Off To A Cracking Start

Point Clare Public School has launched into 2013 with new projects, new classes, a new teacher and of course over 90 new Kinders. Our theme for the year is "Catering for the Individual Child" and we will be working hard to achieve this across the school.

Students were placed in their new classes yesterday and I had the opportunity to visit each room and see the happy, smiling faces (and that was just the teachers!) As usual we ask that parents give their children time to settle in their new environments. There may be some new friendships and some getting used to a new teacher over the next few days and this is a very normal process. Parents can help their children by being supportive and understanding. Teachers have spent a great deal of time working on class composition and in the majority of cases things work out very well. If there is a specific need, we will do our best to ensure the best outcomes for students. In 2013 our school population has grown to approx. 528 and our newest demountable has arrived and is in use. We hope that this year might see some new more permanent buildings, so keep your fingers crossed.

A Big Year For Projects

There are several fantastic projects which will benefit students in 2013 and beyond. These include a makeover of the space between the Kinder rooms and the bottom COLA, creating a wireless computer network across the school, renovating the computer lab to accommodate 30 computers, revamping the area in front of the canteen, updating the canteen with a new manager, a new committee and online ordering system and installing new curtains and equipment in the Hall. We are also introducing a SMS Messaging system for reminders and important news - so please make sure your Mobile details are up to date in the Office. Our aim is to provide the very best facilities and learning experiences possible and I'm sure people will be impressed as these projects reach their conclusion.

Introducing Mr Thorsby our newest teacher.

I am very pleased to welcome Eric Thorsby to our staff as the teacher of 2E. Mr Thorsby spent some time at Point Clare two years ago and we are very happy to have him back in 2013. He brings some excellent skills and enthusiasm to Point Clare and I know he will enjoy his time here.

Get Involved.

Our school is very lucky to have a dedicated band of volunteers that support our students and programs. If you have some spare time, maybe you could help with our reading program, attend P&C Meetings, help out in the canteen or maybe help at a sports carnival or event. There are plenty of ways you can support your school so don't be shy - lend a hand! You can even join our FaceBook page at www.facebook.com/PointClarePS I am also looking for some Pole painters this year to help make our school more attractive!

David Harris
Principal

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Change in Sporting Zone
A major reshuffle in sporting zones was agreed upon at the end of 2013. Basically the zones were uneven with one zone having 23 schools and another zone having just 7. It was agreed that the zones should be about the same size and this will involve moving some schools. Point Clare is now in the Brisbane Water Zone. We used to be in Woy Woy Zone. Our zone swimming carnival entries may be slightly different to what we are used to, as we are now in a different zone. More details to follow.

C. Cashman – Co-ordinator

FRENCH CLUB at Point Clare Public School
Would you like your child to develop skills in the following areas:
- language and communication skills
- confidence and enthusiasm
- social interaction
- cultural awareness

Fun Languages French Club “Le Club Français” through Point Clare Public School, offers your child the opportunity to have lessons on a small group basis every week in a fun and relaxed atmosphere with lots of active participation!

Starting: Tuesday 05th February until Tuesday 19th March 2013
Time: 8.00am-8.45am
Cost: $105 payable by the term in advance
Discount available for siblings.
For booking or enquiries please call Nathalie on 0430 286 590
Or email nathalie.roy@lcfclubs.com.au
Visit our website www.lcfclubs.com.au

Book Club
Due date – Thursday 14th February.
Late orders will not be accepted

Notes from the Library
Welcome back. Borrowing for Years 1-6 will begin in Week 3 (next week). Please ensure that they have a Library bag.
Kindergarten will begin borrowing in Week 4, please also ensure they have a Library bag as well.

Mrs McHugh - Librarian

Sick Bay Roster – Can you help?
If you are able to help the school by being on the sick bay roster for a few weeks of the year please complete the following slip and return it to the office as soon as possible. This mainly involves occasionally washing the linen from the sick bay. Thank you.

Rose Clark - Co-ordinator

Sick Bay Roster
Name: ________________________________
Phone number: __________________________
Child’s Name __________________________Class: ______

Community News...

Reading Assistance
Qualified, experienced local language teacher specialising in reading improvement and literacy skills available for private tuition. Japanese language courses also offered. Please phone Vanessa on 0404 601 745 for information.

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Join us on FRIDAY 8th February at The HILL, Mitchell Drive, Kariong from 6pm – 7.30pm for the first of our “COME AND TRY RUGBY” program.
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Looking for a New and Exciting Indoor Sport at Woy Woy!!
Floor ball at the Peninsula Leisure Centre Woy (indoor Ice Hockey without the ice). It is a great team sport for children ages 5 – 16 and adults from 17+. No experience is necessary.
Tuesday’s starting 5th Feb 5pm - Juniors 5 - 9 years and Adult Seniors from 7pm
Thursday’s starting 7th Feb 4.30pm - Intermediate 10 – 16 years.
Please contact Juniors/Intermediates - Tanya 0449 761 886 or Seniors - Mitchell on 0424 605 780.
www.peninsulafloorball.org

Gosford Netball Association
Refer to Gosford Netball Association website www.gosfordnetball.com.au. Contact meredith.hillier1@gmail.com or jessica.r.morgan@hotmail.com

Sydney Roosters Coaching Clinic
The Sydney Roosters are hosting their first Coaching Clinic at Woy Woy Oval on Saturday 16th February 9-10.30am for kids aged 5 - 15.
The Sydney Roosters coaching clinic is free for all Sydney Roosters junior members and Woy Woy Leagues Juniors members and just $5 for Easts Woy Woy members and the general public. Spots are limited so children must be registered.
February P & C Meeting  
Wednesday February 13 2013 at 7.30pm

**Parents & Citizens News**

Welcome to 2013 all! I hope your break was relaxing and refreshing and you are all looking forward to a wonderful year.

Following the 2012 AGM held in December 2012, there have been a number of changes in the P & C this year and while the majority of the positions advertised have now been filled, there are still positions vacant.

These include:
- Canteen/Uniform Shop Treasurer
- Canteen/Uniform Shop Committee Members
- Fundraising Committee Members

Remember, all are welcome, so come along to a meeting to find out more about how you can help your school.

Katherine Golden  
P & C Secretary

**From the President**

Hi everyone and welcome back to school. I hope you all had a good holiday and feel refreshed for the new school year ahead.

Welcome to all new Students and Teachers. I hope your time at Pt Clare is a positive one.

Well there were some big changes during the six weeks summer holidays:

- A new class room was delivered, making 21 classes for the year, the biggest the school has ever been. No room for any more and let’s hope this class room isn’t there for 30 plus years (like some of the other ones) and it doesn’t leak like the old ones have over Christmas!

The biggest change for the P&C and for the school is the merging of the Canteen/Uniform store, with a lot of hard work by Nicole Stammers, Angela Mitchell, Amanda Dickey, Mitchell McNeil and David Harris amongst others has brought in Christine Austin. All involved in going though the applicants agreed that Christine, (Chris as she likes to be known) has the skill and experience to do the job required. So to Chris from members of Pt Clare Public School P&C and the school at large we welcome you and hope your time at Pt Clare is a good one. Over the next year you will notice that menu will change to a more healthy one for all, not just the students (sorry kids no more hotdogs - maybe on special days) and will change seasonally from term to term. Keep your eye out for the new menu, which will be coming home in your school bags really soon! Or if you prefer, the menu will also be available on line. So when you are walking though the school, pop your head in at the canteen and say Hi to the new look Canteen/Uniform Shop Team.

So, once again Happy New year to all and let’s hope 2013 is a good one.

Thanks,  
Phil Harland  
President P&C

**Important Notices**

**Thank you Linda, Elise and Amanda**

The time has come to say good bye to one of the most successful team of volunteers this school community has ever seen. Linda Willer, Elise Day and Amanda Cashion, aka the Uniform Shop team, have decided to hand over the reigns to the next generation.

You will still see Amanda and Elise around our community but sadly Linda is moving into the world of high school.

Thank you ladies for your tireless donation of time and love to run the Uniform Shop in a friendly, professional manner; while turning it into a very successful fundraising operation for our school. We are especially grateful that you all stayed on to fulfill P&Cs obligations last week and this week to direct Chris.

Please take pride in knowing you have ensured our children are geared to wear their uniform with pride ultimately adding to the great reputation our school community currently holds.

Best of luck with your future endeavours.  
P&C executive

**Welcome Christine!**

Your P&C are pleased to introduce to you to Christine Austin (or Chris as she prefers), our new Canteen and Uniform Shop Coordinator.

We are very excited to have Chris join our school community. She brings with her a wealth of experience that she will use to continue the great service you are accustomed to from our uniform shop, while adding her professional skills as a cafe owner to help us in our efforts to have a nutritious and yummy canteen for our children.

Chris started in week one along with our children, you will find her in the uniform shop on Tuesdays, and the canteen on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

With Chris on board we are looking forward to an exciting year of activity in the canteen and uniform shop!

Thank you,  
Canteen and Uniform shop committee
Meet Chris

Hello Point Clare parents, teachers and students,

My name is Christine (Chris) Austin and I am very happy to be commencing the 2013 school year as the new coordinator of the Canteen and Uniform Shop.

I have lived in Point Clare with my family for about 25 years and I am thrilled that I can now work in my local community.

My husband, Ray, and I have just sold our cafe in Mann Street Gosford (Indigo Brew Cafe) – maybe some of you have had a coffee there. We owned it for just over 4 years. Previously I have worked in health, disability and aged care in information & administrative roles. I am also a librarian by profession but have not worked as one for a while. Working alongside our chef gave me an enthusiasm for tasty, fresh, simple food. I hope this and my admin experience will enable me to do a good job for the school community.

I look forward to meeting the students, teachers and current volunteer workers and I hope to meet many new parents when you rush to join us in the canteen and uniform shop!

Thank you,
Chris Austin,
Canteen and Uniform Shop Coordinator


The canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

This Thursday February 7 is the School Swimming Carnival, so it a great day for any k-2 students wanting to make a visit to the canteen. With the older kids away swimming, it is a great opportunity for first time visitors to Pop in and pick up a fruit cup or a vege stick bag for $1 :)”

Uniform Shop:


Now OPEN every TUES 8.30 – 9.30am or via order forms.

Volunteers needed!

If you would like to help out in the uniform shop please come and chat to Chris.

School Banking

Welcome back to School Banking for another year.

This year, school banking will be on a Wednesday.

Banking begins on Wednesday 6th February.

Everyone is welcome to join.

Information packs regarding school banking will be sent home shortly with each child. These will include information on how to join school banking and about the rewards available for this year.

Information about school banking can also be found on the school’s website and the Commonwealth Bank School Banking pages:


Happy saving! We look forward to working with you to achieve your savings goals.

Liz, Odette & Robyn
School Banking Team.

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