Star Spangled Day
Thank you to all the students who came in mufti for our Star Spangled Day to honour Mrs McHugh. It was lots of fun to see all the costumes and we raised the amazing sum of $780 for the Palliative Care Foundation, which is a Central Coast based volunteer organisation. Well done Point Clare!

Use of Cameras at School
We know that parents all love to take photos or videos of their children at special school events, however, we ask that you do not take a photo or video of any child or children other than your own at school. Every family has completed the "Permission to Publish" form and some children do not have permission to have their photo taken or to have their photo published on Facebook or elsewhere. The school will often video or take photos which are then used only within the school. For example, today, the school videoed the Year 1 / 2 play but this video will only be used in the school to view the performance.

NAPLAN
(National Assessment Program Literacy & Numeracy)
Our Year 3 and year 5 students are completing NAPLAN tests this week. Today they sat the Language Conventions and Writing Tests. Tomorrow is the Reading Test and Wednesday is the Numeracy Test. I know all our students will do their best and we thank you for your support of the students by ensuring they are on time and well-rested for each day of testing.

P & C Meeting
I would like to remind all families that tomorrow night, Wednesday, 13th May, the P & C monthly meeting will be held in the staffroom. I would encourage you to attend as tomorrow night I will be presenting the new School Plan 2015 – 2017. At this meeting we will also be completing the usual monthly agenda. It's great to be involved in your child’s school and research has shown that parental involvement is often a positive influence on student academic results. I am looking forward to welcoming many ‘new’ parents at 7:30pm tomorrow night.

Storm Damage
DEC Assets Department, the insurance company and the school are all working together to repair the storm damage still evident in the school. Of course, some of this is taking more time than a usual insurance job as there was so much damage on the coast that requires repair. Despite the disruptions, all classes are well settled and continuing with their normal routines.

Cross Country
Primary students and Year 2 students over 8 years of age and capable of running in the school Cross Country will be attending Fagan Park this Friday. Please note, students attending the Cross Country are still able to order lunch from the canteen as lunch will be at school around 1:00pm.

Jane Young,
Acting Principal
**Important Dates**

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**YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 4**

**Infants - K - Year 2**
- Golden ticket - Charlise 1/2R - Organisation
- Iceblocks - Lily 1C - Organisation
- Patrick KM - Confidence
- Isla KM - Confidence

**Primary - Years 3 - 6**
- Golden ticket - Jess B 5/6W - Resilience
- Iceblocks - Maddison C 5/6W - Organisation
- Hollie 3/4LA - Resilience
- Jess F 5/6W - Confidence

**Statement of Account**
Invoices for outstanding payments for Semester 1 activities will be sent home tomorrow. Please action payment as soon as possible. If you are unable to make the payments at this time, please contact the office. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Bulk Payments**
Please note that Semester 1 bulk payment option for Year 4 included the Colonial Show. If you paid the bulk payment earlier in the year, please return the permission slip only by this Friday 14\(^{th}\) May to enable your child to participate in this interactive show.

**International Competitions & Assessments for School (ICAS)**
Please note that we are no longer able to accept payments for inclusion in the “Science Test” to be held on 3\(^{rd}\) June.

**Sports News**

**Cross Country**
This Friday our school cross country carnival will be held for the first time at Fagan Park. A permission note with all the details for this event was sent home last week. Let’s hope the weather is kind to us. With the zone carnival the following Friday, if by chance the carnival is postponed, then it will be held at school on the following Monday - 18\(^{th}\) May. During this week, children from Stage 2 and 3 will be practising for the carnival by completing laps around the school.

**Boys Basketball**
Our boys basketball team had a fantastic day on the court last Friday. Behaviour was outstanding and it was great to see the team laughing for most of the day. Standout performances by Archie, Tim and one of our youngest players Drew, as well as some outstanding long range shots made the game exciting to watch. Our team was up against some fierce competition and showed immense resilience throughout the entire day. Well done boys!!!

**Eric Thorsby**

**Girls Basketball**
Last Friday the girl’s basketball team travelled to Niagara Park for the PSSA basketball knockout competition. The girls won their first game 31-8. After a close game Lisarow beat the girls by one basket meaning the girls were out and had a fun game to play. The girls won their fun game 10-6. Brianna and Jorjah were fabulous all rounders, Lani had fabulous shooting, Caitlyn and Maddison were amazing with rebounds and Lorin, Chloe, Skye, Hannah and Bianca had great teamwork. The girls won 2 games and lost the other game by one basket. Our coach Mrs Burrows thought the girls played fabulously.

**Lani B**
on behalf of the girl’s team.

**Netball**
Congratulations to Jade S who has been selected to represent our school as part of the zone netball team at Sydney North trials on 19\(^{th}\) May. Good luck Jade!!

**Steve Rayner**

We can all be proud of how well all these teams represented the school.

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Interrelate Winner!
Congratulations to Hayden who was awarded a Certificate of Merit for his powerful poster reinforcing the message of anti-bullying in the recent Interrelate campaign.

This year the competition encouraged young people to relate to the scenario of their friend being bullied and to consider how they can make a difference in stopping the bullying rather than being a passive bystander. More than 5000 entries were received from 174 primary schools.

Judy Wilson

Peer Support Leadership Training
Last week Year 6 students spent two fun days participating in leadership training. The aim of this program was to give the students the confidence and organisational skills needed to effectively manage a peer support group. They completed a variety of activities to help them with communicating, decision making and problem solving in a group situation.

Steve Rayner

Stewart House
Thank you for your support of this charity. We are no longer able to accept donations.

Health Alert
A case of Pertussis (Whooping Cough) has been reported within the school community.

Pertussis is a disease caused by infection of the throat with the bacteria Bordetella pertussis. It is spread by droplets from coughing or sneezing. Untreated, it can be spread to other people for up to three weeks after the onset of cough.

Symptoms: Usually begin just like a cold, with runny nose, tiredness and sometimes a mild fever. Coughing develops, usually in bouts, followed by a deep gasp (or “whoop”). It can be very serious in small children, who may go blue or stop breathing during coughing attacks and may need hospitalisation.

Do I need to keep my child home?: Yes, until after the first 5 days of a special antibiotic have been taken.

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 this Friday 15th May.

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 _______
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P&C News

P&C Monthly Meeting
Our general meeting is on tomorrow night, Wednesday 13th May, 7.30pm in the staffroom. 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 AT THE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
This Friday the Canteen will be running a snack stall at the Cross Country Carnival, it will be a treat day where we sell a selection of lollies, chips, and drinks. Lunch Orders will be available on Friday to all years, those attending the Cross Country will be served lunch on their return to school. If you are interested in helping out on this busy day please call Anwyn in the canteen on Thursday, or email nicolestammers@hotmail.com. Thank you.

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
Canteen Committee

Uniform Shop - Open Tuesday 8.30-9am

LOST PROPERTY
There are over 70 items in the No Name Lost Property, please check for any items you may have lost. These items are cleared at the end of each month.

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 see 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

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