End of School Year
The last day for students at school this year is Wednesday, December 16th.
Students in Years 1-6 return to school in 2016 on Thursday, January 28th. Kindergarten students will receive a personal letter with their start date.

As you may know, at the completion of the students’ school year, teachers return to school for two Staff Development Days. These days are filled with mandatory training sessions and professional learning sessions pertinent to each particular school. This is also a time for teachers to share knowledge of their students with next year’s teachers to ensure each student is individually supported for the best start to a new school year. Traditionally on these two days, students are not in attendance as they are days for teachers to focus on training.

On Thursday, December 17th, Point Clare teachers will be at school completing professional learning, however, on Friday December 18th, teachers will not be present on site as we have already completed these extra seven hours of training outside of school hours throughout the term.

We appreciate and thank you for your support this year to allow our teachers to be professionally developed to meet the needs of all our students. We look forward to welcoming all families back at the beginning of 2016.

Reading Recovery
Congratulations to Mr Thorsby who has now graduated from his second year of training as a Reading Recovery teacher. This valuable program will again be supported in 2016 by Mr Thorsby and another teacher who will commence training. Thank you to Mrs Ricketts who has taught Reading Recovery for a number of years and who manages this program in the school.

Food Allergies
Yesterday all families were provided with a note regarding food allergies. Some students in our school have strong allergic reactions to certain foods. A reminder that students with food allergies are becoming more common. Please do not send any food to school to be shared by students unless it is at the express request of teachers. All food to be shared must be labelled with the ingredients.

Carols Night
Last week we held an amazing and most successful Carols Night here at school. I would firstly like to thank our P & C Fundraising Committee headed by Kayla McNeill for organising such a successful event, and the multitude of P&C and teacher helpers who assisted on the night. Congratulations to our performers for ensuring the Christmas Spirit is alive and well at Point Clare. A special thanks to Mr Booth who was our MC for the evening and who kept things running so smoothly. If you took part in the fun photos, the photo booth photos will be emailed to you shortly.

Presentation Day Parking
We know it is difficult to park near school when there is a large school event so we are working in conjunction with our community to assist you.

For our Early Stage 1 Presentation Day on December 11th and our Stages 1, 2 and 3 Presentation Day on Monday 14th December, we have worked in partnership with Aldi to have some car parking spaces allocated for school use. Please park in the designated parking places only.

If you are unable to park in the streets near school or Aldi, remember that there are some parking spaces to be found on the other side of Point Clare station. This is only a short walk from school. To assist our neighbours, please do not park across driveways.

Non-returning students 2016
To assist us in planning classes for 2016, please let us know if your child will not be returning to our school in 2016. This may be done by ringing or emailing the front office or by writing to the class teacher.
School leaders for 2016
The Year 5 students who applied for leadership roles for 2016 have been elected into the eight School leader positions. The School Captains and Vice Captains will be announced from these eight on Presentation Day.

The House Captain leaders were elected yesterday by vote at the House Meetings. Students will be informed later today. Technology leaders will be announced on Presentation Day. Congratulations to all Year 5 who ‘had a go’, and especially to our elected leaders.

Student Reports
Over the past couple of weeks, I have been reading and signing the Student Report Cards for Semester 2. I would like to congratulate the majority of our students who have excellent reports form their class teachers. I would also like to thank teachers, students and parents for their hard work this Semester
Student Reports will be sent home this coming Friday. If you wish to speak with the class teacher about your child’s report card, please ring the school to make an appointment.

Last week of term
Next week, our final week of the term will be yet another busy time. Please check your school calendar for events.

Jane Young, Acting Principal

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Students Return to School
- Years 1-6 - Thursday 28th January 2016
- Kinder 2016 - Best Start - Times to be advised

YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 9
Infants
Golden ticket – Rylan 1/2T - Resilience
Iceblocks – Leilani 2HW – Confidence
Connor 2HW – Persistence
Manu KC - Confidence

Primary
Golden ticket – Belle 3/4B - Resilience
Iceblocks – Jack H 6R – Getting Along
Kasey 5/6M – Organisation
Kaylab 4J - Organisation

Opal Card Reminder 2016 Year 2 – Year 3
A reminder that all students progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 need to apply online to receive an Opal card in 2016. Go to www.transportnsw.info/school-students

The application may take several weeks to process so please apply now so that your child has an Opal card for the beginning of the school year.

YOUR P&C NEWS
G’day all
We are at our penultimate newsletter for the year - one more to go!

A reminder about our first General Meeting and Annual General Meeting (AGM) coming up in February next year. See the P&C noticeboard this week (above the lost property tubs) for a list of positions open for 2016. Any queries please contact us at pointclarepublicschool@pandaffiliate.org.au

You may be interested in lending your expertise to a project or one-off event during the year. We are open to and welcome all the volunteer help we can get. Spreading the load makes everyone’s life easier and enables us to provide services and funds for the school - mums, dads, grandparents, all carers welcome to volunteer their time.

P&C Executive positions open at AGM Wednesday 24 February 2016
President
Vice Presidents (two positions will be available)
Treasurer
Secretary
Uniform Shop Coordinator
Canteen Coordinator
Fundraising Coordinator
P&C Non-Executive positions
School Council Representative
Central Coast Region of P&Cs Representative
Committee member assistance includes (but not limited to)
- Grant writing
- Mail collection
- Selling on the BBQ stand and other stalls
- Volunteering in the Canteen or Uniform Shop
- Preparing hampers
- Selling raffle tickets
- Taking photographs for publicity

We look forward to meeting you and to your involvement in 2016.

Cheers all
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
HOT DOGS ON TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER
A special request has come in from our outgoing year six to have hot dogs one last time before they go. So, as a special treat, we will be adding hot dogs to the Tuesday specials on December 15 (2nd last day of school). All other canteen items will be available. Full details will come home on a note.

END OF YEAR TRADING
The Canteen will be open till the last day of term, Wednesday 16th December.

VOLUNTEERING IN 2016
We are already writing up our rosters for next term so if you’ve been thinking you might like to try out volunteering in the Canteen please contact Anwyn (Canteen Manager) 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 Sub-Committee

LOST PROPERTY
The year is nearly over! Please check Lost Property for any items you are missing before the holidays. There are over 100 items waiting to be collected.

All items are cleared from Lost Property at the end of the year.

OPEN SATURDAY 23 JANUARY 2016
The Uniform Shop will open Saturday 23 January from 9:00am - 11:00am.
We will also be offering online order pickups on this morning. Orders must be made online by Thursday 21 January. As this is our busiest open time of the year if you don’t need to try on please consider using this online service (www.munchmonitor.com).

We will be in our new Uniform Shop space by Saturday 23 January. It is located behind the school staffroom. Access will be via the carpark next to the school front office.

UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS
The Uniform Shop will soon be moving to a new larger shop space. Being in a larger space means we will have enough room for more volunteers, so if you think helping out in the Uniform Shop may suit you please pick up a Volunteer Description Information Sheet at the Office, Canteen, or Uniform Shop.

Thanks for your consideration.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TUESDAY MORNINGS
The Uniform Shop is open Tuesday mornings 8:30 - 9:00am. If you don’t need to try on please consider using MunchMonitor (www.munchmonitor.com). Online orders are delivered to classrooms each Thursday. Visit the school website for more details.

Orders can also be left at the office, and will also be delivered to classrooms on Thursdays.

Thank You
Uniform Sub-Committee

FUNDRAISING NEWS
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
What a great night Carols was!
So many generous parents, teachers and students selflessly gave up their time to make the event possible. We had over 40 volunteers helping on the night and many others gave delicious donations for our cake stall.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone involved in what was a very successful and fun-filled night. The students were fantastic performers, our guest magician James Rhodes was mind blowing, the photo booth was pumping, the face painters out-did themselves, Mr Booth made an amazing MC and with the support of our wonderful school community the atmosphere was buzzing!

Congratulations to all those lucky people who won a hamper in the raffle and to the students who sold the highest number of raffle tickets. Prizes will be handed out to 10 students this week as well as the highest selling class.
A special mention to our 4 top selling students:
Lincoln S. in KPC – 100 tickets sold!
Tatiana Y. in KM – 130 tickets sold!
Lochlan L-B. in 5/6A – 142 tickets sold!
Ben C. in 1C – 210 tickets sold!
Highest selling class was 1C, who sold a total of 342 tickets!
What a fantastic effort, well done Point Clare P.S.!

Our profits from the raffle and carols night were over $6000 - How fantastic!

THANKS COLES
Thank you to the wonderful staff at Coles West Gosford for organising a $50 voucher that was donated to the P&C to put towards supplies for Carols night. It was a big help.

WHAT A YEAR!
With the help and support of our community the Fundraising Team have managed to pull off a great year.

We have raised over $15 000 in profit for our school during 2015 - a great result considering we have not had a major fundraiser in this time. This amazing outcome was only possible with the continued help and support from the school community.

Thank you for a great year Point Clare. The money we have raised will sure help to improve our school and buy resources to enrich our students’ education.

Community News...
Point Clare Public School does not endorse the products or services of any advertiser. No responsibility is accepted for the information contained in advertisements or claims made by them.

Keeping our kids safe around schools
Your child’s safety depends on you

40km/h school zones

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school. Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9:30am and from 2:30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen. A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits must be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

Gazetted school term dates can be found at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au website and the websites of the NSW Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards and the NSW Department of Education.

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon's teeth road markings indicate the vehicle is entering a school zone.

Fines and demerit points
For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

About Face: The Gosford Junior Portrait Prize competition

Budding artists between the ages of 8 and 15 are invited to submit a portrait for About Face: The Gosford Junior Portrait Prize Competition at the Gallery.

There are four age categories: 5-8 year olds; 9-12 year olds; 13-15 year olds; 16-18 year olds.

The portrait should be of a person who is special to you – someone who is known to you and plays a significant role in your life. The portrait should not be of a newly taken photo, a photo in a magazine or on the internet. The portrait must be on A4 size paper portrait (portrait orientation).

The competition will be judged based on merit and originality. One winner will be drawn in each category. Selected finalists from each category will be exhibited in the Gosford Regional Gallery’s Community Gallery from 9 January to 20 January 2016.

Entries must be registered
www.mylifeinart.org.au/AboutFace
Entry is free. Limit one entry per artist

Key dates
Deadline for entries: Sunday 3 January at 4pm
Announcement of the winners: Wednesday 6 January at 11am
Exhibition of the winners: Wednesday 6 January to Wednesday 20 January

HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAYS TO ALL
Kayla McNeill
Fundraising Convener
Fundraising Sub-Committee, Point Clare Public School P&C