Parents Beware:

Instagram & Kik Messenger Are A Dangerous Combination & What Social Dangers to Check For

Over the last 6 months we have had students who have had bad experiences with the phone app called Kik. Following is an extract from an article which can be found in full at: http://www.hightechdad.com/2012/07/02/parents-beware-instagram-kik-messenger-are-a-dangerous-combination-what-social-dangers-to-check-for/

Please, if you are parents, take an active role in the online activities of your children. Show them that you care for them and love them by getting involved.

Here are some online safety tips that parents should think about:

1. Privacy on Instagram – While Instagram has some privacy settings, there aren’t that many. You can block users and you can make your pictures/account private. They don’t seem to enforce a 13 and over age group when signing up. So, be sure that you set your child’s profile to “private” meaning that only people who are allowed can see photos that are posted.

2. Only allow followers that you know – this is true with any social media service. I have made a rule with my kids that they can only allow people that they know to follow them on Instagram. It’s a bit more difficult if the profile is public.

3. Do NOT allow Kik – It is private, it is un-regulated, it does not have privacy controls or parental controls. From what I can tell on it, having played with it on my kid’s iPhone (prior to me deleting it), is that it merely accesses your contacts and allows you to know who of your contacts are using it as well. You can block users but there is no auditing of accounts nor linking to other social network profiles (which might actually be a better way to ensure the authenticity of a user).

4. Censor photos – I recommend not letting your child post pictures of themselves. Try to restrict posts to pets or objects or non-identifiable items. When photos of kids are posted, you are potentially exposing kids to strangers peeping into their lives.

5. Turn off Location/Geo-tagging of photos – it’s better to be safe than sorry. Most smartphones now tag each photo with geo-location data. While cool to see where photos are taken, many times the uploaded photos still contain that geo-specific information. Turn that feature off!

Have a Safe and Happy Easter Break

For the first time in many years, the Easter Break falls outside the school holidays. We would like to wish our community a safe and happy Easter. Please be safe on the roads and around water. We look forward to the final two weeks of Term after the short break.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

As ANZAC Day falls in the school holidays, the school will hold its ceremony on Thursday 11th April at approx. 10:30am.

School Zone Safety

A reminder to parents about the operation of school speed zones around the Easter holidays. School zones exist for the safety of children and families; they will operate on Thursday 29th March, and resume on Tuesday 2nd April. Forty kilometres and hour school speed zones operate across NSW at all school sites on gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.


David Harris
Principal
Sports News...

K-2 Gymnastics

Our K-2 Gymnastics program is drawing to a close and what a wonderful opportunity it has been for our children. Many thanks to Maryanne and Donna who have provided such a motivating fun filled program. As always parents are invited to watch their child / children “in action”. Please note the following days and times:

Next Wednesday 3rd April in the school hall:
1R – 1:55 – 2:25 & 2A 2:25pm – 2:55pm

All other K-2 classes are on Thursday 11th April (8 days later) in the school hall. Please see the timetable:
8:55am 1H
9:25am KL
9:55am KA
10:25am 2E
11:20am K/1R
11:50am KC
12:20pm 1T
1:55pm KMC
2:25pm 2FN

Boys Cricket Report

Last Thursday the school cricket team travelled to McEvoy Oval to play Umina Public School in the PSSA knockout. It was an exciting and extremely close match and although the boys didn’t win, they were in with a chance right up to the last few overs of the match. After losing the toss and sent into bat Point Clare were all out for 48 runs. Mitchell Wood top scored with 17 runs with Jack Hunter and Alex Shedden also contributing with the bat.

Mitchell Wood and Sam Lappan opened the bowling with such accuracy and speed that after their allowed 3 overs each Umina was 6 wickets for 6 runs. It was a fantastic performance from both boys. After 21 overs Umina were 9 wickets for 44 runs thanks to wickets by Jacob Lenton, George Parris and Nathan Kop. With 3 overs to go, Umina on 9 wickets for 49 runs had passed our total and won the match. A special mention must go to Senjay Turner who did a fantastic job in the wicket keeping position. Led outstandingly by Mitchell Wood, the boys played as a team and I’m extremely proud of the way they represented our school. At the end of the game Mr Murphy from Umina P.S. congratulated the boys on their sportsmanship and the positive attitude they had displayed throughout the match. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Damien Hurd, a former Point Clare student, for his help at training sessions and for being our scorer on the day. The support from our parents who provided shade, drinks and cheering was greatly appreciated. Well done to all the boys in the team.

Steve Rayner – Co-ordinator

Important Dates

Week 9
Tuesday 26th K-2 Easter Hat Parade 11.30am
P&C Easter Raffle drawn

Wednesday 27th Gymnastics 1R & 2A

Thursday 28th Gymnastics KA, KC, KL, KMC, K/1R, 1H, 1T, 2E & 2FN

Friday 29th Good Friday

Week 10
Monday 1st Easter Monday
Tuesday 2nd International Kids Book Day

Wednesday 3 Gymnastics 1R & 2A – Parents invited to watch

Thursday 4 Gymnastics KA, KC, KL, KMC, K/1R, 1H, 1T, 2E & 2FN

Note: Term 2 commences Wednesday 1st May

Reminder - School Returns on Wednesday 1st May
School does not return until Wednesday 1st May 2013 after the holidays because the Government has added a second School Development Day to assist schools in implementing the New National Curriculum.

Bulk Payments will be accepted after the advised date of Thursday 14th March, this is due to the late notice given.

You Can Do It!
Week 8 Winners

Infants
Golden Ticket- Eli (KC) Organisation
Iceblocks- Lachlan (1R) Organisation
Eoin (KC) Getting Along
Riley (1H) Persistence

Primary
Golden Ticket- Maddy H (3/4B) Getting Along
Iceblocks- Maddison (3/4B) Getting Along
Greg (3LA) Persistence
Ella M (3/4B) Confidence

Congratulations to all the winners!

School Swimming Champions
Harmony Day Recount by 1H

Last Friday, 22nd March, everybody in the whole school took part in our Multicultural Harmony Day.

Firstly, Stage One went to the amphitheatre for the Rhythm of Africa performance.

Secondly, we went to the hall COLA for Hip Hop.

Next, we went under the COLA and saw a man and lady from Germany who taught us Tirol dancing.

Afterwards, we had a special healthy canteen lunch.

Following lunch, we got together under the COLA for a very fun Azadoota performance. We all liked getting up and dancing to the world music.

Finally, we went to the Brazilian Capoeira show in the hall. Helena and Zoe really liked the Bollywood dancing. Neve enjoyed the Hip Hop dancing the most. Belle loved doing the German dancing.

We all thought it was amazing and would love to do it again one day. It was lots of fun and one of the best school days we’ve ever had.

By 1H

Harmony Day Raffle Winners
Mitchell Wood & Thomas McCarthy

Community News...

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Benefit Night for Nicole Gribble

A benefit is being organised for Nicole Gribble who has recently been diagnosed with bowel cancer.

Venue: Everglades Country Club Auditorium
Date: Friday 10th May, 2013 from 6pm
If anyone would like to donate towards the event or would like to attend please contact Shaun Duggan on 0409 423448.

Gosford Regional Show – Kids Product Section 4th & 5th May

Children can enter produce that they have grown at home or at school. There will also be a baking section for children who love to cook. For more information see our website www.gosfordregionalshow.com.au

Natural Backyard Food Garden?

We can build you a natural garden filled with fruit trees, herbs, vegies and natives using Natural Farming principles so you and your family can have fresh, healthy organic produce all year round, saving you money, food miles, time and energy. We will show you how!
No chemicals, no pesticides, no fertiliser: totally safe, natural and nutritious!
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Equilibrium Edible School Garden Program
Building Edible School Gardens on the Coast for a healthy future for our kids. equilibrium.net.au

Healthy • Active • Happy • Kids

Do you have children 7 – 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight? Go4fun runs 10 weeks during school term. Sessions are run twice a week for two hours after school.

Registrations are now open for Term 2, 2013 Go4Fun programs. Programs commence 29th April. Phone 43947974 or Freecall 1800780900.

Where? Gosford Olympic Pool, Peninsula Leisure Centre and Mingara Recreational Club www.mendcentral.org/go4fun

Voluntary Contribution

It’s not too late to make your Voluntary Contribution. Payment is voluntary – funds collected are allocated to projects across the school. $35 per students or $50 per family
Thank you for your support of our school.

Point Clare Voluntary Contribution – 2013

Payment of $ _________ enclosed.

Students Name ___________________________ Class _________

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THE ROBOT TIMES

ROBOTS ON THE MOVE

The students of 3/4B and 5/6W were lucky enough to have experienced an amazing encounter with the future.

On Monday our presenter, Matt brought along some computers, thousands of Lego pieces, electronic components, and together they made a robot. How you ask? Well you’re about to find out.

Eight teams had 60 minutes to create a car/robot that could drive around the Panorama Track, but it’s not as easy as you think.

*Firstly we had to read a lot of instructions and try to find out which pieces went where and I think that both classes could agree that the rivets that held everything together were a real problem.

*Secondly we had to make sure that the computer program was right and when I say the computer program, I mean how do you think it would get around the track? For the program you need a USB, a computer, the program sheet, and a car/robot. Then you use the program sheet to help determine what speed it will be and also whether it can go left or right.

After that, we had to give it a test run to see if it needed any improvements on the structure or on the program. Then it was time to race!

We competed against different teams in the class for two rounds and then we were informed that there was to be a 2nd challenge.

CHALLENGE NUMBER 2

Challenge number two consisted of a different computer program and a different structure.

Once again, we had to pull more rivets out and alter the structure, but luckily no instructions were needed. Basically, we had to add a flat piece of Lego on the front of the car/robot so that when it moved, it pushed items in its way, aside.

In addition, the computer program had to be changed so that the vehicle could go back and forth.

We were put back on the Panorama Track and items were placed in front of the vehicles. We were then timed to see how many items we could move in 2 minutes. Pretty soon they were gone. So you could say challenge two was a success.

Article by Katie Lewis

5/6W
P & C Sub-Committee Position Updates:

POSITIONS VACANT:
There are still a number of vacancies:

- Fundraising Committee Members
- Environment Committee Members

Remember volunteering is a great way to find out more about what is going on at the school and also your kids love it when you are there.

Also, if you are unable to attend a P & C Meeting and have any suggestions or feedback, please e-mail us at: PCSPnC@gmail.com.

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Katherine Golden
P & C Secretary

Canteen:

OPENING HOURS: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The Canteen Special Green Lunch for Harmony day was a great success! Students enjoyed our healthy lunches while also getting a taste of Japanese and Italian cuisine. This day wouldn’t have been possible without the hard work of Chris and her fabulous volunteers who managed to send out 262 canteen made meals! Congratulations and a very big Thank you go to Chris and all those who gave up their time for this Green Food lunch day.

Canteen & Uniform Shop Sub-Committee

A Message from Chris
I would like to thank Nicole and the wonderful volunteers who helped make Harmony Day “Green Lunch” a success.

The Wednesday and Thursday Canteen volunteers did such a lot of behind the scenes work which helped make Friday go smoothly.

The Friday team did a fantastic job assembling, labelling and distributing over 200 meals and drinks.

The distribution to classes was carried out by year six students so a big thanks to them as well.

It was certainly a joyous and harmonious day with lots of laughter, music and dancing.

I am happy I was a part of it.

Chris Austin from the Canteen

Uniform Shop:
OPENING HOURS: Tues 8.30-9.30am

School Banking
In week 8, we congratulate 1T, who had 7 students participating in school banking. Well done!

Please note that any rewards redeemed in weeks 9 and 10 may not arrive before school holidays. Of course, we will do our very best to get your rewards to you before then. Samples of available rewards are on display outside the office.

Each reward is worth 10 silver tokens. To redeem a reward, complete the rewards card for that item and include it, along with 10 tokens, in your yellow wallet. If you don’t have a rewards card, we can get one to you, or you can simply write a note for which item you’d like. This term, available rewards are:

- Dollarmite character money boxes
- Wallet
- Handball
- Knuckles game


If you have any questions about banking, please don’t hesitate to contact Liz on 0411 497 567 or lizpost@tpg.com.au.

Happy Saving!

Liz, Odette & Robyn
School Banking Team

POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C WISHES
EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE EASTER BREAK!

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.
Driving and parking safely near the school

- School opening and closing times are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school. Drivers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all children.

- Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on each gazetted school day.

- Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.

- Observe all parking signs – they are planned with children’s safety in mind. Fines and demerit points apply if you park illegally.

- NEVER double park – it puts children at risk.

- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Minimum fines and loss of demerit points for exceeding the 40km/h speed limit in an operating school zone

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*These values are higher for provisional drivers and are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods.

An extract from the RTA’s Road Safety Issues Around Schools, 2011

An initiative of the Point Clare Public School Council’s Traffic Management & Road Safety Committee