Environment Club
We are so proud of our Environment Club after their outstanding success at Gosford Show last weekend. We were very lucky after the bad weather that we had some vegetables and herbs to display and enter in the show. Mrs Harland worked hard to ensure our show display was creative and showed off our garden produce well. We entered 9 categories including vegetables growing on a vine, posy of herbs, single herbs and more, including a bottle of fresh worm ‘juice’ from our recycling worms. We came away with 7 First ribbons, 1 Second and 2 Thirds! Well done to all our Environment helpers and the students.

Back to Business
We were very pleased to be able to open the school to students again last week and get back to business. Our class programs are running as smoothly as possible with some storm damage still evident. Two Kindergarten classes have relocated temporarily as their roof was damaged during the storm, causing bad leakage and very wet carpet. We are awaiting repairs of roof tiles, painting and new carpet. These two rooms will soon be better than new! All other classes are now back in their usual classrooms.

Last Friday was an exciting day as a crane came in to move the large trees that had fallen during the storms. We are now waiting for teams to come in and remove the trees and branches so that we are able to take down the safety fences. A huge thank you to the students, staff and parents for demonstrating resilience and patience over the past three weeks.

ANZAC Service
Thank you to Mrs Ricketts who organised the school ANZAC Service for last Thursday. The students were very respectful, Mrs Atkinson’s choir sang very well and the leaders did an excellent job. Our wreaths were laid around our pine tree in the garden at the front of the school.

Star Spangled Day
This Friday, May 8th, we are holding a fundraiser for the Palcare Foundation in honour of Mrs McHugh. As she was originally an American citizen, we are asking students to come dressed for the Star Spangled theme and to bring a gold coin donation for Palcare. Suitable dress-ups would include stars, stripes, red, white and blue; or anything American. Please allow your child to come in mufti on Friday for this fundraiser.

The Central Coast Palliative Care Volunteer Foundation is a not-for-profit charity organisation founded in 1988. The Foundation operates a volunteer service to support patients with a non-curable illness who are under the care of the Central Coast Palliative Care Service. Volunteers are carefully selected, trained and supported to provide a safe, effective and professional service. The Foundation works in close collaboration yet is independent of the Central Coast Local Health District and local General Practitioners Services. Services include social and respite visits, transportation, assistance in shopping, therapeutic massage, meditation and relaxation, narrative therapy and day centre activities.

Year 5
Year 5 are currently at Point Wolstoncroft camp. We know they are having a great time and how lucky are they that the weather has now cleared. We will have a report from them in next week’s newsletter.
Week 3, Term 2

Tuesday 5th May, 2015

Year 5 OC 2016
Students in Year 4 who wish to sit the Opportunity Class test must register now. A note has been sent home to all Year 4 students.

NAPLAN
Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Years 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN Tests. Parents, please do not keep your child away from school on these days unless they are too ill to attend. If your Year 3 or Year 5 child is away next week, please let us know by phoning the school. Testing will commence first thing in the morning, so please have your child at school well before the 8:55am bell. It would also be beneficial for your child if they had adequate sleep the nights before the tests. Good Luck Year 3 and Year 5.

Jane Young,
Acting Principal

Stage 1 Sport
Please note that Stage 1 ballgames will be held on Wednesdays this Term in lieu of previously advised Thursdays. Students are to wear their sports uniform on the Wednesday.

Woy Woy Cup
Unfortunately, the Woy Woy Cup was cancelled due to the inclement weather. The competition has now been postponed until either the end of Term 2 or the start of Term 3.

Grant Duncan – Co-ordinator

Note: P&C Meetings are held on the second Wednesday night in each month (only in school terms). The May meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th May, 7.30pm in the School Staffroom.

YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 2
Infants – K – Year 2
Golden Ticket - Tasmin KM-Confidence
Iceblocks- Jasmin 2PN- Resilience
Charlotte 1H- Persistence
Kieran 2HW- Persistence

Primary – Years 3-6
Golden ticket- Lochen 5/6A- Getting Along
Iceblock- Joanna 5/6A- Organisation
Baran 5/6T- Organisation
Michael 6R- Getting Along

Stage 1 GAT Group Performance – 12th May, 2015
Stage 1 performance GAT Group proudly presents 'Rabbit Learns a Lesson'. Come and see our little ones perform! All welcome!

Tuesday 12th May, 2015.
First session: 10.00am Parents, Family and Friends
Second session: 2.00pm Students K-6 (Gold coin donation)
Proceeds from donations will go towards Stage 1 resources.

Mrs Niven – Co-ordinator

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Scholastic Book Club
Scholastic Book Club orders are due back by tomorrow, Wednesday, 6th May. Late orders will not be accepted.
Orders are now being taken for sports and special photographs as listed below:

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

Ziptales Reading – On-line Learning - $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.

If you have not already paid for Ziptales, please forward $2 to your class teacher as soon as possible. This was included in the Bulk Fees.

Voluntary Contributions
It’s not too late to make your Voluntary Contribution. Payment is voluntary – Contributions help provide additional educational resources for the benefit of students. This payment has been set once again at $35 per student or $50 per family. Thank you for your support of our school.

Voluntary Contributions
Please find enclosed voluntary contribution of $ __________
Student/s Name: ______________________ Class _______
Student/s Name: ______________________ Class _______
Student/s Name: ______________________ Class _______

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

P&C News
Congratulations Eco Club Gardeners!
This weekend our School had a number of entries in the produce section of the Gosford Regional Agricultural Show. The produce is grown primarily in the Munch and Crunch Garden and tended by students attending Eco club.

Our special thanks go out to Donna Harland and Ferran Thornycroft who volunteer their time and garden expertise each week to keep this valuable program running. With an additional thank you to Donna for organising all of our entries and delivering them to the show, and to the Technology Leaders who created all the signage required for our entries.

P&C Monthly Meeting
Sorry for the confusion caused by our error in last week’s newsletter, our general meeting is held on the Second Wednesday of each month, that is next Wednesday 13th 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
Fundraising

Mother’s Day Stall
Last Friday we held our Mother’s Day stall and it was a huge success. The students showed great excitement and pride in choosing gifts for their beloved mums. I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to Angela Mitchell, Jo Hill, Nicole Stammers, Petina Snook, Sian Kiss, and Sally Cossgrove for all their help, and for donating their time on the day. Also a big thanks to the wonderful Sasha Tee and Caitlyn Wilson from 5/6M for their help.

Additional Sale Day - This Wednesday 6th of May the P&C will be holding an additional sale day for students who would still like to purchase Mother's Day gifts. Gifts will be on sale for $6.00 each and there is an excellent selection to choose from. Here are some pictures of what will be on offer.

K. McNeill for the P&C Fundraising Team

Canteen

Help Needed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
We are looking for some help every second Tuesday and Wednesday- could this be you? You don't need to commit to doing it every second week, but if you could help on either a Tuesday or Wednesday per month or term this would be a great help! Thanks for your consideration.

Volunteering
To join our roster please contact Anwyn in the canteen on Thursday or Friday via the school office 4325 0594, or fill in a Volunteering form which can be found outside the Canteen door. Thank you

Reminder
- 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

Thank You
Canteen Committee

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. Please the school website for full details.

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

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

If you have any questions about school banking, please contact Liz on 0411 497 567 or liz.post@icloud.com
Happy saving!

Liz & Odette

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CHESS!!
Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Point Clare Public School is held on Thursdays from 11:30am – 12:20pm in Mrs Ruhan’s room.
Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games with personal feedback from the coach.
Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.
If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.
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

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.

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

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