Welcome to Term 3
We hope that you and your children enjoyed the winter break and we look forward to some exciting times this term. The school calendar which is found on our website is a great place to check for upcoming school events. It will be updated later this week. Please also check our school Facebook page and our P & C Facebook page for school information.

Education Week
Education Week is coming up. We are planning some really interesting activities to share with parents, carers and extended family members to celebrate our wonderful school. A separate invitation will be extended to all families shortly with this information. We hope you are able to take time out from your busy day to join us for a couple of hours when the students and teachers showcase Point Clare to you.

Building Update
As you will see when you visit our school, preparations are well under way for the building program to commence. Two demountables were relocated during the holidays and we are expecting the actual building process to commence later this term. The teachers have been undertaking extensive professional development in preparation for integrating 21st Century learning ideas into our school to complement our upcoming new learning spaces.

Staff Changes
When you come to our front office this term, you may see a new face. Mrs Jenny Jackson has commenced as our new Senior Administrative Manager. We welcome Jenny to our staff and hope that her move to Point Clare will be a happy one. I must also extend a huge thank you to Mrs Wendy Hillan who most competently filled this position for the past two terms. For the first few weeks of this term, I will continue as Acting Principal, with Mrs Allyson Carey as Acting Deputy Principal. Mr Mitchell McNeill will be Acting Assistant Principal, supervising Stage 3.

Jane Young - Acting Principal

Reconciliation Award for Art
How exciting!
Our young artists, Sam, Ethan and James were presented with their Reconciliation Art Award for their artwork "Kicking for Gold" by the Hon Leslie Williams MP and also The Governor of NSW, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret’d), at the opening of the exhibition.

The Governor took the time to commend the students on their wonderful effort and was more than happy to pose with the students for photos!

The exhibition with the theme, "Homegrown Heroes" has truly inspired artwork as students from Primary and Secondary Schools express their vision for a reconciled Australia.

This exhibition will continue to be on display at The Rocks Discovery Museum until the end of next month, so make the time to visit this wonderful display.

Judy Wilson
Week 1, Term 3

Important Dates

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Kindergarten in need of Pets
This term Kindergarten students will be studying living things as part of the science curriculum. We are interested to find out if anyone in the community breeds stick insects. The school has an appropriate housing unit. If you know anyone who breeds stick insects please see a Kindergarten teacher.

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.
Term 3 lessons will commence on 16th July, 2015.

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.

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 email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy.
For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 18th September 2015 when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator. Please place stickers on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and once completed simply place the sheet in the collection box at school.

Please support the Earn & Learn Program which allows the school to purchase valuable education resources.

Happy Homes Workshop
Would you like to make my home a happier place?
This term a group of parents is meeting to reflect on some ways that can make for a happier time with their children. Over three Monday mornings, in Weeks 3, 4 and 5 the group will meet from 9am till 11am in the Staff Room at PCPS.

There is still room for a few more to join us. If you wish to join us please fill in the form below, or complete the page available at the school office.

Gregory J. Holland, School Counsellor.

Happy Homes Workshop
I am interested in attending the workshop
Name ___________________________
Phone ___________________________
Child’s Name ___________________________
Class ___________________________

Do you have children aged 7 to 13 years old who are worried about their weight?
Go&Fun is a healthy lifestyle program which improves health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above a healthy weight.
The program consists of games, activities, tips on healthy food, label reading and portion sizes.

Venues: Gosford Olympic Pool Saturdays from 18/7 1:30pm – 3:30pm and Peninsula Leisure Centre from 14/7 4pm – 6pm
Phone 1800 780 900 or go to www.go4fun.com.au

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