Ice Bucket Challenge
Raising Funds for Camp Quality - Children's Cancer

Early this year our school student leadership team attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Newcastle. One of the key activities was for the leaders to come back to school and organise an event to benefit a community organisation. Our Leaders have been working on a special "Ice Bucket Challenge" with proceeds going to Camp Quality.

All students are asked to bring a small donation (Gold Coin) tomorrow. They can wear Blue and Yellow Mufti if they bring a donation. Then at our morning assembly at 11:25am students will be drawn out to tip the Ice Bucket on our Leaders. If all of the children donate then Mr Harris will also do the Ice Bucket Challenge as well!!

We are looking forward to a good soaking.

A Busy Week Ahead
We are reaching the end of the year at an increasing rate of knots.

This Friday is our Green Lunch Day at the Canteen, Monday our sports and school leaders go to a special team building day, Tuesday is the Teddy Bears Picnic, Wednesday is the Environmental awards at Laycock St Theatre, Thursday is the Year 6 Maths Day at Henry Kendall HS and Friday is the Childfund Film Festival. So tighten your seatbelts.

2015 Update
We are deep into planning for next year. We have almost finished our class structure and allocated teachers. We will be operating with split K-2 and 3-6 recess and lunches next year to fit around the building project which should get underway in May. The design work is continuing and teachers were involved in talking about learning spaces last week. It is an exciting time for Point Clare PS and we look forward to the challenges ahead.

David Harris - Principal

You Can Do It! Week 5
Infants
Golden ticket- Aaron KR- Resilience
Iceblocks- Rachael 1R- Resilience
Jake 1T- Organisation
Ryan 1R- Resilience

Primary
Golden ticket- Jacob S 6R- Resilience
Iceblocks- Mitch 4M- Confidence
Aurora 3/4B- Confidence
Alliana 3LA- Getting Along

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 sick children to school.
Primary Ethics Classes
Ethics Classes are available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) Scripture. We currently offer Ethics classes for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

If you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child in 2015 please make a written request to the school.

For more information about Ethics classes and primary Ethics, and if you are interested in joining their database for updates, please visit www.primaryethics.com.au

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

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.

Years 1 & 2 Katandra Excursion
Stage One thoroughly enjoyed their excursions to Katandra Reserve with the very kind staff from Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre in Week 4. Year One and Year Two children learnt all about minibeasts in wet and dry environments. They had a blast discovering loads about the plants, waterways and wildlife in one of their magical local nature reserves.

This is what Harriet Whelan from 1H had to say:

Last Thursday 1H and 1K went to Katandra Reserve for our minibeasts excursion. Firstly we had recess and listened to the rules. Secondly we did some activities such as water quality testing, dip-netting and butterfly netting. Then we had lunch. After that we went on a rainforest walk. I saw a ginormous fig tree. The day was the coolest I’ve ever had. Thanks for the excursion.

Stage One Teachers
P&C News

Monthly Meeting
Our monthly meeting is on this Wednesday night in the school staffroom at 7.30pm. All are welcome, so if you want to come along and get to know your P&C a bit we’d love to see you there.

These meetings are a great place to bring any questions you may have about P&C activities, or school in general. There is always a school representative there to help answer queries.

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

Fundraising

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Thursday 4th December

SAVE THE DATE!! The famous school Carols night and Christmas raffle will be held on Thursday 4th of December. We have our first hamper already!! Thanks to Hallmark and their local stockists. This one is valued at over $160.

Fundraising Committee

Canteen

HELP FOR KINDER 2015 TEDDY BEARS PICNIC DAY (18.11.14)

The finale of the Kinder Orientation is the Teddy Bears Picnic, where Kinder 2015 and Kinder 2014 are invited to have a special canteen lunch order picnic. This is a very busy day in the canteen so we are putting out a special call for volunteers just for this day. If you can help at all that would be excellent, please select from the following options:

Volunteering on Tuesday 18th November
All day
9am - 12pm
11.30am - 2.30pm
Any time you can (please detail)

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

We appreciate and value your time as a volunteer on these occasions.

Canteen Committee

Uniform Shop
Open Tuesday & Thursday 8.30 – 9am

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

SCHOOL BANKING
Welcome to our new bankers who have joined us in term 4! Please note that the last day for deposits this year will be Wednesday 26th November.

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

The second is a search for Australia's Smart School Savers. Parents can visit 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 4 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 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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15 NOV 2014
ST JOHN’S CHURCH FETE

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AND GARDEN PARTY
Huge white elephant stall - Kids and Nursery wear – Devonshire Tea – Sausage Sizzle – Craft and Christmas gifts – Cake stall – Chocolate fountain – Bouncing – Ice cream – Fairy Floss – Kids art competition - much more...

ST JOHNS ANGLICAN CHURCH
Takanri Avenue, Point Clare
web.stjohnsanglican.org.au
Saturday 15 November
8am to 2pm
Entries close 10am Saturday 15 November. Winners announced 1pm. To enter: either colour the Nativity Scene below or create your own art work (drawing, painting, sculpture). Bring it along to the St Johns Fete on Saturday 15 November and you could win one of three prizes.

Your full name: _______________________________________________________

Age (tick one): 0-5 [ ]  6-8 [ ]  9 or over [ ]