SCHOOL LEADERS
This morning our school leaders displayed their growing leadership skills by hosting a leadership morning tea for their parents, our local member, Mr Chris Holstein, Mr Andrew Backhouse, the Principal of Henry Kendall High and the two high school captains, Lauren and Bryce. Congratulations on an excellent presentation and thankyou to all our guests for giving up the time to attend.

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE and STAR FM BREAKFAST
On Thursday, March 19th, our school is hosting the STAR FM Breakfast Show between 6:00am and 9:00am. During this time, the P & C will be cooking breakfast and some students and teachers will be taking part in The World’s Greatest Shave. This is a fundraiser for cancer research. If you would like to see who is joining in the great shave, please log on to World’s Greatest Shave Point Clare Public School, Team Mitchell McNeill. You are able to make donations there.

I have agreed to have my head shaved on the day and would welcome donations!

Parents and students are invited to attend this morning, however, prior to 8:25 am, students are not able to attend without an accompanying adult as teachers will not be available to supervise students before 8:25am.

YOU CAN DO IT
Students attended the You Can Do It show today and were most impressed with the juggling skills of the presenter. When questioned, students said they learnt the "you can do anything" if you are prepared to give it a go. It was great to hear such statements around resilience and having a go.

SPORT
Congratulations to our school Zone Swimming team who achieved great success yesterday at the Zone Carnival. Good luck to our athletes who are soon to be attending trials for football, tennis and cricket.

A reminder that P & C are holding a meeting tomorrow evening from 7:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the staffroom.
Jane Young - Acting Principal

Life Education will now commence sessions this Friday.

ANZAC Day Service
This year we are holding a special ANZAC Service at school to commemorate the 100 year Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. If there are any parents or grandparents who work in the armed forces, who would be willing to address our assembly as a special guest speaker, please contact me through our office.
Thank you in anticipation.
Mrs Ricketts – Assistant Principal

Year 7 2016 IT Selective Class
Applications are open for Year 6 students to apply for Wyong High School’s 2016 Year 7 Selective Information Technology Class. Application forms are available from the School Office. There is an Information Evening on tonight, 10th March, with school tours running from 5.30pm with the presentation to commence at 6.00pm. Applications close Tuesday 17th March.
THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school can no longer accept payments for photographs taken on Tuesday 24th February. If you have any queries or now wish to place an order for photographs please contact The School Photographer direct on 9674 9824 or visit their website at www.theschoolphotographer.com.au.

Ziptales Reading

This year all of Point Clare School will be using an internet-based reading website called Ziptales. It is an interactive programme offering the New Australian English Curriculum. If you log onto the site there is a PD (Personal Development) video to show you what the programme offers. http://www.ziptales.com/html/index.php

This programme will be available at school as well as home. The cost of this programme is $2.00 per child for a one year subscription.

To enable this programme to commence, please forward $2.00 to your class teacher as soon as possible. If you are paying bulk fees, this will be included in the cost.

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back by Wednesday, 11th March.

Late orders will not be accepted.

HARMONY DAY 2015

MULTICULTURAL ALL DAY PROGRAM

We have another very exciting day planned to celebrate Harmony Day this term on Friday, 20th March (Week 8).

All children from K-6 will have the opportunity to experience cultures from around the world in a fast paced, interactive and fun filled program of songs, dance, music and theatre.

Cultural Infusions will present a series of four workshops including Latin Dance, Japanese Drumming, Hip Hop and Italian Comedy and the day will be capped off with the Chinese Lion Dance. The full day program costs $12.00 per child. Please return your permission notes and payment to your class teacher by Wednesday, 18th March. This will be a MUFTI DAY in which all children are encouraged to wear comfortable, casual, ORANGE clothes - the colour of harmony.

Ms Hasler - Multicultural Education Co-ordinator

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Missing in Action

Last Thursday afternoon, after gym, one of the children accidently wore home a pair of new white and red joggers that belonged to another child. There is often confusion when the children are putting on their shoes and socks after gym. If your child came home with a different pair of shoes please return to the office.

Mrs Carey – Acting Deputy Principal

YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 7

Infants - K - Year 2
Golden Ticket – Emma 1/2R Resilience
Ice Block
Kobe KB - Organisation
Ella 1/2R - Organisation
Bella 1C - Confidence
Primary – Years 3 - 6
Golden Ticket – Riki 4J - Persistence
Ice Block
Emma 4J - Persistence
Arkira 5/6W – Organisation
Bree 5/6W - Confidence

World’s Greatest Shave & Radio Visit

Don’t forget that next Thursday (19 March) is our Crazy Hair Day and World’s Greatest Shave morning to coincide with the Star 104.5FM morning show broadcast from the school. The P&C will be running a BBQ breakfast so we encourage parents and community members to join us for the event. Mrs Young bravely registered yesterday and will shave her head alongside our student participants.

For participating students please make sure you have registered and joined the Point Clare Public School on the World’s Greatest Shave website and returned your permission note. You only have until the end of this week to join the team.

For all other students we are running a Crazy Hair Day and ask that each student donate a gold coin to the Leukaemia Foundation. The class that donates the most money will get to graffiti Mr McNeill’s, Mr Thorsby’s and Mrs Carey’s hair with hair chalk.

Radio Show – 6am – 9am
BBQ Breakfast – 7(ish) am – 9(ish) am
Shave Event – from 8am
Classes to commence – about 9.30am
If you would like to sponsor our team please visit http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/teampcs

Mr McNeill - Rel. Assistant Principal

School Magazine – Stages 2 and 3

The school magazine is a valuable resource. It is designed in a magazine format that motivates, engages and promotes reading.

The monthly magazine with both fiction and non fiction texts is used in class for guided reading, modelling appropriate grammar, writing, poetry and word games.

The cost in total for this monthly magazine is $12.00, please forward this amount to your class teacher or if you are paying the bulk fees, this has been included.
**Zone Swimming Carnival Report**

The Zone Swimming Carnival was held on Monday 9th March at Peninsula Leisure Centre and our school was represented by 25 swimmers. The children had a very enjoyable day and for many children it was their first time representing the school. Point Clare finished 1st in the overall point score. Tim Cuthbert and Natarsha Grimley were the age champions in the 12yrs boys and 11yrs girls divisions. Congratulations to all of our swimmers who all tried their best in the pool and their behaviour on the day was excellent.

**Results**

All events are timed heats and so there were no finals.

**Tim Cuthbert**  
1st 12yrs 50m Freestyle,  
1st Snr  Backstroke,  
1st Snr Butterfly,  
1st 100m F/S,  
2nd  200m I.M.

**Skye Regan**  
3rd 100m F/S, 3rd 11yrs 'Fly

**Mia Foskett**  
3rd Jnr Backstroke

**Mitchell Finn**  
3rd 11yrs F/S, 3rd Jnr 'Fly

**Natarsha Grimley**  
1st 11yrs Backstroke,  
2nd 11yrs 'Fly, 2nd 200m I.M.,  
1st 11yrs 50m F/S.

**Hayden Doyle**  
2nd Snr Breaststroke

**Andrew Grimley**  
2nd 9yrs 50m F/S,  
3rd Jnr Backstroke.

**Alex Golden**  
3rd Jnr 200m I.M.

**Liam Golden**  
3rd 11yrs Breaststroke

**Ashlyn Hyland**  
2nd 8yrs 50m F/S

**Hayley Doyle**  
3rd Snr 200m I.M.

**Jnr Girls Relay**  
3rd (Alydia Dumpert, Tabitha Cockburn, Hayley Doyle and Mia Foskett)

**Snr Girls Relay**  
3rd (Skye Regan, Jade Sweeney, Ellanor Meese and Natarsha Grimley)

The Snr Boys Relay team 1st (Mitchell Finn, Liam Golding, Tim Cuthbert and Hayden Doyle) and the Junior Boys relay team 1st (Alex Golden, Maxwell Finn, Klaus Suczynski and Andrew Grimley) along with Tim Cuthbert, Natarsha Grimley, Andrew Grimley, Hayden Doyle, and Ashlyn Hyland will represent the Brisbane Water Zone at the Sydney North Carnival which will be held at the Homebush Olympic Pool, on Tuesday 17th March. We wish you all the best at this regional carnival.

Thanks to all of the parents and grandparents who came to support our swimmers at the carnival. Thanks to Jan Finn for helping with timekeeping. The support for our swimmers was fantastic.

**Colin Cashman - Swimming Organiser**

**School Cricket Team**

Last Thursday the school cricket team hosted Chertsey PS in the first round of the PSSA knockout. The team from Point Clare were outstanding in their approach to playing this game. Their sportsmanship and the positive team spirit displayed throughout the match enabled them to produce a well-deserved win. After losing the toss and being sent into bat, Point Clare after their 25 overs were 3 wickets for 155 runs. It was an outstanding batting performance. Jack Hunter retired with a top score of 40 runs. Lachlan Shedden batted well for 38 runs as did Toby Flanagan in his first game of cricket scoring 20 not out. Riley Mitchell, Joel Dickey and Liam Golden also contributed with the bat. The team knew that even though they had the runs on the board, they would still have to concentrate and perform well in the field and they didn't disappoint. Riley Mitchell and Lachlan Shedden opened the bowling with such accuracy and speed that after their allotted overs each Chertsey was 3 wickets for 9 runs. It was a fantastic performance from all the bowlers especially Brianna Irvine who finished with figures of 3 wickets for 9 runs. Allochia Jennians also performed well with the ball. After 13 overs Chertsey was 4 wickets for 30 runs. Other bowlers to take wickets were Jack Hunter and Joel Dickey. In fact all 10 bowlers for our team did an outstanding job. Chertsey was all out in the 17th over for 38 runs. Special mentions must go to Lachlan Shedden and Jack Hunter who did a fantastic job in the wicket keeping position. Led outstandingly by Jack Hunter, the group played as a team and I’m extremely proud of the way they represented their school. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Clem Irvine for being our scorer on the day and our parents who provided not only support but shade, drinks and lots of cheering through-out the match. Well done team.

**Steve Rayner – Co-ordinator**
Australian Interschools Cross Country Mountainbike Championship
Over the weekend Daniel Mallinson travelled to Thredbo ski fields to compete in the Australian Interschool Cross Country Championship. Daniel showed extreme resilience and persistence during his race. Before making it through the timing gate Dan crashed and his chain derailed. Dan quickly corrected the problem, brushed himself off and got on with the race. As he went through the timing gate to begin he was in last position. Showing real determination, Dan fought his way through the entire pack and ended the race in first position, making him the Division 4 National Champion. Congratulations Dan! What a great effort.
Mr McNeill – 5/6M Teacher

POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPROVING YOUR PARENTING STYLE
As parents we want so much to respond with love and understanding to our children’s challenging behaviour, rather than in anger and frustration. Next week there will be an online series of talks that can help us do better. You may like to explore this opportunity:-
http://healingourchildrenworldsummit.com/
Gregory Holland, School Counsellor

Maritime Safety Talk
A wet Wednesday last week saw an appropriate visit from the Maritime Services to Point Clare students to show safety equipment to use when out at sea.

They showed us how to use some of the equipment such as VHF radios, flares, EPIRB. A VHF is used to call for help if you’re in trouble. An EPIRB is used to signal for help, you pull the tab up so the spike is in the air, you then press the switch and it will turn red. This then signals to a satellite in space.

They also told us about flares, they are used in an emergency to signal to other people. They light up the sky and can be seen from a long distance.

Importantly they also taught us how to help people who are drowning without having to jump in after them.

But one of the most important things they taught us was what type of life jacket would be best to wear out at sea, which is one with the extra padding at the front, collar around the neck and is just the right size because this will prevent drowning. (Because one of the most important things you can do out at sea to prevent drowning is wear a life jacket.)

We really appreciated the time spent showing those really important safety tips whilst at sea.
By Alissa and Mia.

Seasons for Growth – Adults Expressions of Interest
Seasons for Growth is a program that has been running for our students for several years and now there is an opportunity to offer an adult version. Seasons For Growth – Adults may be offered in Term 2 should there be sufficient interest in this program.

An outline of this program which offers support for those who may be experiencing issues of trauma or loss can be accessed through the website goodgrief.org.au.

Seasons for Growth – Adults will take the form of 6 workshops to be held at school one evening per week at no cost.

Please return your Expression of Interest to the office at your earliest convenience.

Mrs Niven – Co-ordinator/Companion

Seasons For Growth – Adults Expressions of Interest
I would be interested in attending a Seasons For Growth – Adults program to be held in Term 2.

Name: ____________________________
Signed: ____________________________
Contact No. _________________________

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**Passing In Our Community – Audrey Waters**

Point Clare school staff and community were saddened to hear that Audrey Waters passed away last week.

Audrey was a Life Member and founding member of the P & C grew up in Point Clare and her three children attended Point Clare including her daughter Ashlee who was only 4 1/2 and her son who transferred back from Gosford Public School when Point Clare opened in 1955.

Audrey was a tireless worker for our school and was involved in many aspects of school life including working bees, cake stalls and fundraisers during her 33 years on the P & C from 1955 to 1988.

Audrey continued to play a major role at the school as every year she presented the Audrey Waters Perpetual Shield for Citizenship to a worthy student on Presentation Day.

A fitting tribute was held for Audrey last Friday at St Johns Church where she was also very much involved. Audrey will be missed throughout the whole community.

**Voluntary Contributions**

Voluntary Contributions are an invaluable way of helping provide additional educational resources for the benefit of students. 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 the voluntary contribution this year, it works out to be less than $1 per week your child is at school.

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**Voluntary Contributions**

Please find enclosed voluntary contribution of $ _______

Student/s Name: ______________________ Class _______

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

We are off to a fantastic start to 2015, on our mission to Planet Savings. For the last 2 weeks, every class has participated in banking, with high numbers of students within each class joining in. Since the beginning of term, we have welcomed approximately 50-60 new bankers to the program, which is more than the total number of new bankers for 2014, so that's absolutely fantastic! We are so pleased to see such great support of the program, as it not only benefits students (by promoting good savings habits & teaching financial literacy) but also raises money for the school (a $5 fee for each new account opened, and a % commission on each week's banking).

Due to such record numbers of bankers, we have run out of tokens! Many of you will have received a note this week, saying that we owe you a token next time you bank. Please keep this note in your yellow wallet, so that we will not forget to give you your token once new stock comes in (approximately 1-2 weeks). We will acknowledge on your note when we have replaced your token. Thank you for your patience.

Rewards available in term 1 are a handball or a DVD copy of the movie ET. Each reward costs 10 tokens, and you can redeem your tokens by completing the rewards card for the item of your choice, and sending it in, along with your tokens. Rewards take approximately 1-2 weeks to arrive.

*** A couple of weeks ago, a parent contacted me via a note in their child’s bank book, to say that they did not receive a reward, which they ordered late last year. That reward has now been replaced, however, I didn’t take note of who you are. Would you please contact me again and I’ll make sure your reward gets to you. Sorry for the absent-mindedness!


If you have any questions about school banking, please contact Liz on 0411 497 567 or [liz.post@icloud.com](mailto:liz.post@icloud.com)

Happy saving!

Liz & Odette
Community News...

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Vacation Care Services

Coast Community Connections operates two Vacation Care programs.

- Gosford Vacation Care at Gosford Public School
- Woy Woy Vacation Care at Peninsula Community Centre

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We are CCB approved- Child Care Benefit is a payment from the Australian Government that is designed to assist families with the cost of childcare.

Call us now on 43461348 for more information.

Sensory Movie Day - Tuggerah

Birch Carroll & Coyle

Inclusive Event for families with special needs

Children are free to move around, Lighting on dim, Sound Lowered.
Fire exit Doors monitored by volunteers

"Penguins of Madagascar"

11am Sunday 15th March 2015
Tickets: $8 each
Children 2yrs and under are free
Companion I.D. cards accepted
Siblings and extend family welcome
Tickets can be purchased on the day