A Good and Bad Education Week

Last week the school celebrated Education Week with a series of events including Gosford City Learning Community Celebration Assembly at HKHS, Point Clare’s Got Talent Concerts and our Open Day Assembly and classroom visits. We hope our community enjoyed these events. We had a large number of people in attendance and the students performed very well. We also had our Student Art Sale to help raise important funds for school resources. This sale was very successful and we remind Parents that couldn’t make it to school that items can still be purchased.

The second incident was a close call with luckily no injuries. A car crash on Brisbane Water Dr resulted in two cars hitting our front fence, one vehicle going through the fence and colliding with a tree. No students were in danger, but it is an important reminder that we have a large volume of traffic passing by a front boundary each day. We ask that anyone driving near the school slows down to help avoid such incidents in the future.

As a school we have much to celebrate, the children work very hard and our staff work to provide a wide range of opportunities. We are also thankful that the negative incidents were not more serious and remember that the road safety message needs to be repeated all of the time.

Commonwealth Games Day - August 14

Although the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow has concluded with numerous fantastic performances, our students will get to experience their own "Games Day" at Fagan Park on Thursday 14th August. There will be opening and closing ceremonies, as well as events for the students to compete in. Students will be divided into twelve countries to compete - for fun, during the day. We encourage parents and friends to attend and help make this a special event. There will be food and drink available on the day. This is a joint school and P&C event. Students in K-2 will travel to the park by bus and the Year 3-6 students will walk to the venue. The Opening Ceremony begins at 10am and the day is expected to conclude at 2pm, when students will return to school after lunch. A note went home yesterday with details and all students are encouraged to participate.

New Building Project Progress

The first meeting of the Project Reference Group which will be involved in the design and building of our new school buildings met for the first time on Friday. This group includes representatives of the P&C and School Council. Later this week we will be sending home a survey for you to complete, telling us the types of things you feel are important in designing the new spaces. We know that we need more play space, but how should that look? This will be your chance to have some input into the project. Students will also be asked questions in their classes to ensure they have input as well.

Public Education Awards - Central Coast

Each year schools nominate 3 people for fantastic service to public education. An award ceremony will be held at Northlakes High School on Tuesday 12th August. Our recipients this year include Jan Hunter and Rose Clark for service to our students in the area of disabilities. Both ladies have supported children over ten years building lasting relationships. The third recipient this year is Jan Crossley. Jan is the volunteer who finds and labels all of the lost property in the school. She does an amazing job - single handed, probably saving some families hundreds of dollars by making sure clothing, hats and lunch boxes are returned. We acknowledge all three ladies for their considerable service to the students and families at Point Clare.

David Harris - Principal

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Sport this Friday – Change in Stage 2 venue
Stage 2 will be travelling to Adcock Park to further develop skills and practice for their Gala Day on the 15th August. Cost will be $4.00 for the buses.

Stage 3 Gala Day (A separate permission note for Gala Day was sent home last week.
Mr Rayner – Co-ordinator

Notes from the Library
Bookweek festivities begin next week.
12th August – Steven Herrick for Years 3-6. $5.00 paid at the door. Permission notes to classroom teacher.
18th August – Aditi and her Rickshaw for K-2. $5.00 paid at the door. Permission notes to classroom teacher.
19th August – Book Character Parade K-2 after recess (11.15am). Parents and friends are invited to attend.
- Bookweek Cake Competition strictly voluntary. All cakes to the Library. Cakes must be picked up at the end of the day or will be disposed.

Please note that money for the author visits will only be accepted on the day.
Mrs McHugh

Point Clare Has Talent Thank You
We have so many people to thank for helping to make both of our concerts such successes. The children were beside themselves with excitement and performed like real troupers on the night. We made $875 from door sales which will go towards much needed equipment in the Creative and Performing Arts area. The biggest thank you goes to our host, behind the scenes personnel and performers who worked long and hard to make the nights happen. Matthew Loaney deserves special mention because he was in all the right places at all the right times, behind the scenes, ready to solve problems as they arose. Well done Matthew!!
Linda Atkinson and Evan Booth
Co-ordinators.

Premier’s Reading Challenge – 3 Weeks to go!!
Congratulations to Tony Bush, Seth Beaman, Alexander McGavin and Lauren Rigney in Year 3, and Malachy Cullen, Cameron Kop-Conrow and Kaea Simmonds in Year 4
For more information or assistance contact Mrs Allan
Meredith.allan@det.nsw.edu.au
Mrs Allan – Co-ordinator

You Can Do It!
Congratulations to our Week 3 Winners
Infants
Golden Ticket- Makaela 2A- Persistence
Iceblocks- Olivia 2A- Confidence
Kye 2A- Getting Along
Shanae 1H- Organisation

Primary
Golden Ticket- Mia 5/6W- Confidence
Iceblocks- Joel 5/6W- Organisation
Ernest 3R- Resilience
Preeya 3R- Confidence

Child Protection Lessons
Each stage will be holding Child Protection Lessons this term.

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)
This stage will be covering ‘It’s OK to say no” and comfortable and uncomfortable feelings.

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)
The topics being covered are: My Strategies and Networks, Comfortable and Uncomfortable feelings, Safe and Unsafe situations, Happy and Unhappy Secrets and the No Go Tell Strategy.

Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)
The children will be discussing ways of keeping themselves safe including: Feel Think Act and No, Go! Assertiveness techniques.

Stage 3 – (Years 5&6)
Topics being covered are: Personal Rights, Forming and Maintaining Positive Relationships, Recognising Risk, prevention and Staying Safe.

If you do not want your child to participate in these lessons, please send a note to your class teacher as soon as possible.
Any questions, please speak to stage leaders:
Mrs Carey Early Stage 1
Mrs Atkinson Stage 1
Mrs Ruhan Stage 2
Mrs Ricketts Stage 3

ICAS Science Competition
Children who sat for the ICAS Science Competition have received their results. All children are to be commended for their achievements. I would like to make special mention of these children who received a DISTINCTION achievement – a fantastic result!!
Lauren Rigney – Year 3
Malachy Cullen – Year 4
Ailsa Chen – Year 6
Conor Magill – Year 6
Jack Rogers – Year 6

Jenny Ricketts – Assistant Principal

Athletics Carnival Results
The winner of the School Athletics Carnival was Girrakool House, Wambina was a close second followed by Rumbalara and then Katandra.
The age champions were:
Junior Girls: Kasey Boelhouwer
11 Years Girls: Mary-Kate Whittemore
Senior Girls: Taylen Barnard

Junior Boys: Archie Tebbutt
11 Years Boys: Michael Porter
Senior Boys: Tyrone Pedavoli

Congratulations Age Champions. The Zone Team will be announced early next week.

Zone Carnival is on the 22nd August at Mingara Athletics Centre.
Mr Rayner – Co-ordinator
Girrakool Boy’s House Captain
An election was held last week to elect a new boy’s Captain for Girrakool. The students of Girrakool House met at lunchtime last week to listen to short speeches by the boys who were interested in nominating for the vacant position. Congratulations to Lachlan Curtin-Edwards who was elected as House Captain.

Mr Rayner – Co-ordinator

Point Clare Boys Represent Central Coast in Baseball - Coasties Cup
Two boys from Point Clare Primary School have again represented the Central Coast in Baseball at the 20th anniversary Coasties Cup held during the July school holidays at Adcock Park. Bayley Richards and Lewis Franich have been playing local competition baseball for the Lions Juniors for many years and for the past 4 years have been selected to play Representative Baseball for the Central Coast.

Coasties Cup is the largest junior baseball event of its kind in Australia and this year attracted 32 teams across three age divisions (U10, U12 & U14) and battled it out each day playing 6 games across the 3 days. All Coasties teams played well with Bayley’s U12 team coming runners up and Lewis Franich’s U14 team also coming runners up. The U10s came 3rd.

The boys will now go on to play in the NSW Country Championships played over 3 days in Wollongong between 8-10 August.

We wish them well.

Point Clare Public School Band
We have just started our fantastic Point Clare Public School Band, but we need a few items to make it sound even better!

If anyone has a keyboard and an electric bass guitar they are no longer using or wanting and would like to donate to our band, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Mrs Ricketts – Co-ordinator

Fundraising News...
If you missed the opportunity to come to Education Open Day, and wish to still be able to purchase your children’s framed artwork - You can still purchase over next week.

- 1 Framed Artwork - $8.00
- 2 Framed Artworks - $15.00
- 3 or more Framed Artworks - $20.00

Please send the money in an envelope with your child’s name and class on front of the envelope and your child will be able to bring the artwork home.

A permission note was sent home yesterday about our Commonwealth Games Day that the whole school will participate in next Thursday 14th August at Fagan Park the cost will be $8.00 each. Parents and Carers are welcome to come and enjoy the day of festivities. The canteen will be operating there on the day as well.

Thank you for your support
Point Clare Public School P&C

Community News...
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Lost Property – Clear out
There is over 90 no-name items in ‘sorted’ lost property – both black ‘no-name’ lost property boxes are full and need to be cleared out. Anything not collected by this Thursday 7th August will be cleared out (recycled/donated/binned etc) on Friday 8th August, 2014.

Mrs Crossley

Road Safety Education
Getting your kids to school safely

Do you know… How much did Point Clare parents spend on parking fines in 2012? Read on and you’ll find the answer. Thank you

Amanda Cashion

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Getting your kids to school safely

When it comes to getting your kids to school on time, many will reach for the car keys just to end up frustrated with the traffic chaos and lack of parking spaces. But have you thought about other ways to get the kids to and from school?

- **Walk** – we live in a beautiful part of the Central Coast with a cycleway nearby. Walk with your kids or take turns with another family. It’s a great way to get exercise, spend quality time together, explore your surroundings and prepare your kids for learning.
- **Ride** – once kids get their licence from school, kids can ride their bikes or scooters to school. Its great exercise and a lot of fun too. Bike racks are provided near the library.
- **Bus** – infants children and those living outside a 1.6km radius are eligible for a bus pass. If you live inside the 1.6km radius and believe a safety concern prevents your child from walking to school, apply to NSW Transport in writing. But make sure you explain to your children they need to wait for the bus to leave before checking if the road is safe to cross.

If you must drive:
- **Car pool** with your friend or neighbour - If everyone car pooled with one other family, we would halve the number of cars competing for a space. How much safer would that be for the children and less frustrating for the drivers. Not to mention the savings in time and running costs of your car.
- **Kiss and Drop** - Utilise the No Parking zone in Takari Avenue as a ‘Kiss and Drop’. You can stop for 2 minutes as long as you are within 3 metres of the vehicle.

Did you know that Council rangers visit the school every term?

In 2013, 44 traffic infringements were issued at Point Clare Public School during school drop off and pick up times.

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A total of $12,500

...imagine what we could have achieved if that money was donated to the school instead of spent in fines.

Some other school zone infringements you should be aware of:

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Remember to keep our kids safe and healthy; look for alternative ways to get the kids to and from school and if you must drive, model good parking behaviour for your children and avoid a fine.

An initiative of the Point Clare Public School Council’s Traffic Management & Road Safety Committee