PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Our Parent Information Evening will be held next Monday 29th February, 2016 starting at 6pm. The evening format is that the K-2 class teachers will be available from 6.00–6.30pm in their classrooms to deliver their information to our families. Between 6:30 – 6:50 we will have a short presentation in the Hall where some of the staff and I will deliver a series of short talks around key initiatives that the school will be delivering this year. This will include information about the building process, student well-being and the BYOD project. The 3-6 classes will have their information sessions between 7pm and 7:30pm. The location of each 3-6 class talk will be provided by the stage supervisors during this week. The final drawings of the school rebuild will also be available for all of our community to view in the hall. We hope to see you all here on the night.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Our excellent builders have been able to push the fence back near the Kindergarten Rooms. This will have an impact on our afternoon procedures starting from today. Only students who catch the buses need to assemble under the COLA. All other students can be collected from either their classrooms or outside the canteen area. The builders have advised that there will be traffic management in place around the school on Thursday and possibly Friday this week.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The Education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure that children of compulsory school age attend school on each day that the school is open for instruction. If children are absent from school, parents are required to provide the school with an acceptable explanation within seven days of the absence. Any child whose attendance rate dips below 85% is required to be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) for follow up action. Analytical studies of Year 3 NAPLAN numeracy results and attendance data by the University of Western Australia have shown that for every day of absence in the first two terms of the year produced a negative impact on a student’s score by 1.6 points for every day absent. In addition to the academic benefits, regular attendance at school also boosts the social and emotional development of children.

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

The school’s WHS team has recently evaluated our Emergency Management Plan (EMP) in light of the recent bomb hoaxes that many schools have experienced. Part of this process was identifying possible evacuation points. One of our current evacuation points is the car park at Aldi and the school has previously used the church grounds at the high end of Takari Avenue. We are considering other possible options in line with Department of Education WHS guidelines. Please rest assured that if we do need to evacuate; your children will be safe. We will publicise any evacuation and the subsequent safe pick up points on social media (Facebook / Twitter), via mainstream media outlets and the Skoolbag app from the very instant that we start evacuating.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School photo day is scheduled for this Thursday 25th of February, 2016. 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 Wednesday 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. 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.

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.

Scott Campbell
Principal
Impetigo (school sores)  
A case of school sores has been reported to the school. Following is information as provided by NSW Health.

**Time from exposure to illness** - 1 - 3 days  
**Symptoms** - Small red spots change into blisters that fill with pus and become crusted; usually on the face, hands or scalp.  
**Do I need to keep my child home?** - Yes, until treatment starts. Sores should be covered with a watertight dressing. Careful hand washing can prevent the spread of these school sores.

**PSSA Tennis Trials**  
Congratulations to Ella M (5/6M) who has progressed to the next round of the Sydney North PSSA tennis trials. Well done Ella.

**Basketball Representative**  
Riki S of 5/6BW has recently been selected as a member of the highly contested Central Coast’s Under 12 basketball representative team. This is a remarkable achievement and is especially impressive considering Riki is only 9 years old! We are very proud of him and look forward to hearing all about his rigorous training sessions and challenging competition games due to be held at Gosford City Basketball and Sports Stadium.

Good luck and well done, Riki!  
**Merran Woodard-Knight**

**Zone Cricket**  
Last Friday, Lachlan S. and Floyd J. joined 32 other boys from the Brisbane Water PSSA in the first round of trials for the Sydney North cricket team. Well done to both boys especially Floyd who trialled with an injured arm (which is in plaster today). Congratulations to Lachlan who was selected to attend the next round of trials.

**Skoolbag**  
Haven't downloaded this new app onto your smartphone yet? Simply search for Point Clare Public School through your “App/Play Store”. The app is **FREE** to download and is a great way to keep in touch with events at school.

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**YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 4**  
**Infants - Golden Ticket**  
- Niamh 1/2T Getting Along  
**Ice Blocks**  
- Tristan 2L Persistence  
- Ryan KA Getting Along  
- Anakin KC Organisation  

**Primary - Golden Ticket**  
- Dylan 5/6H Getting Along  
**Ice Blocks**  
- Drew 5/6W Persistence  
- Natarsha 5/6R Organisation  
- Ryan G. 5/6W Persistence  

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**Important Dates**

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**Year 6 Canberra Excursion**  
**27th June - 30th June, 2016**  

Last Friday, the Year 6 students received the initial permission note for this year’s 4 day Canberra excursion. The total cost for this excursion is $390.00. Permission notes and a non-refundable deposit of $90.00 is due by 1st April.

This excursion will be a valuable learning experience for all students. They will learn about our Nation’s Capital, our Parliamentary system, Democracy and Federation.

**Steve Rayner**  
Organising Teacher

**Outstanding Payments**  
Gymnastics and Rugby Ball Skills program - Students have been invoiced for any monies outstanding. Please ensure payment is made promptly so your child does not miss out on the activity.

**School Photographs**  
School photographs will be taken at school this Thursday 25th February. Please send in your order/payment envelope with your child on the day. Each child within the family must have their own envelope. If you require a sibling group photograph to be taken a separate envelope for this is available from the school office. Please note, full school uniform must be worn on Thursday.
Week 5, Term 1

Winning Sisters
Emma (5/6R) and Eve (3/4LA) are both double winners after each winning a prize in the library "Surf the Shelves" competition. There were more than 400 entries of book reviews and Emma and Eve were also in the top 3 of the most entries lodged winning each of the girls a surfboard.

YOUR P&C NEWS
G'day all. Who can believe we are almost two complete months into the year?

Last week I made mention of the P&C notice board. Just in case you are unaware; the P&C notice board is outside the Deputy Principal's office, the Takari Ave end of the Kindy classrooms. The notice board is regularly updated with news from the P&C executive and sub-committees.

This Wednesday evening (24 February) is our AGM - 7:30pm in the staffroom. It is traditionally a short meeting and I urge people to come and join us. The annual membership begins this night and membership is at the reasonable price of $1. This dollar does not commit you to meetings or role but it does give you a say and allow you to vote. If you'd like to stand for an executive or sub-committee position you need to be a financial member.

The Canteen/Uniform Shop Sub-Committee and the Fundraising Sub-Committee have regular meetings at times to suit their members. They also organise and communicate through email and social network sites - making it easier for time-poor people to actively participate.

Not a member yet? It's not too late to join. Membership and nomination forms are available at the front office and on the P&C notice board, as well as downloadable from the SkoolBag App and school website. You can also email our Secretary, Kylie Rose McLean, at pointclarepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au for a digital copy.

If you plan on submitting a nomination but are unable to attend on the night, email the completed nomination form to pointclarepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au, send it with a friend on the night or leave it at the office in the "Completed Nominations" envelope in the P&C AGM folder at the front desk (before 3pm Wednesday 24/2).

Look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening.

Contact us via email or our Facebook page P&C for Point Clare Public School.

Cheers
Jen Moe
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/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.

Please drop your membership and nomination forms at the school office by Wednesday 24 February by 3pm.

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's summer 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.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERING
The Canteen needs you 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
The new Uniform Shop can be accessed 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. Cash/cheque orders can also be left at the office, and will be delivered to classrooms on Thursdays.
LOST PROPERTY & LABELLING

To avoid your child/ren losing items at school or your child being able to re-claim their misplaced items, please label all school items. We run a "That’s Mine" labels fundraiser all year-round where 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](http://www.thatsmine.com.au) and select POINT CLARE PS in the school drop down box.

Thank you
Uniform Committee

FUNDRAISING

Our current Fundraising Convenor is stepping down at the AGM. Are you someone who wants to be part of the team that sets the direction for P&C fundraising? Do you have interesting, new ideas for how the P&C can raise funds for our kids and the school - maybe a school fete, trivia night or bingo afternoon?

The P&C is looking for a Fundraising Convenor and associated sub-committee members to work together to organise events throughout 2016.

If this appeals to you and/or you know someone who'd love to be part of the Fundraising Sub-Committee, grab a membership and nomination form from the P&C notice board or school office or the SkoolBag App or school website and come along to the AGM next Wednesday 24 Feb, 7:30pm - School Staff Room.

Questions that need answering? The P&C Secretary (Kylie Rose McLean) will be at the P&C notice board tomorrow (Wednesday 24 Feb) between 8:45 and 9:15am OR email us - pointclarepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

We’d love to have you on board.

Thank you
Fundraising Committee

Community News...

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Contact District Leader - Linda ... willer4@optusnet.com.au

Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides

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