School Reports Go Home This Friday
It is invigorating to read about the great work students are doing in their classes. We emphasise with all of the students that they should challenge themselves to do their best every time they attempt a piece of work. From the comments I have read the vast majority have been successfully doing this. I personally would like to thank the teaching staff for their thoughtful and encouraging comments about students. The written reports try to use plain language and provide information on a student’s learning in each of the key learning areas (KLAs) or subjects. The reports compare the student’s achievement against state-wide syllabus standards using a descriptive scale.

Key Learning Areas are broken into Stage levels. (Early Stage 1 = Kinder, Stage 1 = Yrs 1&2, Stage 2 = Yrs 3&4 and Stage 3 = Yrs 5&6).

They include teacher comments about the student’s specific achievements and how he or she will be helped to improve. Other information includes the student’s attendance at school and provides information about the student’s achievement in special school programs. We also provide information about the student’s social development and commitment to learning.

Many, many hours have gone into preparing the reports. I encourage parents and caregivers to contact teachers if there are any concerns about individual student achievement after the reports have been received.

Semester 2 Draws to a Close
This Term has flown by (just 9 weeks) and already the year is half over! As a school we have achieved many things so far this year and next Semester will see even more great achievements for our school.

Our students have competed in swimming, cross country, debating, chess, soccer, netball and cricket.

Our dance groups have performed at the Central Coast Dance Festival, classes have learned to play the Ukulele, dance Scottish traditional style and we have trained students in recycling. We had a successful Walk to School Day. The biggest news was the confirmation that we will be getting 10 new classrooms and a whole lot more - a just reward for everyone involved in the lobbying process!

Years 3, 4 and 6 have been on their major excursions to Sydney, Jenolan Caves and Canberra (this week) respectively.

None of these things would have been possible without the dedication of staff, the hard work of students, the input of parent volunteers and the support of the wider school community. Thank you all for your efforts - it all combines to make Point Clare an exceptional school which provides incredible opportunity for our students.

Reminder - School Development Day Term 3
An important reminder that school at Point Clare will return on Monday 14th July. There will be NO school for students on Friday 18th July as staff will be at Henry Kendall High School at the Gosford City Learning Community combined Staff Development Day. Please contact the school if you have any issues regarding this change.

Be Safe These Holidays - Enjoy the Break
On behalf of the staff at Point Clare PS we wish you a safe and restful winter break. Be careful on and around roads. We look forward to the upcoming Term ahead.

David Harris - Principal

Student Attendance
When children are absent from school for whatever reason please send a signed written explanation stating dates of absence and reason within 7 days of returning to school. Partial absences also require a note. For absences greater than 2 weeks an exemption can be sought.

It is not necessary to phone the school unless your child is very ill or has a contagious disease. Thank you for your co-operation.

You Can Do It!
Congratulations to our Week 8 Winners
Infants
Golden ticket- Georgia 1T- Getting Along
Iceblocks- Cohen 1R- Persistence
Olivia 1K- Getting Along
Natasha 1T- Getting Along

Primary
Golden ticket- Taylor 5C- Confidence
Iceblocks- Kyra 5C- Getting Along
Shireen 6R- Getting Along
Abbey 6R- Persistence

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Year 6 Off to Canberra
We wish students and staff an enjoyable and positive learning experience in Canberra this week. Thank you for your financial support of this very valuable excursion which provides essential learning opportunities around the role of Government and Canberra as our nation’s capital.

We are indebted to the Australian Government for their support of our school through the PACER program which provides a financial rebate based on distance travelled. For Point Clare this represented a $20 per child reduction to the overall cost.

Without financial support from the Australian Government and input from our elected representatives, the children would not gain a full appreciation of the operation of government nor have opportunity to visit Parliament House, the National Electoral Education Centre located at Old Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial, all integral parts of their studies on Democracy and Civics.

Public Speaking
On Monday 23rd June Alex McGavin and Matthew Loaney represented our school at the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition at Erina Heights Public School. Both students had to prepare a two minute speech on a multicultural topic.

Alex and Matthew chose to talk about “Every family has a story”. Then they had to do an impromptu speech, where they were given an unknown topic and had five minutes to write their speech. Not an easy task!

There were 10 participants in Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) from various local schools and both boys received a certificate of participation for this fantastic effort.

I’m extremely proud of both boys who are highly competent public speakers. Denise Bentlin – Co-ordinator

Sydney North Softball Trials
Good luck to Lewis Franich and Ethan Walsh who will be attending the Sydney North Softball Trials early next term. The School Softball Team is into the 4th round of the State Knock Out and these two boys have been in excellent form. Both boys have played several years of representative baseball. We wish the boys all the best.

Colin Cashman - Coach

Congratulations Year 1 Dance Group!
An awesome performance at the Central Coast Dance Festival on Friday night. I was so proud of you all! Your behaviour was outstanding, lots of praise from teachers from other schools. Well Done. Cathy Conyers – Co-ordinator

Dance Festival Highlights
Congratulations to all Point Clare students who were a part of Central Coast Dance Festival this week. During the festival Point Clare was represented each night.
The regional boys ensemble included Hayden Doyle, Joel Dickey, Tom Whight, Daniel James and Liam Golden. The highly competitive junior dance ensemble was represented by Hayley McTeare. We had three MC’s over the weekend being Shireen Rad, Grace Foskett and Sam Cove. This year the NAISDA aboriginal dance production company choreographed a routine with local Aboriginal students. Zoe, Ashlyn and Sarah Hyland formed part of this group.
Our Year 1 dance group and Senior Dance groups also performed at the evening shows. Many thanks to Ms Conyers for coordinating the Year 1 dance group and Mrs Cuthbertson for her help supervising on these nights.
Finally thank you to all those parents and students for helping to make these nights run smoothly. Many parents drove long distances across the coast to ensure their children learnt their routines.

Kylie McGavin – Senior Dance Group Co-ordinator

World Environment Day Colouring Competition

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Congratulations to all winners!!!
Child Fund “Big Ask” Trivia Challenge
What a fantastic group of “trivia” experts we have at Point Clare School. A huge thank you to all the year 4, 5, and 6 children who gave up their lunch break last Tuesday to take part in the “Big Ask”. There were 15 teams and $140 was raised which will go towards the wonderful work Child fund undertake in many disadvantaged countries. Jan Hunter

$Student Banking
It may not be too late to enter this term’s competition, to win a holiday to Seaworld. All you need to do is bank 3 times this term, and you’re automatically in the draw. Good luck! Rewards available in Term 2: shark or penguin plush keyring, whale shark pencil case, scented pencil or handball. This is your last week to order the handball or pencils, as they will not be available in Term 3! There are also a handful of 2013 rewards available - wallet, knuckles game, headphones and moneyboxes (Pru, Pat & Spen ONLY). To redeem a reward, simply fill in the appropriate rewards card for the item of your choice, and send it in with your 10 tokens. Rewards take approximately 2 weeks to arrive. If you don't have a rewards card, you can simply write us a note. Please include your name, class & student banking number, along with which item you'd like.

Consistent Savers:
Week 4 - 1R (12)
Week 5 - 4M (11)
Week 6 - KR, 1T, 3/4B & 4M (6 each)
Week 7 - 1R (8)
Week 8 - 4M (9)
We are particularly encouraged to see a number of bankers in infants classes learning to fill out their own deposit slips. Well done, you are learning a valuable life skill, as well as being actively involved in the banking program.
As always, if you have any questions, you can contact Liz Post on 0411 497 567 or liz.post@icloud.com

Happy saving! - Liz Post & Odette Clarkson

Canteen News
Treat Day
This Thursday 26th we will be having a Treat Day to celebrate the end of term 2.
Paddle Pops $1.50
Chips $1.00
Lolly bags $1.00
Giant Snakes $1.00
Curly Wurly $1.00

Athletics Carnival
Wednesday Week 1 Term 3
We run the Canteen at the Athletics carnival and at school on this day so extra help is needed for this day - if you are available please let us know in the canteen or email nicolestammers@hotmail.com
Thanks 😊

Thank You
We just wanted to say a big thank you to all those who have volunteered their time in the Canteen this term. You are all fabulous and the canteen wouldn’t survive without you!

Uniform Shop News
Open Tuesday & Thursday 8.30 – 9am
NOT OPEN THIS THURSDAY 26th June
We will still be filling orders left at the school office.
Next Term- We will open Tuesday and Thursday as normal.

LOST PROPERTY
End of Term clear out
- PLEASE CHECK FOR YOUR ITEMS-

Items in Lost Property as of Friday 20th
Named Jumpers/Hats 24
Named Lunchboxes/Drink bottles 17
No Name Clothes 45
No Name Lunchboxes/Drink bottles 67

All items will be cleared from Lost Property at the end of term so please check for any items you are missing.

There is one parent who volunteers to do this weekly for our 530 students, if you are able to help with this job it would be greatly appreciated. Please email nicolestammers@hotmail.com
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PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Hey Kids!
You are invited to spend a week long all expenses paid SUMMER HOLIDAY ON PARADISE ISLAND

When: The first week of the school holidays
      Monday June 30th to Friday July 4th
Where: Elm Christian Church
       60 Normanby Street, Gosford
Time: 10am—12 midday Monday to Thursday
      10am—1.30pm Friday
       Children can be dropped from 8.00am
       On Friday, Parents and Carers are invited to join the children for lunch and a concert.

TO REGISTER AND PAYMENTS CONTACT:
Roxie Michelle Duffy
Mobile: 0435 765517
Church Office: 02 4322 3318

The Paradise Island Holiday Club is for Primary School Aged Children 5-11 years. We commence with a time of singing, games and group interaction followed by Morning Tea. The children can then participate in an activity of their choice, such as Dance, Drama, Pottery, Ball Games, Model Making, Story Time with Mamma etc.

All children must be signed in and collected by a parent or nominated adult.

UPCOMING EVENT
DEVELOPING PRESCHOOLER/KINDERGARTEN LITERACY SKILLS
by Teachers, Parents and Educational Leadership
Presented by
Rosemary Ruthven
Rosemary is a Reading Specialist, Literacy Coach and Teacher Educator with 30 years’ experience. She is the Senior Trainer and Life Coach for Active Learning Informational and an OG RSL Tutor.

Date: Saturday 19th July, 2014
Time: 10:00am-12:00noon
Venue: Woy Woy Public School
Bowden Rd Entrance, Woy Woy
Fee: FREE
To Register: rosemaryruthven@bigpond.com

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✓ Coordinator
   (to replace the current Coordinator)
✓ Teachers (in 2015)
   Kindy & Stage 1 curriculums

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or contact Kylie Rose McLean,
Ethics Coordinator, Point Clare Public School
kyliero@cirruscomms.com.au
0418 228 933
**FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum**

**Workshop:**

**Location:** Swansea

**What will you learn?**
- As a result of participating in the workshop and information sessions, you will gain:
  - a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
  - knowledge about how to develop better parent-school and teacher partnerships
  - specific strategies on how to:
    - understand your child’s special needs and support them
    - support your child’s participation at school
    - develop strategies for managing learning needs
    - information about your child’s school
    - ways to help
  - opportunities to network and share challenges with other parents/carers and their communities
  - opportunities for education around a range of topics relevant to students with ASD and their families.

Some key community representatives that support families with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus around the workshop.

**Venue:**
Bluewater Function Room
Swansea SLIC Club, Bridge Street, Swansea NSW 2281

**When:**
Two day workshop - Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd July 2014
Day 1: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 9.00 am)
Day 2: 9.00 am - 2.30 pm

**Registration**
Registration opens Thursday 17th June 2014 and closes 2 days prior.

**Contact:**
For more information or to register for the program:
Free call 1800 780 900
0409 745 645

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**POP INTO ERINA FAIR (OUTSIDE MYERS) FOR FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

**Monday 30th June, Wednesday 2nd July & Friday 4th July**

**Monday 7th July, Wednesday 9th July & Friday 11th July**

**Between 10am-2pm**

**Activities are for Ages 5-7 years. Parents must stay with your child. Can’t wait to meet lots of new faces.**
School to get makeover

Denise Barnes

IT’S not often Education Minister Adrian Piccoli receives a round of applause in a school staffroom, but he did at Point Clare Public School on Thursday.

Mr Piccoli arrived with Gosford state Liberal MP Chris Holstein bearing the best news: a multi-million dollar makeover, including 19 new classrooms and an end to about 21 dysfunctional classrooms, some more than 25 years old.

For Mr Holstein it was personal. “In 2007 I was unsuccessful in getting Point Clare school upgraded was a priority,” he said.

“Then when I won in 2011, it was still a priority for me and I immediately went into bat for the school.”

It was a good week for Mr Holstein, who had also opened the new $2 million Gosford Public School the day before the Point Clare announcement.

“While we were able to make the announcement, it was like ‘wow’—it’s a lot more than just classrooms.

“It’s a really big improvement and I am really pleased to deliver it in my first 3½ years.”

“I worked closely with the school and principal David Harris and the Education Department, and it was great to see the minister get a round of applause from the teachers in the staffroom.”

Mr Piccoli confirmed the upgrade would be funded in this week’s Budget.

“This will put the school in an excellent position to maintain its outstanding reputation in the community for many years to come,” Mr Piccoli said.

Mr Harris said: “The school and community have been hoping for this for 10 years. The old demographics are pretty dreadful.

“Chris Holstein deserves a huge amount of praise. He’s really pursued this hard and he’s done a really good job.”