Busy Term at an End!
As the first Term draws to an end, I would like to thank our school community for their participation, help and support during our transition to the new school year. We exceeded 525 students, added a new classroom, welcomed a new teacher, Mr Thorsby and many new students, held successful fundraising for the school and community issues and settled students into some serious learning. We have over 25 people volunteering with our school reading programs, a new canteen supervisor and committee and are preparing in earnest for the incoming Australian Curriculum.

A school cannot function without all its' elements of staff, students and community working well together for the benefit of student learning. Next Term the Calendar is already quite full and I remind people that our students return from holidays on Wednesday 1st May. We also have the school Cross Country first week back on the Friday so make sure you get some training in over the holidays.

Make these holidays safe and happy by playing and travelling safely
It may be easy for even the most loving and well meaning parent or carer to think "I'll just be a few minutes" and leave the kids in the car with the window down a bit. But even this has serious health risks for the children. Make sure seatbelts are always on! Stick to the speed limits and don't get distracted by "arguments" in the back seat. Be safe around water and watch out for strangers in parks and other areas.

Spelling Help
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/zh/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/getting-your-child-used-to-writing

School Security during holidays
The school grounds are out of bounds during the holiday period. If you see anyone or notice something suspicious please call school security on 1300 880 021.

David Harris
Principal
**K-6 Easter Scripture Service**
This will be held on Wednesday 10th April in the School Hall at 12-1pm. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

*Trish Arkell - SRE Coordinator*

**Health Update**

**Chicken Pox**
There have been several cases of Chicken Pox reported in 4M. **Please be aware of the symptoms:**
- Slight runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.

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

Time from exposure to illness is 5 weeks.

Immunisation is available for children over 12 months old.

**Head Lice**
Once again head lice are causing some concern in our community.

It would be appreciated if parents would:
- Inspect their child’s hair for infestation and
- Treat with appropriate shampoo (available from the chemist) if headlice are evident
- Check all of the family and
- Retreat after 7 days
- Students can return to school once their hair has been treated

**Impetigo (School Sores)**
A case has been reported in the school.

**Symptoms**
- Small red spots change into blisters that fill with pus and become crusted, usually on the face, hands and scalp.

**Do I need to keep my child at home?**
Yes until treatment starts. Sores should be covered with a watertight dressing on return to school.

**How can it be prevented?**
Careful hand washing.

**Medication at School**

If your child requires regular prescribed medication, a request for support at school needs to be completed in consultation with the principal. The Principal will determine whether this request can be met.

Please do not send in bottles of cough mixture, paracetamol, antibiotics or similar as these can be given before and after school. Please do not send your child to school if they are sick.

**Asthma**
Children who are diagnosed asthmatics need to carry their puffers in their bags and know how to use it. As well, parents need to complete an Asthma Management Plan that needs to be signed off by a doctor.

**Please return any outstanding Asthma Management Plans before the end of this term.**

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**Sports News…**

**K-2 Gymnastics**
Parents are invited to watch their child / children “in action”.

Please note the following days and times:

**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

**State Little Athletics**
Congratulations to Sam Bennett on qualifying for the State Little Athletics Carnival. Sam attended the carnival recently and he qualified for discus and shot put. This is a big honour to participate against the best in the state. Well done, Sam.

**Boys Softball Postponed**
The boys softball match that was scheduled for this Friday 12th April has been postponed until next term.

*Colin Cashman – Co-ordinator*

**You Can Do It!**
Infants golden ticket
- Linhae 2FN - Getting along
- Ice blocks
- Caitlyn KMC - Organisation
- Lily KL - Persistence
- Harriet KL - Confidence

Primary golden ticket
- Emillie 3/4B Confidence
- Ice blocks
- Elia 3/4B - Organisation
- Kira 3/4B - Confidence
- Lorin 3/4B Confidence

Congratulations to all the winners!

**School Council**
School Council is responsible for setting the goals and directions that a school will take in the future. It plays an important role in making sure that the whole community is involved in all the important decisions made by the school.

The next meeting of the School Council will be held on **Tuesday 7th May**. If you would like to have a matter discussed at the meeting, please contact one of your reps, or email pointclareschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Parent Representatives: Gavin Hill, Angela Mitchell & Amanda Cashion
P&C Representative: Amanda Dickey
Community Representatives: Trish Arkell & Dianne Chiafalo
Staff Representatives: Dianne Morrow & Jenny Ricketts
Executive Officer: David Harris

*Amanda Cashion, Chair, School Council*
Woolworths Earn and Learn Program
We have just received wonderful teaching resources from the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program from last year's collection. The staff are looking forward to using them in the classroom to enhance your child's learning.
New dictionaries, Interactive Writing and Reading Programmes a Tuf Camera and games to support English are just a few of the resources we were able to purchase for the students.
Thank you to everyone who contributed vouchers from their Woolworths Shopping.

The Woolworths Earn and Learn Programme will commence again on Monday April 8th concluding 9th June. The collection box for sheets will be available outside the staffroom. If you do not have enough tokens to complete a sheet please place tokens in a bag and we will use them to complete other sheets. Thank you for your support.

Trish Arkell – Co-ordinator

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 _________

Students Name ___________ Class _________

Community News...
Point Clare Public School does not endorse the products or services of any advertiser. No responsibility is accepted for the information contained in advertisements or claims made by them.

FREE Piano
The School has an old piano which you can have for Free! If you would like it please contact the office before the end of this week – when it will be thrown out.

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!
4381 0403
Equilibrium Edible School Garden Program
Building Edible School Gardens on the Coast for a healthy future for our kids. equilibrium.net.au

Gosford Regional Show
Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May
All the fun of the fair, including competitions, equestrian events, displays, great rides, side show alley, demonstrations, non-stop entertainment, free kids activities, mini dirt bike challenges. Bake-Off, Pet Rabbit Show, Kids home grown produce, Talent Quest and Showgirl Quest.
Visit: www.gosfordregionalshow.com.au
Or phone Robyn on 43851030

Sport and Recreation Central Coast Holiday Activities
For information phone 131302 or 43523184 or visit www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

Want to play netball on Saturdays?
Coastal Waters Netball Club is looking for girls turning 9 or 10 this year to join the Finches team that is playing netball in the 12.30 timeslot at Adcock Park on Saturdays. If interested in joining the team please contact Debbie on 0421 036 915 or Jan on 0432 87 66 83.
Safe driving in 40km/h school zones

- The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.
- Point Clare’s 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9.30am and 2.30pm till 4pm on each GAZETTED SCHOOL DAY.
- The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children are not visible.
- Take extra care near the school entrances.

GAZETTED SCHOOL TERM DATES 2013

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NOTE that school zones operate on school development days (ie. pupil free days) This includes Monday 29th April & Tuesday 30th April.

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

SAFE JOURNEY DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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