# POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



#### **Nurturing Inspiring Achieving**

IMPORTANT DATES				
Wed	3/3	Student Banking		
		Leaders Induction Ceremony		
Fri	5/3	PSSA AFL Trials		
		Zone Swimming Carnival		
Wed	10/3	Student Banking		
		P&C Meeting		
Thur	11/3	Year 7 Selective High School Test		
Fri	26/3	School Photos		

# Thought of the Week



TERM 1 | WEEK 6 | 1 MARCH 2021

#### SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

This week I have asked the teachers to send me students who are demonstrating improved effort in Mathematics. The images below highlight the quality work being completed by our Stage 2 students. By the end of Stage 2 (Term 4 of Year 4), we expect that students can ask questions and use efficient mental and written strategies with increasing fluency to solve problems. They use technology to investigate mathematical concepts and check their solutions. Students use appropriate terminology to describe and link mathematical ideas, check statements for accuracy and explain their reasoning. In terms of skill development, some further expectations are that:

- Students will be able to count, order, read and record numbers of up to five digits.
- They will use informal and formal mental and written strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.
- Students will be able to use mental strategies to recall multiplication facts up to  $10 \times 10$  and related division facts.
- ☐ They use informal written strategies for multiplication and division of two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers.

In 2016, Point Clare Public School had 31% of students achieving in the "Top 2 Bands for Numeracy". Since then we have achieved steady growth each year and are currently seeing 41.5% of students attain the same level of achievement. This indicates that the school is achieving above the system negotiated target for numeracy. Our upper bound goal for 2024 is to have 45.4% of students achieving this mark.







#### LEADERS INDUCTION CEREMONY

This coming Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 2pm we will be holding our inaugural Leaders Induction Ceremony. As previously advertised, we can only allow one parent per student due to the COVID-19 restrictions limiting us to a total of 50 people at the event. Parents and carers attending this event will be required to sign in using the Service NSW COVID Safe check-in app and must also sign the visitor sign in sheet as required by the NSW Department of Education.

#### **COVID TUTORS**

Last Wednesday we had our induction meetings with our five COVID tutors in the lead up to the program commencing today. The purpose of the COVID Intensive Learning Support Program is to deliver intensive small group tuition for students with the greatest need in 2021, helping to close the equity gap for disadvantaged students in all NSW Department of Education Primary, Secondary, Central and SSP schools. Each Stage of learning has identified students who will be supported in consolidating their skills in the key areas in literacy and numeracy. We welcome Daniel Richards, Leanne Ryan, Bree Del Monte, Rachel Fisher and Melina Goddard-Smith to our teaching team for 2021.



#### COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

During the past two weeks we have had several instances of dangerous driving and some generally unsafe driving behaviours in the school zone. Some of the key behaviours that we need to address as a community are not stopping for children at the crossing, doing U-turns in the school zone and leaving children unattended in cars in the kiss and drop zone. Not stopping at a children's crossing-pedestrian crossing (school zone) is currently a \$581 fine and 4 demerit points. Making a U-turn contrary to sign (school zone) is currently a \$349 fine and 3 demerit points. Leaving any child or young person in the person's care in a motor vehicle without proper supervision can be a fine of up to \$22,000. We need all parents and carers to support the school and make child and pedestrian safety a priority around the school.

#### **NAPLAN 2021 EQUATING STUDY**

Point Clare Public School has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in this year's NAPLAN 2021 Equating Study. The NAPLAN 2021 Equating Study is being held in approximately 408 schools across Australia from Monday 26 April to Friday 7 May. Your child will sit only one paper-based equating test in either Reading, Language Conventions or Numeracy. The equating test will be paper-based even if your child is sitting NAPLAN online in May. The tests will be administered at the school by trained test supervisors. The teacher will remain in the classroom. All selected students are expected to participate in the Equating Study, unless they have been exempted or withdrawn from NAPLAN tests. An exemption application form is attached to this newsletter for any parents of children in Years 3 & 5 who wish to withdraw their children from the study.

#### Scott Campbell Principal

#### **AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 5**

	PRINCIPAL'S AWARD	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD
ES1 BLUE	Ernee S	Elisha V	Evie H
ES1 GREEN	Susie C	Tristan M	Yaalini S
ES1 RED	Alfie R	Mia C	Georgia B
ES1 YELLOW	Indie W	Joshua M	Kayla W
S1 BLUE	Juniper B	Pippa F	Spencer O
S1 GREEN	lmogen G	Will M	Bella L
S1 PURPLE	Lola B	Angelina H	Moeaka T
S1 RED	Lola W	Georgia C	Jeremy Q
S1 YELLOW	Olive R	Alfie H	Tayla G
S1 ORANGE	Adarna T	Zara H	Haylee S
S1 WHITE	Summer-Lee C	Huxley S	Evie S
S1/2 AQUA	Melody O	Jessie-Rose H/Jayden B	S olol
S2 BLUE	Hamish C	Evie M/ Micah C	Gabrielle P
S2 GREEN	Selena B	Michael W	Liam P
S2 PURPLE	Billy C	Nicola H	Shyla H-N
S2 RED	Isla D	Izumi I	Archie P
S2 YELLOW	Zoe B	Ellen O	Mayla M
S3 BLUE	Amaziah A	Archie B	Anna M
S3 GREEN	Tycen B	Jon W	Cooper M
S3 RED	Milly K	Kairavan S	Sean H
S3 PURPLE	Penny H	Riley Mc	Chloe H
S3 YELLOW	Felix M	Selzer F	Katie T

#### **AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 5**















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#### PBL Term 1 Rewards Day Menu

Thursday 1st of April, 2021



Kan-Doo says,
"Thanks for showing respect, responsibility & personal best!"

#### **Rewards Day Events**

Kan-Doos	Activity
15	Bring in a soft toy/pillow
15	Change your name
20	Mufti
30	Ice block
30	Free time on oval
40	Movie
60	Disco
60	Tie dye a t-shirt  • Bring your own shirt
60	Water Fun Afternoon (Years 1-6)  Bring own water gun, towel and a change of clothes  NO WATER BALLOONS
BRONZE	Students who have reached BRONZE level will receive a BBQ lunch on the day

RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | PERSONAL BEST



# PCPS will be celebrating Harmony Week Friday 19 March, 2021

On Friday 19 March, students are invited to wear their traditional cultural dress for Harmony Day or they can wear an item of clothing that is the colour orange to help us celebrate our cultural diversity.

Throughout Harmonly Week (15—19 March), the students will be completing activities in class. They will be learning about different cultural backgrounds, including cultural traditions, foods, greetings or sayings in other languages.

The Canteen will be providing a special Harmony Week menu throughout week 8 (15-19 March, dates inclusive).



#### **SMILING MIND**

If you are interested in finding out more about the program or would like to reinforce the concepts, please visit

https://www.smilingmind.com.au/

or download the free Smiling Mind App. At school, we will be following the Classroom Program.



Mrs Allan – Acting Assistant Principal

#### LIBRARY NEWS



Premier's Reading Challenge - Start Reading Now!
The 2021 Challenge dates are as follows:
Challenge opens: Monday, 1 March, 2021
Challenge closes for students: Friday August 20, 2021
All PCPS students are automatically registered.

The PRC encourages students to read a wide variety of books, with the aim of encouraging students to develop a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable students to experience quality literature.

The PRC is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read more and to read more widely. At the completion of the challenge, participating students will receive a certificate for their efforts.

Student participation in the PRC will be supported by Mrs McCabe and class teachers, however students in Stage 1, 2 & 3 will be responsible for entering their books online at home. Students in Kindergarten will read PRC books with their class teachers, but parents are also encouraged to participate in the challenge at home. Students login to the PRC site using their DoE Username and Password. Please contact Mrs McCabe if you need assistance.

Detailed information can be found on the Premier's Reading Challenge homepage. Here you will find the official book lists, rules and other important information.

In our school library PRC books can be identified by a sticker on their spine label, making participation for students easy. Mrs McCabe is also ready to assist students and par-

**Scholastic Book Club** has arrived and will be distributed to students this week.

Happy Reading!

ents to locate PRC books.

Jodie McCabe
Teacher Librarian



#### **NSW Education Standards Authority**



# **NAPLAN 2021**

# Parent/carer consent for exemption and withdrawal

In May 2021 the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all 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 and will be able to compare their child's performance against the national minimum standard.

Students may be withdrawn from the tests at the request of their parent/carer.

Exemption must be discussed with the principal.

Consideration for exemption can be given to students:

- with a language background other than English who arrived in Australia less than a year before the tests; or
- with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions that severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests (the level of adjustment reported for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) must be recorded).

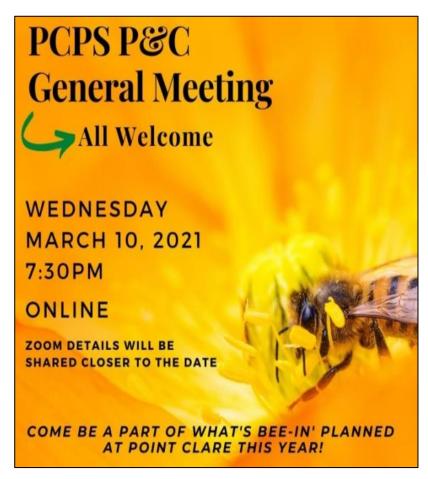
Name of student				,	Year
I have discussed my Numeracy (NAPLAN exempt or I have req	<b>I) 2021</b> with th	e school princ	ipal and I have re	equested for my ch	
Principal please tick:		Writing	Reading	Language conventions	Numeracy
Parent withdrawal					
Exempt (Language)					
Exempt	(Disability)				
If Exempt (Disability) plethe NCCD level of adjusting support provided differentiated teached supplementary actions substantial adjusting extensive adjusting the NCCD level of adjusting substantial subs	stment: within quality ching practice ljustments ments		l		
Principal <sup>2</sup>	s signature				
Name of parent/carer					
Signature of p	oarent/carer				
	Date				

The signed consent form should be filed at the school by 23 April 2021.

#### PCPS PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

### You're past the halfway mark and looking spectacular Point Clare!

With the school term getting busier each week, attending one of our meetings is a fantastic way to keep track of what's happening now and what's being planned this year at the school. P&C General meetings are held during school terms on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm. At present these are being held online via Zoom.



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 below. 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 Annual General Meeting (AGM). 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.

A few people have indicated that they'd like to be more involved with our activities at the school. If you are interested in becoming a part of any of our committees (P&C Executive team, Canteen, Uniform Shop, Grants) please contact us. Now is a great time to 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.

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 and help in our regular services. It doesn't have to be a regular commitment. Any time you can spare is valued.

Our email is <a href="mailto:secretary@pointclarepandc.com">secretary@pointclarepandc.com</a>

Select 'Like' on our Facebook page for P&C event dates, updates and communication: 'P&C FOR POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL'.

We look forward to working together with you to help provide our students and staff with a positive, healthy and productive learning environment.

I look forward to working together with you. 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

#### AN IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR THOSE ORDERING ONLINE

Please make sure that you have submitted your order and received a confirmation of your online order via email before you exit Munch Monitor.

We are seeing an increased number of students whose orders have not been received by the Canteen due to incomplete orders.

#### **COMING SOON! Special Harmony Week Menu (Week 8)**

Special event weeks are usually quite busy in the Canteen so if you are able to volunteer your assistance please contact us via the email below.

Here are the current available times for volunteering:

Week 6	MON 1/3	TUES 2/3	WED 3/3	THUR 4/3	FRI 5/3
9am to 11:30am	FILLED		FILLED	FILLED	FILLED
11:30am to 2pm	FILLED	45		FILLED	FILLED
·		FILLED			FILLED
Week 7	MON 8/3	TUES 9/3	WED 10/3	THUR 11/3	FRI 12/3
9am to 11:30am	FILLED			FILLED	FILLED
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11:30am to 2pm		7	7		FILLED
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Week 8	HARMONY WEEK				
WCCK 0	MON 15/3	TUES 16/3	WED 17/3	THUR 18/3	FRI 19/3
9am to 11:30am	FILLED		FILLED		FILLED
Jan to 11.30am					
11:30am to 2pm		FILLED			FILLED
22.50am to 2pm		FILLED			FILLED
Week 9	MON 22/3	TUES 23/3	WED 24/3	THUR 25/3	FRI 26/3
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9am to 11:30am	FILLED		FILLED	FILLED	FILLED
11:30am to 2pm		501.55	FILLED		FILLED
		FILLED			
Week 10	MON 29/3	TUES 30/3	WED 31/3	THUR 1/4	FRI 2/4
9am to 11:30am	FILLED				PUBLIC
					HOLIDAY –
11:30am to 2pm		FILLED	FILLED		GOOD FRIDAY
		FILLED			

Please contact us via our email to let us know if you are available for any of the 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

# YOUR UNIFORM SHOP

# >> ONLINE ORDERS ONLY <<

# Please order online by 7am Thursdays

Orders will be 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.

#### INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Our team is looking for 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.

Thank you for your support,

PCPS P&C Uniform Shop Team uniformshop@pointclarepandc.com

# Summer Uniform





# We are always on the lookout for Grants & Competitions!

# What is a grant?

It's a financial award given to a qualified recipient for a specific purpose.

# What have we won a grant for in the past?

Successful grant applications for Point Clare have earnt us a new dishwasher and an oven for the canteen as well as a voucher towards outdoor equipment.

# How can you help?

We need our community's support to tell us about any opportunities that you see or hear through newsletters, social media, and the news as well as from your family, friends and colleagues. We also welcome any offers of assistance with drafting applications.

Please email <u>secretary@pointclarepandc.com</u> or you can forward any opportunities you see via our Facebook page 'P&C for Point Clare Public School'.

We look forward to hearing from you, PCPS P&C Grant Writing Team







