Technology
Last night Mr McNeill presented a Technology evening for parents to present our Bring Your Own Device plan for 2016. Thank you to the small number of parents who were able to attend. If you are a Stage 2 parent for 2016 (Years 3 and 4), then you should have received a letter explaining that our BYOD will be extending to this Stage next year. Apple i-pads are the device which we are asking parents to purchase. If you require more information, please feel free to contact either Mr McNeill or myself for an appointment.

World Teachers Day
Last Friday was World Teachers Day and I would like to acknowledge and thank all of our dedicated teachers for the outstanding job that they do. Without our marvellous and dedicated teaching staff, our school would not be so successful, our students so happy or our results so excellent. We appreciate your hard work.
Thank you to our amazing parents who also acknowledged this day by some gifts of chocolates and slice to the staff.

Kindergarten Transition
We have a fantastic group of pre-schoolers and their parents ready to start school here next year. Our Kindergarten Transition days have been very successful with the Year 5 buddies sharing time with the new Kindies, the parents meeting each other and the teachers at the parent sessions.
Next we have the Teddy Bear’s Picnic on 17th November as a celebration of transition before the students commence next term.
If you know of any children due to start school with us next year and they have not yet enrolled, please encourage them to do so as we are now forming the classes for 2016.

Lockdown Drill
Our Lockdown drill last week went without a hitch. It is good that we are prepared for any contingency. We appreciate that you may have talked with your children about this practice. Thank you for your support.

Spooky Disco tomorrow night
Please remember the disco tomorrow evening, commencing with the younger students and then later the Years 3-6 students. This is a fundraiser for technology to support our ever growing technology at school.

Regards,
Jane Young, Acting Principal

Important Dates

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| 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 |

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| Wednesday 11th | Surfun Terrigal - Year 5
Student Banking
Kidansys 3C, 5/6A, 3/4B, 4R
P & C Meeting - 7.30 pm |
| Thursday 12th| Surfun Terrigal - Year 6
Kidansys 3/4LA, 6R, 4J, 5/6W, 5/6M, 5/6T |
| Friday 13th  | Stage 2 & 3 - sport at school, no cost |

 Helpers Morning Tea
This year our morning tea to say “thank you” to all our wonderful volunteers will be held on Wednesday 25th November. Invitations will be issued during the coming weeks.
Regular Attendance = Better Outcomes

Often students and parents do not see that regular and punctual attendance at school is important. Attendance patterns affect students learning. Students miss out on valuable content which includes valuable information, discussion and skills development that are the pathway to success and development of high self-esteem.

The following chart highlights the impact of non-attendance and partial attendance over time. Viewed in this context, the implications of regular absenteeism is startling.

The chart shows the cumulative effect of persistent non-attendance over the period of compulsory schooling from kindergarten to the end of Year 10.

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YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 4

Infants
Golden ticket - Sam KPC - Resilience
Iceblocks - Corey 1/2T - Resilience
Ben KPC - Organisation
Ruby KPC - Organisation

Primary
Golden tickets - Joshua G 3/4B - Persistence
Iceblocks - Lateesha 4R - Getting Along
Ally 4R - Getting Along
Brooke 4R - Confidence

Learning Management Business Reform (LMBR) - 2016

The LMBR program will be delivering modern integrated IT systems to better support Teaching and Learning in NSW public schools. Modernising school systems across NSW will provide:

* A consistent way for schools to manage financial data
* Portability of student information
* Improved collaboration between teachers, students and parents / carers

At Point Clare Public School as we move towards the changeover to the new program, Administrative staff will undergo training and processes in the office may start to change early next year.

We will keep the community abreast of any changes as they take place and hope to minimise any disruptions to our families.

The introduction of LMBR is part of the Departments reforms to meet the evolving needs of schools into the future.

2017 Year 7 Selective High School
Applications are now open for entry into Year 7 - 2017 government selective high school. You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement.
Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.
Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.
Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.
- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

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

SCHOOL BANKING
Rewards: Due to ongoing safety concerns surrounding the use of button batteries, the Commonwealth Bank has decided to withdraw the Lunar Light Band, which was due for release in term 4. A Galaxy Glider Frisbee is available instead. Also, please note that the Glow In the Dark Solar System is out of stock. Rewards available in term 4 are:

- ET DVD
- Invisible Ink Martian Pens
- Intergalactic Rocket
- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- Galaxy Glider
- Shark Plush Key ring
- Scented Pencils
- Swimming bag

Each reward costs 10 tokens and we remind you that the sharing of tokens, even between siblings, is not permitted by the Commonwealth Bank. To redeem, please send in your tokens along with the relevant reward card or a note. Rewards take approximately 1-2 weeks to be delivered.

Consistent Savers: Results so far for term 4:
Week 1 - KB and KC (8 bankers each)
Week 2 - KPC (9 bankers)
Week 3 - KB (6 bankers)
Week 4 - KB (9 bankers)

Competition: There are only a few weeks left to enter the year-long competition to win a trip to Disneyland. To qualify, you need to make 25 deposits throughout the year. We have lots of students who have already qualified, and plenty more who may qualify in the next few weeks. Terms and conditions can be found on the Commonwealth Bank website.

End of year: The last day of banking for 2015 will be WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER. This allows us to finalise rewards ordered and prepare certificates for the students. The bank’s support services are very busy at that time of year so we appreciate your understanding in wrapping things up a little earlier than end of term.


If you have any questions about school banking, please contact Liz on 0411 497 567 or liz.post@icloud.com

Happy saving!
Liz & Odette

YOUR P&C NEWS
G’day all,
Wow, mid-way through the term already!

It has been another busy year for our school community. We have made some small changes in the P&C and we are looking at new ways to engage our parents and the wider community. Stay tuned for some exciting initiatives in the new year which just might pique your interest. We would love to see you at our November meeting to get a sneak peek.

Final meeting for 2015 is Wednesday 11 November, 7:30pm.

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

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

LOST PROPERTY CLEAR OUT
No Name Lost Property is cleared out at the end of each month. Please check for any items you are missing before all items are cleared this Thursday 05 November.
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

CANTEEEN
EVENTS FOR THIS TERM
- RED DAY Friday 13 November
- GREEN PROMO LUNCH Thursday 26 November
RED DAY is the Canteen treat day when we sell items classified as red in the Healthy Canteen traffic light system. All our regular menu items are still available, but we will also be selling lollies, brownie cakes, and other sweet treats.
GREEN PROMO LUNCHES are offered as part of our Healthy Canteen status accreditation. We run one Green Promo per term. On this day we only offer our special Green Promo Lunch, to encourage kids to try different healthy options.

VOLUNTEERING
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

FUNDRAISING NEWS
FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY VIEWING - THURS 5th NOV
CHANGE OF ROOM FOR VIEWING
TO ALL FAMILIES WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY
The viewing day is Thursday 5th November. All portraits will now be available for viewing in the newly moved MDR rooms located in the bottom playground.
Keep to the appointment time you were given when your portrait was taken.

SPOOKY SCHOOL DISCO
Don’t forget, the P&C will be selling an assortment of glow products at the school disco on Wednesday 4th November.
These items will range in price from $1 to $6.
Below is an example of what we will have in stock.
Thank You
Fundraising Committee

Community News...
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4 Seasons for Art and Film
Presented by Karioing ECO Garden
FREE EVENT – donations of $5 or more get an entry in Door Prize
Saturday 7 November 6.00-9.00pm

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<td>Food (BBQ, yummy salad wraps, cakes and fresh juices)</td>
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<td>Nature Play &amp; Treasure Hunt</td>
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<td>Film: The Last Paradise – the World’s greatest adventure film.</td>
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<td>“Tomorrow’s protectors of the wilderness are the kids who play in it today”</td>
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<td>9.00</td>
<td>Thank you for coming – go out &amp; find your next adventure</td>
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About the film: In the extraordinary wilderness of Australia and New Zealand a bunch of daredevil kids experimented with something that would change the world of adventure travel. Through 45 years of the most stunning original footage we join the original extreme sports pioneers in an epic journey of adrenaline seeking. Their global quest for adventure takes us on the road less travelled during the 60’s and 70’s to witness firsthand the discovery of amazing paradieses that few ever knew of – before they tragically disappeared. Yet the very same pioneering spirit provides the answer to turning it all around.

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