Excellent Students

Congratulations to a large cross-section of our students who have recently attended excursions. Excellent reports from every excursion have been relayed to the school to let us know that our Point Clare students are exceptional. Well-done on your beautiful manners and behaviour when on excursions. Also, a big thank you to the supporting parents and the teacher organisers. We are a proud school!

Central Coast Choral Festival success

Our choir, led by Mrs Ricketts performed in an outstanding manner at the Central Coast Choral Festival last week. Well done to all the students who attended and performed so well. You looked and sounded magnificent. Than you to Mrs Ricketts for her continued enthusiasm and support of all things musical at Point Clare. Thank you also to Mr Humphries who supports Mrs Ricketts and our musical students. We couldn’t do it without our hard working teachers and students who put in all the extra effort throughout their lunch times.

Work Health and Safety – Lockdown Drill

In the next day or so, teachers will be speaking with all students to prepare them for a Lockdown Drill which we will be holding sometime over the next week. This is a Work Health and Safety requirement and must be practised from time to time. A recording will sound, alerting all school personnel to the Lockdown. Students will remain in their room, or go to the room to which they are closest. Doors will be locked and blinds drawn, if there are blinds. Students will be asked to sit in silence on the floor. The drill will last approximately 5-10 minutes. At the conclusion an ‘all clear’ will sound. At this time we will return to our normal daily routine.

All government and non-government schools have been holding Lockdown Drills and Evacuation Drills for a number of years. This practice drill does not indicate in any way that we are concerned for the students’ welfare. If your child comes home and tells you about this drill, please reassure them that it is precautionary only.

Health Alert - Ticks

Just a warning that as summer approaches there may be ticks about. Tick bites are painless, but later lead to itching and redness and some people may have an allergic reaction to tick bites. If your child has an itchy or red ‘bite’, please have a close look as it may be a tick which will need to be removed.

End of school year

Teachers use continual assessment and observation data to write Student Reports each year. We are already into Week 4 of our final term for 2015 and students will be undertaking some extra assessment tasks over the next couple of weeks. As well as our academic activities, we have many end of year activities underway or in the planning stages, with a disco next week, the Ball Games Carnivals coming up, some classes preparing plays, and of course, the Talent Quest later this term.

I’m sure you would like your child to be involved in as many aspects of school as possible. We are closely monitoring attendance this term, so if your child is absent from school for 2 or more days without notice, please do not be surprised if we ring you for an explanation. This is just to make sure that our students are well and happy with good, continuous attendance. Thank you to the parents who are letting us know in advance of absences. A note to the class teacher is much appreciated when the child returns to school.

Jane Young, Acting Principal

Ipads Fundraiser

The staff held a fundraising BBQ at Aldi on Saturday 17th October. They raised $540.45 to assist with the purchase of Ipads.
Year 4 Overnight Excursion - Camp Toukley

Last Thursday and Friday Year 4 students attended their overnight excursion to Camp Toukley. The purpose of the excursion was to complement personal development and physical activity outcomes from the PDHPE syllabus and support our You Can Do It welfare program, giving students the opportunity to test and develop their resilience, persistence and confidence.

The students participated in the following activities:
- Giant swing
- Quad bike riding
- Canoeing (some groups did the Flying Fox instead due to poor weather)
- Abseiling
- Bushwalking/volleyball

The children were extremely well behaved and were great representatives of Point Clare PS throughout the excursion. They enjoyed the activities immensely and pushed themselves beyond their ‘comfort zone’ in completing the activities. I would like to thank Mrs Singh for assisting with the excursion and Mrs Allan, Mrs Lawson, Mrs Lavelle and Mrs Clark for giving up their family time to attend the excursion. Thanks also to Mrs Ruhan for her organisation of this great learning activity.

Mr McNeill - Rel. Assistant Principal

Disco - Wednesday 4th November

Next Wednesday we will be holding our second exciting disco for 2015. Students will be notified of the theme this week. The times for the disco are

**Infants 5.30pm – 6.45pm**
**Primary 7pm – 8.30pm**

**Cost $5.00**
P&C will be selling glow products, please see the P&C section for more information.

Mr McNeill

| Important Dates |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| **Week 4**      |                 |
| **Wednesday 28th** | Kinder 2016 Transition Group B |
|                 | 9:15am – 12:15pm |
|                 | Student Banking |
|                 | Kidansys 3C, 5/6A, 3/4B, 4R |
| **Thursday 29th** | Kinder 2016 Transition Group C |
|                 | 9:15am – 12:15pm |
|                 | Kidansys 3/4LA, 6R, 4J, 5/6W, 5/6M, 5/6T |
| **Friday 30th**  | Zone Ball Games Carnival (selected students only) |
|                 | Stage 2 & 3 – sport at school, no cost |

| **Week 5**      |                 |
| **Tuesday 3rd** | Year 6 Inter-relate |
| **Wednesday 4th** | Student Banking |
|                 | Kidansys 3C, 5/6A, 3/4B, 4R |
|                 | School Disco |
| **Thursday 5th** | Kidansys 3/4LA, 6R, 4J, 5/6W, 5/6M, 5/6T |
| **Friday 6th**  | Stage 2 & 3 – sport at school, no cost |

Outstanding APSMO success – Maths Olympiad!

Throughout the year 5/6 W and selected Yr 6 students took part in a series of five Mathematical Problem Solving (Olympiads) competitions. At the end of the five Olympiads their scores were added and ranked amongst the 250,000 Australasian participants.

We are very proud to announce that our school team scored in the top 10% and were awarded a High Achievement Award and Plaque. Eight children scored in the top 10% individually, with another 13 scoring in the top 25%. Special mention needs to be made of our top scorers, Enya H and Mia T, Alissa T, Eira J and Tinya H also scored in the top 4%! Maddy H was awarded a special prize for her improvement overall.

An outstanding effort where ALL participants improved and learned valuable problem solving skills.

Judy Wilson - School Olympiad Facilitator

2017 Year 7 Selective High School

YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 3

Infants
Golden ticket - Milla 1/2T- Persistence
Ice Blocks - Gabriella 2HW- Resilience
Charlotte 1/2R- Getting Along
Angus 1/2T- Getting Along

Primary
Golden tickets - Ashleigh 3C- Getting Along
Iceblocks- Grace 3/4LA- Organisation
Joshua G 3/4B- Persistence
Bree 5/6W- Organisation

Health Alert
Impetigo (School Sores)
A case has been reported in the school.

Symptoms
Small red spots change into blisters that fill with pus and become crusted, usually on the face, hands and scalp.

Do I need to keep my child at home?
Yes until treatment starts. Sores should be covered with a watertight dressing on return to school.

How can it be prevented?
Careful hand washing.

Whooping Cough
There is an outbreak of whooping cough in NSW, mainly affecting school aged children.

Pertussis is a disease caused by infection of the throat with the bacteria Bordetella pertussis. It is spread by droplets from coughing or sneezing. Untreated, it can be spread to other people for up to three weeks after the onset of cough.

Symptoms: Usually begin just like a cold, with runny nose, tiredness and sometimes a mild fever. Coughing develops, usually in bouts, followed by a deep gasp (or “whoop”). It can be very serious in small children, who may go blue or stop breathing during coughing attacks and may need hospitalisation.

Do I need to keep my child home?: Yes, until after the first 5 days of a special antibiotic have been taken.

Your local public health unit can provide advice on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know.

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.

YOUR P&C NEWS

G'day all.

Hope you are enjoying the longer days and warmer weather. It is great to see Point Clare families out and about enjoying the Coast.

After the School disco on Wednesday 4th November, the P&C has one major family event remaining, the carols evening.

The carols are a wonderful Point Clare Public School tradition and a lovely way to finish a successful year. I’m sure your calendars are beginning to fill with festive events, so make sure you add the PCPS carols night, on Wednesday 02 December, to your calendar now.

Cheers
Jen Moes
President, Point Clare Public School P&C

FACEBOOK PAGE
P&C activities can be found on our Facebook page. Here’s the link to keep up to date. Make sure to ‘Like’ us! https://www.facebook.com/pages/PC-for-Point-Clare-Public-School
CANTEEN
Check out our summer menu offerings on the school website. This menu will be in place until the end of Term one 2016.

There are lots of yummy items including Butter Chicken, Burritos, Mexican Beef and Vegetarian Pizza. Additional gluten free options are also available.

For quick and easy recess and lunch orders, open an account with MunchMonitor - www.munchmonitor.com (details on the school website).

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO HELP IN THE CANTEEN?
If you are free to help in the Canteen this term or next year we’d love to hear from you.

To join our roster please contact Anwyn in the Canteen on Thursday or Friday via the school office 4325 0594, or fill in a Volunteer Form which can be found outside the Canteen door.

Thank You
Canteen Committee

UNIFORM SHOP
Open Tuesdays during term 8:30am - 9:00am

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TUESDAY MORNINGS
The Uniform shop is open Tuesday mornings 8:30 to 9:00am. If you don’t need to try on please consider using MunchMonitor online orders (see details below).

UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS
Online ordering is available via MunchMonitor (www.munchmonitor.com).

Online orders are delivered each Thursday. Cut off time for online orders is 7:00am Thursdays. Orders can also be left at the office, and will be delivered to classrooms on Thursdays as well.

This service allows for credit card payments. Please see the school website for full details.

Thank you,
Uniform Committee

FUNDRAISING NEWS
FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY VIEWING
THURSDAY 5th NOV

A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY
The Family Portrait viewing day is Thursday 5th November. It will be held in one of the brick classrooms opposite the basketball court.

Appointment times were arranged when the portraits were taken.

SCHOOL DISCO
The P&C will be selling an assortment of glow products at the school disco on the Wednesday 4th November. These items will range in price from $1 to $6.

See the below for what we will have in stock.

Thank You
Fundraising Committee

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