LMBR - Learning Business Management Reform - School Impacts

As mentioned at the Parent Information evening, the school is about to migrate its data management from the very old OASIS system to the new range of platforms collectively known as LMBR. There will be significant changes to the way that the school administration operates under these new LMBR programs. At this early stage we have been advised that we need to close off all payments for excursions and other events one week (1) ahead of the event taking place. This will be a significant change from our previous accepted practice. Additionally we wish to give you early notice that the school (and in fact, all schools moving onto LMBR) have a “Financial Freeze” from May 11th to May 17th 2016. During this period the school is unable to receive any funds at all including on-line payments. This is due to a “roll-over” process being conducted across the state.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

This week the building project manager has advised that they will be moving on to Milestone 3 – which is the construction phase of the new buildings. This includes the construction of the new 3 (three) storey building and the Library / COLA. By the end of term we can expect to see a lot of changes. This coming fortnight we expect to see a lot of trucks removing soil and cement trucks entering the site and pouring the foundations for each part of the project. It is also possible that we will see the GA shed reconstructed behind the existing toilet block.

BYOD UPDATE

Reminder that Mr McNeill will be delivering a parent information session based on the BYOD strategy on Thursday evening (10th March, 2016) in the staffroom starting at 6pm. Mr McNeill and the other members of the technology team will be delivering several sessions around technology usage including Google Apps for Education and other 21st Century learning related issues throughout the year. We will confirm the dates of the other sessions in the coming weeks.

CLEVER & CREATIVE STUDENTS

Schools across the state cater for learning experiences across the curriculum. At Point Clare we have a range of programs in place that stimulate creative thinking for the students. These include the L3 Literacy program, the TEN numeracy program and the “You Can Do It” program. Next term we will also have “Scope-IT” coming into the school to deliver highly engaging Coding lessons. During the past week I was lucky enough to be shown some of the quality work that is being done in Mathematics by a group of our Year 3 students. The children I spoke to could all explain their answers and working out to me in great detail. Very impressive work kids! I also encourage all parents to walk through the office foyer and check out the wonderful artworks produced by our Stage 3 students. Absolutely fantastic work!

CANCER COUNCIL FUNDRAISER - David Harris

As many of you would already know, our former Principal – MP David Harris - is part of the “Cancer Council NSW STARS of the Central Coast” initiative. David is one of ten (10) Central Coast community members who have been chosen to dance their way on stage at Laycock Street Theatre on April 8th, 2016 all in a bid to raise $100,000 for Cancer Council NSW - Central Coast. Additionally David is also holding a fundraiser at the Coco Banana restaurant at the Entrance on Saturday 12th March, 2016 starting at 6pm. Tickets start at $50 per head and are available by calling Jake Allen on (02) 4352 2711 or mobile 0410 317 111. Please note that this event is for the Cancer Council and is in no way a political event. All funds raised go to Cancer Council NSW.

ICAS TESTS

This year the UNSW tests will be offered to all students in grades 3-6. The tests that the school is facilitating are Writing, Science, English and Mathematics. The tests are not mandatory for any student. They are simply an option for families to choose to participate if they wish. The closing dates and the costing for each test are outlined later in this newsletter. Please see Mrs. Young if you have any further questions.
NAPLAN 2016
The 2016 NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10-12 May for students in Years 3 & 5. Additionally BOSTES have scheduled Friday 13th May as a ‘catch-up’ day for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. If you have concerns about your child’s participation in the NAPLAN test please make an appointment to discuss the issue with your child’s teacher and myself. I would like to remind everyone that NAPLAN is quite simply a batch of tests that assesses each child's understanding at a given point in time. By the time all families receive the results later in the year; most children have made even further improvements above the results stated in the NAPLAN report.

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

Scott Campbell
Principal

YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 6
K-2 - Golden Ticket
Knox 1R - Confidence
Ice Blocks
Jack 1R - Persistence
Emma 2L - Getting Along
Kenisha 1J - Persistence

Yrs 3-6 - Golden Ticket
Edward 3/4B - Confidence
Ice Blocks
Charlotte 3/4B - Confidence
Anya 3/4B - Persistence
Ashlyn 4R - Getting Along

Sydney North PSSA Cricket Trials
Congratulations to Lachlan S who has gained selection in the Central Coast Boy’s Cricket Team. Lachlan will now travel to Sydney later this month for the final selection process for Sydney North PSSA. Good luck Lachlan.

Steve Rayner

School Band
Our school band is commencing today - Tuesday 8th March from 2.00 pm - 2.55 pm with Mr Masters and myself. If you play an instrument and would like to try out, please meet me in the hall Tuesdays at 2.00 pm.

Jenny Ricketts

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Finance System Transition & Bulk Payment Semester 1
Point Clare Public School will transition to the new NSW public schools finance system and a new bank account on 16th May, 2016.

Between 11th May 2016 and 17th May 2016 we will not be able to accept payments by cash, cheque or online as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding payments before 11th May.

Due to this transition, it is not possible to provide the Bulk Payment option for excursions in Semester 1.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any further questions, please contact us.

Easter Hat Parade
This year’s Easter hat parade for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be held on Wednesday 23rd March commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at approximately 11.00 am. Children are asked to make their hats at home and bring in to school on the morning of the hat parade. A separate note will be issued shortly.

Book Club
Scholastic Book Club orders are due back by Monday, 14th March. Late orders will not be accepted

This Little Piggy & Co
Point Clare Public School would like to acknowledge a very kind donation made by This Little Piggy & Co, the little café located opposite Aldi for raising money during a recent special dinner event and donating this money ($470.00) to our school. This money will be put to good use following completion of the building works.
Point Clare Champions at Zone Swimming Carnival!!
The Zone Swimming Carnival was held yesterday at Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy and our school was represented by 33 swimmers. The children had a very enjoyable day and for many children it was their first time representing the school. Point Clare finished 1st in both the overall point score and the handicap point score. We have 15 children who will be going to the Sydney North Carnival on Wednesday 16th March. Congratulations to Andrew G. and Natarsha G. the age champions in the Junior boys and 12yrs girls divisions. Congratulations to all of our swimmers who all tried their best in the pool and their behaviour on the day was excellent. Thank you to Jan Finn for being our Team Manager on the day.

Colin Cashman (Swimming Organiser)

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Boys Junior Relay Team

YOUR P&C NEWS

G’day all, hope week 7 finds you well.

It was great to meet many of you last week at the Parent/Teacher info night. It was also terrific to hear from our amazing teachers and visit the creative spaces our children learn in. We hope you enjoyed a coffee and cake while we heard about some of the changes and projects currently occurring.

A quick reminder that our March general meeting is this week - Wednesday 9 March, 7:30pm in the staff room. This will be the last opportunity to become a financial member before the AGM. You need to be a P&C member to be eligible to vote and nominate for a position - membership forms in the P&C folder at the office or the pocket on the P&C notice board. Hope to see you there.

A note for your diary

The new AGM date - Tuesday 22 March, 7:30pm in the staff room.

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

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 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 22 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 CANTEEN

GREEN PROMO LUNCH - Monday the 21 March
The Canteen will be having its Green Promo Lunch to join in the Harmony Day celebrations on Monday 21 March.

Canteen green promotions are aimed at encouraging students to try healthy meal options. We run one each term to qualify for our Healthy Canteen Award status. At this promo lunch we will be offering a few different international lunch options, which we hope the students will love.

Full details have been sent home with the Green lunch order form. We ask especially on these big special lunch days that you use MunchMonitor online ordering, it really makes a huge difference for the Canteen team - saving hours of additional work.

Please help us to have the best Green Promo Lunch we can for the kids.

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
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
Stay tuned for info on the upcoming Mother’s Day Stall.
The P&C AGM is coming up on Tuesday 22 March, 7:30pm - School Staff Room. 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. Would you like to be part of the team that sets the direction for P&C fundraising? Are you interested in how the P&C can raise funds for our kids and the school - maybe a school fete, trivia night or bingo afternoon?

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

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.

ATTENTION - CATHOLICS
The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is about to start a programme to prepare baptised Catholic children who are currently in Year 2 or above and have reached the age of discretion (normally about 7 years of age) for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
The parent or guardian who will accompany the child through the programme is required to attend an Information Night in order to enrol into the Programme.

Monday 4th April at 7.30 pm,
Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy.
Enquiries - Parish Office on 43 41 1073
LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10-12 May 2016.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 13 May** – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).
Welcome Back to 2016

Welcome back to all our new and returning families, we hope you had a nice relaxing break. As we have moved into the hall at the school we won’t be able to hang up all of the wonderful projects and crafts that we did over the years so this year we will be looking at particular days of the year.

Children are enjoying the indoor/outdoor play and the open transition space now available.

Special Thank you To Mrs Young for her help last year with coordinating our move, this is very much appreciated by our OSHC team!

Policy for Feedback

The current policy we’re seeking feedback for is our Administration of medication, Arrival and Departure of children and Attendance and Absence policies

We’ve sent a copy to the email address provided on your child's enrolment form but if you haven't received a copy

2016 Enrolments and Fee’s

Please make sure that forms are completed before starting at the service.
When booking in please make sure that we are aware 24 hours before hand as we need to make sure that your account is up-to-date before attending.
Please make sure that your account is paid regularly if you have a permanent/casual bookings have to be paid up at the end of every week of attendance. With any bookings please contact us on 0409 787 844.

Assessment and Rating

This year we will be receiving our Assessment and Rating visit in our new premises. We’re all very excited to show our Assessor just what we do. We have been through the assessment and rating process rating cycle in May 2014 the Takari Room.
We have been able to go through our previous report and make sure we are meeting the elements of the Framework. We are confident that with all our training and preparations that we will come out with a high rating. We look forward to letting you know the dates for visits when we are notified by Department of Education.
Attendance and Absence Policy reminder

We’ve noticed a large number of children being written on the roll of an afternoon. We wish to remind families about shared responsibilities (parents and staff) in our attendance and absence policy. It is important that we know how many children we will have for each session so that we can roster staff appropriately based on the amount of children we expect to have and our 1:15 ratio. If you know your child will be attending or will be absent please read the following steps:

- Phone Call to our mobile and leave a voicemail message. or Text message.
- Email throughout the day, we return to the service at 2:30pm.
- If you have any questions about our Attendance and Absence Policy please feel free to ask one of our staff or consult the policy located in our families’ area.
- Please make sure your children are aware of where they are going after school
- If your children need to come and they don’t know please let the school office know as well and that they get a message to them in class.

Sign In/Out procedure

Please ensure that you are signing in and out every session your child attends Before and After school care as this is a legal document and is filed away. Please ensure that you are also signing the right child/ren out with the time and signature.

Our Contact Details

Please Denyelle on:
Mobile: 0409 787 844
Email: BASCPtClare@coastcommunityconnections.com.au

Afternoon Snack Ideas

We’re always looking for new ideas for the children. Sometimes it’s hard to please all our children but if your child has a favourite healthy snack that we can implement into our weekly program feel free to write it down or email it to us. We have also been trying new and different foods which most children have been good in trying them and they are quick cheap and healthy foods.

Feedback

We’re always looking for feedback from our children and families. We’re running this service for you and we’d like to hear any feedback to create continuous improvements at our service. We will be emailing out one policy each fortnight for your feedback. If you could give it a quick read and send us your thoughts that would be fantastic!

Our New Space

As you are all aware the school has begun the building works. We moved out of the Takari room and down to the hall for at least 12 months. We have made changes to our routine as we have to work with times for school assembly’s and other activities that are in the hall when we come back in at 2:30pm whilst trying to set up, the bell has gone and finding find children that are on the roll. So we ask if parents could please come and see us either at before school care, call and leave a message on the mobile and notify the school to let your child’s class teacher know to remind them to go to After School Care. We also have our Journals and photos for the journals near the Kitchen window so please feel free to have a look and a read at what your children have been learning.