A Heartfelt Thank You To Our Wonderful Community

Last Friday the community rallied around the World’s Greatest Shave event to raise important funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. With local radio station STAR104.5FM in attendance, hundreds of people and students joined in the festivities to support this great cause. Many thanks must go to Mrs Rivers, our hairdresser, and of course our brave staff members who had their heads shaved to help raise funds. Mr McNeill, Mr Cashman, Mr Thorsby, Mr Booth, Mr Rayner and Mr Harris sacrificed their valued locks as we raised more than $2500. Will, Kye and Kevin - three brave students also had their hair shaved as well. The feeling and spirit on Friday was fantastic and the morning was enjoyed by those in attendance.

Zone Swimming Carnival

Many of our students did us proud as they competed at the zone swimming carnival yesterday. Congratulations to all those students and especially to those students that have made it through to the Regional Carnival to be held on Monday 18th March at the Sydney Aquatic Centre, Homebush.

P & C Mufti Day & Easter Egg Collection

Just a reminder that this Friday the P & C are holding their annual Easter egg collection day in conjunction with a “sport” themed Mufti Day. Students are asked to come to school wearing their favourite sporting colours and clothes. We ask that one Easter treat per family be brought in on the day.

David Harris
Principal

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Bulk Payments will be accepted after the advised due date of Thursday 14th March due to the late notice given, however payment for Harmony Day is required by 14th March.

Sports News

Congratulations to James Rigas who was selected in the Central Coast AFL team to contest for selection in the Sydney North team later this month. Mitchell Wood was also successful in being selected in the Central Coast boy’s cricket team and will try out for selection in the Sydney North team later this month. Good luck boys. Steve Rayner.
Volunteers Needed!
At Point Clare Public School we aim to offer children a wide variety of extra-curricular programs and opportunities to develop and showcase their many talents. Are there any interested parents or community members who have some spare time to volunteer to lead a guitar group at school during a lunch time or before school once a week? We have many children learning a musical instrument, especially guitar and it would be fantastic to be able to offer these children the opportunity to perform together at various school functions. If you are interested and available, please contact the school office to leave your details or see me.

Thank You!
Jenny Ricketts – Stage 3 Co-ordinator.

School Photographers
Outstanding payments for school photographs are to be directed to the School Photographer via their on line payment system at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au. The school can no longer accept payments. If you made payment on-line but did not include the 6 digit order number on the payment envelope, please phone 9674 9824 to advise the photographers of this order number.

You Can Do It!

Week 5 Winners
Infants
Marley Paul (KMC) Golden ticket - Getting Along

Iceblock winners
Kai (1R) - Getting Along
Kaylab (2E) - Organisation
Jorja (2E) - Organisation

Primary
Louise Sanders (5/6W) Golden ticket - Getting Along

Iceblock winners
Imogen (5B) - Getting Along
Tom (6R) - Organisation
Michael (4/5C) - Confidence

Week 6 Winners
Infants
Arkady Argent (KL) Golden ticket - Persistence

Iceblock winners
Tegan K (2A) - Getting Along
Ashur (KA) - Organisation
Bailey (K/1R) - Organisation

Primary
Brandon Wilmett (4/5C) Golden ticket -

Iceblock winners
Tegan (5/6W) - Organisation
Dannen (3LA) - Resilience
Oscar (5/6W) – Getting Along

Congratulations to all the winners!

Book Club
Orders are due back by Wednesday 20th March. No late orders will be accepted.

Chicken Pox
Please note – a case of chicken pox has been reported. The following information may be useful.

Time from exposure to illness – 2 to 3 weeks.

Symptoms – Slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab. Can be more severe in pregnant women and newborns.

Do I need to keep my child home? – Yes, for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.

An Exciting Achievement – News from 5/6W
My class teacher, Mrs. Wilson, signed my class up for a maths competition called "Sumdog." "Sumdog" is a maths site where you can play games, edit your avatar and boost your maths knowledge. I highly recommend it. Recently "Sumdog" held a competition throughout Australia. The aim was to answer 1000 questions as accurately as possible. The number you correctly answered became your score in the competition. The student leader board showed the students who had the top 10 scores throughout the week long competition. If you received the same score as a player on the student leader board, "Sumdog" ranked you by your time. On Monday the 4th of March, I completed my 1000 questions and scored 988, which gave me 1st position on the student leader board. I held onto that title all throughout that nail biting week. The competition ended at 8:00pm on Thursday the 7th of March. As the competition was ending; my Mother was watching the clock count down! I was still coming first. I started to help clean up from movie night when my Mum burst straight through the door and notified me that I had won. Jumping with joy I was screaming out that I was victorious in the competition! Quickly I informed Mrs Wilson and Mr Harris of my win. As I arrived home I was so ecstatic I could barely sleep. Finally, I fell asleep content after a momentous day.

Louise Sanders

Congratulations are extended to Louise for her wonderful achievement! We are all very proud of her 1st position. Our school achieved an excellent 9th ranking overall due to the wonderful results from all the children who had a go in this competition.

Judy Wilson (Teacher)

Movie Night Success
Fantastic Fundraising Effort!
Congratulations must go to our hardworking 5/6 students who worked together organising the Movie Night to raise an outstanding $2,200 towards rebuilding a preschool in a Vietnamese remote rural community. A huge thank you to all the parents and children who helped to support this event.

5/6W. 5/6A and ChildFund.org
Environmental Education News Composting

Each classroom now has their own compost bucket for the collection of fruit and vegetable scraps during Crunch & Sip “Fruito” breaks. Our aim is to reduce the amount of food waste that is disposed of in general waste bins. Rather than sending food scraps to landfill, our goal is to recycle our food waste by turning it into compost and using this organic matter as a natural fertiliser on our school gardens. In this way, what once grew from the earth is returned to the earth to assist new growth. Composting is an environmentally friendly practice as it reduces the amount of methane gas that is released into the atmosphere from rotten garbage at rubbish tips.

We also feed some of our “Fruito” scraps to the worms… they love the leftover apple cores from apple slinkies! Worms don’t like citrus peel or onions though… they spit those straight out! Worms are wonderful friends of our gardens. We collect the “worm tea” and add this to our watering cans when watering the gardens as a nutritious drink for our plants. School composting is a way for our children to learn about the food chain and better understand where our food comes from. It can help them better understand the benefits of eating fresh foods for our own personal health and the health of the planet.

Ingrid Hasler - Environmental Education Coordinator

Environmental Fundraiser

Do you have any old mobile phones lying around the house?

We are collecting unwanted mobile phones to raise money & help our environment.

Our school will receive $5 for each phone received working, or not working.

Please send any old mobile phones lying around the house to school with your child. Also, talk to your friends, colleagues, neighbours and other family members and encourage them to clean out that bottom drawer and finally get rid of the old phones that have been doing nothing but collecting dust.

www.australianmobilerecycling.com.au

HENRY KENDALL HIGH SCHOOL – TID BITS…..

Young Achievers Program 2014

Applications are now being taken for the Year 7 Young Achievers Program in 2014. This is an amazing opportunity for students as they enter secondary school. Our Young Achiever Program (YAP) is designed to:

- Identify highly motivated and independent students, providing a learning environment in which a love of learning is fostered.
- Develop collaborative and independent learning skills, in an environment that promotes academic excellence.
- Extend and enrich the learning of students through the innovative delivery of curriculum.
- Foster the development of quality teaching and learning programs that are designed collaboratively by participating teachers. A focus of the program is the development of special interest projects that engage students, develop high order thinking skills and make meaningful links between subject areas.
- Develop skills and aptitudes that will lead to continued academic success at HKHS.
- Provide on-going opportunities to explore each child’s unique skills and interests.

Applications close on 22 March 2013

Please contact Donna Loveridge (Deputy Principal) or Mark Macdonald (Head Teacher T&L and YAP Coordinator) for further information about this innovative Year 7 option in 2014, or collect a pack from Point Clare School office.

THE NSW PREMIER’S ANZAC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2013

Congratulations to Tahmyna Khoshnoud-Rad (previously of Point Clare Public School) who has been announced as one of the 2013 Premier’s ANZAC Memorial Scholars. The scholarship program has the purpose of ensuring that the Gallipoli story remains a living part of Australian history. Twenty scholarships will be awarded for 2013 to students enrolled in government or non-government schools who have a strong interest in the ANZAC tradition.

Tahmyna will be travelling to South Korea during the July school holidays and will be following in the footsteps of three other Henry Kendall High School students who have also visited Australian battlefields in Europe, Vietnam and South Korea as proud recipients of this scholarship. Students have also been given the opportunity to apply for the Kokoda Youth Challenge and our nominee will be given the opportunity to be sponsored by Gosford RSL.

BE QUICK - BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW TO BE IN THE DRAW TO WIN:

1st Prize: ACER ICONIA Android Tablet

2nd Prize: Wacom Bamboo Creative Pen & Touch Drawing Pad!

Ticket Cost: $2 each or 3 for $5

The money raised from this raffle will be used to complete our Reconciliation Bush Tucker Sensory Garden. Through Harmony Day lessons this year we are encouraging all students to “get along” with their environment, as well as others around them.

The raffle will be drawn during our Multicultural All Day Program on Friday, 22nd March.

Please return all sold tickets and money in an envelope to your child’s class teacher before this date. Additional raffle ticket books are available - please see Ms Hasler

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Edible Garden Update
It is full steam ahead with the new edible garden program at Point Clare Public School! Week One and the Equilibrium Land & Conservation Management trainees are loving life!

Not only are they learning in theory about natural farming, horticulture, gardening, landscaping and modern environmental solutions, but they are actively designing and constructing incredible natural gardens right here in our school grounds. Gardens that will be full of native and exotic edible and medicinal plant varieties for our students to nurture, harvest and consume!

These food forest havens will be extraordinary areas where our students can develop their knowledge, appreciation and respect for living sustainably in harmony with the land. Through fresh food production, our students will also learn about healthy lifestyle choices, nutrition and wellbeing.

Equilibrium Future Solutions course coordinators, Ian Sutton and Kiam Robertson, are thrilled with the great work ethic and enthusiasm of all course participants who in the space of just three days have already ploughed through so much work! They are all thoroughly enjoying the course so far and have been very productive!

The whole school is very grateful for the vast improvements they are making to our natural school environment. The basic principles of Natural Gardening will be drawn upon throughout the construction of our gardens. All gardens will be custom designed and made by hand to become self-irrigating, self-sustaining food forests. No chemicals or fertilizers will be used at any time.

Community News...

Natural Backyard Food Garden?
We can build you a natural garden filled with fruit trees, herbs, veggies 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 fertilisers...
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

Art/Craft Exhibition
Sunday 17th March, 2013 from 9.30 am – 3.00 pm
Mount Penang Parklands
Live Music and Dance, Childrens Activities, Stalls Carnival Rides, Art Expo and more!

Handmade Craft ‘Easter’ Market
Saturday, 30th March, 9.30AM – 2.30PM
Bridgecoast Stadium
Duffys Road, Terrigal

Coastal Valleys Region
Girl Guides invite you to Come and Try Guides!
At your local Girl Guide unit
For girls aged 7-18 years
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities: games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events
For information on the location and available meetings in your area
Please email coastalvalleysgirlguides@live.com.au or call 1300447548
Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides
HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW ..
March P & C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 March 2013 at 7.30pm.

P & C Sub-Committee Position Updates:

POSITIONS VACANT:
There are still a number of vacancies:

- Fundraising Committee Members
- Environment Committee Members

Remember, all are welcome, so come along to a meeting to find out more about how you can become involved

Katherine Golden
P & C Secretary

Fundraising:

MUFTI DAY for our ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE
Friday 15th March

REMEMBER EVERYONE! It’s almost time for our highly anticipated ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE!

This year our Easter Raffle Fundraiser will be combined with a Mufti Day.

The theme is “Sport”, so on Friday 15 March come dressed in your favourite sporting team colours and join the fun!

Please bring in one Easter egg or Easter novelty item per family to donate for our annual Easter Basket raffle which will be drawn on the same day as the school annual Easter Hat Parade.

Raffle tickets will be coming home on Tuesday 19 March, so keep your eyes’ peeled.

Fundraising Committee
Jo Monaghan, Kayla McNeill, Angela Mitchell, Jenny Watt

Canteen:


OPENING HOURS: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The canteen is joining the Harmony Day celebrations on Friday 22 March by offering Japanese and Italian themed Lunch Packs.

$5 Lunch Packs

Lunch packs include food and a drink:

1. select food from our Japanese Sushi options or Italian Pasta options, and
2. choose either a flavoured milk or water to go with it.

Green Food days aim to promote our healthiest food choices to our kids. All food options are canteen made and are very yummy!

We’d love to see everyone taking advantage of these Green Lunch Pack and so we will be rewarding the students from the class with the most participation by giving each student a reusable TNT ice block holder- no more frozen fingers!

An order form was sent home yesterday, if you missed it you can grab one at the canteen.

All order forms are due back to the Canteen this Friday 15th March.

Canteen & Uniform Shop Sub-Committee

Uniform Shop:

OPENING HOURS: Tues 8.30-9.30am

Always remember to label your child’s uniform- this will ensure it finds its way back to your child if they misplace it.

Uniform shop is open every Tuesday 8.30 - 9.30am. If you can’t make it at this time you can leave an order at the school office and we will deliver your order to your child in their class.

New volunteers are always welcome! Fill out a volunteer interest form today :) 

Canteen & Uniform shop sub-committee

Harmony Day GREEN FOOD special lunch