**Merit Selection**
Recently a Merit Selection panel met at school to review the applications for the teaching position at Point Clare which was made vacant by the transfer of Miss Rachel Andrew in Term 1. After careful consideration, a number of applicants were called to interview and a teacher selected to replace Miss Andrew. This teacher selected, Miss Clare Trevena, will commence at Point Clare at the beginning of 2016. For the remainder of this year, we are pleased to let you know that Mr Zeus Humphries will continue in his temporary position teaching 5/6A.

**Colonial Day**
Stage 2 enjoyed their incursion today with the Colonial Show providing lots of fun and excitement as well as lots of learning about Australian history. Thank you to Mrs Ruhan and the Stage 2 teachers for organising such a great day.

**Walk Safely to School Day**
We were very lucky with the weather last Friday morning for our Walk Safely to School event. About 100 students participated in this activity as we set off from Fagan Park with the threat of rain at 7:45am. We all enjoyed a scenic walk to school along the waterfront, with rain occurring just as we neared the end of the track. Lucky most students had their rain gear or umbrellas. A huge thank you to Mr Thorsby for his organisation, the parents and teachers who participated, especially the parents who provided our breakfast. Thank you also to Aldi and Farmers’ Direct for their food donations.

**School Bulk Payments**
We are currently budgeting for second semester and have found that many families have not made their Bulk Payments for resources directly used by their children – textbooks and school magazines. If you can see your way to make this payment or part payment we would be very appreciative as the school has covered these costs for many families.

**School Uniform**
Our new winter uniform is looking very smart on the students. Please check the uniform shop report elsewhere in this Newsletter.

*Jane Young,*  
*Acting Principal*

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International Competitions & Assessments for School (ICAS)
Please note that we are no longer able to accept payments for any of the ICAS tests. **Payments have now closed.**

**YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 5**

**Infants - K - Year 2**
- Golden ticket -
- Summer 1/2T - Confidence
- Iceblocks -
- Ava S 1H - Persistence
- Axel 1/2T - Confidence
- Marley 2FN - Resilience

**Primary - Years 3 - 6**
- Golden ticket -
- Belle 3/4B - Organisation
- Iceblocks -
- Cody 3/4B - Organisation
- Eden 5/6M - Organisation
- Tony 3/4B - Organisation

**Zone Cross Country**
The zone cross country that was postponed last Friday will now be held this, Friday 29th May at Wyoming Public School. Children will be travelling by bus to and from the venue. The cost is $6.00. The original permission note sent home lists the carnival details which will remain the same and also covers permission for travel on both dates.

**Zone Touch Football Trials**
Congratulations to Archie T. who has been selected in the combined zone touch football team. Archie will now contest for a place in Sydney North Touch Team on Wednesday 10th June. Good luck Archie.

**PSSA Knockout Netball**
Congratulations to our Year 5/6 girls who won in the first round of netball last Thursday against Ourimbah with a score of 19 to 5. The girls were great representatives for Point Clare School. Well done girls.

**Trish Arkell**

**iPhone/iPad Chargers**
If there are any families who have spare/unused iPhone/iPad chargers at home, the school could make use of them. If you are willing to donate any spare chargers please drop them in to the office. We are looking for both the older style (wide) connector and the newer (lightning - thin) connector.

**Mitchell McNeill**

**Staff Car Park**
We are concerned about the number of children who are entering the school via the staff car parking area. This is extremely dangerous as cars have limited visibility when reversing from here. Please advise your children to use the gate and pathway in front of the office and not the car park driveway.

**Scholastic Book Club**
Scholastic Book Club orders are due back by Wednesday, 3rd June. Late orders will not be accepted

**Point Clare Public School Reconciliation Challenge**
Proud entry from James G, Sam B, Kyanah G and Ethan C. They used environmental elements to create a work for the theme of "Homegrown Hero" inspired by Preston Campbell.

**Judy Wilson**

**School Disco**
**Wednesday 3rd June**
**School Hall - $5.00**

K - 2 from 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm
3 - 6 from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

**Further details later this week!**
**Harmony Day Poster Competition**

Congratulations to Charlotte H from class 5/6W who was awarded a Regional Winners prize in this year’s competition.

The judges commented on the very high standard of the more than 4000 entries received this year from schools across New South Wales.

Regional and State winners, runners-up and highly commended students will receive their awards at the prize giving ceremony at NSW Parliament House on Thursday 18th June.

**Head Lice**

Once again head lice are causing some concern in our community.

It would be appreciated if parents would:
- Inspect their child’s hair for infestation and treat with appropriate shampoo (available from the chemist) if headlice are evident
- Check all of the family and retreat after 7 days
- Students can return to school once their hair has been treated

**Environmental Education News:**

**WISE ABOUT WASTE School Incursion**

On Wednesday 3rd June, we have visitors from Kariong Eco Garden and Remondis joining us. The purpose of the visit will be to explore the need for our school to manage our waste carefully. This will coincide with World Environment Day on 5th June, which has the theme: ‘Seven Billion Dreams. One Planet. Consume with Care’

Related Wise About Waste activities include:
- Before the day, some classes have been involved in a school “Waste Audit” to help prepare for the day.
- On the day, students in years 3 and 4 will be given two lessons from a selection of lessons: Horrible History of Waste; Beyond the Bin; So Much Stuff; Land Litter & Marine Pollution; Consumer Power
- On the day, one student from each Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two class will be given a lesson on recycling from the representative from Remondis, which is the recycling company used by Gosford Council. They will then report back to their class.
- At the end of the day, each class will send 2 items of rubbish which will be buried in a “Waste Time Capsule” activity. Photos will be taken and, in the future, students will be able to investigate the rate of decomposition of the different rubbish items.

This is a new initiative from Kariong Eco Garden and Gosford Council and we are very pleased to be involved. The activities involve no cost.

**Mrs Viv Burrows**

Environment Committee Co-ordinator

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**An Update from School Council’s Traffic Management & Road Safety Committee**

**Walk Safely to School Day**

Last Friday 22nd May, Point Clare participated in our third national Walk Safely to School Day. Despite the ominous weather, around 100 children, parents and staff participated with most walkers joining the group from Fagan Park along the cycleway to school.

On arrival at school, walkers were treated to a delicious breakfast of fruit (donated by Farmers Direct), raisin toast and juice (donated by Aldi Point Clare).

K-2 were later treated to a visit from Zali, Council’s Road Safety Zebra and Deb Batey, Council’s Road Safety Officer to reinforce the road safety message.

A huge thank you to all those that participated or delivered their children to Fagan Park and to the many teachers and parents that helped serve the brekky to the hordes of hungry mouths. Special thanks to Ryan from Farmers Direct and Carl from Aldi Point Clare for supplying all the food once again.

Walking to school together is a great way to be more connected with your environment and community, as well as exercising and stimulating brains for learning. We hope everyone can join in next time.

**Takari Avenue Children’s Crossing**

Many of you will remember completing a survey about the crossing in 2014. The survey showed that 90% of respondents supported a crossing in Takari Avenue. But what has happened since then?
Following the survey, School Council’s Traffic Management & Road Safety Committee began liaising with Gosford Council. Soon after, planning for the building project commenced which meant that it was important to wait for the concept design before moving ahead with the crossing. Now that we know the school entrance will be located at the existing driveway, Gosford Council will take our request for a crossing to Traffic Committee in June. The crossing is now proposed to be located at the central driveway with adjustment to the Bus and No Parking zones in Takari Avenue. The school’s request for consideration of a School Zone on Brisbane Water Drive will also be discussed at the Traffic Committee meeting. The construction of a footpath on the southern side of Takari Avenue in conjunction with the crossing will be investigated by Gosford Council.

Hi all,

Term Two is flying by fast, I can’t believe it is week six already. It is starting to get chilly and the winter woollies are making an appearance. Remember to check that all items of clothing are still clearly marked with your child’s name and current class. Don’t forget to label gloves, scarves, hats and jumpers/jackets. This year we have a vested interest in building the P&C and have made a few changes. We want your voice to be heard and joining the P&C is a great place to start. Our next P&C general meeting is Wednesday the 10th June. Come and check out what we’re doing.

Cheers,
Jen Moes
President, Point Clare P&C

Canteen

Green Recess Taster items 50c each
Our Green Taster promotion is up and running, with many students already enjoying our taster selection. This week we are selling Hummus cups, Yogurt cups, Noodle cups, Blueberry pikelets, Mex melts, and Corn fritters. All items are 50c.

We appreciate your support of this Green promotion which supports the school’s nutrition policy, and is part of our qualification for Healthy Canteen status.

VOLUNTEERING- Help needed Wednesdays please
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 8.30-9.00am

WINTER UNIFORM
Point Clare students wear Winter uniform in terms two and three, students have been complimented on how smart they look in it. For those querying what the Winter uniform is we’ve included the following list.

Boys Winter uniform:
- Maroon school polo
- Long grey pants
- Optional - long sleeve white crew neck t-shirt or skivvy worn under Maroon polo.
- Maroon school jumpers, maroon gloves, maroon scarf.
- School Hat compulsory.

Girls Winter uniform:
- Winter tunic with either white peter pan collared shirt, or white skivvy.
- Winter skirt worn with maroon school polo, option of wearing white crew neck t-shirt or white skivvy under polo.
- Dark Navy tights or white socks worn with winter tunic and skirt.
- Maroon polo worn with dark navy pants (not leggings), option of wearing white crew neck t-shirt or white skivvy under polo.
- Maroon school jumpers, maroon gloves, maroon scarf.
- School Hat compulsory.

LOST PROPERTY END OF MONTH CLEAROUT
This Friday marks the end of the month, at which time any no name items which have been sitting in Lost property get cleared. Last week the boxes were overflowing with over 80 no name items. Please take time this week to check for any items you are missing. Thanks.

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

Amart Sports have opened their new store at Riverside Homemakers Centre at West Gosford. Point Clare Public School is participating in the Amart Community Kickbacks. The school will receive 5% of purchases when customers mention Point Clare Public School when you make purchases from Amart West Gosford.

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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Community News…
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INTERNATIONAL TENNIS SCHOOL

Gosford Tennis Centre
The Gosford Tennis Centre offers a host of exciting programs for Juniors and Adults to enjoy, and for all standard of players from Beginner to Elite.
Our all new Membership system caters for all your family’s tennis needs and begins for as little as $5 per week. Member benefits include Free Court hire, Coaching classes, Competitions, Member Prize Draws and much, much more.
The daily program includes:
- Tennis Australia Hot Shots Program
- Group Lessons
- Private Lessons
- Competitions
- Tournament play
- A host of fun filled events
- Fully stocked Pro Shop
- Delicious Cafe food
Call to speak to our friendly staff on 43252921 or email us at info@gosfordtenniscentre.com.au
Join us at Gosford Tennis Centre and let the games begin!

FAIRHAVEN SERVICES ANNUAL FETE
Saturday, 30th May 2015
9AM to 3PM
209 Brisbane Water Drive
Point Clare, NSW
Featuring a fantastic kids lawn with jumping castle, rides, face painting and more

FAIRHAVEN SERVICES
discover | belong | celebrate

Join us for a fun night and support a very worthy cause
The Komewardemasi Team present a
BACK TO THE PAST
BE Part of a special and fun evening.
Dance to the music from the ’50’s, ’60’s & ’70’s.
Music provided by Entertainer….Les Davis
Make up a Party of Friends and BE THERE AT…

Valley View Public School Hall
On
June 13 at 6.30pm

Come along and support the team of 10 local teachers who are taking quality teaching and learning programs, resource packs and medical supplies, sporting gear and kids’ clothing personally to give to some very impoverished remote islands in PNG!!
All donations of goods or cash gratefully accepted.

$20 DONATION B.Y.O. NIBBLIES AND DRINKS