REMINDER for TONIGHT
This is an opportunity for parents and carers to meet the teacher, learn a little about the class program for the year and to make an appointment with the teacher if you wish to have some more personalised discussion.
Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are meeting from 5:00pm to 5:45pm with the exception of 1T who are meeting from 4:30 to 5:15.
The P & C are hosting a barbeque between the K-2 and the 3-6 meetings, serving sausage sandwiches with some vegetarian options.
Years 3-6 are holding class meetings from 6:15pm to 7:00pm
We are looking forward to meeting as many families as possible this evening. Please remember that there is no supervision for children as all teachers will be in the classrooms, so parents are responsible for supervision tonight.

BULK PAYMENTS
Shortly you will be receiving a Bulk Payment notification for the activities that your child/children will be undertaking this semester. We encourage all families to consider this as an option rather than paying for events as they occur, as this then ensures your child will be ready and paid up to take part in any extra-curricular activities and you should not be having to remember payments as events occur.
This year, the Bulk Payment will include a $2 fee for technology apps as all classes are now using technology to enhance learning in the classroom. As our Smart Boards and interactive televisions are used frequently to make learning more exciting and engaging, some activities that the teachers wish to use require the school to pay, particularly some reading apps. 21st Century learning is going to mean even greater use of technology at school, just as technology is playing a larger role in our everyday lives outside of school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken next Tuesday, February 24th. Photo payment envelopes have been sent home. If your family has not received the photo payment envelope, please ring the school this week to request one. Envelopes for sibling photos are also available through the school office.

MR HARRIS
As you may know, Mr Harris is taking leave from this coming Friday, February 20th. His return will be dependent on the election results in late March. We wish him the best of luck in his endeavours, however, we are sad that Mr Harris may not be both a parliamentarian and a school principal. During the time of Mr Harris’s leave, I will be acting as principal and Mrs Carey and Mrs Ricketts will be sharing the Deputy Principal position.

Jane Young, Deputy Principal

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Voluntary Contributions
Notice has gone home today regarding our School’s Voluntary Contribution payment. This payment has been set once again at $35 per student or $50 per family. This has remained at the same level since 2010
Please carefully consider making this voluntary contribution this year, it works out to be less than $1 per week your child is at school.
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 or on-line payments may be made directly to the School Photographer. The School’s on-line payment facility is not available for the purchase of photographs. Certain groups will be asked to bring their Sports Uniform for special group photos.

You Can Do It - Winners Week 4
Infants
Golden Ticket- Corey 1/2T- Confidence
Malakai KM - Organisation
Sam KM - Organisation
Jesse 1H - Persistence
Primary
Golden Ticket - Ruby M 5/6M- Organisation
Maddy C 4R - Organisation
Khyra 3/4B - Organisation
Enya 5/6W - Organisation

PCPS Band 2015
Our wonderful 'Rock' band, led by the talented Mr Gerard Masters, is resuming this week on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30pm – 2.30pm. This is during Primary recess and part of the afternoon class time!!

PCPS Band 2015

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

STRENGTH FOR YOUR CHILD

Need help managing stress or anxiety?
If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, I would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of beyondblue, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8 - 17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.

Gregory Holland, School Counsellor

Book Club
Orders are now closed.

SCHOOL BANKING
By now, the majority of students will have received their 2015 information pack (including rewards card) and competition flyer.

If you would like to start school banking, we will be holding an account opening morning at school.

When: Wednesday 18th February
Time: 8:30-9:30am
Where: COLA

Parents/Carers, please bring along your driver’s licence for identification, and our Commonwealth Bank representative will open an account on the spot.

Since Wednesday is also banking day, you may also wish to bring along some money, so your child can make their first deposit.

School banking teaches valuable skills in financial literacy, and encourages good savings habits, even if it’s just a small amount each week. We hope to see you on Wednesday.


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

Weetbix Triathlon
Many children from the school competed in last weekends Weetbix Triathlon. Photo is Tabitha from 4J.
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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.