Winter Tunic option sizes 4-12 available to try on in the Uniform shop now. We will be accepting pre-orders without payment for those who want to have the tunic for the start of Term 2. As we will be starting on limited stock if you know you definitely want it please come in try on to organise your pre-order. Pre-orders need to be in by Friday 28th of March to be ready in the first week of Term 2.

The Uniform shop is run 100% by volunteers,
We appreciate your patience during our busy opening hours.