Celebrate Harmony Day This Friday

This Friday we celebrate Harmony Day with a full school activity with fantastic group Cultural Infusion. The Canteen is also holding a special day (orders closed last Friday). Please encourage your child to wear something orange on the day. Harmony Day 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Cultural Infusion will introduce students to dance and cultural information from around the world. This will be very educational and enjoyable for the students.

Meat Free Week
What is Meat Free Week all about?
Don’t worry … it’s not about becoming a vegetarian or giving up meat for life. All we’re asking is that you give up meat for one week from the 18th to 24th March and ask some buddies (friends, family, work colleagues) to sponsor you for each day you go without.
Why would we ask you to do this? Simply because we would love you to think about the amount of meat you eat and most importantly, where that meat comes from. Visit https://meatfreeweek.com/ for more information.

Reminder - School Returns after the holidays on Wed 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.

Junior Boys Relay Team

PI Day
Last Thursday the 14th of March was PI Day. PI Day is celebrated on March 14th (3/14) around the world. PI (Greek letter “π”) is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant — the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter — which is approximately 3.14159. PI has been calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point. As an irrational and transcendental number, it will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern. While only a handful of digits are needed for typical calculations, PI’s infinite nature makes it a fun challenge to memorize, and to computationally calculate more and more digits.

Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle
Tuesday 26th March is the big day for students in K-2. So, get ready to make a great hat and buy lots of tickets in our Monster P&C Easter Raffle.....IT’s HUGE!

David Harris
Principal

Important Dates

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Note: Term 2 commences Wednesday 1st May

Bulk Payments will be accepted after the advised date of Thursday 14th March, this is due to the late notice given.
Sports News...
Congratulations to Paris Blair on her selection in the Brisbane Water PSSA girls’ soccer squad. Paris’ next round of selections for the Sydney North team will take place on the 5th April. Good Luck Paris!

Zone Soccer Trials
Congratulations to Mitchell Wood, Sam Lappan and Miles Burford on their selection in the Brisbane Water Zone Soccer Team. The boys will play Southern Central Coast PSSA team this Friday at Chertsey Public School. Good luck boys!

Zone Swimming Carnival Report
The Zone Swimming Carnival was held on Monday 11th March at Peninsula Leisure Centre and our school was represented by 27 swimmers. The children had a very enjoyable day and for many children it was their first time representing the school. Point Clare finished 2nd in the overall point score, Lisarow P.S. was the winning school. 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 first competition in the Brisbane Water Zone. We are now competing against a completely different line up of schools. 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 1st 10yrs 50m Freestyle, 1st Jnr Backstroke, 1st Jnr Butterfly.
Taylem Barnard 1st Open 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Freestyle, 1st 50m Breaststroke, 2nd 50m Backstroke.
Skye Regan 2nd 9yrs 50m Freestyle, 3rd Jnr Backstroke
Mia Foskett 3rd 8yrs 50m Freestyle.
Jessica Rivers 3rd Jnr Breaststroke, 3rd Jnr Butterfly.
Damien Muspratt 3rd 11yrs Breaststroke
Oscar Tebbutt 3rd 12yrs Breaststroke
Alex Shedden 3rd 11yrs Butterfly.
Junior Boys Relay 1st (Tim Cuthbert, Jack Hunter, Bayley Richards, Ben Waller)
Junior Girls Relay 2nd (Skye Regan, Jessica Rivers, Ellanor Meese, Natasha Grimley)
Senior Boys Relay 1st (Cooper Boelhouwer, Karl Suczynski, Oscar Tebbutt, Sam Lappan)

The 3 relay teams and Tim Cuthbert, Taylem Barnard, Skye Regan and Mia Foskett represented the Brisbane Water Zone at the Sydney North Carnival held at Homebush Olympic Pool. 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 - Swimming Organiser

You Can Do It!
Week 7 Winners
Infants
Golden ticket – Isabelle (K/1R) Resilience
Iceblock winners
Gemma (KA) Persistence
Paul (1H) Confidence
Jorja (1H) Resilience

Primary
Golden ticket – Sasha (4M) Organisation
Iceblock winners
Paris (6R) Resilience
Frances (6R) Resilience
Jason T (3/4R) Persistence

Congratulations to all the winners!

LAST CHANCE!
HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS IN THE HARMONY RAFFLE YET?
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.

Please return all sold tickets and money in an envelope to your child’s class teacher before Friday.

Community News...
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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

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.
Safety around school buses

- There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is picking up or setting down school children.

- This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.

- The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear ‘wig-wag’ lights on the bus flash.

- Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.

- A fine and the loss of demerit points will apply for failing to observe the 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus when the ‘wig-wag’ lights are showing.

- If you park illegally in a bus zone, there is a minimum fine of $258 and the loss of 2 demerit points.

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
Message from the President

Hi Everyone at P.C.P.S

Already the first term is nearly over and everyone seems to have settled in.

Chris in the canteen/uniform store has hit the ground running and from all reports doing an excellent job. Thanks to Chris and to everyone for making her feel welcome.

Planning has now begun for the sports shed with the money raised from last year’s walkathon; we’ll need it for all the new equipment that has arrived. Sorry for the delay but it was due to the new classroom which had to go somewhere and we couldn’t do much until that was put in place.

As we continue to work through the plans and wishes for the school I would just like to thank all who gives their time so the kids can have a better and more exciting learning environment.

When I think of the changes that have happened over the years and how the education of students has changed from pencils and books to computers and white boards, I can appreciate the work that goes on behind the scenes.

So to everybody out there have a safe and happy Easter break and school holidays and see you in the new term.

I invite you all to come along to a P&C meeting or volunteer in some way and see how well your kids are doing at school,

Thanks Phil Harland

P & C Sub-Committee Position Updates:

POSITIONS VACANT:

Fundraising Committee Members
Environment Committee Members

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

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Katherine Golden - P & C Secretary

Fundraising:

2013 ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE

A big thankyou to all who donated items for our Annual Easter Raffle and participated in the Mufti Day on Friday. By all accounts a great deal of fun was had by all.

Our annual Easter Basket raffle will be drawn on the same day as the school annual Easter Hat Parade.

Remember to check your school bags for Raffle Tickets coming home today, Tuesday 19 March.

Thankyou,
Jo, Kayla, Angela and Jenny - Fundraising Committee

Canteen:


OPENING HOURS: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Harmony Day GREEN FOOD special lunch

We are looking forward to our Harmony Day Green Special Lunch this Friday. Thank you to everyone who got their orders in last Friday.

We’ve had a great response to the Green Lunch Day and we thank all families who have helped promoting these healthy meals by putting in an order.

It’s a great opportunity to back up the healthy nutrition that our kids are leaning about in the classroom and for our kids to see that healthy can be yummy too!

Once again:
Thank you for your support.

Canteen & Uniform Shop Sub-Committee

Uniform Shop:

OPENING HOURS: Tues 8.30-9.30am


Canteen & Uniform shop sub-committee

School Banking


We are pleased to see so many of you continuing with school banking. As an incentive, we will be announcing the class with the highest number of bankers each week. Beginning last week (week 6), we congratulate KMC, who had 8 students participating in banking. For a Kindergarten class, this represents nearly half of the class! Well done!

There are some great rewards available, samples of which are on display outside the office. Once you have earned 10 tokens, simply send them in along with the reward card for the prize of your choice.

It’s never too late to join school banking. Further information can be found on the school’s website and also on the Commonwealth Bank website


If you have any questions regarding banking, please don’t hesitate to contact Liz on 0411497567 or lizpost@tpg.com.au

Happy Saving!

Happy Banking

Liz, Odette & Robyn - School Banking Team