Early Stage 1 Literacy

Over the past month, the Kindergarten teachers have begun training in literacy – Language, Learning and Literacy (L3). This training will continue for the remainder of the year with support from District Office trainers. In Kindergarten, literacy – reading and writing teaching – has undergone a change, with all students working closely with the teacher in flexible groups of three each day. For this term, all of our Kindergarten classes are now supported with a Student Learning Support Officer (teacher’s aide) to ensure teachers and students are supported with these changes to implement L3. This program has proved very successful across all areas of the state to support students in the acquisition of reading and writing skills in their first years at school.

Focus on Reading

To support reading in the primary years, three teachers are to begin on-going training this week in Focus on Reading. These teachers will then return to school to in-service Years 3 – 6 teachers in strategies to support reading in the classroom. Focus on Reading training (FoR) will also take up a section of our Staff Development Day next term.

Best Start

This week, Kindergarten parents will receive their first reports from Point Clare, with the Best Start data going home. This data not only provides information about what your child can do, but also provides information about how you can assist your child to move forward with their learning. We are very pleased with our Kindergarten students’ progress so far this year.

Building Program

This week our first visible step has been taken towards the school improvement building program. 4R and 3/4LA are beginning to pack up and move from their demountable classrooms to make way for the renovations and building. These two rooms will be relocated in the top playground during the forthcoming holidays. Thank you to all involved for your patience and calm attitude during the building works. Just remember the old saying: “No pain. No Gain.”

Harmony Day

This Friday we are celebrating Harmony Day with a day of multicultural activities. Students may wear orange on the day as this is the internationally recognised colour of getting along and harmony.

The activities for the day cost $12 per child, and will be really fun and interesting for the students. Please ensure that the money is paid and permission note returned prior to the day.

Thursday Reminder

Don’t forget our big morning on Thursday with STAR 104.5FM broadcasting from school, our barbeque breakfast and our World’s Greatest Shave. Students with adults welcome from 7:00am. Students without adults welcome from 8:25am as usual.

Jane Young - Acting Principal

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HARMONY DAY 2015
MULTICULTURAL ALL DAY PROGRAM
Harmony Day celebrations will take place at school this Friday, 20th March and the excitement is almost hitting fever pitch! The whole school will be treated to a series of performing arts workshops featuring cultural performance groups from across the globe in order to foster and nurture an appreciation and respect for cultural diversity. Please ensure permission notes and payment of $12.00 have been returned before Friday.
It is also a MUFTI DAY in which children can wear the colour orange to symbolise HARMONY. Mufti clothes should be comfortable, casual wear that students can move freely in, with sensible footwear, as they will be dancing throughout the day. No jewellery allowed.
Ms Hasler - Multicultural Education Co-ordinator

World’s Greatest Shave & Radio Visit
Don’t forget that this 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 has bravely registered and will shave her head alongside our student participants.
For participating students please make sure you have registered and joined Point Clare Public School on the World’s Greatest Shave website and returned your permission note. 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 graffitii 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/teampcps
Mr McNeill - Rel. Assistant Principal

Swimming Report Amendment
Congratulations to Mitchell Finn on qualifying for the 11 years 50 metres freestyle at the Sydney North Carnival. His achievement was missing from last week’s report.
C. Cashman
(Organiser)

Zone Cricket Trials
Congratulations to Brianna Irvine on being selected to attend the next round of the Sydney North Girls cricket trials to be held in September. Good luck Brianna.

Boys Cricket
Well done also to Jack Hunter and Lachlan Shedden who will try out for the Sydney North boys cricket team in Sydney next Monday.

Soccer Trials
Congratulations to Joel Dickey and Jack Goncalves on their selection in the combined Southern Central Coast/Brisbane Water PSSA soccer team. Good luck at your next trials.

Girls Soccer
Kasey Boelhouwer, Sophie Boyd and Megan Blair have been selected in the Brisbane Water PSSA girls soccer team. Congratulations girls!
Steve Rayner

Water Challenge
Stage 2 are participating in the Water Challenge for homework this week to highlight the importance of healthy hydration. They will be recording their water consumption each day for 7 days. Please help them to complete the form and return it on Monday, as participation will allow us to be in the draw for a water fountain for our school!

Did you know?
• Children and teenagers who regularly drink soft drinks and other sweetened drinks are more likely to be overweight.
• In NSW, 45% of boys and 38% of girls in Year 6 drink two to six cups of soft drink per week.

For more information and ideas on healthy eating and physical activity, go to www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au
Kate Lawson
Last week all Year 6 students were given an application form for High School 2016. Please ensure this completed form is returned to the office no later than this Friday 20th March. This form needs to be returned even if your child will not be attending a Government High School.

Roll Up Roll Up!
Stage 3 Movie Night Fundraiser
One night only!!! Wednesday, 25th March
Snuggle up and enjoy the luxury of an exciting movie in our own school hall!
‘Big Hero 6’ PG
Wear your PJs, or dress up as your favourite ‘Super Hero”, slide on some slippers and we’ll provide the snacks!
K-2: 5.00 - 7.00pm
3-6: 7.00 - 9.00pm
$5.00 entry at door.

My child is now better behaved...
Next term parents will have an opportunity to meet as a group and reflect on some ways that can make for a happier and calmer time with their children. Over three Tuesday mornings, in Weeks 3, 4 and 5 the group will meet from 9.00 - 11.00.
To register your interest in participating or to find out more please contact the school or school counsellor (Mon. or Tues) As some parents remarked after the days last year, "We valued the knowledge about what new approaches we could employ to manage our children’s difficult behaviour", and they reported that they were feeling calmer and much less frustrated with their children as they began to implement some of the strategies.

Gregory Holland, School Counsellor

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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P & C News
AGM REMINDER
Our AGM will be held Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm in the School staffroom. All welcome, we hope to see you there.
FACEBOOK PAGE
Make sure you like our FB page to stay up to date with P&C activities
P&C for Point Clare Public School

Fundraising
EASTER IS NEARLY UPON US!
Raffle tickets are coming home today for our Annual Easter Raffle. With approximately 50 raffle prizes, and prizes awarded to the highest selling class as well as the highest selling individuals from each grade, it makes for a great day.
IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR
- Easter Mufti and Donation Wed 25th March
  bring in an Easter item and wear Mufti.
- Raffle drawn Tues 31st March - Easter Hat parade and raffle drawn and prizes for highest sellers handed out.

In the meantime sell as many tickets as you can for your chance to win a prize.

RADIO BREAKFAST & SHAVE FUNDRAISER EVENT
Please don’t forget about the wonderful event taking place at school this Thursday morning 19th of March, raising funds for Cancer research.

The P&C will have Bacon and Egg Rolls (or Egg rolls for vegetarians), juice and water for sale from 7.30am. There will also be a coffee cart available for hot beverage.

Come and support the brave individuals doing the shave whilst supporting our wonderful school also.

P&C Fundraising team

ONLINE ORDERS
We are putting out a special request for families to use online ordering where possible, split lunches and earlier lunch times are very challenging for the canteen, online ordering is a great help in this area. We appreciate your support.

Volunteering
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 ON TUESDAY MORNINGS
Starting this week we will only be opening the Uniform shop on Tuesday mornings 8.30 – 9am. Orders can be left at the office as usual and will be delivered to classrooms on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

ONLINE ORDERS
Online ordering is now available via MunchMonitor, online orders will be delivered each Thursday, cut off time for online orders is 7am Thursday. A note has been sent home with full details.

LOST PROPERTY CLEAROUT
There are now 89 items in lost property with no name on them. Without a name there is no way for us to remind students to come collect their lost property.

There are 71 no name lunch containers in the long term lost property outside the staffroom. As we did not clear out no name items at the end of March (as we normally do at the end of the month), we will be clearing no name lunch containers on Friday morning 20th March. Please check for any items you are missing before then. Thanks.

Thank You
Uniform Committee

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.

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

Your children will be supervised and cared for by trained, experienced educators who are committed to providing high quality care and delivering experience’s with fun incursions and excursions daily. Each Service is regulated through The Department of Education and Training

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.
**English Conversation**

Practise English - All welcome!
Friday 9.30 am - 12 noon school days
Geofford Presbyterian Church
14-16 Young St West, Geofford
Call 4323 2490

**Central Coast Myeloma Support Group 6th Annual Movie Night Fundraiser**

**Thursday 26th March**

Avoca Beach Picture Theatre

6.30pm for wine and nibbles
Movie starts 7.30pm
Tickets only $25 which includes the movie, a glass of wine/soft drink and pre-movie nibbles
Tickets available from CCMSG members, the theatre booking office on 4382 1677 or call 4323 2490.

**ST JOHNS CHURCH EASTER FAIR**

March 28, 2015 8am-1pm,
St John’s Church, 23 Takari Ave, Point Clare

- Clothing, toys, craft and plants
- Easter bunny visit and Easter hat parade
- Fun kids’ activities
- Vocal and dance performances
- Egg stall and sausage sizzle
- Bric-a-brac
- Raffles

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**CLASSES DE INGLÉS**

La Iglesia Presbiteriana Geofford ofrece clases gratuitas de inglés básico para la conversación.

Se les invita a todos a participar para mejorar su inglés.
Además, se ofrece en forma opcional un estudio bíblico realizado en inglés.

Las clases son los viernes de las 9:30 a.m. a la 12:00 p.m.
Antes de cada clase, se ofrece el té matutino—una buena oportunidad para platicar y hacer amistades.
Para mayor información, favor de llamar al 4323 2490. Gracias.

**Central Coast Myeloma Support Group**

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