At the recent P&C Meeting where we discussed our BYOD proposal with parents, there were some very good questions asked so we have gone away and worked harder on our model of learning to ensure students receive a challenging and engaging curriculum. The label of “21st Century Learning” is a well-used cliché but it needs to be examined in terms of how it looks in action. Examination needs to occur across the following areas;–weighing the magic of technology with its incredible cost and complexity–underscoring the potential for well thought-out instructional designWe are looking towards a tech-infused model of learning at Point Clare PS. As such we are currently investigating important issues such as;

- the limits and challenges of technology;
- the impact of rapid technology change; and
- carefully considering important questions before diving in head-first.

We are discussing the following characteristics for our future learning.

**9 Characteristics of 21st Century Learning**
(TeachThought Website)
1. Learner-centred
2. Media-driven (this doesn’t have to mean digital media)
3. Personalized
4. Transfer-by-Design
5. Visibly Relevant
6. Data-Rich
7. Adaptable
8. Interdependent
9. Diverse

Currently we are developing our next four year plan and are building these principles into our thinking.

### Maths Survey Monkey
Can we remind as many people as possible to complete our maths survey online. We need at least 100 to be completed. You can find the survey at:

Congratulations to our Stage 3 team who represented Point Clare PS over the 5 Olympiads this year. Students who took part all strived to achieve a personal best whilst gaining valuable problem solving skills along the way. Our school team (based on the sum of the scores of the top 10 students), gained a place in the top 25% (over 250,000 students competing) and was presented with a High Achievement Award.

Individually, Top Scorer trophies were awarded equally to Tinya He and Kane Simmonds for first place and Top 10% badges awarded to 7 students and a further 10 gained a position in the top 25%.

What a wonderful result and one we are extremely proud of!

Judy Wilson (Olympiad Organiser)

School Ball Games Fun
Last Friday the school ball games carnival was held for all primary students. Stage 2 held their carnival in the top playground while Stage 3 competed on the hard ball court.

It was wonderful to see the sportspersonship and support that was on display throughout the morning. Events such as captain ball, tunnel ball, overs and unders and tug-o-war enabled the children to showcase their skills, enthusiasm and resilience.

Congratulations to Girrakool House who won the carnival.

Wanted Ethics Teachers and a Co-ordinator for 2015
If you are interested in becoming an Ethics teacher or an Ethics coordinator contact Jenny Bourchier (Regional Ethics Manager – Gosford) on 0411 198 483

Also for more information about ethics teaching, check out www.primaryethics.com.au

Application for Year 7 selective high school in 2016
Parents must apply online until 17th November at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 12th March 2015.

Outstanding Excursion / Activity Payments
Please note that Wednesday 19th November is the last day for payment of all outstanding monies
This is to allow for the processing of all monies prior to the school’s end of year rollover process on 30th November.
If you have made the Semester 2 bulk payment (excludes Year 6 Maths Fun Day) you will not have anything to pay.
A reminder that payment can be made online via the school’s website. Thank you for your co-operation.

Free Bus Travel in 2015
Transport NSW requires a new application form for free travel from students who are progressing from Year 2 to Year 3.

Those students that currently hold a bus pass have received instructions earlier this term on whether they were eligible or ineligible. Please follow the instructions given to ensure that your child will receive a new bus pass at the beginning of 2015.

Students will be ineligible if they live within 1.6km radius, and within 2.3 kilometres walking distance from Point Clare Public School. A map of the ineligible streets and street names is available on the school website. Students that are ineligible need to write a letter direct to Transport NSW stating the reason for considering free travel. Alternatively, parents can purchase term passes for ineligible students direct from their local depot during the December/January holidays.

Students that are eligible for free travel will need to complete the ‘Application Form for Subsidised Travel and Update of Student Details’ and return to the school as soon as possible.
P&C News

P&C Noticeboard
A new P&C noticeboard is located above the lost property, at the entrance between the front office and staffroom. The noticeboard contains general information to answer frequently asked questions, along with any news and upcoming events.

FACEBOOK PAGE
Make sure you like our FB page to stay up to date with P&C activities

P&C for Point Clare Public School

Canteen

LUNCHTIME HELP
With the hot weather hitting our lunchtime lines are increasing as students queue up for iceblocks. If you are free to help with counter service for an hour from 1.15 pm that would be a huge help. If you are able to do this, with whatever frequency suits you, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Anwyn in the canteen on Thursday or Friday via the school office 4325 0594. Thank you.

Canteen Committee

Uniform Shop
Open Tuesday & Thursday 8.30 – 9am

Fundraising

Crazy Hair Day!
We saw some amazing and very inventive hairstyles at school last Friday for Crazy Hair day. There was lots of excitement from students as they enjoyed the fun! Thank you to all the parents who helped their kids with their hairtastic creations 😊

$380 was raised, which will go towards buying home reader books for classrooms.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
CHANGE OF DATE- Carols will now be held on Thursday 4th of December.

Fundraising Committee

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

In term 4, the Commonwealth Bank is offering not one, but two competitions! The Dollarmites have uncovered the ancient Clam of Fortune. Inside, they found these amazing prizes:

* 40 x GoPro Hero3 White Edition cameras
* 150 x Slip 'N Slide double wave riders.

Here’s how to win:

Every deposit you make with school banking will automatically create one entry for you into the competition. So the more you save, the more chances you have to win (to a maximum of 6 entries). Competition runs 20th October - 20th November 2014. To find out more, including terms & conditions, visit [www.commbank.com.au/deepseasavers](http://www.commbank.com.au/deepseasavers)

The second is a search for Australia’s Smart School Savers. Parents can visit [www.commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers](http://www.commbank.com.au/smartschoolsavers) and have their child tell us in 50 words or less what they are saving for and how they plan to achieve it. The competition is open to children aged between 5 to 12 years of age. There are some great prizes up for grabs – including a national prize of $1,000 and iPads for six regional winners.

**Consistent Savers:** week 3 was 1R (10 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 a 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


Happy Savings! - Liz & Odette

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**NOVEMBER MARKET THIS SUNDAY**

Get down to Woy Woy this Sunday between 9am & 2pm for a great day out. Grab a hot lunch and a coffee while you relax in the sun and watch our awesome live entertainment.

Browse our stalls and you will find the Coast’s best arts, crafts, produce and food, clothing, jewellery and much more. A perfect place to start your Christmas shopping.

**THIS SUNDAY & 2nd SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

9am – 2pm @ Anderson Reserve, Woy Woy (in between the ferries and the Bayview Hotel)