Sad News
It is with great sadness that I pass on the news to our school community that our much-loved librarian, Mrs Rebecca McHugh, passed away during the holidays after a short battle with cancer. On behalf of the entire school community I would like to extend our most sincere condolences to her family.

Storm Damage
A huge thank you to all our families for keeping their children at home over the past week due to the storm damage. We do realise that this has been a difficult time for all families, with personal damage, loss of electricity and organising the children whilst the school was in minimal supervision mode. We are now operating at full capacity with some classes having moved classrooms for a while due to safety issues. Over the next few days there will be continuing assessment of trees that remain standing and removal of some trees that have fallen.

Some areas of the school have been fenced off so our playground is even more reduced for a while. We are continuing to work with DEC Assets branch to ensure the school is able to continue to function. The carpet in two Kindergarten classrooms will be lifted due to water damage and replaced as soon as it is available.

On a positive note, the absence of students last week allowed the cleaner, general assistants, teachers and office staff to complete some of the huge clean-up work around the school. Thank you to families who offered to assist, but due to insurance and safety reasons, we were not able to allow this. The extra days without students also allowed teachers time to complete extra professional learning and to further plan for their class teaching and learning programs and assessments.

School Plan
The new three year School Plan 2015 -2017 is now able to be accessed on the school website.

Staff Development Day
On Monday during Week 1, at the Staff Development Day, the teachers took part in professional learning sessions at school. Programs which were on the agenda included Language, Learning and Literacy (L3); Focus on Reading (FoR); 21st Century Learning skill development and pedagogies; the 2015-2017 School Plan and the associated Milestones. This was a most productive and collegial day of learning, sharing and discussion for all the teachers.

Building Program
You may have noticed some changes occurred in our top playground over the holidays, with two demountable classrooms moved in to new temporary positions in the top playground. This is the first step in preparing the school for our $9 million building upgrade. The next 3 or 4 terms will be an exciting time, with the building and renovating continuing. Extensive planning has been undertaken to ensure minimal disruption to students, staff and school programs during this time. Of course, there will be some inconvenience, but if we keep our selves looking towards the future gains, I’m sure we will all manage to cope very well.
**Staff Changes**

With Mr Harris on leave for the last six weeks of Term 1, while I was Acting Principal, Mrs Carey stepped up to the Acting Deputy Principal role and Mr McNeill to the Acting Assistant Principal role. Both Mrs Carey and Mr McNeill were exceptionally professional in these roles. Mrs Carey was also Acting Principal when I was on two weeks sick leave. I would like to thank and acknowledge Mrs Carey, Mr McNeill, the executive team and the staff for their professionalism and sensitivity during this time.

As Mr Harris has now been elected as a member of State Parliament, he has tendered his resignation as Principal of Point Clare Public School, effective immediately. Therefore, this term, there is again opportunity for staff members to ‘act’ in upgraded roles until the principal replacement process is completed. I will once again be Acting Principal, the Acting Deputy Principal will be Mrs Ricketts, with Mrs Wilson the Acting Assistant Principal.

The librarian position is being filled temporarily by Mr Brendan Mitchell. Mrs Janine Gibson is teaching Mrs Hasler’s class while she is on Maternity Leave. The baby is due in late June and we will let you know when she delivers.

**Retirement**

Our Senior Administrative Manager, Mrs Dianne Morrow, has been on leave since school returned this year. Mrs Morrow has now decided it is time to retire. During Term 1, Mrs Wendy Hillan has been most successfully acting in the role of Senior Administrative Manager and will continue to do so until this position is permanently filled. Mrs Morrow will be greatly missed as she has been an important part of the Point Clare staff for many years. We wish her wonderful times during her well-earned retirement years.

**Thursday Anzac Service**

On Thursday this week, we will be holding a school ANZAC Service at 10:00am. If the weather permits, we will be laying wreaths at our school ‘lone pine’ tree. All students will be participating in this service.

**If you are able to donate some flowers or greenery from your garden on Thursday morning or Wednesday afternoon for us to assemble class wreaths, we would appreciate your donations.** If we have any parents with florist experience who are able to donate their time and expertise to us, we would also appreciate your time from 9:00am on Friday morning to assist with the making of the wreaths.

**Year 5 Opportunity Class**

A separate note has been sent out today with information regarding applications for the Year 5 Opportunity classes. Any Year 4 families who did not receive this information may collect a note from the front office.

**Jane Young,**
**Acting Principal**

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**NOTES GOING HOME TODAY - IMPORTANT:**

- Year 5 Point Wolstoncroft camp reminder
- University of NSW Competitions Year 3 - 6
- Year 4 - Opportunity Class for 2016 (Year 5)
- Stage 2 and 3 sport program Term 2
- Mothers Day Stall - Friday 1st May
- Stewart House envelopes

**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

Please note that the school cross country carnival that was originally planned for this Friday 1st May has been postponed to a date to be advised.

**ANZAC Centenary Service**

A big THANKYOU to all children and parents who attended the ANZAC Centenary Service on Saturday 18th April at Central Coast Stadium. The children sang beautifully and were great ambassadors for our school. It was a very moving and worthwhile experience for our Primary Choir.

Mrs Ricketts - Co-ordinator

**Dance Auditions**

Recently a number of students auditioned for Regional Dance Groups. Congratulations to Zoe, Ashlyn and Sarah Hyland who will join the NAISDA Regional Dance ensemble. Also to Tyson Mc Clinchie, Hayden Doyle, Joel Dickey, Jesse Prott and Liam Golden who will be a part of the Regional Boys Ensemble. Finally, to Hayley Mc Teare who for the second year has been chosen as part of the Junior Ensemble.

All students will perform later this year at the Central Coast Dance Festival, Laycock Street Theatre. Goodluck to students who are auditioning for MC roles.

**PARENTING MAGIC**

**Happier homes!** This is the report, in recent years, from parents who attended the groups conducted by Gregory Holland, the school counsellor at PCPS. Please see the final page in today’s newsletter for further information regarding this course.
Orders are now being taken for sports and special photographs as listed below:

- School Leaders
- Technology Leaders
- Library Monitors
- Recorder Group
- Year 6 Dance Group
- Sports Leaders
- Band
- Debating Team
- School Cricket Team
- Year 6 Fun photo

Copies of the above photos are on display in the school foyer. Order envelopes are also available. Please note that all orders for these additional photos must be returned to the school no later than Friday 15th May.

Volunteer Ethics Coordinator Needed!

Ethics classes have been underway at our school for some time. In order to maintain current classes, a volunteer is needed to take on the Ethics Coordinator role. The Ethics Coordinator is responsible for liaison between the parents in the school community, Ethics Teachers, the Principal and SRE Coordinator and Primary Ethics, the provider of the philosophical ethics curriculum and volunteer teacher training. If you would like to volunteer as an Ethics Coordinator at the school please go to www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Jenni Bourchier, the Primary Ethics Regional Manager-Gosford on 0411 198 483

Stewart House

Donation envelopes are going home today for this worthwhile cause. If you choose to support Stewart House, please return the envelope provided no later than Friday 8th May, 2015.

School Banking Rewards now available! Term 2

The School banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. New rewards have just been released for Term 2, and are available while stocks last:

- ET DVD (term 1 reward still available while stocks last)
- Planet Handball (term 1 reward still available while stocks last)
- Invisible Ink Martian Pens – released term 2
- Intergalactic Rockets – released term 2

You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2000 spending money.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things to know before you Can:

Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEDT 27/01/2015 and ends 11.59pm 18/12/2015. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5-13 years who participate in Commbank’s School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.30pm AEDT on 12/01/2016 at the Promoter’s office. The first valid entry drawn will win a family trip to California’s Disneyland valued at $22,245. The winner’s name will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 26/01/2016. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking NSW Permit No LTPS/14/09857: ACT Permit No TP14/04345: VIC Permit No 14/5966: SA Permit no T14/2327
P&C News

Welcome back - finally 😊
After what is likely to be the longest term 1 break we will ever (hopefully) experience it is great to be back at school! We hope everyone survived safely and now have power back.

P&C Monthly Meeting
Our general meeting is held on the second Wednesday of each month, that is Wednesday 14th May. All are welcome, so please come along to find out more about your P&C.

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

Canteen

Canteen is back in action
We are open from today, and using the Summer menu from term one while we finalise our new winter menu.

Reminders
- Using the online MunchMonitor order system is a huge help to the canteen, please consider using this next time you make an order. Cut off for orders is 9am each day.
  Thanks
- We rely on volunteers to keep the canteen running, any time you can give is greatly appreciated.

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

Fundraising

Mother’s Day Stall
This Friday 1st of May the P&C will be holding our annual Mother’s Day stall. Gifts will be on sale for $6.00 each and there is an excellent selection to choose from. We look forward to sharing in the students’ excitement of choosing a present for their beloved Mums. Here is some pictures of what will be on offer.

*Don’t forget to bring in your $6.00 this Friday, because - let’s face it - MUMS ARE AWESOME!!*

P&C Fundraising team

Uniform Shop

Open Tuesday 8.30-9am

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. This allows for credit card payments.

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.

Thank You
Uniform Committee
ATTENTION CATHOLICS

The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a programme to prepare baptised Catholic children currently in Year 2 or above and have reached the age of discretion (normally about 7 years of age) for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parent or guardian who will accompany the child through the programme is required to attend an information night on Tuesday 5th May 2015 at 7.30 pm, Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy in order to enrol into the programme.

Enquiries – Parish Office on 43 41 1073
1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING
PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old
A three-session program for parents and carers
at POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL

on TUESDAYS - 12 May, 19 May & 26 May at 9.00am until 11.00am.
COST : $10 (to cover workbook)

✓ To engage your children’s cooperation by positively noticing and encouraging them
✓ To set clear expectations and help them develop frustration tolerance
✓ To help children’s brains to develop filters for behaving well
✓ To resolve family conflict quietly
✓ Some simple strategies to practise being a calm parent

What people are saying...
What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!
I realised quickly that 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control

Who is running it?
The presenter for this course is our School Counsellor /Psychologist  Gregory Holland who completed Parentshop’s 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioner training.

123 MAGIC PARENTING PROGRAM
Register for this course by completing this part and returning it to the office or classroom teacher.
I would like to attend the 123 Magic course at Point Clare Public School.
My children are in _________________ class/es.
My phone no. is    _________________
My name ________________________

• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective
This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner.  www.parentshop.com.au