Minister For Education Visits Point Clare PS For New Building Update
We were very pleased to welcome the Hon Adrian Piccoli and Member for Gosford, Chris Holstein to view the early concept plans for our new building program. The Minister spent time talking to our school leaders, viewing drawings and a 3D fly through. These are very early concepts, so they are not available yet for public consumption. The project has been focussing on the latest learning models and how spaces can be created to facilitate this learning. We were very pleased that the Minister for Education is taking a keen interest with the project and take time out to pay us a second visit this year. (picture attached)

Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2016 Government school
Today an ‘Intention to apply: Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2016’ was sent home to all Year 5 students.

Important information:
- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online between 14th October 2014 and 17th November 2014
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12th March 2015.

Bring Your Own Device Program
Thank you to the parents who attended the last P&C Meeting where the concepts behind this proposed program were discussed. The Department has a website where there is information about similar programs at other schools.
http://byodsandpit.weebly.com/

There were some interesting questions asked and we will develop a session for parents to further their understanding of this concept. There will be further discussion around this issue over coming weeks. The model we are examining relates more to a 1:1 device program where we aim for every child to have access to technology as they need it to supplement their work in class. The device (a tablet) would enable them to use apps and access the internet as a tool to complete their normal classwork. The device would not be used all day every day, but would enable students to produce high level projects, access information and practice skills in Literacy and Numeracy.

David Harris - Principal

| Important Dates |
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| **Week 2**      |                 |
| Thursday 16th   | Kidansys (KA, KC, KMC, KR, 1R, 2T and 2FN) |
|                 | Kinder 2015 Transition Program |
|                 | - Group 3 - 9:15 – 11:45am |
|                 | - Group 4 - 12:00 – 2:30pm |
| Friday 17th     | Kidansys (1H, 1K, 1T and 2A) |
|                 | Kindergarten Reptile Park Excursion |
| **Week 3**      |                 |
| Wednesday 22nd  | Student Banking Day |
|                 | School Disco – Science Fiction |
|                 | Infants – 5pm – 6.45pm |
|                 | Primary – 7pm – 8.30pm. |
| Thursday 23rd   | Kidansys (KA, KC, KMC, KR, 1R, 2T, 2FN and Year 6) |
|                 | Year 5 Henry Kendall HS Taster Day |
| Friday 24th     | Kidansys (1H, 1K, 1T and 2A) |
|                 | Years 3-6 Peninsula Ball games Carnival |
Book Club
Scholastic Book Club orders are due back by Wednesday 22nd October. Late orders will not be accepted.

PSSA Boys Cricket Knockout
On the last Friday of term 3, the boy’s cricket team had a fantastic win against Woy Woy Public School in the third round of the state knockout. After losing the toss we were sent into bat (we were going to bat anyway if we won the toss). Our opening batsmen, Alex Shedden and William Day were outstanding. The boys defended the good balls and absolutely hammered most of the rest. Alex was eventually out for 24 runs in the 19th over while William retired not out on 42 runs. Lachlan Shedden was next into bat and scored a valuable 11 runs before being caught in the last over of play. Jacob Lenton was next into bat and hit out to score 6 in the final over. After 25 overs we were 2 wickets down for 98 runs. It was an outstanding batting display especially considering Woy Woy only bowled 16 extras. Although Woy Woy performed well with the bat they were unable to reach our score falling 19 runs short, finishing on 6 wickets for 79 runs. William Day finished with 2 wickets, Lachlan Shedden, Nic Batarseh and Lachlan Curtin Edwards all finished with 1 wicket each. A special mention must also go out to the rest of the team who fielded well to restrict the number of runs Woy Woy were able to score. Our next match is against Hornsby North PS very soon. A special thank you must go out to Damien Herd, a former student who helped motivate the team and was our scorer on the day. We’ll done boys.

Mr Rayner – Co-ordinator

Mental Health Session
Last week mention was made of Mental HEALTH, and the ABC TV show “Mental As”. That title is also a good website to explore a range of links on mental health. To give your mental health a boost, there will be an evening for parents at Point Clare on Tuesday 28th October. Research over the past 20 years has found a wide range of mental health benefits from:- Mindfulness, Meditation, Relaxation, Stress Management and most recently with Mindsight. Knowing about these methods is good, better still is PRACTISING them. Tuesday evening’s event, which will be practice, will be co-ordinated by our school counsellor Gregory Holland. It will be held in the staff room beginning at 7.30 pm concluding at approximately 8.45. Please indicate below if you would like to attend.

Gregory J. Holland MAPS
Psychologist
School Counsellor Point Clare PS

I would like to attend the Mental Health Session being held at the school on Tuesday 28th October.

Name: ____________________________

Contact phone number: _______________
Welcome back to term 4.

We start the term off with some great news! Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised $976.74 for our school through School Banking commissions in the 2013-2014 financial year. Our school receives $5.00 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). So, a big thank you for supporting the school banking program.

**Consistent Savers:** week 1 was 1R (8 bankers). Congratulations!

**Rewards**

There are 2 new rewards available in term 4: a projector cup and sea streamers. As both of these rewards are too large for the display cabinet, you can see samples of them on your rewards card. If you don't have rewards card, please ask for one with your next deposit.

**Please note that the Whale Shark Pencil case and Penguin Plush Keyring are now OUT OF STOCK.***

Rewards available in term 4 are:

- Handball
- Scented Pencils
- Shark Keyring
- Swimming bag
- Projector Cup (NEW)
- Sea Streamers (NEW)
- Dollarmites moneybox
- Wallet (2013 item; while stocks last)
- Headphones (2013 item; while stocks last)
- Knuckles game (2013 item, while stocks last)
- Pat Moneybox (2013 item; while stocks last)
- Pru Moneybox (2013 item; while stocks last)
- Spen Moneybox (2013 item; while stocks last)

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you’re saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your School Banking deposit each WEDNESDAY. If you have any questions about school banking, please contact Liz on 0411 497 567 or liz.post@icloud.com

Further information can be found at https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students/school-banking-program.html

Happy Savings!

Liz & Odette – School Banking Co-ordinators

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**Ecology - KC**

**Attention Catholics – Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a programme for Baptised Catholic children, who have been confirmed, to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. An Information Night for parents will be held on Thursday 23rd October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy. Enq: Dorothy Fulton (Sacramental Programme Coordinator) 4341 7610 or Parish Office 4341 1073.

**Community News...**

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Woytopia Festival - Sunday 19 October
Woy Woy South Public School, Waterloo Ave, Woy Woy
9.30am-3pm
One-day festival featuring music from Ozi Batla, Radical Son and more, dance, food, sustainable living talks, lots of eco-themed stalls, kids entertainment including soccer, circus skills, free climbing wall, native animals, puppets. A great local day out for all the family. www.woytopia.info

Canteen News

New Menu

Last Friday our new Summer menu was sent home, if a copy of it didn’t reach you it can be viewed on the school website. There have been a number of new items introduced, which we hope everyone will enjoy.

Juicies Tubes
A 100% natural, no added sugar, fruit juice treat
Now available $1.20

Filing Cabinet Needed
The canteen is in need of a filing cabinet, if you or someone you know is getting rid of one in good condition please consider donating it to the canteen.
Thank you

Uniform Shop News
Open Tuesday & Thursday 8.30 – 9am
We are now back in summer uniform

World Vision Fundraising Tour
Shop & Save Warehouse Tours
Saturday 1st November, 2014 7am – 7pm
Cost $49.00 Bookings essential.
Contact Eunice Pini ☏ 43247492 or 0488696611. All proceeds from commission will go towards World Vision Projects.

GAME ON

If you are a girl aged between 8 and 12 and you’d like to give cricket a crack, come and join our 8-week T20 girls program. Played mid-week, so you can still do your weekend sport. It’s a fun way to meet new friends, gain new skills.

$5 Library/Excursion bags SALE
Normally $12 selling for $5 until sold out