World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2013

The sixth annual World Autism Awareness Day is April 2, 2013. Every year, autism organizations around the world celebrate the day with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events. Our school has a number of students diagnosed with ASD and we strive to provide effective learning and social programs to meet their needs.

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and autism are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviours. They include autistic disorder, Rett syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS) and Asperger syndrome. With the May 2013 publication of the new DSM-5 diagnostic manual, these autism subtypes will be merged into one umbrella diagnosis of ASD. ASD can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention and physical health issues such as sleep and gastrointestinal disturbances. Some persons with ASD excel in visual skills, music, math and art. Autism appears to have its roots in very early brain development. However, the most obvious signs of autism and symptoms of autism tend to emerge between 2 and 3 years of age.

The western sails of the Sydney Opera House will turn blue for World Autism Awareness Day at approximately 7.45pm on Tuesday, 2nd April 2013.

Cyber-Bullying Forum

As part of upcoming Youth Week “5th - 14th April”, our Brisbane Water LAC (Local Area Command) School Liaison Officer and Youth Liaison Officers are going to be running a “Cyber Awareness Forum” for parents of primary and secondary school students at the Erina Youth Centre, Friday 5th April 6.30pm-8pm.

The aim of the forum is to supply parents with practical information on “Cyber Bullying” and the steps to take to protect your children.

This is a great opportunity for parents to gain valuable information on the effects of “Cyber Bullying”, resources that are available to young people experiencing bullying and where to seek help.

Booking can be made via our Youth Liaison Office on 43235514 or via email on: bwadmin@police.nsw.gov.au

Easter Raffle

Thanks to Jo Monaghan and her team for organising the Annual Easter Raffle. This is a major fundraiser for the school and through family Easter Egg donations we had more than 60 prizes this year! The raffle raised approximately $1700.00.

International Children's Book Day

Is a yearly event sponsored by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), an international non-profit organization. Founded in 1967, the day is observed on or around Hans Christian Andersen's birthday, April 2. Activities include writing competitions, announcements of book awards and events with authors of children’s literature.

David Harris
Principal

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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:

This Wednesday 3rd April in the school hall (final day for these two groups):

1R – 1:55 – 2:25 & 2A 2:25pm – 2:55pm

All other K-2 classes are on Thursday 11th April (Week 11) in the school hall.

- 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

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.

You Can Do It!

Week 9 Winners

Infants-
Golden ticket- Max 2E Organisation
Iceblocks- Chris 2E Organisation
Wil 1H Organisation
Iona 1R Organisation

Primary-
Golden ticket- Bayley 3/4R Organisation
Iceblocks- Ella 4M Getting Along
Brooke 4/5C Getting Along
Byron 5/6A Persistence

Congratulations to all the winners!

Community News...

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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 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

April School Holiday Tennis Camp

Venue: Umina Tennis Courts
Days: Monday 15th April to Friday 19th April
Racquets are provided if needed.
Bookings are essential and all enquiries please phone Kristy Packer on 0410 828 278 or 4385 7110.

Sport and Recreation Central Coast Holiday Activities

For information phone 131302 or 43523184 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

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 student or $50 per family
Thank you for your support of our school.

Point Clare Voluntary Contribution – 2013

Payment of $ __________ enclosed.

Students Name __________________________ Class __________
Students Name __________________________ Class __________
Parents & Citizens News

P & C Meeting April 2013
Wednesday 10 April 2013 – 7.30pm

Hopefully you all feeling relaxed and well rested after 4 days off over the Easter break. With such the beautiful weather, it was a great chance to spend some time outside with the kids.

Once again heaps of fund was had at the Annual Easter Hat Parade and Annual Easter Raffle. All the kids looked fantastic in their Easter Hats.

With only two weeks left of this term, we are really on the downhill run!

There is however still heaps going on around your school, so come along to the April P & C meeting to find out more and become more involved in your child’s school!

It would be fantastic to see some new faces.

Attending P & C meetings is a great way to find out what is going on around the school and also your kids love to see you helping around the school.

There are still a number of positions that need to be filled on our sub-committees, so if you think you may be able to help please either come along to a meeting, or if you are unable to make a meeting e-mail us at PCPSnC@gmail.com.

Also if you have any suggestions or feedback about what the P & C is doing, please e-mail us. We would love to hear from you!

P & C Sub-Committee Position Updates:

POSITIONS VACANT:

- Fundraising Committee Members
- Environment Committee Members

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you
Katherine Golden
P & C Secretary

Canteen:

OPENING HOURS: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Only two weeks of school left! The canteen will be staying open till the very last day.

We are still looking for people to come help in the canteen, especially as we plan to close up for the holidays. We have lots to do, so if you have some time you can donate to us we’d really appreciate it!

Pop into the canteen and chat to Chris or give her a call today thank you!

Remember - Lunch Orders need to be in before school starts.

Thank you.
Canteen/Uniform Shop Committee

Uniform Shop:
OPENING HOURS: Tues 8.30-9.30am

We are still looking for people to volunteer in the uniform shop. This is a really valuable service to the school, and you can help by joining us for just a couple of hours a week.

We are looking for people to help in the shop on Tuesday mornings from 8.30-9.30, help with stock is appreciated after this if you have the time to stay.

The Uniform Shop is not just about selling new and loved uniforms, it also helps the school with student’s lost property. This involves collecting lost items and sorting them into named or no name items, named items then get labelled for return to their classes.

The lost property team is looking for 3 people to join them.

It takes less than an hour a week and the time you do it is really flexible. If this is something you think you could do we’d love to hear from you!

For either Uniform Shop or Lost Property volunteering please contact Chris.

TERM 2 sees us moving into winter uniforms- do you have everything you need?

We will be closed over school holidays but will be re-opening on Tuesday 30th April from 8.30-11.00am.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD’S PROPERTY, WE CAN’T RETURN YOUR CHILD’S BELONGINGS TO THEM IF WE DON'T KNOW IT’S THEIRS.

Thank you
Canteen/Uniform Shop Committee
Avoiding traffic congestion around the school

- Allocate enough time to get your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.

- Always observe the parking signs outside the school. They are designed to keep children safe.

- **NEVER PARK ILLEGALLY:**
  - In the school driveway.
  - In the school bus bay.
  - In the ‘No parking’ zone.

- **NEVER DOUBLE PARK:**
  - Blocks the vision of other drivers.
  - Forces children onto the road.
  - Obstructs the flow of traffic.

### Offence and penalty when committed in an operating school zone

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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