

POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 | WEEK 3 | 11 FEB 2020



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IMPORTANT DATES

Wed	12/2	School Banking P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Thurs	13/2	Scope IT - Stage 1
Mon	17/2	Parent Information Sessions - two sessions 5.30 pm and 6.15 pm
Wed	19/2	School Banking
Thurs	20/2	Scope IT - Stage 1

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 9 April, 2020 (last day Term 1)

Students return Monday 27 April,
2020 (first day Term 2)

Thought of the Week



"The more that you
read, the more things
you will know. The
more that you learn,
the more places you'll
go." -Dr Seuss

SCHOOL CLOSURE FEEDBACK

Thank you to all of our community for being so understanding regarding the closure of the school on Monday. It was a huge logistical operation for the school. Despite following all of the departmental protocols, we still had a small proportion of the school community including our staff who were uncontactable or did not hear the messages on radio or see the posts on Facebook or the Skoolbag app. This is completely understandable. In a blackout it is obviously impossible to use an uncharged phone or access the internet on your home computers. Something to consider organising for your own homes is a battery powered radio. During the recent bushfires, residents on the South Coast were encouraged to have a battery powered radio available to receive emergency messages from RFS and SES.

In any extreme weather event, it is always best to exercise caution and use your own astute judgement in relation to the safety of your children. It is possible that we could have an extreme weather event that prevents all staff from even reaching the school site and there may not be a means to communicate a school closure to the wider community. **The Bureau of Meteorology** advises that in the event of a severe thunderstorm we consider the following tips:

- Stay inside and shelter well clear of windows, doors and skylights.
- Don't use a fixed telephone during a thunderstorm due to lightning danger.
- Avoid touching brick or concrete, or standing bare-footed on concrete or tiled floors.
- Keep checking the Bureau website or app and listen to your local radio station for storm warnings and updates. Don't drive into water flowing over roads.
- Don't drive, walk, ride or swim through flood waters.
- Seek shelter in a 'hard-top' (metal-bodied) vehicle or solid building but avoid small open structures or fabric tents.
- Never shelter under small groups of (or single) trees.
- If far from shelter, crouch (alone, feet together), preferably in a hollow.
- Don't lie down flat but avoid being the highest object in the vicinity.
- If your hair stands on end or you hear 'buzzing' from nearby rocks, fences etc., move immediately. At night, a blue glow may show if an object is about to be struck (St. Elmo's fire).



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SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the 2020 Swimming Carnival. It was really inspiring to watch children who were not the strongest or most confident of swimmers; sticking with it and finishing off laps or even just going as far as they could in each race. Great stuff kids! As usual, we saw some amazing individual efforts including personal best times and plenty of fabulous teamwork. I'm really looking forward to finding out who the champion Sports House is at this week's Friday Assembly when we hand out the ribbons. Finally, congratulations to all students who have qualified for the school swimming team which will compete at the Zone Swimming Carnival on 6 March, 2020.

ASSET MANAGEMENT UPDATE

As you may be aware, our school has a number of infrastructure projects that are being attended to and managed by the Asset Management Unit. Over the weekend our due diligence checks for the "Cooler Classrooms Program" were initiated by Public Works NSW. These checks will continue for most of the Term as they determine the power requirements and all other considerations for our school site. The ES1 Blue classroom is currently undergoing works to repair ongoing plumbing issues. ES1 Blue and Mrs Cuthbertson will remain in the demountable building until the repairs and all associated plumbing issues are resolved. Over the Easter holidays we are expecting our thermo-plastic playground games to be installed under the Hall COLA and the new gates installed at the top of the hill in Takari Avenue.

STAFFING UPDATE

This week Mrs Young has taken LSL and the Deputy Principal role will be filled by a combination of the Assistant Principals. We have been advised by staffing that our vacant Assistant Principal position will be advertised this Wednesday 12 February. The recruitment process will be finalised by the end of Week 7 this Term. Our executive team completed the first of our 2020 Visible Learning professional learning sessions with the Empire Bay PS staff last Friday. We spent a significant amount of time working on ways that we can better help our students with their three academic goals which appear on the Semester 1 and 2 reports. It was a highly informative and beneficial session and I believe the experience will help our staff to develop more individualised goals for each student.

SCHOOL FEES INFORMATION 2020

Every year our school asks for contributions from our families in two areas. The first is a **SUBJECT CONTRIBUTION** which only partially covers the cost of online digital learning materials such as Mathletics, STARS/CARS, Reading Eggs and School Magazines. The school actually covers part of the cost of these platforms for every student to reduce the potential financial strain on families. We expect that all families pay this fee. Further details about what is included in each SUBJECT CONTRIBUTION will be provided by the class teachers on parent information night. Subject contributions for 2020 are:

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 - \$30.00 per child
Stages 2 and 3 - \$45.00 per child

The second cost is the optional **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION** that is used by the school to provide a range of supports to all students in the form of stationery, first aid supplies, etc. These funds are not compulsory but are a great help to the school. Voluntary contributions for 2020 are capped depending on the number of your children attending Point Clare Public School, as follows:

Child 1 - \$40

Child 2 - \$30

Child 3 - \$10

Child 4 - \$0

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS

In 2020 we are asking all families to work more collaboratively with the school in relation to excursion notes and payments. Permission notes and payments for all excursions must be received by the closing date in order for the students to attend all excursions. Failure to provide the permission note and payment (if required) will result in your child / children not attending the excursion. Any families requiring financial assistance must complete the required paperwork which is available from the office or your child's classroom teacher.

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ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Most parents would already be aware of the Active Kids voucher program. I strongly encourage all families to consider using the vouchers to get your children moving and involved in their areas of interest. The Active Kids program provides two \$100 vouchers for parents, guardians and carers of school-enrolled children to use towards sport and active recreation costs each year. Voucher 1 is valid January to December and Voucher 2 is valid July to December. To use the voucher, find a registered activity provider and present your voucher when you sign up. If you're a parent, carer or guardian, the student will be eligible if they are:

- a NSW resident
- aged between 4.5 and 18 years
- enrolled in school (from Kindergarten to Year 12, including those who are home-schooled or enrolled in secondary school education at TAFE NSW)
- a current Medicare card holder.

Mr Scott Campbell
Principal

2020 POINT CLARE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Peninsula Leisure Centre was the venue for swimming carnival last Thursday. Students arrived at the pool to find the Girrakool, Katandra, Rumbalara and Wambina house banners displayed along the grandstand. Many students joined in and enthusiastically participated in the freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and relay events. The winning house and age champions will be announced at this Friday's assembly commencing at 12:30pm in the hall.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will also be presented at this assembly. Parents, relatives and friends are most welcome to attend.

Our zone swimming team will be announced soon. The carnival is at the Leisure Centre on Friday 6 March.

We would personally like to thank the wonderful teachers and many fantastic parents who helped with timekeeping and many other jobs throughout the day.

Mel Roberts & Steve Rayner
Carnival Organiser



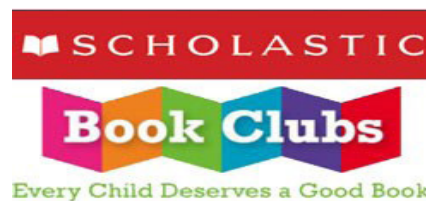
BASKETBALL

Congratulations to both Liam M and Jackson R who were successful at the Zone Basketball trials last week. The boys will progress to the Sydney North trials held in Week 5. PCPS wish you all the best.

Alana Currie
Sports Organiser

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club orders are due back by tomorrow, Wednesday 12 February.
Late orders will not be accepted.



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After-school ART CLASSES



Premium Art Classes held at my studio in Point Clare
en-route from Point Clare Public School - Bus 1

Weekly & fortnightly classes available Monday to Friday
(Creative Kids vouchers welcome. Jo Stanes Art Station is a registered provider)

Daily class options
3:30pm - 4:30pm OR
4:40pm - 5:40pm

Inclusions: Artist Grade Paints, Brushes, Apron.

Enquiries call Jo Stanes on 0434 406 477

Email: paint@jostanesart.com | Instagram: @jostanesartstation

ACTIVE KIDS GO FAR

WOY WOY RUGBY CLUB

\$100 ACTIVE KIDS
VOUCHER ACCEPTED
2020 REGISTRATION

U6 & U7s = \$35

U8s - U17s = \$100

BOYS AND GIRLS TEAMS

AVAILABLE

INCLUDES:
PLAYING SHORTS
PLAYING SOCKS
TRAINING SHIRT

email: kacullen@optusnet.com.au



More info visit: www.woywoyrugby.com.au

\$100 Active Kids vouchers are available for each school-enrolled child annually! WWRC provide a safe environment for children to learn the skills of rugby union in a positive learning environment.

Register now!



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PIC•COLLAGE

3 weeks in and you're doing great Point Clare! So lovely to see all the kids enjoying the return to school and the adorable new Kindy students getting into the groove of the school routine. I was very impressed with the impeccable manners of our new Kindergarten students who tried out our school Canteen for the first time last Thursday – well done! A great big Thank You to all our awesome volunteers who have been coming in to help in the Canteen and Uniform Shop these past couple of weeks. It has been a particularly busy start to the year and we greatly appreciate your help!

This Wednesday night (12/02) is our first monthly P&C General Meeting for the year - **7:30pm in the school staffroom.**

Our meetings aim to run no longer than 2 hours and are the best way to gain insight into current and upcoming events at the school. Our group is centred on inclusivity. We value and respect the diverse experiences and perspectives our community have to offer.

P&C General meetings are held during school terms on the *2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm*. You do not need to be a member to attend.

You can join our association anytime. **Membership is just \$1 for the year.** Forms can be obtained via the front office, at our meetings or via email. We will have an AGM in the first few months of this year so I encourage you to join as soon as possible to be able to nominate and/or vote for any of the positions in our team.

As a community we have strength in our combined knowledge and experience. We are always looking for more volunteers to join our various P&C teams. It doesn't have to be a regular commitment. Any time you can spare is valued. Come meet others in the community while contributing your skills, knowledge and ideas.

Select 'Like' on our Facebook page for P&C event dates, updates and communication:

'P&C for Point Clare Public School'

Our email is: secretary@pointclarepandc.com

I look forward to meeting you this Wednesday evening.

Thank you for your continued support,

Janaki Selvarajan - *President, Point Clare Public School P&C Assoc.*



YOUR CANTEEN

With things getting busier in the Canteen we need to fill in the gaps in our roster – please consider volunteering in the much needed timeslots shown adjacent.

The Canteen menu can be accessed online via MunchMonitor (www.munchmonitor.com). Online ordering can be done weeks in advance. Please view and submit your orders online before 9:00am that day (at the latest) - Thank You.

We are always seeking more volunteers and understand that people have other commitments outside the school. Please consider joining our volunteer team. You can choose when you volunteer and how often.

Thank you,

The Canteen Team

canteen@pointclarepandc.com

Our Canteen needs volunteers at these particular times:

TUESDAYS , THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS

9am-2pm OR morning (9am-midday)

OR afternoon (12-2pm)

WEDNESDAYS – afternoon (12-2pm)



YOUR UNIFORM SHOP HAS MOVED...Temporarily!

Open Thursdays during term 8:30am—9:00 am

Online orders to be in by 7am on Thursdays for delivery to classroom that day.

We have a temporary new location for our Uniform Shop in the STEM classroom (near the Canteen) while our space is being refurbished. Thank you to our wonderfully supportive team of volunteers, school staff and the community for their understanding, patience and assistance during this transitional period.

UNIFORM SHOP ONLINE ORDERS

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. Orders can also be left at the office, and will be delivered to classrooms on Thursdays.



LOST PROPERTY & LABELLING

The plastic tubs and shelving near the Canteen contain lost items. They are separated as named and unnamed.

Please label your child/ren's school items so they can find them easily. We have set up a fundraiser with the label company 'My Name Label' which has great reviews and free postage. Ordering as part of our fundraiser will provide you with a 5% discount and the P&C will receive an awesome 15% of all purchases made – which will go right back to funding things for our kids!

The 'My Name Label' company sells all kinds of name labels suitable for clothing, lunch boxes etc.

Please ensure that you have your child's first AND last name on their labels.

All items are cleared from Lost Property at the end of each term.

Thank you,

The Uniform Shop Team

uniformshop@pointclarepandc.com

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 great at thinking creatively, enjoy organising or planning, good on the barbie, great at making and/or selling cakes, terrific at wrapping hampers, or simply free to lend a hand for any amount of time.

We appreciate any help that is offered and would love to have you on board!

Fundraising Team

fundraising@pointclarepandc.com



SUSTAINABILITY



We are a P&C with an active interest in supporting sustainability in schools which means we are always looking for opportunities to support our school in this area. So far, we have provided funds to support the school's wonderful sustainable food garden.

Seeing the enthusiasm of our community is greatly motivating and we are continuing to look at more green initiatives we can be a part of.

If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, please contact us via email or the P&C Facebook page.

Thank you,
P&C Sustainability Representative
secretary@pointclarepandc.com

\$\$ GRANTS \$\$

Grants are usually available throughout the year for a variety of areas.

We need your help with finding and (if possible) applying for them.

So if you see anything that you think that any area of our school may be eligible for, please contact us.

The more eyes and ears out there looking for grants or competitions, the more chance we have of getting much needed funding for our school and the services that support it.

Thank you,
Grant Writing Team
secretary@pointclarepandc.com

