Class groups
Last Friday, students moved to their new classes for 2015 and there were many smiling faces as classes were announced. We did our best to keep students both in the best class for them academically as well as with friends. Thank you to the families who have provided us with positive feedback. We love to hear from you as we value the partnership between home and school.

Kindergarten
Yesterday our Kindergarten students had their first day at our school. I think some of the parents were more nervous than the students! All Kindergarten students settled well into their first day and teachers have already begun working with them in class, with in-class groupings determined by the Best Start assessment. The Year 6 buddies are, as usual, a large part of the first days at school for Kindergarten as they work and play with their buddies, providing that extra little bit of support for a successful start on the school journey. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers for allowing time out of class for buddies to support Kindergarten.

New Lunch and Recess Times
Last Friday we began trialling the new lunch and recess times which so far have been very successful. Once the Primary students are used to lunch first and afternoon recess, they will see the benefits of the longer learning time each morning and the less crowded playground for all – at least until the building program commences. Thank you to our wonderful canteen workers who have assisted us to make the time adjustments successful. We will iron out any teething problems as they arise.

Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)
Thursday is our Swimming Carnival day at the Peninsula Leisure Centre. This carnival is for all primary students and Year 2 students who will turn 8 during 2015. All Primary students are expected to attend even if they are not a champion swimmer. This is a school day and less able swimmers may enter novelty events and cheer for their House representatives. Students may come dressed in the colour of their house or in school sport’s uniform. House banners and streamers are encouraged. No crepe paper please as the colour melts out of it and makes a mess. Parents and family members will be welcomed on the day. Please return permission slips tomorrow (Wednesday) and $8.00 on the day.

Text Books
A reminder that the text book sale day is Tuesday, 17th February. Please check the note home for pricing and for cheque writing. Please include correct payment as the money is handled by Top Bookshop, not the school and no change is able to be given. Online payment is not available for text books.

Jane Young – Deputy Principal

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Book Club
Orders are due on Tuesday 17th February. Sorry late orders will not be accepted. Thank you for your co-operation.

Primary Ethic Classes
Ethics classes are available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) / Scripture. We currently offer Ethics Classes for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

If you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child in 2015 please make a written request to the school. More information about Ethics Classes and Primary Ethics is available at www.primaryethics.com.au

School Banking
Welcome back to another year. School banking will begin this week, Wednesday 4th February. Further information regarding the banking program and this year's reward items will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Meanwhile, you can find out more via the school's website http://www.pointclare-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/parents-citizens/school-banking or the Commonwealth Bank website https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students/school-banking-program.html

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

Happy saving!

Liz Post & Odette Clarkson

Years 3-6 Chess Coaching at Point Clare Public School
The Sydney Academy of Chess is looking at running chess coaching at our school. The classes will be held once a week during Primary Lunch time.

Chess is a valuable activity for children, developing their logical thinking skills, concentration and discipline, as well as being a source of much enjoyment! What better way to combine learning and fun!

The classes begin with an interactive lecture by one of our experienced coaches. During the second half of the lesson children play games against each other, putting newly learned strategies into practice. As the term progresses and the children become proficient in all the basics, the lectures will move on to more complex ideas such as strategy, middle game ideas and chess technique.

The cost for the coaching is $7-50 per lesson. There are approximately 8-10 lessons during each term. Lessons will be held on Thursday's from 11:30am to 12:20pm during Primary lunch commencing on 12th February.

If you are interested in your child taking part in this activity, please fill in the form below and return it to the school office by Friday 6th February.

Years 3-6 Lunchtime Chess Classes
I would like my son/daughter to take part in the chess coaching organised by the Sydney Academy of Chess in 2015.

Student’s Name ____________________ Class ________________
Parent’s Name ____________________
Parent’s Signature ____________________
Contact Phone ____________________ Email ____________________
Community News...
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Gosford Tigers
Home Ground Adcock Park, West Gosford
2015 Registration Days
11am – 1pm Sunday 8th February 2015
Located in the Tasman Room Gosford RSL
11am – 1pm Sunday 1st March 2015
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We Play Sunday Footy
Auskick (Boys and Girls 5-8 year olds)
Boys: U9’s, U11’s, U13’s, U15’s, U17’s
Youth Girls: U14’s, U18’s
Special team for children with disabilities this year.
For further information contact Kelly Mott on 0425 267 665

PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE WITH
GOSFORD KARIONG STORM UNDER 6’S – 17’S
FAMILY ORIENTATED. FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.
ENQUIRIES: Ed 0497810569 or Renee 0402190282
Registration Days: 7th & 14th February @ Wyoming
Shopping Centre - 10am–2pm,
Or come to training Wednesdays & Fridays 5.30pm @ Narara Valley High School.
Fees: $120 includes insurance, shorts, socks, training shorts & club shirt
Family discounts & payment plans available.

Woy Woy Under 12’s Rugby Union
Registrations will soon open for boys who turn 12 this year and are interested in playing Rugby Union for Woy Woy Lions
For more information contact Trish Kierce on 0424 852 859

Suzuki Beach Fest 2015
Event Overview:
What: Surfing and Bodyboard Competition, Ocean Swim, Beach Fun Run, Plenty of Family Entertainment
When: 7th & 8th February - 7am - 4pm
Where: Avoca Beach
Web: www.ccbeachfest.com.au

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club
Register now with the Roosters for the 2015 season online, via our website: www.woywoyjrlfc.leaguenet.com.au
Girls are welcome to play too from U6-U12 age groups.
COST: (Under 6’s - 9’s) $95.(Under 10’s – 17’s) $125
Includes: Rego, insurance, ground & ref fees, Club polo shirt, playing shorts & socks. Full details are on our website.
Enquiries to Melissa Moore: 0425 324 956

Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to
Come and Try Guides!
At your local Girl Guide unit
For girls aged 6-17 years.
Leadership opportunities for adults 18 years and over.
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities: games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events
For information on the location and available meetings - Region Membership Adviser on helenEG2@live.com.au
Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides
HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW
Volunteering in the Canteen
The canteen is open and we are trying to fill up our roster for this term. The canteen relies on volunteers to achieve our daily operations. We appreciate any help you give. You choose how long and how often. You choose which canteen tasks you’re comfortable doing. All training provided.

To join our roster please contact Anwyn in the canteen on Thursday or Friday via the school office 4325 0594. Thank you

Canteen Committee

Uniform Shop
Open Tuesday & Thursday 8.30 – 9am

NEW HAT
Our full brim hat has had an upgrade, it is now a microfibre material which should keep its shape and colour better, it has a size adjustment band in the head piece (so no more strings under the chin), and it has a large name spot on the inside. This comes in 2 sizes, small/medium and medium/large.

Priced at $15.

Thank You
Uniform Committee

NEW RECESS & LUNCH TIMES
The canteen is open and split lunches are now in operation, we are still offering recess and lunch orders and counter service but the changed timing means we will be assessing over the next few weeks to see what we can achieve.

As lunch is now served earlier in the day we need to change our online order cut off time to 9am. This starts this Thursday. We appreciate your understanding with this.

Volunteering is more crucial than ever as the new times means lunch for one group is prepared while another group is being served recess- that is impossible for our staff member to do alone. Please consider joining our team, details are below.

P&C News
FACEBOOK PAGE
Make sure you like our FB page to stay up to date with P&C activities

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