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'Be Safe, Be Fair, Be Kind, Be Cooperative'

Principal's Report

Christmas Pageant

Congratulations to our whole school community on an absolutely fantastic Christmas Pageant held at school last Friday evening. The evening was a great success and we were over whelmed by the enormous response by our school community in supporting this activity. A very big thank you to Ms Sara Holden for organising the pageant. Sara is a very talented Creative Arts Teacher and we are so fortunate to have her working with our students and staff. A very big thank you to staff who spent a lot of time preparing our students and congratulations to our students who performed magnificently. This activity was a real showcase for our school and it reflects the very positive impression of our school we are developing and the wider community. To have all the students and staff singing the final item together was absolutely tremendous. Coffs Harbour Public School should be very proud of this achievement.

Our thanks to the P & C for organising the bbq and the Christmas raffle.

P & C Hamper Raffle Winners were -

1st Prize- Jack Arthur

2nd Prize- Stacey Fletcher

Year 6 Dinner

Congratulations to all our year 6 students on their fantastic response to the year 6 dinner. Our students looked very smart, as did our staff. The night was a great success and we thank Mrs Firkins for her organisation again. I am sure all our students had a very enjoyable night as did our staff.

Rotary Christmas Party

A big thank you to the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour South for their great support of our Special Education students in hosting a Christmas party which was held at our school last Thursday. The Christmas party was a fantastic success with great attendance from our Special Education families. Our big thanks to Ms Bullen for organising this very successful activity.



Volunteers Morning Tea

Yesterday our school hosted a morning tea to celebrate the fantastic contribution our volunteers make in our school. Our volunteers make a substantial contribution to the learning of our students and we all greatly appreciate them giving up their time to support our wonderful school.

End of Term Rewards

Today our school is holding end of term rewards for all students who have achieved the required levels. Students will be involved in a variety of activities including, swimming at our local pool, class parties and games and movie time slots. I would like to congratulate all these students on achieving this level in 2011. These students represent the very large majority of our student population.

Students who did not achieve the required level remained at school to complete work as per a normal day. These students need to reflect on their behaviour and improve this area in 2012.

Talent Quest

Tomorrow our school is holding its Annual Talent Quest at 11.30am in our school hall. Good luck to all our students who are participating and our big thank you to Miss Jacobson and Mrs Mifsud for organising this fantastic activity, which is always a highlight of the year for our students and staff.

Presentation Night

Thank you to all our parents and community members who attended last Thursday night's presentation. Again we were very happy with the number of families who attended and despite a few

hiccoughs with the music the night progressed very well. Our thanks to Mrs Firkins and our staff for their organisation of this activity and Jetty High School for the loan of their school hall.

Major Award winners were:

Sportsmanship	Lainey Prendergast	Damien Dickson
CAPA The Ben McPherson Award	Sarah Hodgson	
Conduct and Courtesy	Stage 1: Sharlah Taylor	Tara Errington
	Stage 2: Malakhi Donovan	Latrell Dabinett-Widders
	Stage 3: Jade Elworthy	Kirsten Yap
Leadership Award	Sarah Parry Matty Jones Nelson Burrell	Lainey Prendergast Stephen O'Neill
Aboriginal Award	Darnell Craigie Ciara Bell	Jorja Bell Storm Lockwood Elayla Spencer-Roberts
Citizenship Award	Luke Croak	
DUX	Matty Jones	

Class Awards were:

	Application	Most Improved	Academic Achievement
1AH Mrs Hodgson	Brendan Herbert	Kiahla Spencer	Sarah Bourne
1B Mrs Baird	Bethany Mills	Jackson Whittaker	Sandrine Niyo
2M Miss Mulrooney	Isabella Farrah	Mustafa Yahya	Daniel Prendergast
2/30 Mrs O'Donnell	Lionel Yap	Joshua Richter	Deon Johnson Molly Hardey
2/4ST Mrs Stewart Mr Thompson	Olivia Sykes	Kaitlan Carmady	Kane Barnett

	Application	Most Improved	Academic Achievement
1/6S Mrs Snodgrass	Adrian Smith	Luke Page	Bradley Coleman
3/6C Mrs Court	Patrick Connor	Tylor Wood	Brooke Juratowich
3C Miss Callinan	Kahlara Lacey	William Metham	Tahlia Jobson
3/4HE Mrs Hayes Mr Easey	Samantha Hickson	Grace Snowball	Angus Croak
4M Mrs Martin	Noah Mackie	Maia Angking	Oriana Watts

	Application	Most Improved	Academic Achievement
5N Mrs Newton	Dylan Taylor	Kirsty Matthews	Jacob Thacker
5M Miss Mulrooney	Clayton Finch	Tayalee Flanders	Stella Corlett
6M Mr Murphy	Jake West-Farrelly	Lorissa Fitzpatrick	Emma Patterson
6F Mrs Firkins	Jahnaya Butler	Annaleise Baird	Peter Guise

PB and Gold Assembly

On Friday, our school is holding our end of term Personal Best and Gold Assembly. The infants assembly will begin at 11.30am and the primary assembly at 12.15pm. All parents are welcome to attend these assemblies.

Murals

Our very big thank you to Mrs Deb Mulrooney and Miss Mel Mulrooney for volunteering their time and completing the new murals adorning our infants quadrangle. They look absolutely fantastic!

Swimming Carnival

Students will receive permission notes for 2012 Swimming Carnival which is being held on Tuesday January 31st, 2012 (second day back next year). If possible could we have these notes returned by this Friday. Students who do not return them will receive an additional note on the first day of term, which will have to be returned the morning of the carnival. This is the time slot our school has been allocated and we are not able to negotiate the day.

Retirements

This year we have 2 members of our staff retiring. Mrs Lee Bergin, has been involved with our special education students for many years as a School Learning Support Officer. Lee is an outstanding member of our team and her work with our students has been exemplary.

Mrs Lyn Howlin has also been involved in our school for many years in her role as Teacher/Librarian. Lyn's work has also been outstanding and her innovation and motivation of our students will be sorely missed.

We wish both Lyn and Lee and long and healthy retirement and we hope they both visit our school regularly.

We also wish Mrs Alison Nash all the best throughout 2012. Alison will be on leave during this period and will return in 2013.

Congratulations to Ms Angie Skuthorpe who has accepted a full time teaching position at Brewarrina Central School. Angie has been working at Brewarrina this year and we wish her all the best for her future teaching career.

Our sincere thanks also go to two of our Temporary Teachers who will not be returning in 2012. Mrs Tasmyn Lessells and Miss Alicia Jacobson have both done a fantastic job with our kindergarten and year 1 classes during the past 3 years. We wish Mrs Lessells a relaxing time prior to the birth of her second baby and Miss Jacobson all the best in her future teaching career.

Congratulations to our choir, skippers and dancers who performed at Cavanbah Hall yesterday in front of a very large crowd. As per usual our students performance was exceptional and was very well received by the audience.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Leaders for 2011 on their excellent efforts this year and congratulations to our incoming leaders for 2012. They are: **Captains** – Garang Garang and Anaelle Emile and **Vice Captains** – Christian Christensen and Makayla Veale. We are looking forward to working with our new leaders in 2012. Congratulations also to year 6 on graduating this year and we wish them all the very best on their transition to high school next year. We know they will excel in 2012 and beyond.

Our thanks to our P & C for their excellent work throughout 2011. This small but dedicated committee have made a significant difference to our school.

Finally, a very big thank to our dedicated, professional staff who have worked tirelessly throughout 2011. The great improvements in many areas of our school reflect the enormous effort our staff place on meeting the educational outcomes of all students. Our students' highlights are many and varied and we congratulate all students on the many unique achievements they have gained throughout 2011.

I would like to wish all our students, staff and school community a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. A reminder that school commences in **2012 on Monday January 30th**. We are all looking forward to a very successful and exciting 2012 where, again, our school will have a number of very exciting initiatives implemented.

Mr Peter Hickey
Principal

A reminder of some very important dates

Wednesday December 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Talent Quest from 11.30
Friday December 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PB and Gold Assembly LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Friday January 27, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff return to school
Monday January 30, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students Return New Kindergarten students are timetabled throughout the week for Best Start testing
Tuesday January 31, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming Carnival – students from years 3 to 6 plus 8 year olds from year 2 who are competent swimmers



A reminder to all families regarding the bonus points our school receives for purchases made at AMart All Sports. If you happen to be shopping for Christmas presents in this store, just mention our school name and points will be awarded. Thank you.

Assembly Awards:

Merit Awards	Citizenship	Bookwork	Free Choice	Student of the week
1/6S			Luke Page	Lachlan Snow
30	Jim Dickson		Martika Matthews	
3C	Jacob Taylor	Imogene Carriage-Jarrett	Jake Thompson	William Metham
3/4HE	Chris Ginn	Ebony Tolley	Jacob Smidt	Bya Reh
4M	Jack Arthur	Mohamed Roba	Kaylah Mercy	Neihana Milne
5N	Beau-Dae Lindsey	Lara Croft-Leonard	Elijah Peisker	Tayla Mills
5M	Christian Christensen	Zoe McPherson	Tayalee Flanders	Taylor Favell
6M	Connor Morton	Zoe Gridgeman	Jasmyne Thomas	Bettina Froesch
6F	Stephen O'Neill	Leroy Drough	Sarah Parry	Lainey Prendergast

Bronze Awards: Molly Hardey, Jacob Smidt, Keasa Militoni.

Silver Awards: Kalisha Craig, Lachlan Snow, Ella Palmer, Angela Grills, Zoe Gridgeman, Jasmyne Thomas, Bettina Froesch.

P & C News

Thank you to the School Community who supported the P & C Raffle and BBQ last Friday evening at the Christmas Concert, 240 sausages were consumed, now that's a BBQ.

The P & C monthly meeting is to be held in the staff room tomorrow night 14th December starting at 6pm. Hope to see you there, Joe Parry President.

Canteen News

Our Display Refrigerator has arrived!!!! Wahoo, now we can see our chilled products, like milk, juices, water, fruit, butterfly cakes and devon rolls and it saves our valuable volunteers some walking too, has to be good!!!. Thanks to our milk supplier Parmalat, it comes free of charge.

Canteen Roster 12th-16th December

Mon Sarah, Joe
Tues Caz, Sarah, Joe
Wed Sarah, Meg, Joe
Thurs Joe
Fri Trish, Joe

From all at the Canteen, **MERRY CHRISTMAS**, we hope you have a safe and happy holiday, see you in 2012.

Swans Visit

Students and parents spent last Thursday morning with two players from the Sydney Swans for the PaCE program launch. The AFL has introduced a program to better engage Indigenous parents and communities. (Parental and Community Engagements.)

