Stay Smart Online Week
2nd June - 6th June
Stay Smart Online Week, formerly National Cyber Security Awareness Week, aims to help Australians using the internet – whether at home, the workplace or school – understand the simple steps they can take to protect their personal and financial information online.

The 2014 Stay Smart Online Week is the seventh consecutive annual event conducted by the Australian Government in partnership with industry, the community sector and all levels of government.

This year's theme - 'On The Go' - reflects the importance of staying safe and secure online while using mobile devices when social networking, banking, shopping, and navigating the internet.

A range of activities are taking place around Australia, including seminars, industry events and community activities which you can attend or participate online.

For further information:

Planning Workshops on Thursday
Two workshops will be held this Thursday to inform Parents about our planning for 2015-2017. Both workshops are the same content, we are just doing different times to allow working parents the opportunity to attend.
Workshop 1 is from 9:30am 10:30am in the Staffroom.
Workshop 2 is from 7:30pm - 8:30pm.
There will be morning tea and supper.
I encourage parents to attend so they better understand how the school plans for improvement.
Please phone the office if you intend to attend to help with catering.

Business Connect Evening Postponed
Due to unforeseen circumstances our Business Connect Evening has had to be postponed. We will inform people of a future date. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

A BIG Thank You
We thank the wonderful Point Clare Community for their understanding last Friday. We were able to ensure the school was very well represented at the funeral. Ms Hasler and her partner Michael sent a very special message of thanks to the school community for their support and understanding. All of our staff are very appreciative.

A Reminder About Using Facebook to Comment on or Criticise Others
This week being Online Safety Week, it is timely to remind people about the dangers of commenting on or criticising people on Facebook. Sometimes we get upset and it's easy to get on Facebook and "unload" our feelings, but that can have serious consequences.

With the spread of social media, instances of defamation have become more common, be they either intentional or accidental. Many people are unaware how easy it is to defame someone via Facebook, so care needs to be taken when writing about other people on social media. The law of defamation exists in order to protect the reputation of a person but also to support a person’s capacity for free speech so a balance needs to be struck between these two competing rights. This is a balance the courts have constantly recognised; a judicial exercise they consistently utilise.

Tips for avoiding defamation via social media:

- Consider anything you write on a social media profile the same as if you were publishing it in a newspaper.
- Do not say anything that you believe to be untrue.
- Do not repeat anything that you cannot verify as true.
- Do not “Share” or “ReTweet” any details that you believe could be considered defamatory.
- Before you post information on other people, think about how this could be perceived and whether the information could harm their reputation.
- If you are worried about Twitter then protect your profile; only permit people you approve of to gain access to your home-page.
- In Facebook, increase your privacy settings so that only your friends can view your profile. Importantly, do not let friends of friends view your profile, because your friends may not exercise as much discretion as you do when approving their friends on Facebook.

Friday 13th is ‘Green and Gold’ Day.
We are asking students to wear green and gold for the start of the World Cup to show their support for the Socceroos in Brazil. There is no gold coin donation required, it’s all free.

David Harris - Principal
Book Club
Scholastic Book Club orders are due back by Tuesday 10th June. Late orders will not be accepted.

Reminder:
Tuesday 10th June at Point Clare Public School
Understanding Bullying Workshop
FREE to parents and Carers
Time: 10am – 12:30pm
To register phone 8568 8200 Bookings are essential!

Payment Reminders
- Year 1 Tennis
- Year 3 and 4 Magazines
- Year 6 T Shirts and Year 6 Canberra Excursion
- Point Clare Voluntary Contribution – 2014

You Can Do It!
Congratulations to our Week 5 Winners
Infants
Golden ticket - Anabelle 2T- Getting Along
Iceblocks - Alex G 2A- Organisation
Riley 2T- Getting Along
Elliot 1R- Getting Along

Primary
Golden ticket - Haley 5/6W- Organisation
Iceblocks - Lani 5/6W- Confidence
Kane 4M- Getting Along
Eira 5/6W- Confidence

Zone Cross Country
Last Friday 41 students from Point Clare braved the weather and travelled to Wyoming Public School for the Zone Cross Country Carnival. All students were great sports on the day, trying their best and cheering on their peers. The weather held out and there were only a few slips on a real cross country track through the bush. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top 6 of their race and will be heading to the Regional Cross Country; Lachlan Hunt, Kasey Boelhouwer, Sophie Boyd, Archie Tebbutt, William Enraght-Moony, Rose Blakesley and Lachlan Shedden.
Mr Booth – Co-ordinator

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Message from our School Counsellor regarding the recent Parenting Workshop
The parents who attended the Parenting Workshop over the past three weeks have expressed great satisfaction with the days. They remarked they had valued the knowledge about what new approaches they could employ to manage their children’s difficult behaviour, and they reported that they were feeling calmer and much less frustrated with their children as they began to implement some of the strategies. They said they valued sharing their experiences with the other parents which left them feeling like they were not alone in their efforts. A few in the group took home some of the videos to share with their partners, so they were both on “the same page” with discipline.
I remind all the parents who have attended these workshops in recent years that these resources are available in the school library for you to borrow if you wish to review or refresh the content of the course.

If you were unable to attend this time and would like to participate next time please leave your name with the ladies at the front office so you can receive an invitation when next it is running.

Gregory Holland, School Counsellor
Year 4 Excursion
In Week 4, Year 4 went to the Blue Mountains/Jenolan Caves for an overnight excursion. The weather was perfect and the views spectacular. The children’s behaviour was outstanding both at the venues and while eating in the Grand dining room. The Year 4 teachers were extremely proud of them. Thanks to Mrs Callaghan, our wonderful teacher’s aide and our parent helpers, Mr Blair and Mr Enraght-Moony who were absolutely wonderful helpers. The teachers really appreciated your professionalism and all your help.

Mrs Bentlin, Mrs Lavelle and Mr McNeill

Poems from Year 4 students

Blue Mountains Experience
I see...
The beautiful blue haze,
The really high cliff faces,
The magnificent waterfalls sparkling in the sun,
The rolling stones,
The broken column,
Stalagmites and Stalactites.

I hear...
The birds chirping their songs, water trickling,
people screaming behind me
on the Scenic Railway.

I feel...
Happy, exhausted, excited, hungry, thirsty, amazed, cold, lucky,
delighted, joyous, merry and glad.

By Ella Meese

Blue Mountains Experience
I hear...
I hear my voice echoing back and forward
through the breathtaking views of the Blue Mountains
I hear the silence of the Lucas Caves which gives you a little shiver
through your spine
I hear the bells at Hartley Court House which are so loud
you cannot hear anything
I hear the wind howling as it goes through the Mountains

I see...
I see shimmering stalactites and stalagmites hanging on the ceiling
at Lucas Caves
I see the blue haze which makes the Blue Mountains blue
I see the old cellars at Hartley Court House where the convicts use to stay
I see the gigantic rock formation of the Three Sisters
An amazing view from the lookout

I feel...
I feel the 15 degrees temperature in the Lucas Caves which is cold.
I feel the warmth of the fire in the grand dining room.
I feel the rough rocks of the big rock formations
at the amazing site of the Three Sisters
If feel my lips going blue because of the coldness of the night

By Lorin Ata-Onder

Year 6 Government and Democracy Excursion to Gosford City Council
Senior Dance Group going to Laycock Street Theatre for Dance Festival Rehearsal

School Banking
If you have any questions regarding School Banking, you can contact Liz Post on 0411 497 567 or liz.post@icloud.com
Liz Post & Odette Clarkson

Uniform Shop
Hours – Tuesday 8:30 – 9am and Thursday 8:30 – 9am

Voluntary Contribution
It’s not too late to make your Voluntary Contribution. Payment is voluntary – funds collected are allocated to projects across the school. $35.00 per students or $50.00 per family. Thank you for your support of our school.

Point Clare Voluntary Contribution – 2014
Payment of $________ enclosed.

Students Name ___________ Class ________

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Community News…
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The best in health and beauty products for you

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Woy Woy NSW 2256
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tarkcons@gmail.com
Takari Ave Children’s Crossing Survey
Have you returned your survey yet? Thank you to the 50+ families that have. If you haven’t yet, please take the time to consider how a crossing that operates during the busy pick up and drop off times might affect your family and friends.

- For pedestrians - Improve the safety of crossing the road.
- For motorists – reduce the risks associated with pedestrians crossing the road at many uncontrolled points along a 150m+ stretch of road

Point Clare Public School Council, P&C and Student Council have sought a children’s crossing in Takari Ave over many years. Help make it happen by returning your survey now.

Why two options? Both have a crossing in the same central location. The difference is in the location of the Bus Zone and No Parking (ie. Kiss and drop) zone.

- Option 1 – no change to the current Bus Zone and No Parking location
- Option 2 – Bus Zone relocated outside the hall (with bus lines relocated to the hall COLA) and No Parking zone moved down to the current Bus Zone location, closer to the central part of the school and potentially paving the way for a Supervised Pick Up Zone.

Refer last week’s newsletter on the school website for a copy of the survey and plans of the options.

Thankyou
School Council’s Traffic Management & Road Safety Committee
Canteen New Daily Specials

We have introduced a new Daily Specials Menu.

These specials are canteen prepared and are only available on their special day.

These are all Green menu items- Delicious and Nutritious 😊

**Tuesday Special:**

**BURGERS** - Beef, Chicken, or Lentil $4.00

**Wednesday Special:**

**JACKET POTATOES** – Bolognese or Baked Beans $3.50

**Thursday Special:**

**PASTA** – Bolognese or Italian $3.50

**SUSHI** – Tuna, Tuna & Corn, or Vegetarian $2.50

**Friday Special:**

**NACHOS** – Beef or Vegetarian $3.50

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**New Lunch Order Drop Off System**

The Canteen counter will not be open in the morning before school. We have installed a letter box in the wall of the canteen next to the canteen door, lunch orders can be put through the letter box any time before school.

As students sometimes forget to hand in their lunch order we will also have the school leaders collecting lunch orders from classrooms as they deliver class messages each morning.

This new system has started this week.

This change is being made to help save time for students bringing in lunch orders, and to help the canteen have the time to prepare canteen made items. With low volunteer numbers we need to be as efficient as we can to achieve all the canteens requirements. This method is used in other schools, where it has been proven successful. We appreciate your understanding and support as we make this change.