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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Permission notes have been sent home for the School Swimming Carnival which will be held on Thursday 5th February, 2016. The carnival is for all students in 3 - 6 and any qualifying 8 year olds from Year 2. Notes need to be returned by Wednesday the 4th of February, 2016. Payment is to be made on the day only.

TEXTBOOKS

Online ordering of textbooks will be closed at 5pm on 5th February 2016. If you are unable to order and pay online prior to close-off you will still have the option to pay by going into the shop. Please be aware that your child’s book will then be delivered to the school on the 11th February with the books ordered online. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the TopBook Shop on 02 4325 1240 or email your query to mail@topbookshop.com.au.

THANK YOU

I would like to publicly thank all of my staff for the huge efforts they have made in the school holidays to get the school ready for 2016. This includes the office administration staff, the cleaners, the general assistants and the teaching staff. They have all gone above and beyond to make the school environment a much safer place for the children. They are an impressive and dedicated group of people.

Scott Campbell, Principal

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NOTE: School Photo’s are scheduled for Thursday, 25th February, 2016.

Parking around the school
Please be aware of some recent changes to parking in the surrounding streets.
Opal Card 2016
Students that previously had a Bus Pass have received their Opal Card today. Students who have applied for a new Opal Card (including Year 2 students progressing to Year 3) will have their Opal Card posted to their home address.

Please print out the form and send in to the School Office for endorsement. Please note that the application may take several weeks to process.

Should you wish to apply for an Opal Card for your child please apply online [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students). Please note that an endorsement form is needed to apply.

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YOUR P&C NEWS
YOUR P&C SAYS THANK YOU!
G'day and welcome to the school year - 2016, with a special welcome to all our new families and staff.

The P&C have hit the ground running. Our first general meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday the 10th of February at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Our meetings run no longer than 2 hours. They include reports from P&C sub-committees such as Canteen, Uniform Shop and Fundraising. There are opportunities to ask questions or propose ideas and events. We are an inclusive group with diverse experiences and perspectives and your input is valued and respected.

Our general meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm during school term.

You do not need to attend P&C meetings to be a member of the P&C. We have lots of different roles and positions such as Canteen and Uniform Shop volunteers, P&C sub-committee members, Eco Club and working bees, etc. We are looking to expand the P&C this year to more greatly utilise the varied range of skills and experiences within our parent body and wider community.

The AGM, which reports on the P&C activities of the 2015 school year, will be held on Wednesday 24 February at 7.30pm in the staffroom. At this meeting we will elect a new executives, elect new sub-committees and look at the structure of the P&C in 2016. (Only current P&C members are eligible to vote at the AGM - you can join at the first general meeting on Wednesday 10 February.)

Membership of the P&C is $1 for the year. You can find membership forms at the front desk in the office and we will have them available at P&C meetings.

The P&C movement is the peak parent body within Public Education in NSW. The P&C is the authoritative parent voice within the school and we would love to have your input and ideas at such an important time during our rebuild.

Like us on Facebook at [P&C for Point Clare Public School](https://www.facebook.com/pages/PC-for-Point-Clare-Public-School).
Email us at [pointclarepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:pointclarepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

I hope you have enjoyed a settled start to the year and I look forward to working with you to create happy, healthy and productive learning spaces for our wonderful students and staff.

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

FACEBOOK PAGE
P&C activities can be found on our Facebook page.
Here's the link to stay up to date. Make sure to 'Like' us! [https://www.facebook.com/pages/PC-for-Point-Clare-Public-School](https://www.facebook.com/pages/PC-for-Point-Clare-Public-School)

YOUR CANTEEN
The Canteen is currently offering its summer menu. The menu can be viewed and orders can be made online through MunchMonitor ([www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)) or placed in the order slot at the Canteen – before 9:00am thank you.

VOLUNTEERING
We love our volunteers and we understand they have other commitments outside the school. We welcome anyone who has time to give. If you’re new to Point Clare and you’re keen to get involved with the P&C, the Canteen is always looking for helping hands. Please contact Anwyn in the Canteen on Thursday or Friday via the school office on 4325 0594, or fill in a Volunteer Form which can be found outside the Canteen door.

We look forward to meeting you and having you on the team.

Thank you
Canteen Committee

YOUR UNIFORM SHOP HAS MOVED!
Open Tuesdays during term 8:30am - 9:00am
We have a new location for our Uniform Shop! You can access our new space from the carpark next to the school office building, parallel to the school hall.

UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS
If you don’t need to try on please consider using our MunchMonitor ([www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com)) online order system. Deliveries will be made to classrooms on Thursdays, see the school website for more details.

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

SUMMER UNIFORM
Students wear summer uniform. Please see the image below displaying the current uniform options.
LOST PROPERTY & LABELLING

The orange buckets and covered plastic tubs contain lost items, separated as named and un named.

Please label your child/ren’s school items so they can find them easily. We run a “That’s Mine” labels fundraiser all year-round. 20% of sales are returned to the P&C. Pick up a specially labelled form at the Uniform Shop, or purchase online at www.thatsmine.com.au and select POINT CLARE PS in the school drop down box.

All items are cleared from Lost Property at the end of each term.

Thank you
Uniform Committee

FUNDRAISING

Are you keen on getting involved with the P&C’s fundraising events? We run several events throughout the year that provide our students and the school with resources.

If you’re good on the barbie, great at making and/or selling cakes, terrific at wrapping hampers, a great organiser or simply free to lend a hand for an hour. Any help is always welcome.

Contact the P&C via the Facebook page or email us. We’d love to have you on board.

Thank you
Fundraising Committee

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back, we hope you are excited for the year ahead. Banking will start this week, Wednesday 3rd February. This year’s theme is Outback Savers, and there are some fabulous rewards on offer, as well as a competition to win a family trip to Australia Zoo! Information packs will be sent out over the coming days.

On Wednesday 10th February, we will be holding an account opening morning at school. Representatives from Commonwealth Bank will be here to help you open an account for your child, if they wish to start school banking. Please mark your calendars, we will be in the hall COLA from 8.30am. It’s never too late to join the banking program and start saving.


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

Liz Post & Odette Clarkson

Community News...

Point Claro Public School does not endorse the products or services of any advertiser. No responsibility is accepted for the information contained in advertisements or claims made by them.

TKT Ocean Beach Netball Club 2016 Registration

TKT Ocean Beach Netball Club will be taking registrations on Saturday 6th February 2016 between 9am and 2pm at Lemon Grove Netball Courts. All past players and any new players are welcome. Players need to be turning 5 this year or older.

For further information please contact: Joanne Ely - 0403 482 804 or email joanee_1956@hotmail.com
**Being a Dad**

This three-session program will help fathers to gain the skills necessary to build closer relationships with their children.

You will learn to:
- Connect with your children
- Discipline constructively
- Understand the special role of a father in a child's life
- Father from the inside-out
- Understand why it's important to being a better dad

**MONDAY, 6.30PM - 9.30PM**

**15TH, 22ND & 29TH OF February 2016**

**Cost:** $20.00 Concession $15.00

**Venue:** Peninsula Community Centre
Seniors Room
93 McMahons Road
Woy Woy

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** PHONE 02 4341 9333

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**fun-Languages**

Enrolling NOW for Term 1 2016

**BRAND NEW FUN LANGUAGE CLUBS FOR KIDS 5-12yo**

At Gosford Public School

**FRENCH** on TUESDAY from 8.00am to 8.50am in 2 A class
**GERMAN** on WEDNESDAY from 4.00pm to 5.00pm in KB class

For More info please call Nathalie Roy 0430 286 590
Email nathalie.roy@jcfclubs.com.au

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**Cancer Council New South Wales**

SunSmart Snippet

**The simplest way...to protect your skin.**

Did you know?
Sun exposure during the first 15 years of life significantly increases your chance of getting skin cancer later in life.

Be Sun Smart
Always protect your skin when UV levels are 3 and above.

- **Slip** on clothing that covers your shoulders, arms and legs.
- **Slop** on SPF30+ or higher broad spectrum water-resistant sunscreen.
- **Slap** on a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat that protects your face, ears and neck.
- **Seek** shade however you can, especially in the middle of the day.
- **Slide** on sunglasses that meet Australian Standard (AS1067).

To help keep your kids safe in the sun, check your schools SunSmart status by heading to www.sunsmartnow.com.au