POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Nurturing Inspiring Achieving

TERM 1 | WEEK 7 | 8 MARCH 2021

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Last week I had the pleasure of speaking with many students about their best efforts in class. One of the most impressive things that I saw was quality from Stage 3 students who have been working hard to design some really intricate 3D printed pieces of work for their STEM learning program taught by Mr Mich.

In NSW public schools STEM learning experiences involve explicit learning and teaching of syllabus content which is applied in project, problem or inquiry-based learning situations that are authentic. These very clever Stage 3 students are learning syllabus outcomes across Mathematics, Science, English and Digital Technologies and applying their knowledge in new and exciting ways via a web-based app called Tinkercad. Tinkercad is a free online collection of software tools that help people all over the world think, create and make. Keep up the amazing work Stage 3!



LEADERS INDUCTION CEREMONY

Last Wednesday 3 March 2021 we held our inaugural Leaders Induction Ceremony. It was fantastic to have each family able to have one person there to represent the family and support our new leaders. Judging by the many smiles that I saw on the day, I would say the ceremony was a huge success. I'm sure that everyone is looking forward to being on the school site more regularly to help us celebrate the achievements of our students. Thanks go to Mrs Young, Mr Johnston, Mrs Cahill and Mr Mole for their assistance on the day. Congratulations to all of our elected student leaders on the beginning of your leadership journey!



IMPORTANT DATES Wed 10/3 Student Banking

P&C Meeting

Thur 11/3 Year 7 Selective

High School Test

Mod 15/3 Sydney North PSSA

Swimming Carnival

Wed 17/3 Student Banking

Mon 22/3 Lots of Socks Day

Fri 26/3 School Photos



Thought of the Week



SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLANNING 2021 -2024

Over the past 5 weeks we have asked randomly chosen families from each class to respond to a simple survey based on the 'Family-School Partnerships Framework'. This framework classifies school activities into seven key dimensions of:

Communication / Connections with home and school / Building community and identity / Recognising the role of the family / Consultation on decision making / Collaboration beyond the school / Participation.

While we will continue to work hard to address each of these key areas at Point Clare Public School, the two main areas that were easily identifiable from analysis of the survey data were:

- 1. Connections with home and school 17.9% of respondents felt we are "not there yet".
- 2. Consultation on decision making 14.3% of respondents felt we are "not there yet".

As these were our lowest scored areas from the survey they will now form the major focus areas for our third strategic direction titled 'Authentic Community Engagement'.

GETTING ON TRACK IN TIME (GOT IT!)

We have been advised that Point Clare Public School has been successful in an application for the GETTING ON TRACK IN TIME program offered by NSW Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in partnership with the Department of Education (DoE). This is a specialised mental health early intervention program for children in Kindergarten to Year 2 (K-2) aged 5-8 years who display emerging conduct problems such as defiant, aggressive and disruptive behaviours. The targeted clinical program is delivered in the school setting in conjunction with universal Got It! interventions at a point in children's development when intervention is likely to be effective. Further advice will be made available about the program just before we commence in Term 3 this year.

NAPLAN 2021 EQUATING STUDY - REPEAT

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 and 5 who wish to withdraw their children from the study.

Scott Campbell Principal

HIGH SCHOOL 2022

Parents of our current Year 6 cohort will receive this week an Expression of Interest Application for High School 2022. This form needs to be completed and returned to your child's Teacher by 19 March 2021.

ACADEMIC STREAM - HENRY KENDALL HIGH SCHOOL

Expression of Interest Applications packs for Year 7 2022 in the Stage 4 Academic Stream Class at Henry Kendall High School are available in the School's Office. These completed applications need to be returned to your child's Teacher by Fridy 27 March, 2021.

SMILING MIND

Have you ever wondered what Mindfulness is? The following link from Smiling Minds provides a simple explanation.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaRDbLWeSXE



ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all of our competitors for their individual and combined efforts at last Friday's Zone Swimming Carnival. Overall, our school came 3rd which is a very good achievement and an improvement on last year. Some notable mentions go to:

- Harry G, who broke his previous breastroke record by almost 9 seconds.
- Sam W for becoming Junior Boys Age Champion
- The Junior Boys Freestyle Relay for finishing 1st (Sam W, Archie B, Reuben O, Cooper M)
- The Senior boys Freestyles Relay for finishing 1st (Daniel G, Knox S, Connor B, Max B)
- Ebony P for finishing 2nd in the 50 metre Freestyle event
- Cooper M, Reuben O and Sam W for finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the 50 metre Freestyle event.
- Max B for finishing 3rd in the 50 metre Freestyle event
- Elvira F for finishing 3rd in the 50 metre Freestyle event

Goodluck to the following students who have qualified for the Sydney North PSSA Carnival on Monday 15 March - Archie B, Max B, Connor B, Elvira F, Daniel G, Harry G, Cooper M, Reuben O, Ebony P, Knox S and Sam W.











AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 6















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	PRINCIPAL'S AWARD	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD
ES1 BLUE	Nate M	Jacob K	Laila P
ES1 GREEN	Dharan K	Lily P	Miles P-M
ES1 RED	Nia S	Bridie H	Anika C
ES1 YELLOW	Cairo M	Everly C	Lara P.A
S1 BLUE	Matthew Mc	Edith N	Malaki T
S1 GREEN	Fern W	Anton F	lla V
S1 PURPLE	Rory F	Ashton H	Amelia F
S1 RED	Lily C	Ava W	Lorenza S
\$1 YELLOW	Tayla G	Austin M	Ruby L
S1 ORANGE	Owen C	Lilah O	Amelia C
S1 WHITE	Erin R	Jareth R	Alyra B
S1/2 AQUA	Alice G		Tahlia M
S2 BLUE	Ryder L	Harry B	Niamh K
S2 GREEN			
S2 PURPLE	Jake G	Ava P	Vinnie P
S2 RED	Sophia F	Ebony P	Haloti T
S2 YELLOW	Elijah T	Рорру М	Taylah F
S3 BLUE	Grace G	Zac P	Lauren W
S3 GREEN	Knox S	Kiara S	Lily O
S3 RED	Audrey C	Sean H	Gisela P
S3 PURPLE	Ben E	Lucy A	Chris H
S3 YELLOW	Heidi T	Tristan B	Leonardo P



PBL

This week's focus for PBL is Going Home and Bus Lines.

When in Bus Lines students show they are following the school rules when they model:

Respect:

- Listen to teachers
- Use the 5 L's

Responsibility:

- Sit quietly in the right bus line look at the signs
- Be ready:
- Have your belongings with you
- Get your OPAL card out

Personal Best:

- Quiet walking
- line up correctly to walk out
- walking feet
- Be on time
- Go straight to bus lines from class

When Going Home students show they are following the school rules when they model:

Respect:

- Wait until your teacher dismisses you
- Listen to teacher instruction

Responsibility:

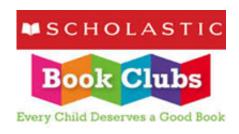
- Wait for bell
- Walk to the correct area
- Walk straight to where you need to be
- Look out for others

Personal Best:

- Walk
- Be on time

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic book club orders are due back by Tuesday 16 March. No late orders will be accepted.







Monday 15 - Friday 19 March (Term 1, Week 8)

Harmony Week is the time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism and the successful integration of migramts into our community.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of their cultural or linguistic background. Throughout Harmony Week, PCPS students will be completing activities in class, learning about different cultural backgrounds, including the meaning behind the cultural dress, foods, greetings or sayings in other languages.

* Information note on the week events to follow.







(Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day)

On MONDAY 22nd MARCH, Point Clare Public School is recognising World Down Syndrome Day. It is a day to recognise that it is ok to be yourself and to celebrate the difference in others. As a school, we are going to be wearing our most AMAZING and COLOURFUL socks!

We will be learning about what Down Syndrome is, what it means to someone that has it, and what we can do when we meet someone that may look, or do things a bit different to ourselves.

Let's see how being **DIFFERENT** is a **GOOD** thing and something to be celebrated.

Money raised will go to Down Syndrome NSW to help support people of all ages who have Down Syndrome. We look forward to celebrating this day with you!

On Monday 22nd March, wear your most colourful socks

Bring a GOLD COIN donation

PCPS PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

10th March P&C GENERAL MEETING - online at 7:30pm – see details below

8th-30th March ANNUAL PCPS P&C EASTER RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Raffle tickets going home today! More available from school office.

15-19th March CANTEEN'S HARMONY WEEK SPECIAL MENU AVAILABLE ON MUNCH MONITOR

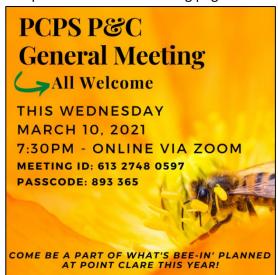
Menu details included on following pages.

26th March RETURN P&C EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR BEST SELLER PRIZES

31st March PRIZE DRAW FOR PCPS P&C EASTER RAFFLE

In case you missed our Facebook post last week, our Grants team is eager to receive input from any members of our community who have professional landscaping experience or own a nursery. If this is you, please contact us via our secretary email or message us on Facebook. The Grants team are keen to get some professional advice for their latest application. Thank you to all those who have responded to our Facebook post regarding this!

Our first Fundraiser is underway this week with the annual PCPS P&C Easter Raffle! Tickets are going home with every child today with extra booklets available from the school office. There are prizes for top sellers. Raffle details are provided on the following page.



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.

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 secretary@pointclarepandc.com

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 Selvarajaw- President, Point Clare Public School P&C Association



POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION



EASTER © RAFFLE



3 LUXURY HAMPERS TO BE WON!

TOP 3 SELLERS to be decided at 3pm on Friday 26th March 2021

[ANY MONEY/TICKETS RETURNED AFTER THIS DATE & TIME WILL NOT COUNT FOR THE SELLER PRIZE COMPETITION]

1st / 2nd/ 3rd prizes - BIG EASTER EGGS

ALL TICKETS (sold / unsold) to be returned by 3pm on Tuesday 30th March 2021



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.

SPECIAL HARMONY WEEK MENU ON NEXT PAGE

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 7	MON 8/3	TUES 9/3	WED 10/3	THUR 11/3	FRI 12/3	
9am to 11:30am		*	FILLED	FILLED	*	
3am to 11.30am						
11:30am to 2pm	FILLED	FILLED	FILLED	FILLED	TILL ED	
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Week 8	HARMONY WEEK					
WEEK O	MON 15/3	TUES 16/3	WED 17/3	THUR 18/3	FRI 19/3	
9am to 11:30am	FILLED		FILLED	FILLED	FILLED	
	FILLED					
11:30am to 2pm		FILLED		FILLED	FILLED	
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Week 9	MON 22/3	TUES 23/3	WED 24/3	THUR 25/3	FRI 26/3	
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11:30am to 2pm		₹	FILLED		FILLED	
		FILLED				
Week 10	MON 29/3	TUES 30/3	WED 31/3	THUR 1/4	FRI 2/4	
9am to 11:30am		→			PUBLIC	
					HOLIDAY –	
11:30am to 2pm		₹	FILLED		GOOD FRIDAY	
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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



2021 HARMONY WEEK CANTEEN SPECIALS

Available Online Now!

MONDAY 15TH March to FRIDAY 19th March (dates inclusive)

In Week 8 (March 15th-19th) the Canteen will be joining in with the school's Harmony Day program by adding four international cuisine lunch items to our daily specials. These dishes have been chosen as they are child-friendly options taste-wise and are also nutritious.

Part of the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy is offering items which include a variety of different ingredients which help grow healthy bodies - we encourage you to take up this opportunity for students to try something new.

Our usual daily specials and regular menu items will still be available.

When ordering online, the new menu items for the week will be under 'Daily Specials' in the Canteen section.

Please order early to allow us time to purchase ingredients and prepare for this event.

Thank you!



\$4 each

FRIED RICE

[Gluten-Free, Vegetarian & Vegan options available]

MEXICAN BEEF OR VEGETARIAN NACHOS

[With Salsa, lettuce & cheese]

BUTTER CHICKEN & RICE

[Gluten-free, mildly spiced]

MEDITTERANEAN PASTA SALAD

[Vegetarian, Contains Gluten] Feta, tomato, capsicum, olives and pesto



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DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY

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YOUR UNIFORM SHOP

>> ONLINE ORDERS ONLY <<

Please order online by <a>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.

<u>Exchanges</u>: 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











A weekend adventure with your daughter awaits!

Enjoy quality time with your daughter and experience the multi-award winning Daughters and Dads program developed by the University of Newcastle, filled with traditional camp adventure activities.

OUR DAUGHTERS AND DADS WEEKENDER PARTICIPANTS:

- Enjoy quality one-on-one time, together
- See daughters develop confidence and skills in a range of sports
- Have fun being active together with fun dad-tested activities
- Learn about building self-esteem and resilience in girls



DAUGHTERS AND DADS WEEKENDER PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Two-night weekend stay at Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre. Each dad and their daughter will have a private room at our scenic centre and your stay includes all outdoor recreation activities and meals
- · Our fun practical sessions focus on rough and tumble play, sport skills, and fitness
- Our theory sessions focus on building confidence, self-esteem, and resilience in girls
- The emphasis is on fun and the program caters for all physical activity and skill levels
- Daughters and dads both receive a program t-shirt, drink bottle and activity book

WHEN	PROGRAM TYPE	WHERE	COST
5.30pm Friday 26 March - 3.00pm Sunday 28 March	Weekender	Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre Hawkesbury River return ferry trip included from Brooklyn Wharf	\$257 dad/carer \$182 daughter includes return ferry trip

^{*}Father or significant male role models/father-figures are welcome

Proudly funded by the NSW Government In association with The University of Newcastle

To book your place visit:







^{*}Daughters should be primary school aged, minimum of five years old