Education Week
A huge thank you to all the family members who attended our Open Day last week. Our students excelled themselves with their performances, beautiful classroom displays and the amazing Sculpture by the School. A very big thank you to the Stage 3 parents and students who provided the delicious cakes and slices for morning tea. We were very lucky that the weather was so sunny and we could place tables and chairs under the COLA for morning tea to be enjoyed. Perhaps we have some budding “Master Chefs” in 5/6W as their class cooking was absolutely delightful.

This was a most special day to celebrate our school, the teachers and the student achievements. But, please remember that every day at Point Clare is an ‘open day’ as parents and carers are always welcome. If you wish to speak at length with the teacher about your child’s progress, however, a formal appointment time is necessary.

Book Week
Week 7, August 24 to 27 is Book Week. This year our school will be celebrating Book Week with a variety of activities. This is advance notice for parents who may wish to begin preparations with their child now.

As well as two visiting illustrators, we will be holding a Book Character parade where students dress up as a book character. Parents will be invited to the parade with times given in a Newsletter closer to the event. Year 6 will be running a Photo Booth where students may be photographed with their friends in dress-up and they may then purchase the photo for a small sum. We will hold our usual cake competition and a new event, "The McHughie Prize". The McHughie, named in memory of our former librarian, Rebecca McHugh, involves students presenting an A4 sized art work of a book character.

Please talk with your child about these events and I’m sure you will come up with some great ideas that don’t cost a lot of money. A date will be set and advertised to families very soon.

French Classes
Point Clare holds regular French language classes once a week in the school hall before school for a very reasonable price. If you are contemplating your child joining our French class, please phone Nathalie Roy on 0430 286 590 for a free sample lesson to be held this Wednesday, August 5th in the hall from 2:30 to 2:55pm. Our French teacher Nathalie Roy does an excellent job with this class.

Jane Young – Acting Principal

Scott Street Bridge
In the interest of the safety of our students we are asking for the gate onto the Scott Street bridge to remain closed at all times. There are children in our school who are learning the boundaries of the school and the gate helps these children remain safe at all times. Please do not prop open the gate with logs or bricks and please remember to close the gate after you go through.

Mrs Carey – Acting Deputy Principal
Athletics Carnival Results
Last week we were able to complete our high jump events at school and finalise the results for our 2015 carnival. After scaling the results to account for differences in student numbers in each house we had the following results:

1st Place - Katandra
2nd Place - Wambina
3rd Place - Girrakool
4th Place - Rumbalara

Age Champions
Junior Girls - Jessica H
Junior Boys - Lachlan S
11 Year Girls - Kasey B
11 Year Boys - Archie T
Senior Girls - Brianna I
Senior Boys - Hayden D

Congratulations to the Age Champions and to Katandra house. Qualifying students should now have received their permission notes for the Zone Carnival on Friday 21st August at Mingara Athletics Centre. Please return these ASAP.

Mr McNeill - Co-ordinator

Premier’s Reading Challenge - 3 weeks to go!
All students have been encouraged to read books to complete the annual Premier’s Reading Challenge. Infants classes have been sharing books with their teachers, while primary students are being encouraged to read independently both at home and in class. Once primary students have finished reading their twenty books, they will need to complete their online reading record on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge.
Year 4 - Chase, Ernest. Year 6 - Emilie, Enya, Alissa.

If you need help completing reading records or require further information, please contact Mrs Allan as soon as possible.  
MEREDITH.ALLAN@det.nsw.edu.au

YOU CAN DO IT - Winners
K-2 - Golden ticket - Cameron 2A- Organisation
Iceblocks – Tatiana KM- Persistence
Eva 1H- Confidence
Anni 1H- Confidence

3-6 Golden ticket - Bree 5/6W- Persistence
Iceblocks- Liam G 5/6W Getting Along
Hayden 5/6W- Getting Along
Mason 4J- Persistence

Important Dates

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Kindergarten 2016
Kindergarten enrolment packs now available from the front office. If you have a child or know of any children that are wishing to attend Point Clare Public School for Kindergarten next year please come collect an enrolment pack. Students must live in the Point Clare zone: Point Clare, Tascott, Koolewong and West Gosford (selected area) to be automatically eligible to attend our school.

VALE - Mary Foster
Our Point Clare community has been saddened to hear the news of the passing of Mary Foster.

Mary is well known to our school community and was a tireless worker for our P & C and Fundraising Committee over many years while her 3 children attended our school.

Mary was made a life member of the P & C in 2011 and will be remembered as a hard worker and quiet achiever.

Her funeral will be held on Thursday at 10am at MacKay Family funerals Ourimbah.

Our community extends our condolences to her family.  
Mrs Hillan - Administration
Health Update

Chicken Pox
There have been several cases of Chicken Pox reported in the school community.

Please be aware of the symptoms:
Slight runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab.

Do I need to keep my child at home?
Yes for 5 days after the rash first appears and until the blisters have all scabbed over.
Time from exposure to illness is 5 weeks.
Immunisation is available for children over 12 months old.

Impetigo (School Sores)
A case has been reported in the school.

Symptoms
Small red spots change into blisters that fill with pus and become crusted, usually on the face, hands and scalp.

Do I need to keep my child at home?
Yes until treatment starts. Sores should be covered with a watertight dressing on return to school.

How can it be prevented?
Careful hand washing.

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

Become a Volunteer Ethics Coordinator
Ethics classes are currently available for Kindy and Stages 1 and 2. We need a volunteer Ethics Coordinator to liaise between the school, our volunteer Ethics Teachers and Primary Ethics. Ethics Coordinators are provided with training and support by Primary Ethics. Coordinating can mostly be done by email in your spare time and would take no more than an hour per week. If you are interested or would like to know more, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au or contact Jenni Bourchier, Regional Manager-Gosford Region of Primary Ethics at gosford-region@primaryethics.com.au or on 0411 198 483.
Thank you for your support.
Jenni Bourchier
Regional Manager – Gosford Region
Primary Ethics Ltd

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.

YOUR P&C NEWS
G’day all.
Following on from last week’s blurb, we’re keen to find some talented school community members who have experience in grant writing and who would be interested in joining a team of people with varied experience to apply for grants and opportunities to further the P&C’s fundraising efforts for our school.

Anyone interested in this area can email an expression of interest to our Secretary, Kylie Rose McLean - pointclarepublicschool@pancaffiliate.org.au

Spread the word about our next meeting on Wednesday 12 August, 7:30pm in the school Staff Room.

Cheers
Jen Moes
President, Point Clare Public School P&C

FACEBOOK PAGE
Connect with the P&C and be up to date with our activities.
Click the thumbs up icon.
https://www.facebook.com/pages/PC-for-Point-Clare-Public-School

CANTEEN
GREEN DAY LUNCH PROMO
ORDERS DUE THIS FRIDAY 7 AUGUST
Our Canteen Green Day Lunch Promo is coming up on Wednesday 12th August. A note was sent home yesterday with details. Orders are due this Thursday 6th August. Please consider using our online ordering with MunchMonitor (details on school website). It saves a considerable amount of time for the canteen and is a great support.
www.munchmonitor.com

The Canteen Green Day Lunch promos are a requirement of achieving the Healthy Canteen status. They are aimed at encouraging students to try healthy options. We appreciate all the support you give these days. Thank you.
**CANTEEN VOLUNTEERING**
The Canteen always has room for more volunteers on its roster. Any day, time period and frequency you can help is greatly appreciated

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

Thank You
Canteen Committee

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Open Tuesdays during term 8:30 - 9:00am

**END OF MONTH NO-NAME LOST PROPERTY CLEAROUT**
No-name lost property is cleared out at the end of each month. If you have not labelled your children’s belongings please check Lost Property this week for any missing items. All remaining items will be cleared on Friday. Thank you.

**UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS**
Online ordering is now available via MunchMonitor (www.munchmonitor.com).

Online orders are delivered each Thursday. Cut off time for online orders is 7:00am Thursdays. This service allows for credit card payments. Please see the school website for full details.

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TUESDAY MORNINGS**
The Uniform shop is open Tuesday mornings 8:30-9:00am. The Uniform shop is limited on space. It can only facilitate two change rooms at a time, which means we will always be busy. If you don’t need to try on please consider using MunchMonitor online orders (see details above).

Orders can also be left at the office, and will be delivered to classrooms on Thursdays as well.

Thank You
Uniform Committee

**SCHOOL BANKING**
Term 3 is already underway, and so is our exciting new competition. A prize portal has opened on Planet Savings. Help the Dollarmites to activate it for the chance to win amazing prizes. Prizes include 75 iPad Minis, 125 pairs of Beats by Dr Dre Headphones and 200 Booktopia Gift Vouchers

To activate the prize portal, simply make three or more school banking deposits during term 3, and you’ll automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. You can also complete a Money Mission online, to double your chance of winning a prize. You can start your Money Mission at any time, but you’ll need to make sure you’ve made three school banking deposits by the end of term 3 to double your chance of winning. To complete your Money Mission, or to find out more, visit [http://www.commbank.com.au/prizeportal](http://www.commbank.com.au/prizeportal)

Consistent Savers -
Week 1 - KB + KC + 1/2T (7 bankers each)
Week 2 - KPC (8 bankers)
Week 3 - KM + 1/2T (7 bankers each)

There are 2 new reward items available in term 3: Glow In The Dark Solar System and Cosmic Light Beam Torch. Please note, the Planet Handball is now down to limited stock. If you are ordering a handball, please provide us with an alternative choice if possible. Also, the Invisible Ink Martian Pens were on back order at the start of term 3. They are now back in stock but there is a small delay in receiving these, so please be patient. There are also a small number of rewards available from previous years. They are a projector cup, plush shark keyring, wallet, knuckles game, 2014 Dollarmites moneybox, headphones, scented pencils and swimming bag. ET DVD and Intergalactic rocket from terms 1 & 2 are also still available, each reward costs 10 tokens. To redeem, please send in your tokens along with the appropriate reward card (or a note). Please note that Commonwealth Bank rules prohibit the sharing of tokens between students, including siblings.


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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