**Parent/Teacher Meetings – Tuesday 17th February**

Our class meetings are a great opportunity for parents to meet the class teacher(s) for 2015 and discuss general issues and expectations for the year ahead.

This year’s meetings will be held on Tuesday 17th February. K-2 classes (KB, KC, KM, KPC, 1C, 1/2R, 2A, 2FN, 2H and 2T) will meet at their classrooms from 5pm - 5:45pm.

**1T will be meeting from 4.30pm – 5.15pm.**

The P&C will run a BBQ in the COLA from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Sausage Sandwiches and a small number of Veggie Sausages are available.

Years 3 - 6 classes (3C, 3/4B, 3/4LA, 4J, 4R, 5/6A, 5/6M, 5/6T, 5/6W and 6R) will begin their meetings at 6:15 - 7:00pm.

There is not time at these meetings to hold extensive one on one parent interviews, but these can be arranged if parents feel they are necessary at another time. We also ask that people consider whether they bring their children to the meetings.

There is no organised supervision for students in the playground on the night.

**Swimming Carnival**

It was so pleasing to see all of the children participating so well in the Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Congratulations to all of the place getters but importantly every single person who competed to win points for their House. Congratulations to Katandra who were the winning House this year.

**P&C Meeting**

We welcome everyone to attend the P&C Meeting this Wednesday 7:30pm in the Staffroom. I will be showing people some of the concept drawings for our new buildings and discussing the Staging Plan to move existing demountables. I hope we get a great turnout of people, especially new parents.

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**School Photos**

School photographs are being taken **Tuesday 24th February**. We ask that all students are in their full school uniform - not their sports uniform. Please return money/envelope on the day with correct money enclosed as there is no on-line payment facility. Certain groups will be asked to have their Sports Uniform for special group photos.

David Harris - Principal

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**Note:** Text Book Sale Day is **Tuesday 17th February**. See separate note. Books are sold directly by the Top Book Shop. Please send money on the day – **Sorry no online payment**.

**Amendment to 2A, 2FN and 2H Textbook price**

The price of the textbooks for these classes only has changed to **$31.00**. A separate note advising of the change was sent home with relevant students last week.

**Book Club**

Orders are due on **Tuesday 17th February**. Sorry late orders will not be accepted. Thank you for your co-operation.
Swimming Carnival Results
Congratulations to Katandra House who won this year’s carnival. This is the second year in a row that Katandra have won. In second place was Girrakool. In equal third place was Wambina and Rumbalara. Well done to the many children who entered races and finished them. The participation rate was excellent as in previous years and it was great to see so many parents and family coming along to support their children. Well done to Mr McNeil, Mr Thorsby and Mr Watt who were given plenty of opportunities to display their lifesaving skills.

Swimming Champions for 2015

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For the second year we were able to use the whole eight lanes in the pool and this helped in getting through the events by 2pm. Even using the whole eight lanes it is a battle to get through all of the events but the upside of this is that many children are joining in and having fun.

In the near future the children who have qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival will be notified and the children who gained places at our carnival will receive their ribbons. Just a reminder that the Brisbane Water Zone has qualifying times for each event.

Finally a special thank-you to the parents who helped with timekeeping on the day. Our carnival could not run without your help. Thanks to Mrs Brunner, Mrs Rigney, Mrs Cashion, Mrs Suczynski, Mrs Foskett, Mrs Rivers and Mrs Wild. Thank you also to the teachers who worked all day with just a five minute break. The school appreciate your efforts.

Mr Cashman - Co-ordinator

PCPS Band 2015
Our wonderful ‘Rock’ band, led by the talented Mr Gerard Masters, is resuming in Week 4, 17th February, on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30pm – 2.30pm. This is during Primary recess and part of the afternoon class time!!

We would love to have some new members this year!! Any children from Years 3 – 6 are welcome.

If you would like to audition, please bring your instrument and prepare a piece to play. All existing band members will need to prepare something to play as well. I am looking forward to our band resuming with new and existing members for 2015!! An exciting year ahead!!

Mrs Ricketts – Assistant Principal

LOOKING FOR A NEW VOLUNTEER ETHICS COORDINATOR
Ethics classes are now in place for our Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 classes thanks to our volunteer ethics teachers. With the resignation last year of the Ethics Coordinator for Point Clare Public School we now need to recruit a replacement. Ethics Coordinators are responsible for liaison in a school community.

The role only takes about 10 hours per school term and can be mostly done by email and online. If you support ethics classes but don’t have the time to teach, think about becoming the Ethics Coordinator. More information is available online at http://www.primaryethics.com.au/ethicscoordinator.html

Kathy Wenban is the Ethics Coordinator for Gosford PS and has very kindly been filling in at Point Clare as well. I know she has been in touch with Trish Arkell in relation to the requirements for ethics classes in 2015 so it’s possible we will need additional teachers if, say, an ethics class is required for Kindy or Years 1-2.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jenni Bourchier by phone 0411 198 483 or email gosford-region@primaryethics.com.au if you have any questions or wish to discuss the provision of ethics classes more generally.

SCHOOL BANKING
In 2015, the Dollarmites are going on a savings adventure to Outer Space. Over the next 2 weeks, every child will receive an information pack about the banking program, as well as a note about a very exciting competition.

Competition Time!
This year, there is a national, year-long competition to win a family holiday to Disneyland! To enter, you need to make 25 school banking deposits throughout the year, and you’re automatically in the draw. Further information is on the note being sent home.
2015 Rewards
We’re really excited about the rewards this year. To start off Term 1, rewards available are a DVD of the movie E.T. or an Outer Space themed handball.
Later in the year, there are lots of cool space-themed prizes, so start saving your tokens! Each reward costs 10 tokens. Once you have 10, please send them in with the reward card for the item of your choice. Rewards take approximately 1-2 weeks to be delivered to school. 2015 rewards cards are contained in the information pack being sent out. Pooling/sharing of tokens between students (even siblings) is not allowed.

Opening an account
To join school banking, you need a Youth Saver account with the Commonwealth Bank. Information on account opening is contained in the pack. This year, we are trying something new and holding an account opening morning on Wednesday 18th February, from approximately 8:30am. A representative from the bank will join us at school, and you can open your child’s account on the spot. Please save the date; further information on where we will be set up, and what you need to bring along, will be published in next week’s newsletter.

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

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Please contact Robert MacKenzine 0409 710 682
Deanne – secretary@karlourugby.com
Peter Sarty 0410 408 322
www.karlourugby.com
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TKT Ocean Beach Netball Club 2015 Registration
TKT Ocean Beach Netball Club will be taking registrations on Saturday 14th February 2015 between 10am and 2pm at Lemon Grove Netball Courts.
All past players and any new players aged 5 and over welcome. For further information please contact:
Joanne Ely - 0403 482 804 or email joannee_1956@hotmail.com
Michelle Curnoe – 0410 084 220

St John the Baptist Parish
Attention Catholics
The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a programme to prepare children, in Year 3 or above, who have been Confirmed and have made their First Reconciliation to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. A Parent Information Night will be held on Thursday 12th February at 7.30pm in the Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy.
Enquiries: Parish Office ☏ 4341 1073

PCPS Book Club
All welcome – Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers
Commencing Wednesday 25th February, 2015 in the Takari Room at Point Clare Public School from 9.15am – 11.15am. It is a place for people to meet once a month, to talk about books and the themes and issues that have come up in them. A starting library will be donated but if anyone wishes to donate a book or two it will help to broaden the range of titles, themes and topics over time.
To express interest please contact Vanessa on 0402 235 863, vanessafarley@yahoo.com or simply show up.