Success in 2014
2014 has been a busy year for Point Clare Public School with a large number of successful events and student achievement.

We had a multitude of special events from Harmony Day to Sports Days to the Carols last Thursday night. We have performed well at a range of areas in the arts, sport and academic arenas making us proud of our school. We continue to grow our You Can Do It! program and the children are responding very well.

We had NAIDOC and Reconciliation celebrations, Grandparents Day, Teddy Bears Picnic, Book Week, Education Week, Commonwealth Games Day, Discos, Excursions to different locations, various environmental destinations and Surf Fun Days just to mention a few.

Our students, our staff and our parents have worked together to produce a successful year in so many ways and our future looks extremely bright with a new building program that will transform our school.

So it is a BIG thank you to everyone who has contributed. Having a successful school is only possible with the contribution every single person makes. I have said before the old saying "Let us remember that as many hands build a house, So many hearts make a school."

Captains & Leaders 2015
I would like to congratulate the Captains announced for 2015 Hayden Doyle and Lani Bamforth supported by the Vice Captains Joel Dickey and Hayley McTeare and other leaders Jack Hunter, Lochlan Lea-Butler, Sophie Boyd and Eira Jeannot.

The new Sports Captains elected last week are: Girrakool – Maddison Cashion & Tim Cuthbert Katandra – Maddison Hayde & Jack Goncalves Rumbalara – Madison Purvis & Tom McCarthy Wambina – Hannah Walter & Archie Tebbutt

Technology Leaders elected are:
Hayden Chung, Michael McCarthy, Emilie Barnes, Olivia Pearson, Jai Harland, Zayn Martin-Cardwell, Ella Rigas & Arkira Sheldon.

I commend all those students who tried out and were unsuccessful.

Safe and Happy Christmas
It’s been a positive year in so many ways and we look forward to seeing you all back safe and well next year. Students finish tomorrow (Wednesday) and the last day for staff is Thursday.

To all our families and students who are leaving Point Clare Public School next year we wish you well in your new schools and thank you for your contributions whilst at PCPS.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and this will be our last school newsletter for the year.

Best Wishes

David Harris - Principal

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Gymnastics
Although a note will go home in the first week of 2015 advance notice of our K-2 Gymnastics Program which will commence in Week 2 of Term 1 at a cost of $32 for an 8 week program. With thanks. Merry Christmas.

K-2 Teachers
Earlier this term the school conducted a survey related to BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) programs. These are programs in which students bring their own technology devices to school to assist in their learning. There are many models of BYOD ranging from students being allowed to bring any wireless enabled device to asking students to bring a specific type of device.

We would like to thank the 125 respondents for taking the time to provide feedback. Below are some of the results of the survey.

**Types of devices used by students at home**

The most commonly used devices at home are Windows based PC's and iOS devices (iPads/iPods etc). Many families have a Windows PC and an iOS device.

**Home Internet Connection Types**

The vast majority of families have a broadband (or faster) internet connection. Many families have a broadband connection used with a wireless router.

**Community support for a BYOD program at PCPS**

Half of the respondents indicated outright support for a BYOD program at school and just over a quarter are open to the idea but would like more information. Just under a quarter of respondents are sceptical about a BYOD program or opposed.

**Parental Concerns**

- Safety and security of the device: 76%
- Equity concerns for students and families in financial difficulty: 60%
- Appropriate usage of the device: 59%

**What next?**

The school is hoping to conduct a trial BYOD program next year with a very small number of classes. We support a model where students are asked to purchase an iPad for use at school as these devices have the most educationally useful, abundant and cost effective apps and the survey indicates that students are familiar with these products at home.

Next year the school will be providing more information to address parent concerns, as many of the issues raised in survey responses have already been addressed. This will be in the form of written communication and information sessions. More information about the trial will be given early next year however, unless you were already planning to, please do not buy your children devices just yet.
Thank You!!

Thank You to all those who have helped with any of the activities the P&C has run this year, and to all those who have supported us by sending their kids along with the funds to be involved. This has enriched school life for our students, and helped create the wonderful community we enjoy at Point Clare Public School.

We appreciate everyone who volunteers their time to help at school, a special thanks goes to those who help with Eco Club, Fundraising, Canteen, Uniform shop, and the running of the P&C Association.

We hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to seeing you in 2015!

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

Canteen Committee

Volunteering in the Canteen
We are now looking at our roster for the start of 2015, the canteen will be open from the first day of term. To join our roster please contact Anwyn in the canteen on Thursday or Friday via the school office 4325 0594. Thank you

The canteen relies on volunteers to achieve our daily operations, we appreciate any help you give, you choose how long and how often, you choose which canteen tasks you’re comfortable doing, all training provided.

Thank You
Canteen Committee
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