2016 CLASSES
Based on the numbers of students we have enrolled so far in 2016 we have been able to form 20 classes. Please be aware that the NSW Department of Education requires schools to form classes based on quite complicated mathematical weightings. As a school we have also taken in to consideration advice and suggestions from parents regarding individual class placements and always take great care with the allocations of students to maximise their overall well-being and academic development. Our classes for 2016 are:

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GREAT START TO THE YEAR
During the week I was very lucky to be invited to visit our new Kindergarten students in their classrooms. All of the children that I have spoken to have excellent manners and appear to be really ready for school. That is exceptionally good news for our staff and also for our families. Having three children myself I understand the pressures that all families face when transitioning either to school or merely starting a new year. Congratulations on having your children so motivated, respectful and ready to learn.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE
Towards the end of this week we are expecting to see the fence near the Kindergarten rooms move back several metres once the necessary electrical infrastructure for the new buildings has been put in place. This will give us all a little more room to move. Additionally we now have approval from asset management to move some much needed bubblers down to the verandah of the MDR building. This year you will hear the teachers, Mrs Young and I talk about milestones quite often. Milestone #4 on our building plans is the anticipated movement of students to their learning spaces in the new buildings during mid-November. I believe this is a very exciting time for the school and I absolutely cannot wait to see the final product.

SKOOLBAG APP
As a staff we have decided we would like to expand the ways that the school uses Social Media platforms to communicate with our wider community. One of our first initiatives is the adoption of the “Skoolbag” app. Attached to this newsletter are the instructions on how to access the app depending on your preferred device – iPhone, android or windows phone. During this year we are planning to hold a community meeting with the full support of the P & C in which we hope to develop our first ever Social Media Policy.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
What a great carnival we had on Thursday last week! Congratulations to Mr Cashman, Mr Watt and all of the staff and parents who contributed to making the day so successful! Well done also to all of the children from grades 2 to 6 who participated and gave it their best. Good luck to all of the children who have qualified for the Zone PSSA carnival. On behalf of the school we wish you all the best of luck at the next level!
LIFE EDUCATION – Healthy Harold
At this stage the Life Education program has had to be postponed until much later in the year due to a lack of physical space for the van to be delivered to. We are hoping to hold the program in Semester Two and will keep you informed of any changes.

CALENDAR DATES
- Our hard working P & C have their AGM scheduled for the 24th of February, 2016. For those of you who have never been involved in the P & C before; I strongly encourage you to consider joining. We will publicise the starting times as the dates draw closer.
- The date for our School photos is locked in as Thursday the 25th of February, 2016. Further information will be sent home and published online as soon as it becomes available.
- Our annual Parent Information Evening is scheduled to take place on Monday 29th February, 2016. We will have more details regarding this event in next week’s newsletter.

Scott Campbell
Principal

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Swimming Carnival Report
Congratulations to Katandra House who won this year’s carnival. This is the third year in a row that Katandra have won. In second place was Rumbalara. In equal third place was Wambina and in fourth place was Girrakool. Well done to all the children who entered races and finished them. The participation rate was excellent as has been in previous years and it was great to see so many parents and family members coming along to support their children. Well done to Mr McNeill, Mr Humphries and Mr Watt who were given plenty of opportunities to display their lifesaving skills.

Swimming Champions for 2016.
- Junior Boy - Andrew G
- Junior Girl - Natasha G
- 11yrs Boy - Lachlan S
- 11yrs Girl - Alydia D
- Senior Boy - Mitchell F
- Senior Girl - Natarsha G/Skye R (equal)

Unfortunately we were only able to use 6 lanes in the pool this year which made the day a hectic one. In the near future the children who have qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival will be notified and the children who gained places at our carnival will receive their ribbons. Just a reminder that the Brisbane Water Zone has qualifying times for each event.

Finally a special thank you to the parents who helped with timekeeping on the day. Our carnival could not run without your help. Thanks to Mr Brad Starr, Mrs Jan Finn, Mrs Verity Jones, Mrs Kylie Rowley, Mr Dave Monaghan, Mr Michael Ryan and Mr Patrick Murphy. Thank you also to the teachers who worked all day without a break. The school appreciates your efforts.

C. Cashman
Carnival Organiser

YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 2

Infants - Golden Ticket
- Ethan KB - Confidence

Ice Blocks
- Lily 1/2FN - Organisation
- Eva 1/2FN - Organisation
- Kairavan 1R - Getting Along

Primary - Golden Ticket
- Annabelle 4R - Organisation

Ice Blocks
- Riley 4R - Organisation
- Ashleigh 4R - Organisation
- Nicky 5/6H - Getting Along

Book Club
Scholastic Book Club orders are due back by Tuesday, 16th February. Late orders will not be accepted

Student Banking
Please see attachment at the end of the newsletter regarding exciting new reward items for this year.
School Photos
This year’s photo day is Thursday 25th February. Photo order envelopes have been sent home with the children today. Please ensure that this **envelope is returned with your child on the day that the photographs are being taken.** Each child within your family must bring their own envelope on the day. Please note that the gymnastics program for years 3-6 will not run on this day. **Children are all required to wear their full school uniform.**

If you require sibling “group” photos, order envelopes are available from the school office.

Medication at School
If your child requires regular prescribed medication, a request for support at school needs to be completed in consultation with the principal. The Principal will determine whether this request can be met. Please do not send in bottles of cough mixture, paracetamol, antibiotics or similar as these can be given before and after school. **Please do not send sick children to school.**

YOUR P&C NEWS
YOUR P&C SAYS THANK YOU!

G'day all, hope you have school routines in place and things are settling in. It is great to see the Kindy kids finding their places, they look so cute!

Remember that this Wednesday night is our first P&C General meeting for the year - 7:30pm in the school staffroom. This will be the last opportunity to become a financial member before the AGM (Annual General Meeting held Wednesday 24 Feb). Membership is $1 and we’ll have membership forms available at Wednesday’s meeting. We will also have nomination forms for people who are interested in joining a P&C sub-committee or joining the executive committee.

Being a member of the P&C is a great way to get involved in the school community and we need your contribution to help make it the space we want for our kids to learn. Membership does not require a specific level of commitment - any time and energy you give is appreciated.

This year the P&C is looking to focus on building our capacity. We would love to know if you have skills and expertise in the areas of IT/communication, event management and/or grant writing. We are always looking for people with skills sets we haven't even thought of yet too. If this sounds like you, shoot us a message - pointclarepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or contact us through our Facebook page - **P&C for Point Clare Public School.**

I look forward to meeting you this Wednesday evening.

Cheers

Jen Moes

President, Point Clare Public School P&C

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
All P&C Executive and sub-committee roles become vacant at the AGM. This year we especially need the following positions filled.

- Vice Presidents/Event Managers x 2
- Treasurer
- Fundraising Coordinator
- Grant Writing Coordinator
- Membership/Volunteer Coordinator
- Sustainable Garden Coordinator

Do you, or someone you know, have the skills, energy and enthusiasm to jump on board and join our dynamic team? Contact us &/or come along to the meeting this Wednesday night, 10 February, 7:30pm.

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.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERING

Are you free once a month on a Thursday or Friday?

The Canteen needs you. We are looking for volunteers to join our team once a month on a Thursday or Friday between 9:00 & 11:30am or 9:00am & 2:30pm. For further details contact Anwyn in the Canteen on Thursday or Friday via the school office on 4325 0594.

A FOOD PROCESSOR FOR THE CANTEEN

Do you have a food processor you’re willing to donate to the Canteen? If you are upgrading and have one you no longer need, that still works, we would love to give it a new home. Please contact Anwyn in the Canteen on Thursday or Friday via the school office on 4325 0594 to make arrangements. Thanks in advance! 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) 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 are currently wearing 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

Community News...
Point Clare 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.
Southern & Ettalong Football Club
Registration is now open
Online at www.myfootballclub.com.au

MUSTER DAY
Muster Day will be held on Sunday 14th February for age groups 5-11, at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus
Muster Contact: Matt Sheppard 0414 585 058
Registrar: Lisa Millwood 0414 519 267

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How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.
Join School Banking on an outback adventure!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items.

This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

There are **8 new reward items for 2016** from the Outback Savers range:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

2016 Back to School parent information kits will be distributed soon.

**BANKING DAY AT POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL IS EVERY WEDNESDAY.**

We are having an account opening morning on Wednesday 10th February. If your child would like to start school banking, please bring their birth certificate, along with your driver’s licence, and come to the COLA outside the hall between 8:30-9:30. Representatives from Commonwealth Bank will be joining us to answer your questions & take account application forms. We hope to see you there!

Liz Post & Odette Clarkson