PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
Our Parent Information Evening was a huge success last night with a far larger turn out of parents and caregivers than we had anticipated. Thank you for showing interest and enthusiasm in our school. It was a highly enjoyable experience for me personally to be able to explain some of the details in the school plans and drawings and to also meet many of you for the first time. We will leave the drawings up on the wall in the Hall for a few weeks so that anyone who wishes to view them can do so. We will then have them on display in the office foyer from Term 2. Congratulations also to the P & C for their contribution of cakes, coffee and tea on the night which were both absolutely delicious! Thank you Jen, Mitch & team!

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE
This week the builders have advised that there will be traffic management in place around the school Wednesday to Friday this week. As usual they will try to avoid the crucial pick up and drop off times in both morning and afternoon whenever possible. This is due to the large amount of excavation and site preparation required for the commencement of the new main building. In the last week we have also had the old copper wiring replaced by the new fibre optic cables to facilitate a better internet connection under the NBN program.

BYOD UPDATE
Mr McNeill and the technology team have done an excellent job building up the use of quality technological devices in this school. The BYOD program is only in its early stages and (as with things in education) we can all expect changes to be made along the way. On the advice of the Department of Education we are now looking to expand our BYOD program to include other devices than the iPad but excluding mobile phones. As Mr McNeill explained on Parent Teacher Night the essence of the program isn’t to teach the children about a specific device or app but rather that the devices are to be used to underpin the delivery of quality curriculum. That is what the staff at Point Clare does best. Please be advised that the school will provide more information around this issue as the technology team defines the capabilities that additional devices MUST be able to perform. We will provide further information on this topic next week.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY CHANGES
All schools in our local management group of Henry Kendall HS, Gosford HS, Gosford Public and Point Clare PS have negotiated with our local P & C executives to change the date of the Term 3 - Staff Development Day (SDD) scheduled for Monday 18 July to Friday 22 July, 2016. The reason for the change is that the intended guest speakers who are experts in 21st Century Learning were unavailable on the Monday. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause our community.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
Last week Mrs Wilson, Miss Trevena, Mr Booth and I attended an excellent course regarding the design of a “Flexible Learning Space”. It was an inspiring day and I know that we all gathered a lot of great ideas that we are going to put into action back here at school. This includes remodelling the staffroom to give the staff a trial with some of the furniture that has been ordered for the new rooms. It is quite amazing how a piece of furniture can change the dynamic of a learning experience. The teachers and I will be presenting our findings from our own experiments at the Term 3 SDD on this topic for the other schools. This week is the first of 15 training sessions for Mrs Hillian on the new Learning Management & Business Reform (LMBR) program. This is a huge change to the way that school management is conducted and we will keep you informed of changes to our current practices as we continue to adapt ourselves.

NRL VISIT
On Monday we had the NRL Development team visit our assembly and give all of the students K-6 a great talk about their overall well-being. It was a lot of fun and I’m sure that the children gained a lot of insight in terms of how to be healthy and active. One great thing about the talk was that it was informative and helped to clear up some common misconceptions about how to hydrate yourself adequately. It was very interesting.

Scott Campbell, Principal

Book Club
Scholastic Book Club orders are due back by Monday, 14th March.
Late orders will not be accepted.
School photographs were taken last Thursday. Photographs can still be ordered directly through ‘The School Photographer’. You can choose one of the following options:

1. Go to the website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select the ‘Click here for Online Payments’ button and follow the on screen instructions

or

2. Call the office on 9674 9824 to pay by credit card over the phone. Please note that there is a processing fee for phone payments.

School Clean –Up Day
To coincide with Clean-Up Australia Day this Sunday, our school will be participating in School’s Clean-Up Day on Friday, 4th March. Each Stage will be assigned an area of the school to clean in order to make our school environment free of plastics, paper and other litter. Children are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile event and we request that if your child wishes to wear gloves, they bring them to school on Friday.

Mr Rayner – Co-ordinator

Central Coast Schools Health Week 2016
How RU travelling? (HRUT) is a one week Stage 3 activity to promote aspects of daily life that can help maintain a healthy active lifestyle, including active travel to school, Crunch&Sip break, eating vegetables, being active and replacing screen time.

Each student will receive a HRUT student card in Week 7 to record their information. Some HRUT Hi Vis Back pack covers have also been provided to encourage active travel to school. Parents/carers are encouraged to sign off the student card at the end of the week and return it to school the next week.

Each day students record on their HRUT card:
- If they get to and from school in an active way (walk/cycle/bus)
- If they Crunch&Sip some vegetables they eat
- The number of serves of vegetables they eat
- How many minutes of physical activity they do
- If they replace screen time with other activities.

Students then tally points to see where they can improve.

The HRUT student card also includes useful tips and information to promote a healthy lifestyle.

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YOUR P&C NEWS

G'day all. This week is a special week for my family culminating in a big rainbow celebration on the weekend. It got me thinking about the wonderfully diverse community we have at our beautiful school. Our P&C is also striving to represent the diversity we have within the school body. Come and join us and celebrate and grow our diversity.

As you may have heard, unfortunately our AGM meeting, due to be held last Wednesday (24/2), had to be postponed last minute. We have reset the date to Tuesday 22nd March. Please note that it is a Tuesday, not the traditional Wednesday meeting night. It will be held in the staffroom beginning 7:30pm.

The positive thing about the postponement is that you still have a chance to become a financial member before the AGM. To be eligible to vote and nominate for a position, you will have to become a member by Wednesday 9th March, 7:30pm (our next general meeting). You can find a membership form in the P&C folder at the office or from the pocket on the P&C notice board. Membership is $1 and entitles you to membership up to and including the AGM.

For any queries please contact us via email or our Facebook page P&C for Point Clare Public School.

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

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
NEW DATE - TUESDAY 22 MARCH, 7:30pm

All P&C executive and sub-committee roles become vacant at the AGM. This year we especially need the following positions filled.

- Vice President/Publicity Manager
- Fundraising Convenor
- Grant Writing Convenor
- 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 Tuesday 22nd March, 7:30pm.

Please drop your membership and nomination forms at the school office by Tuesday 22 March 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 UNIFORM SHOP

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. Follow the path as far as it goes, around the side of the building to the back of the Kindy classrooms.

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.

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 and select POINT CLARE PS in the school drop down box.

Thank you
Uniform Committee

FUNDRAISING

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? Our current Fundraising Convenor is stepping down at the AGM so 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 or you know someone you’d love to share the role with, 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 on Tuesday 22nd March, 7:30pm - School Staff Room.

Questions that need answering? Email us - pointclarepublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

We’d love to have you on board.

Thank you
Fundraising Committee

SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome to our new bankers who have joined us this year!

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)
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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 4 - 4R & 1R (tie; 9 bankers each)
* Week 5 - KB (10 bankers)


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

Liz Post & Odette Clarkson

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**Gosford Tigers**

*Youth Girls Come and Try AFL*

5:00pm-6:00pm Thursday 3rd March 2016

At

Kariong Mountain High School

The Come and Try session will include an introduction to AFL skills, as well as a number of fun interactive activities. Youth Girls Football across the Central Coast is very social and all about having a kick with other girls across the Central Coast for girls aged 12 - 16 years old.

**We Play Sunday Footy**

For further information please contact Kelly Mear on 0425 267 665

Or head to play afl.com.au