Last week
We had an exciting week last week with our Harmony Day activities, the STAR FM Breakfast show and The World’s Greatest Shave. Thank you to our school community for supporting these events either through allowing your children to participate or by assisting on the day. Once again our fabulous P & C did themselves proud with the delicious breakfast barbecue. We thank you for your support.

Late Arrivals and Absences
This year there have been some changes to the way teachers and schools are to mark the class rolls. Please note that any child arriving at school after 8:55am is now considered a late arrival as our class bell rings at 8:55am and students are expected to be in line for class once the bell rings. If your child arrives late they must go to the front office to be marked as late. Also, for family holidays in school time, principals are no longer able to give school exemptions. Students absent from school for holidays during school term will be marked absent on leave.

If your child is absent for more than two days consecutively, please contact the school to let us know. If your child is absent from school for any reason, parents are required to advise the school in writing within seven days or the absence will be marked as unexplained.

Harmony Day
Our Harmony Day activities were very engaging and fun for the students last week, with a variety of cultures being represented. The students experienced Flamenco dancing, Hip Hop, Japanese drumming, the Chinese lion dance and some special comedy. This was a great day to celebrate the multicultural influences that form a part of our Australian culture. Thank you to Ms Hasler who organised this day for the school.

Movie Night
Don’t forget the Year 6 ChildFund fundraiser Movie Night on Wednesday night. Cost $5.00.
Movie ‘Big Hero 6’
Infants 5pm – 7pm
Primary 7pm – 9pm

Voluntary Contributions
Thank you to the families who have managed to pay their Voluntary Contributions so far this year. These contributions are set at $35 per student or $50 per family. The contributions are used to assist with the everyday running of class programs, including photocopying, paper, paint, craft resources, books and much more. Our contributions are down a little this year so if your family is able to contribute I thank you in advance. Payments can be made at the front office or online.

Ziptales Reading $2 per student
This year all of Point Clare students will be using an internet-based reading website called Ziptales. It is an interactive programme offering the New Australian English Curriculum. If you open the site there is a PD (Personal Development) video (it can be found on the bottom right hand side of the page and is green) to show you what the programme offers. http://www.ziptales.com/html/index.php
For $2 fee, students can access this programme both at school and at home. There are a large variety of stories which are highly engaging. The stories can be read aloud by the computer or the student can read along with them. At the end of each story there are comprehension questions to ensure understanding of the text. This is a great way for you and your child to work on reading together at home.

To enable this programme to commence, please forward $2 to your class teacher as soon as possible. If you are paying bulk fees, this will be included in the cost.

Thank you for assisting your child to engage in 21st Century learning.

Easter Activities and Mufti Day
Tomorrow, Wednesday March 25th, is Easter donation day when families bring in donations for our Easter raffle. Donations will be collected by P & C from the classrooms. This is also a Mufti Day for students. The Easter Hat Parade for students Kindergarten to Year 2 will be held next week on Tuesday, March 31st from 11:30am in the bottom playground outside the hall. At 12:30pm the P & C will hold the Easter Raffle in the COLA near the office. All students will be present. Please make sure your raffle tickets have been returned before March 31 so they can be included in the raffle.
Term dates
Next week is our last week of Term 1. Students and teachers last day for the term is Thursday, April 2nd as the Easter holidays commence on Friday which is Good Friday. Term 2 commences for teachers on Monday, April 20th with a Staff Development Day. This is not a day for students.

Students return to school to commence Term 2 on Tuesday, April 21st.

Jane Young - Acting Principal

| Important Dates |  
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Week 9          | Wednesday 25th: Life Education (final day) P & C Mufti Day - Easter Egg Raffle Donation Gymnastics - 1/2R & 1/2T School Banking Day Movie Night - “Big Hero 6” P & C AGM in Staff Room at 7.30 pm Thursday 26th: Gymnastics - KB, KC, KM, KPC, 1C, 1H, 2A, 2FN & 2H |
| Week 10         | Monday 30th: Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle drawn Wednesday 1st: Combined Scripture Easter Service School Banking Day Thursday 2nd: Last Day Term 1 Week 1 Term 2: Monday 20th April: Staff Development Day Tuesday 21st April: All Students resume |

Note: There is no ANZAC Day holiday as 25th April falls on a Saturday.

Movie Night – Wednesday 25th March
Movie Night is for students of PCPS only. We appreciate the offers from parents to assist, however we will not require any parent supervision on the night. Students will be supervised by teachers and no parents will be able to attend the movie.

YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 9
Infants - K - Year 2
Golden Ticket - Henry 1/2T Persistence Iceblocks - Jackson 1/2T Dominic 2FN - Organisation Kane KC - Organisation

Primary - Years 3 - 6
Golden Ticket - Kasey 5/6M - Persistence Iceblocks - Brooke 5/6A - Persistence Cooper 4R - Organisation Jessica 3/4B - Confidence

World’s Greatest Shave & Radio Visit
Last Thursday morning our students and some teachers participated in the World’s Greatest Shave during the Star FM radio broadcast from the school. This was a very successful morning and we thank all of the families who attended for adding to this success. Our brave team of shavers raised a staggering $5,255 online. This combined with donations from our crazy hair day and other cash donations of $1,214 totalling $6,469 in total funds raised. This is an amazing community effort. Special mention must go to Isaac and Emma, who raised $1000 and $895 respectively. I would also like to thank Leah McHugh, who joined us on the day to shave. Leah alone raised $2,070.

The morning would not have been such a success without the help of many people. I would like to thank:
- all of the shavers and all of their sponsors;
- Mrs Rivers, Mrs Lindley and Mrs Reynolds for volunteering to shave everyone;
- the P&C fundraising committee for providing breakfast;
- all of the staff who helped on the BBQ or in another capacity;
- Ms Conyers, Mrs Carey, Mr Thorsby and Mr Humphries for allowing the students to graffit their hair;
- Star FM for their support and donations to the Shave and the P&C; and,
- All of the students and families that supported the activity.

Thank you!
Harmony Day
Our Harmony Day celebrations were a great success again this year. All students participated with enthusiasm and displayed the true spirit of Harmony Day, that everyone belongs and deserves respect. There were highlights in every show and it was too hard to pick a favourite performance!

Lily Dixon and Taylah Box (1H) show off their Hip Hop pose.

Annileise Paterson and Abbie Reynolds (1H) freeze in a Hip Hop pose.

Stage 1 students get a chance to display their finest Hip Hop moves.

Commedia Del’Arte in full swing with a captive Kindergarten audience.

Stage One students keeping the beat on the Japanese drums.

Thanks!
Ingrid Hasler – Co-ordinator

Each day students record on their HRUT card:
- If they get to and from school in an active way (walk/cycle/bus)
- If they Crunch&Siep some vegetables, fruit and water at fruit break at school
- The number of serves of vegetables they eat
- How many minutes of physical activity they do
- If they replace screen time with other activities.

Students then tally points to see where they can improve. Students who achieve the top level of points will receive a certificate The HRUT student card also includes useful tips and information to promote a healthy lifestyle. We encourage parents and carers to discuss health choices with their children to support this activity.

Mr McNeill
Rel. Stage 3 Supervisor

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.

Car Parking in street surrounding the School
In order to keep students safe please obey the rules for parking cars. Please remember to not park across driveways, on nature strips, in the Bus Zones or No Parking zones.

Council rangers do patrol the area from time to time. Current infringements in a school zone relating to parking - 2 demerit points apply to all:
Stop in bus zone - $311
Double park - $311
Disobey no stopping sign - $311
Disobey no parking sign - $173
Stop on path/strip in built up area - $173
Stop on/across driveway/other access to/from land - $173

Stage 3 – How R U Travelling Challenge
This week Stage 3 students are encouraged to participate in the How R U travelling? (HRUT) challenge. HRUT is a NEW Stage 3 one week activity to promote aspects of daily life that can help maintain an healthy active lifestyle, including active travel to school, Crunch&Siep break, eating vegetables, being active and replacing screen time.
Each student receives a HRUT student card to record their information, PLUS a HRUT Bag tag to encourage active travel to school. Parents/carers are encouraged to sign off the student card at the end of the week.
P&C News

AGM REMINDER
Our AGM is this Wednesday 25th March at 7.30pm in the School staffroom. All are welcome, the AGM gives an overview of what the P&C has been doing for the last year, as well as voting on positions for this year. We hope to see you there.

Agenda for the meeting:
- **Reports:** President’s Annual Report, Treasurer’s Annual Report, Fundraising Annual Report, Canteen & Uniform Shop Annual Report.
- All Positions vacated
- 2015 Membership sign up (membership cost is $1 for the year)
- Nominations and voting for 2015 positions (you must be an existing member as at 11.3.15 to stand for positions and/or to vote)
- President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Convenor, Fundraising Assistant Convenor, Fundraising Scribe, Fundraising committee members, Canteen & Uniform Convenor, Canteen & Uniform Assistant Convenor, Canteen & Uniform Scribe, Canteen & Uniform committee members, Assistant Secretary, School Council representative, School Welfare committee representative, School Finance committee representative, School Technology committee representative, Regional P&C representative.

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

Easter Mufti and Raffle Donation Day Wednesday 25th March
Students are encouraged to wear mufti and bring in an Easter item for donation to our huge annual Easter raffle. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter hat parade on the 31st of March. **Raffle ticket sales** - Prizes will be given to the highest selling student from each grade and to the highest selling class.

Election Day BBQ
This Saturday is Election Day and we will be having a BBQ and cake stall at the school. So if you are voting at Point Clare P.S, come and say ‘Hello’ and grab yourself something to eat and drink.

World’s Greatest Shave BBQ Thank you!
Thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped man the BBQ and the tea and coffee on Thursday the 19th of March. Events like this rely on volunteers and the effort and support that the amazing staff and parents of Point Clare demonstrate does not go unnoticed. What an amazing school community we have!

P&C Fundraising team

Canteen

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 Tuesday 8.30-9am

OPEN ON TUESDAY MORNINGS
The Uniform shop is now open 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 UNIFORM 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 END OF TERM CLEAR OUT
Just a reminder that at the end of term Lost Property gets cleared out, please have a look for anything you are missing in the Lost property area outside the staffroom.

Thank You
Uniform Committee
SCHOOL BANKING
Term 1 is rolling along nicely, with banking numbers continuing to increase. The school banking program is a fundraising activity for our school, as well as teaching savings & financial literacy to the students. Our school receives a $5 commission for each new account opened, and a 5% commission on each week's total deposit. There is no maximum or minimum amount to deposit. The P&C Committee determine the allocation of funds earned from school banking. The total commission earned in the financial year will be reported in term 3, once numbers are available.

We now have tokens back in stock, so those students who have missed out over the last couple of weeks have received the tokens they are owed. Thank you very much 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.

Consistent Savers: each week we take note of the class/es with the highest number of bankers. At the end of term, the class which has topped each week the most number of times, receives a certificate to display in their classroom. We have been a little behind in reporting this in term 1, so here are the results so far:

- Week 2 - 2FN (5 bankers)
- Week 3 - KM (6 bankers)
- Week 4 - 2FN (9 bankers)
- Week 5 - 2FN, 1C & KPC (9 bankers each)
- Week 6 - KPC & KB (10 bankers each)
- Week 7 - 1C (10 bankers)
- Week 8 - KPC & KC (9 bankers each)

Some weeks, it's very close, with many classes tied and only 1 or 2 students separating places!

*** 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

Happy saving!
Liz & Odette
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.

EASTER TENNIS CAMP NOTICE

Where: Peninsula Tennis, Umina
When: Monday 13th April - Friday 17th April
Time: 9am-3pm (gates open @ 8am) ½ day 9am-12.30pm
Cost: Wk $75, ½ Day Wk $40, Full Day $25, ½ Day $15
Included: Racquets, Sausage Sizzle Thursday, Prizes Friday

The camp will be predominately tennis with other activities such as soccer, cricket, basketball etc to keep the children occupied. The camps are held wet or fine with indoor activities provided. Bookings recommended but aren’t essential. All enquiries can be made by phoning Kristy 0410 828 278.

Chatterbooks

All welcome – Come for a cuppa, a biscuit and a social chat with other parents at PCPS. Very low-key and friendly.

A free library of books has been donated – you’re welcome to borrow anytime.

Next meeting: This Friday, 27th March at 9am in the Takari Room.

Enquiries to Vanessa Farley Els 0402 235 863 or email vanessafarley@yahoo.com