POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Nurturing Inspiring Achieving

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 31/3 Student Banking

Easter Hat Parade

Thur 1/4 PBL Reward Day

Last Day - Term 1

Mon 19/4 Staff Development

Day

TERM 2 RESUMES TUESDAY 20 APRIL, 2021



Thought of the Week



STAFFING UPDATE

This week we will unfortunately be saying goodbye to two of our key staff members. Mrs Jane Young will be taking leave for the remainder of the year before transitioning to retirement. Jane has had a long and distinguished career in the Department of Education. In a career spanning 46 years and 29 schools, Jane has had a huge impact on the students that she has taught, the staff she has worked with and the parents and carers that she has supported. Jane has served as the Principal at three schools before coming to Point Clare Public School. In her seven (7) years at Point Clare, Jane has made a very significant contribution to the school community. Her work as the Learning & Support Team co-ordinator has established school systems and practices that will continue to support our disadvantaged students and students who need additional supports for years to come. On a personal level, I will miss working with Jane as she is an extremely dedicated worker who does a lot behind the scenes. She is an absolute champion of the underprivileged students and goes the extra mile for families who are doing it tough. I'm sure the community will join me in congratulating Jane on a fabulous career and thank her for her quality service to public education. All the best for your retirement Jane!

TERM 1 | WEEK 10 | 30 MARCH

Over the past two years we have had the joyful experience of having Mrs Jo Wright on loan to us from Girrakool SSSP. Jo is a permanent Student Learning & Support Officer (SLSO) within the Department of Education. SLSOs provide support for students with identified diverse learning needs including disabilities in classrooms and other learning environments under the direction and supervision of a teacher. In her work as an SLSO at PCPS, Jo has worked extremely hard to make connections with the students and support the teachers in every possible way. Sadly, Jo is required to return to Girrakool from the start of Term 2. I'm sure everyone who has interacted with Jo would acknowledge that Girrakool is a very lucky school!





SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

At the moment all students at Point Clare Public School in grades K-2 are being exposed to the Structured Literacy program which has a strong focus on phonological awareness. This a critical skill for all students' literacy development and a predictor of later reading and spelling success. Phonological awareness refers to oral language and is the understanding of the different ways that language can be broken down into smaller parts. Phonological awareness consists of five sub-skills beginning with word, syllable, onset/rime awareness, moving to the more complex sub-skills of basic and advanced phonemic awareness. As a collective group our Kindergarten students have demonstrated dramatically improved phonological skills this term. At the beginning of Term 1 only 15% of Kindergarten students were able to recognised ten or more sounds. Our data for the end of Term 1 indicates that 82% of our Kindergarten students now recognise and can use more than ten sounds. This is outstanding progress for this point in the school year. Congratulations to all students, their parents and their teachers for this wonderful achievement.



















NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATE DRAMA ENSEMBLES

The NSW Public Schools Drama Ensembles program provides opportunities for gifted and talented drama students from Year 5 to Year 8 to further develop their skills. The ensembles aim to foster the pursuit of excellence in drama. Students work with experienced teachers and industry tutors to devise works for local and state festivals.

Applications for the NSW Public Schools Junior Drama Ensembles (Year 7 and Year 8) and the NSW Public Schools Primary Drama Ensembles (Year 5 and Year 6) are now open. The junior and primary ensembles will run over Term 3 and Term 4 in 2021. Application is via video audition and these close on Friday 7 May 2021. Successful students are required to attend weekly rehearsals during school term at The Arts Unit in Lewisham. If interested go to:

https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2021-primary-and-junior-drama-ensembles-audition-application-form

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT

Applications for placement in a Year 5 opportunity class in 2022 open on Tuesday 20 April 2021 and close on Friday 7 May 2021. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will take place on Wednesday 21 July 2021. Parents and carers must apply online between Tuesday 20 April and Friday 7 May 2021 at:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Term 1 concludes this Thursday 1 April 2021 with our PBL Rewards Day. I am sure that all of our staff, students and their families are looking forward to spending some well-earned, high quality down time together over the two-week break to rest, refresh and recharge the batteries. Please be advised that the school is not open for the Share our Space program during the holidays due to important safety works being completed. School resumes on Tuesday 20 April 2021 for all students. Any security concerns over the school holidays should be phoned into the School Security Hotline - 1300 880 021.

Scott Campbell Principal

25 NIGHTS OF HOME READING

Congratulations to all our students who have achieved 25 Nights of Home Reading.

As we come to the end of Term 1, please continue to read daily throughout the school holidays. Reading and sharing stories can help your child get to know sounds, words and language, and develop literacy skills. It also helps children learn to value books and stories and develop your child's brain, ability to focus, concentration, social skills and communication skills.

Many of the books your child borrows from the library and reads can be included in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. For more information on

the challenge visit https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html



Merrie Allan Stage 1 Assistant Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Borrow Over Easter and Overdue Books

Students are able to borrow over the Easter holidays, however if books are overdue, students will be unable

to borrow until everything is returned to the Library.

Overdue notices are being sent home this week. Students are encouraged to renew their loan if they are still reading a book. To renew a loan, students will need to bring the book into the Library so it can be scanned again under their name. Please help your child to locate all overdue books and return them to the Library, as other students may be waiting to read the title.

If a book has been lost, please contact me. In some instances, a small replacement fee may be required to assist with the purchase of a new copy of the book.

Happy Reading! Jodie McCabe Teacher/Librarian

PSSA BOYS CRICKET TRIALS MATCH POSTPONED

Due to clashes with other PSSA trial sports, our boys cricket match against Kariong PS will now be played early next term. New permission notes will be issued when the new date has been finalised.



AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 9





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	PRINCIPAL'S AWARD	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD	
ES1 BLUE	James M	Amelia D	Peyton D	
ES1 GREEN	Mana B T	Dharan K	Cooper S	
ES1 RED	Henry G	Jacob T	Nia S	
ES1 YELLOW	Lara P.M	Spencer P	Joshua M	
S1 BLUE	Sophie B	Kaleb C	Violet Mc	
S1 GREEN	Maisie B	Monte M	Atticus M	
S1 PURPLE	Angelina H	Jack D	Olivia D	
S1 RED	Georgia C	Emma C	Violet C	
S1 YELLOW	Philip H	Ava D	Sari S	
S1 ORANGE	Jude S	Matthew C	Ben I	
S1 WHITE	Lenna H	Ariel M	Braylen A	
1/2 AQUA	JoJo S	Anthony McP	Jessie-Rose H	
S2 BLUE	Clementine K	River S	Maddison B	
2 GREEN	Billy J	Kaeli O	Olivia F	
S2 PURPLE	Mia J	Taya M	Joshua W	
S2 RED	Alexia P	Azalea H	Clara S	
S2 YELLOW	Matilda B	Bob B	Matthew W	
S3 BLUE	Chelsea B	Jack S	Cooper H	
S3 GREEN	Sairsha J	Daniela F	Isla M	
S3 RED	Dylan S	Harry G	Paul M	
S3 PURPLE	Matthew A	Arabella M	Anthony W	
S3 YELLOW	Taylor G	Halle S	Audrey W	







PBL

This week's focus for PBL is the BASKETBALL COURT.

When on the BASKETBALL COURT students show they are following the school rules when they model:



Respect:

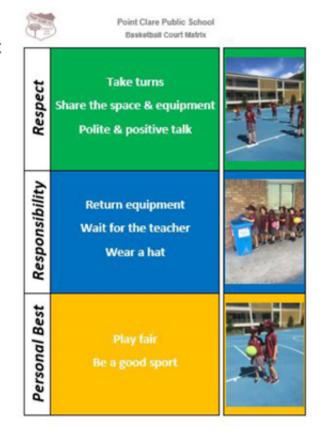
- Share the space and equipment
- · Polite and positive talk
- Take turns

Responsibility:

- · Return equipment
- · Wait for teacher
- Wear a hat

Personal Best:

- Be a good sport
 - End the game on time
 - Lose well
- Play fair
 - Know the rules and stick to them
 - Include others





PBL Rewards Day

Thursday 1st April 2021



Kan-Doo says, "Thanks for showing Respect, Responsibility & Personal Best"

Our PBL Rewards Day is this Thursday!

A note will be sent home today with your child's reward choice for the day.



Thank you to Wiseberry Kariong for sponsoring our PBL Rewards Day BBQ.

IMPORTANT FINAL WEEK DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

30th March LAST DAY TO RETURN TICKETS FOR THE

ANNUAL PCPS P&C EASTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

More raffle tickets available from school office!

31st March EASTER HAT PARADE DAY

PRIZE DRAW FOR PCPS P&C EASTER RAFFLE DURING PARADES

Canteen open to parents / carers at these times:

- 8:30 9:45am (closed during S1 Parade)
- Open after S1 parade
- MENU included in the following pages

1ST April

CANTEEN TREAT DAY – see note in the following pages

GET YOUR TICKETS IN BY 3PM TUESDAY TO BE GUARANTEED A CHANCE AT WINNING A PRIZE!



RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON Wednesday 31st March 2021

PCPS P&C EASTER RAFFLE TOP SELLERS

CONGRATULATIONS

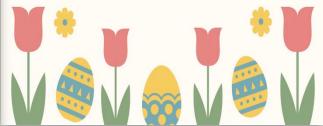
1st Prize - Kaleb C (S1)

2nd Prize - Hamish S (ES1)

Equal 3rd Prize - Duncan C / Alfie H (S1)

Thank you to all our families & friends for supporting our Easter Raffle this year!

Funds raised will go towards the purchase of a 2nd new interactive whiteboard for one of our school's classrooms.



PCPS PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

HAPPENING SOON →**OUR AGM (Annual General Meeting)!**

The AGM will likely take place in June/July 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 various teams. 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 the secretary email (secretary@pointclarepandc.com). Membership guarantees you input into the decisions of the P&C and allows you to stand for any of the positions in our association at the upcoming AGM.

If you are interested in becoming a part of any of our committees (P&C Executive team, Canteen, Uniform Shop, Grants) please contact us any time. Get to know what is involved with each of these roles. Our group is centred on inclusivity. We value and respect the diverse experiences and perspectives our community have to offer. Below is a table detailing the positions in our P&C and a rough reference of time commitment in each role.

OFFICE BEARERS	ASSISTANT/SUPPORT ROLES	
President		Key to time
Vice President 1 / Events Coordinator	Events Assistant Coordinator	commitment in
Vice President 2 / Marketing Manager	Marketing Assistant Manager	
Secretary	Assistant Secretary	<u>roles</u>
Treasurer / Public Officer	Book-keeper	Daily
SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERS		Weekly
Canteen/Uniform Shop Convenor	 Canteen/Uniform Shop Assistant Convenor Canteen/Uniform Shop Scribe Canteen/Uniform Shop Treasurer's Assistant Canteen/Uniform Shop Members x 4 	FortnightlyMonthlyQuarterlyAs Needed
Fundraising Convenor	 Fundraising Assistant Convenor Fundraising Scribe Fundraising Treasurer's Assistant Fundraising Members x 4 	Not needed this year
Grants Convenor	 Grants Assistant Convenor Grants Scribe Grants Members x 4 	
COORDINATORS		
School Banking Coordinator	School Banking Assistant Coordinator/Volunteers x4	
Membership/Volunteer Coordinator	Membership/Volunteer Assistant Coordinator	
Sustainable Gardens Coordinator	 Sustainable Gardens Assistant Coordinator 	
REPRESENTATIVES		
Central Coast Region of P&Cs Representative		
School Council Representative (not currently required)		
VOLUNTEERS – do not need to be members		
Volunteers – Canteen/Uniform shop Volunteers – Fundraisers	Daily Canteen Volunteers	

Keep up with P&C event dates, updates and communication by selecting 'Like' on our Facebook page: <u>'P&C FOR POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL'</u>.

Our email is secretary@pointclarepandc.com

On behalf of my team I wish everyone a HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAY!
We look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Thank you for your continued support.

Janakí Selvarajan - President, Point Clare Public School P&C Association



YOUR CANTEEN

>> ONLINE ORDERS ONLY <<

ORDERS DUE BY 8:15AM

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED AT THESE UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

- EASTER HAT PARADE: This Wednesday 31st March
 Help needed in the Canteen to serve snacks & drinks any time between 8:30 and 10:55am.
- > TREAT DAY: This Thursday 1st April
 Help needed in the Canteen any time between 9:30am and 2pm.
- > TERM 2 CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL: Friday 23rd April (<u>menu coming home at the start of Term 2</u>)
 Help needed at either the Carnival stall at Fagan Park or the School Canteen.

Carnival: After 9:30am for any amount of time. Stall open until Carnival concludes.

School Canteen: 9am to 11:30am and/or 11:30am to 2pm.

Here are the current available times for volunteering (green means it's available):

Week 10	MON 29/3	TUES 30/3	WED 31/3 EASTER HAT PARADE	THUR 1/4 PBL Rewards Day & CANTEEN TREAT DAY!	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
9am to 11:30am			FILLED		$2^{ND}-19^{TH}$
					APRIL
11:30am to 2pm	FILLED		FILLED	FILLED	ALINE
	FILLED		FILLED	FILLED	
		TERM	TWO		
Week 1	MON 19/4	TUES 20/4 First Day of Term 2	WED 21/4	THUR 22/4	FRI 23/4 S2 & 3 Cross Country Carnival
9am to 11:30am	STAFF		FILLED		FILLED
54111 to 11.504111	DEVELOPMENT				
11:30am to 2pm	DAY				FILLED
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Week 2	MON 26/4	TUES 27/4	WED 28/4	THUR 29/4	FRI 30/4
9am to 11:30am	FILLED		FILLED	FILLED	
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11:30am to 2pm					FILLED
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Week 3	MON 3/5	TUES 4/5	WED 5/5	THUR 6/5	FRI 7/5
9am to 11:30am	FILLED		FILLED		
54III to 11.504III					
11:30am to 2pm					
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Please contact us via our email to let us know if you are available to help during any of the events or times shown above. It doesn't have to be a regular commitment. Any time you have to offer is valued by our team ©

Thank you for your support,
The PCPS P&C Canteen Team
canteen@pointclarepandc.com

EASTER HAT COLD DRINKS PARADE

CANTEEN

WEDNESDAY 31st MARCH 2021 **OPENING TIMES:** 8:30am to 9:45am Then after S1 parade

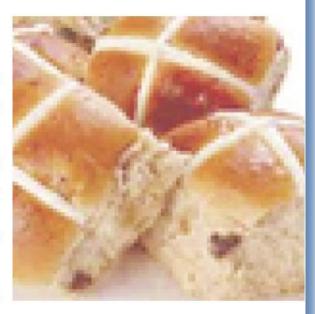
WATER	1.50
GLEE	2.20
APPLE/ORANGE JUICE	2.20
MOVIE MILK strawberry / choc	2.20

HOT DRINKS

TEA	2.00
COFFEE (pod)	3.00
HOT CHOCOLATE	3.00

SNACKS

CHOCOLATE BROWNIES	2.50
LARGE MUFFINS apple cinnamon / blueberry /chocolate	2.00
FINGER BUNS	2.00
HOT CROSS BUNS traditional / chocolate	1.50
TOASTIES (1 slice) ham & cheese / spinach /ham,cheese & pineapple	1.00
RAISIN TOAST (1 slice)	1.00





SNACKS FROM THE FRIDGE

PLAIN	YOGHU	RT C	UP		1.50
YOGHUR	T w/B	ERRY	&	MUESLI	1.50
JELLY	CUPS				1.50



P&C TREAT DAY FUNDRAISER FOR CANTEEN



THURSDAY 1st APRIL 2021

This memorable school event for our kids is a fundraising opportunity for our P&C to raise much needed funds to keep the Canteen's valuable services going. So while we love being a healthy canteen that provides fresh, nutritious options every day, we also appreciate your support of our treat days.

The school has kindly offered to organise each stage to come to the Canteen to make their treat day purchase at allocated times. To help make the service quicker on the day you can ask your child what they'd like, mark how many of each treat they would like on this note and they can bring it to the stall on the day.

Payments can be made in cash or using Munch Monitor's snack money (please make sure that you top up the snack money in your account prior to this day).

		DESIRED AMOUNT			DESIRED AMOUNT
Міско \$тіск	50 C		Wizz Fizz	\$1	
LOLLY BAG	\$1		FAIRY FLOSS	\$1.50	
CARAMELLO KOALA	\$1.20		SNAPS CHIPS	\$1.50	
CURLY WURLY	\$1.20		FINGER BUN	\$2	
FREDDO FROG	\$1.20		BROWNIE CAKE	\$2.50	

Regular menu items will also be available.

TOTAL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Treat days are always busy so we appreciate **any time** you have available to come help us with counter service on the day.

Please contact the Canteen via the school office on 4325 0594 or email us at canteen@pointclarepandc.com

Thank you for your support!





YOUR UNIFORM SHOP

>> ONLINE ORDERS ONLY <<

Please order online by 7am THURSDAYS

Orders are delivered to the classrooms by our wonderful volunteers on Thursdays.

If your child is away your order will be left at the office for you to collect on any school day until the following Thursday.



EXCHANGES: Please leave any items that need to be exchanged in a labelled plastic bag at the office with a copy of your receipt. All tags must remain intact.

LOST PROPERTY: The lost property is stored in the blue cupboards opposite the bubblers next to the Canteen. Please make sure that *all* of your child's belongings have their <u>first and last names</u> written on the label. There is a staggering amount of lost property this year, with many that are unnamed. The end of the term is nearing fast so please come and look for your lost item/s in our school's lost property storage area as soon as possible.

ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARED FROM LOST PROPERTY AT THE END OF EACH TERM.

<u>INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?</u> Our team is keen to have more volunteers to help with order packing and delivery on Thursday mornings. If you are interested and available to lend a hand please send us an email.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS....!

The Uniform Shop is happy to announce that the shop will be re-opening for face-to-face appointments from next term!

Currently, we will be offering appointments on Thursday mornings between **8.30 and 9am**. Please email us at uniformshop@pointclarepandc.com to book in a time to come in & see us.

You will be able to make <u>cash-only purchases</u>, access our pre-loved items or 'try on for size'.

A very big thank you to the office staff for the extra help that they have provided during restricted visiting to our school. They have assisted us all with lots of cash sales, exchanges & managed our pre-loved items.

Thank you for your support,
PCPS P&C Uniform Shop Team
uniformshop@pointclarepandc.com











Go for healthy eating advice, active games and positive changes for the whole family.

Register now 1800 780 900 or visit go4fun.com.au









Mingara Autumn **Holiday Junior Chess Tournament**

Entry fee \$10

Payment methods and food options, including a \$10 lunch pack, will be provided on contact with...

Gary Losh glosh6090@gmail.com



Please enter early Possible limit 50 players

Monday 12 April

Must pre-enter by Sat. 10 April

Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi 9.30am - 4.00pm

With a chess puzzle competition and lots of prizes Covid rules will be enthusiastically observed

Minimum ability: Must know how to move the pieces and complete games largely unassisted.

Colour In and Win! \$50 Egg-cellent hamper full of Easter Goodness scanning the QR code below. 2. Have your budding artist colour in the picture 3. Take a photo and email, text or post it to the details WISEBERRY

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