EXCELLENT STUDENTS
I have had the pleasure of visiting the Year 1 rooms in the last week and I must say that I am very impressed with how skilled the children are at Mathematics. Right across the grade they appear to be very keen to learn and are already very numerate! I know from past experience that the Mathletics program that we are including in our class programs this year at Point Clare PS will have a positive impact on all of the children’s mathematical abilities. A three year study of the impact of Mathletics in selected UK schools showed an average improvement rate of 37% for Year 4 students over the three year period.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Each year in our Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding our school receives a specific allocation for Professional Learning (PL). In our 2016 Allocation we have received $24,399 which must be spent on PL. So far this year all teachers and support staff have successfully completed WHS Induction, Emergency Care, CPR & Anaphylaxis training. Individual teachers are also required to select PL experiences that relate to their individualised Performance Development Plan (PDP). We have a team of five staff attending a Professional Learning opportunity in Sydney in the next few weeks which is concentrating on the design and implementation of “Flexible Learning Spaces” which will be a big focus for our school once the rebuild is completed.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE
Over the weekend the builders have managed to complete the electrical and data infrastructure works that we mentioned last week. We are expecting the concreting that completes this job to happen today (Tuesday). Once the concrete has cured; we can push the fence back and it will give us an extra bit of play area just in front of the Kindergarten Rooms. We also have two short term shipping containers in the bottom playground to store the General Assistant’s (GA’s) shed and the P & C’s equipment whilst the ramp to the new Library is constructed. Once the ramp is built, the GA’s shed will also be rebuilt and the shipping containers will be removed.

SKOOLBAG APP
So far we have 114 downloads of our new “Skoolbag” app. Any feedback at all regarding the app and its functionality is greatly appreciated. One of the features that I really like so far is the “eForms” section which allows users to submit change of details and also to submit absent notes. Instructions for how to access the app depending on your preferred device – iPhone, android or windows phone are attached to this newsletter, our Facebook page and our Twitter account.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Our school photo day is scheduled for Thursday 25th February, 2016. We have negotiated a work-around with the Gymnastics suppliers so that is not an issue on the day. We would like all children to wear their regular school uniform on the day. The information packages have been sent out to all families earlier this term. If you haven’t received one, please see the office staff for the envelope and any other available information.

P & C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Our friendly and approachable P & C have their AGM scheduled for the 24th February, 2016. For those of you who have never been involved in the P & C before; I strongly encourage you to consider joining. The meeting will commence in the staffroom at 7:30pm. Please feel free to come along and make a contribution to the community voice in our great school. Joining cost is $1.

PSSA SPORTS
We have several children attending selection trials for Basketball, Tennis and Cricket in the next few weeks. Good luck to all of our representatives. We are all confident you will do your very best at each of the trials.

ANTICIPATED COSTINGS
This term our school will be changing the way the administration of the school operates. We are moving from the OASIS system to the LMBR (Learning Management and Business Reform Program). As you can imagine this is a detailed process and our intention is to present a complete picture for you rather than a piecemeal approach. We are in the process of finalising all costings for Semester One and hope to have that information available for the Parent Information Evening on the 29th February, 2016. More details on that event will be provided shortly.

Scott Campbell, Principal
Week 4, Term 1

Tuesday 16th February, 2016

Make Online Payments
Online payments are available to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website http://www.pointclare-p.schools.nsw.edu.au by selecting $ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, etc. There is also a category called ‘Other’ which can be used to make a complete payment such as ‘Yearly Costs’.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name
- excursion details and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. If you are paying for an individual excursion, please make reference to that particular excursion. There is no need to provide the ‘Student Reference Number’ as it is not a mandatory field.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 3

Infants - Golden Ticket
Anakin KC - Organisation

Ice Blocks
Kiara 1/2T – Organisation
Ella 1/2FN – Persistence
Ava S 2A – Persistence

Primary - Golden Ticket
Zoe L 4R – Getting Along

Ice Blocks
Lennox 3/4LA - Organisation
George 4R – Organisation
Alex 3/4B – Organisation

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

Book Club
Orders for Scholastic Book Club have now closed. Late orders are unable to be accepted.

HENRY KENDALL HIGH SCHOOL
INFORMATION EVENING
Henry Kendall is a comprehensive high school with a strong academic, sporting and cultural tradition. Our Information evening outlines our mainstream programs for Year 7 to 12. Henry Kendall High School has a strong belief that every student in our school has the opportunity to reach their personal best.

Henry Kendall High School invites the parents / carers of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 to attend our Information night.
17 February at 7pm in the school library.

All events are subject to final reply.

YOUR P&C NEWS

G’day all.

Hope you have been enjoying the beautiful weather.

Last Wednesday night we had a great turnout at our first general meeting for 2016. Thanks to everyone for coming and participating. We had some very interesting discussions and have some great ideas to develop.

Our AGM is Wednesday the 24 February, 7:30pm in the staffroom. The AGM is traditionally a short meeting and I urge people to come and join. The annual membership begins that night and is at the reasonable price of $1. This dollar does not commit you to meetings, etc but it does give you a say. The P&C is the parent voice of the school. See the information below regarding the AGM and roles you or someone you know may be interested in taking on this year. We’re particularly in need of a Treasurer.

Finally, don’t forget to check lost property if some things haven’t made it home. The lost property tubs are located near the staffroom, beneath the P&C notice board. We also put information on the notice board regarding P&C business such as the AGM, Canteen and upcoming events.

Contact us via email or our Facebook page pointclarepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

P&C for Point Clare Public School

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.

- Treasurer
- Vice President/Events Coordinator
- Vice President/Publicity Manager
- Fundraising Convenor
- Grant Writing Convenor
- Membership/Volunteer Coordinator
- Sustainable Gardens Coordinator

If you have the skills, energy and enthusiasm to jump on board and join our dynamic team we’d love to hear from you. Contact us &/or come along to the AGM on Wednesday 24 February, 7:30pm.

Nomination forms and details of all P&C roles can be found on the P&C notice board and at the school office. Please drop your nomination forms at the school office by Wednesday 24 February.

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

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) 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.

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 children'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

Do you enjoy organising events and bringing people together to fundraise for the school? The P&C needs you! We're looking for a Fundraising Convenor to take on the organisation of events for 2016, raising money to provide our students and the school with resources.

Any help is always welcome, so if you’re good on the barbie, great at making and/or selling cakes, terrific at wrapping hampers or simply free to lend a hand for an hour contact the P&C via the Facebook page or email us. We'd love to have you on board.

Thank you
Fundraising Committee

Jen Moes  President, Point Clare Public School P&C

School Banking

We are off to a great start on our Outback Savings Adventure! Thank you for your support of last week's account opening morning. We opened 30 new accounts, which raised $150 for our school. It's not too late to join banking; account opening information was included in the information packs, which were sent out to every student last week.
Once you have made 10 deposits, you can choose a reward. Rewards currently on offer are:
* Snake tail toy
* Outback Writer set
* ET DVD (2015 item)
* Outer Space money tin (2015 item)
* Underwater savers money tin (2014 item; larger capacity than Outer Space tin)
* Galaxy Glider (frisbee, 2015 item)
* Intergalactic rocket (2015 item)

To redeem a reward, please fill in the reward card, which is included in your information pack. For 2014/2015 items, please write a note with your name, class, banking ID and item wanted. Rewards take approximately 1-2 weeks to be delivered, and will be sent back in the class banking satchel.

Under Commonwealth Bank terms & conditions, we remind you that sharing tokens, even between siblings, is not permitted.

**Consistent savers:** each week we acknowledge the class with the highest number of bankers. At the end of each term, the class who was won "consistent savers" most often, will be presented with a certificate to display in their classroom.
* week 2 - 4R & 5/6R (tie; 5 bankers each)
* week 3 - 4R (9 bankers)


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

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