POINT CLARE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Nurturing Inspiring Achieving

IMPORTANT DATES			
Wed	17/3	Student Banking	
Fri	19/3	Harmony Day	
		Yr6 - EOI Yr7 2022 due to teacher	
Mon	22/3	Lots of Socks Day (Gold coin donation)	
Wed	24/3	Student Banking	
Fri	26/3	School Photos	
Thur	1/4	Last Day - Term 1	
Mon	19/4	Staff Development Day	
Tues	20/4	Students return - Term 2	



Thought of the Week



TERM 1 | WEEK 8 | 15 MARCH 2021

EASTER HAT PARADE

Our teaching staff work extremely hard to make sure that community involvement is a feature of our school. We aim to work closely with the P & C and other community groups to achieve great outcomes for our students and the wider school community. On Friday we calculated every possibility for our potential Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 31 March. I am very excited to announce that we are now proceeding with the following events pending any further COVID-19 restrictions.

Kindergarten Easter Hat Parade – will commence at approximately 9:15am under the Hall COLA. Due to the 1.5m rule we can have up to two (2) parents / family members attend for each child in Kindergarten.

Stage 1 Easter Hat Parade – will be held under the Library COLA and will commence at approximately 9:45am following the conclusion of the Kindergarten parade. Due to the 1.5m rule we can have up to three (3) parents / family members attend for each child in Stage 1.

At this point in time Stages 2 & 3 have decided not to participate in the Easter Hat Parade but are allowed to watch the event under teacher supervision. Under the current guidelines every parent who attends on site is required to sign in twice. Once on the Service NSW QR code and then again on the COVID sign in register. This is because the school does not have access to the QR code data and cannot contact trace without the register. There will be sign on tables at the three entries to the school – both Takari Avenue entries & Scott Street.



TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

This term students in Year 4-6 are taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and there will be a follow up survey in Term 3. An individual letter was sent home last week to all students in Year 4-6 with further information.

SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLANNING 2021 -2024

Last week our staff worked on developing the major initiatives and the success criteria for Strategic Direction 2 which we have named "Enhanced Teacher Capability". Our purpose for this strategic direction is to implement a school-wide teacher professional development program that focuses on strengthening teacher quality under the framework for High Impact Professional Learning (HIPL). Our focus will be on individual professional development planning that supports our school strategic vision and priorities whilst also supporting our staff to effectively plan for and evaluate their impact on the learning of their students. The major initiatives for this strategic direction will include consolidation of our Visible Learning Program and the introduction of HIPL initiatives designed to support the achievement of our student learning targets. These include whole staff involvement in a variety of Literacy and Numeracy programs including the Structured Phonics Program, QuickSmart Numeracy and the Anita Chin Mathematics program. Another feature of this strategic direction is a strong focus on individual teacher development and professional goal setting.

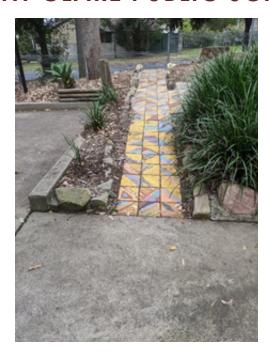


ASSET MANAGEMENT UPDATE

One of the long standing and unresolved issues from our school rebuilding program which ended in 2017 is the state of our basketball court which has deteriorated rapidly since it's installation. Late last week I was advised that Point Clare Public School is now going to be the recipient of funding to deliver the sports court remediation works project. The school applied for additional funding through the NSW Government's co-contribution Renewal Program and this has now been approved. Point Clare Public School is required to contribute 20% of the total costs of the project. This is a huge win for PCPS and I am extremely proud that I have been able to get the desired result for our school.

Additionally, our school improvement works as part of the Cooler Classrooms program are progressing to the next phase after the project engineers came and completed their final inspection for the proposed works in L Block and A Block. For this program the school committed \$50K in the 2018/2019 budget and has been rolling those committed funds over for the past two financial years.

Our newest General Assistant – Mr Greg Crowe- has been creating a fabulous path down near the bottom carpark in Takari Avenue. Once completed, the fence will be removed with the intention to eventually have a gated entrance. This pathway will become the major access point to the lower half of the school and will remove the danger and risks posed by students and visitors to the school having to walk through the carpark. I am sure everyone will agree that this is a much-needed upgrade to our school site.





STUDENT USE OF DIGITAL DEVICES AND ONLINE SERVICES

The Department of Education have released a new policy relating to student use of digital devices and online services. To reflect the new policy requirements, all schools need to update or develop a school procedure in consultation with the school community. During Term 2, 2021 Mrs Baldwin (ES1 Assistant Principal) will be leading the consultation process with our community, staff and students.

In the meantime, it is vitally important that families communicate with their children about the how to use digital technology in safe, responsible and respectful ways. Here are some key reminders for children and young people of how to stay safe online:

- Protect personal information, including name, address, school, email address, telephone number, pictures and other personal details
- Never share user names or passwords and only use your own
- Ask a teacher or other responsible adult for help if anyone online asks for personal information, wants to meet or offers money or gifts
- Let a teacher or other responsible adult know immediately if anything online that is suspicious, harm ful or inappropriate
- Never hack, disable or bypass any hardware or software security, including any virus protection,
 spam and filter

Scott Campbell Principal

HIGH SCHOOL 2022

Parents of our current Year 6 cohort last week received 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.

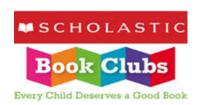
ACADEMIC STREAM - HENRY KENDALL HIGH SCHOOL

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.

OUTSTANDING ARTWORK

Well done to our budding Stage 2 artist, Flynn O who has created this outstanding artwork at his local art class. We are looking forward to seeing your artistic progress in the future.

Mrs Young
Deputy Principal



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic book club orders are due back tomorrow, **Tuesday 16 March.**

No late orders will be accepted.



PBL

This week's focus for PBL is the COLA.

When in the COLA area students show they are following the school rules when they model:



Respect:

- Include others
- Follow instructions
- · Polite and positive talk

Responsibility:

- Sit down to eat
- Play in correct areas
- Put rubbish in bins

Personal Best:

- · Play fair
- Wear a hat
- · Look after your belongings



Games that can be played under the COLA include skipping, handball, checkers, chess and board games.

AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 7

	PRINCIPAL'S AWARD	MERIT AWARD	PBL AWARD
ES1 BLUE	Penny F	Evie H	Marley F
ES1 GREEN	Mya G	Max D	Lily-Rose O
ES1 RED	Layla H	Nate P	Katence C
ES1 YELLOW	Ella W	Alearah S	Beatriz C.P
S1 BLUE	Elisie I	Kalayla B	Ivy R
\$1 GREEN	Angus W	Elena R	Eve D
S1 PURPLE	Matilda G	Skye T	Martin W
S1 RED	Jax M	Isaac H	Gabrielle W
\$1 YELLOW	Beau L	Phoenix S	Maddy H
\$1 ORANGE	Jude s	Claire P	Jaiden M
S1 WHITE	Ariel M	Dylan I	Noah H
S1/2 AQUA	Olivia K	Abigail F	Braxtyn F
S2 BLUE	Teele KW	Chloe H	Hermione L
S2 GREEN	AxelS	Isabel M	Indiana B
S2 PURPLE	Lexie B	Elsie H	Yvie C
S2 RED	Mia B	Will C	Jack P
\$2 YELLOW	Daniel H	Phoenix F	Callie S
S3 BLUE	Erin O	Isabella H	Georgia P
\$3 GREEN	Max B	Harry J	Adrian R
S3 RED	Matilda S	Malakai F	Roman D
S3 PURPLE	Sam W	Taio S	Grace V
\$3 YELLOW	Anneliese P	Jaxon B	Ryan S





















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

Harmony Week is the time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism and the successful integration of migrates 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

say cheese

School Photo Day is

26 March 2021

Have your child's school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography Flyer and remember these helpful points:

You can place your order online up to 7 days after photo day

- 1. Log on to www.msp.com.au and click ORDER ONLINE.
- 2. Enter the Shoot Key and select the pack you wish to order.

To order a pack for another student from the same family at the same school use the

"Change Shoot Key" function to enter the next shoot key.

Want to order later, individual students only... phone our office (orders will be subject to a surcharge).

Family order forms can be collected from the school office

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

e admin.nhvcc@msp.com.au p 02 4966 8292 www.msp.com.au



PCPS PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

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

More raffle tickets available from school office!

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

Menu details included on the 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

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

We are estimating that the AGM will be able to 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	

PCPS PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

WELCOME 2021 YEAR 6 CANTEEN LEADERS

Last Tuesday our first group of Year 6 Canteen Leaders began their role in the Canteen under the guidance of our 3 supportive staff. Thank you to Mr Aaron Johnston for assisting us with organising our 2021 Canteen Leaders. It gave me a wonderful sense of school pride to see our new Canteen Leaders take on their roles with a tremendous level of maturity. We are very grateful to you all for the support you will be providing to our Canteen's operations and hope that you will enjoy the experiences gained.

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

Our email is secretary@pointclarepandc.com

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



YOUR CANTEEN

>> ONLINE ORDERS ONLY << ORDERS DUE BY 8:15AM

SPECIAL HARMONY WEEK MENU ON NEXT PAGE

Special event weeks are usually very 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 (green means it's available):

Week 8	HARMONY WEEK					
vveek 8	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	FILLED		FILLED	FILLED	
Week 9	MON 22/3	TUES 23/3	WED 24/3	THUR 25/3	FRI 26/3	
	101014 22/3	1013 23/3	WED 24/3	1110K 25/5	SCHOOL PHOTOS	
9am to 11:30am	FILLED	◇	FILLED	FILLED	FILLED	
	FILLED					
11:30am to 2pm		♦			FILLED	
		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	♦	FILLED		DUDUG	
					PUBLIC HOLIDAY –	
11:20am to 2nm		♦				
11:30am to 2pm	FILLED	FILLED	FILLED		GOOD FRIDAY	

Please contact us via our email to let us know if you are available for any of the times shown above or next term. 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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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

RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON Wednesday 31st March 2021

PCPS PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION



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 first and last names 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.

PRELOVED UNIFORMS: We are currently in the process of making this available once again via the Uniform Shop.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? 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.

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



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









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 0432 453 726



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.



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
- · 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 *Daughters should be primary school aged, minimum of five years old







