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

Principal's Report

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all our students who participated in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge. The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge has been running for 10 years and in 2011 219299 students were successful, which is a massive improvement from 2001 when 5900 completed the challenge. Congratulations to a large number of our students who received Gold Achievement Awards and a very large number of our students received Recognition Certificates for completing the challenge as well. Our thanks to Mrs Howlin for her continued commitment and encouragement of our students to participate in this important reading challenge.

Mrs Howlin's Blog Nomination

Mrs Howlin has been nominated for the best Library Blog for her Cosy Corner segment. This is a worldwide competition and Lyn was nominated by a lady in America who has nominated it for **Best Library Blog**. The nomination can be read at: <http://whatelse.edublogs.org/2011/11/26/edubl-ogs-awards-honoring-resources/comment-page-1/#comment-204> This is great recognition for the fantastic work Mrs Howlin does in our library where the children have had many exciting journeys this year. We wish Lyn all the best for her nomination.

'Yarn Up' Day

On Thursday the Sydney Swans are visiting our school as part of 'Yarn Up' day. Our Aboriginal students will be attending a clinic as part of the introduction of the **PACE** program which is designed to enhance the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to engage with the school and education providers, and to build strong relationships to support high expectations of learning outcomes. Parents are also invited on this which will begin with the Sydney Swans visit at 9.30am followed by 'Yarn up' at 10.30 and a bbq for our Aboriginal families at 11.00am.

Year 6 Dinner

Tonight we are holding our formal dinner for our year 6 students beginning at 6pm and concluding

at 8.30pm. We are all looking forward tonight's activities. Please be prompt in collecting your child from the Coffs Harbour Ex Services Club. Our thanks to Mrs Firkins for organising tonight's festivities.

Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour South Christmas Party

Tonight our Special Education students will be participating in the Annual Christmas Party hosted by the Rotary Club. The party is from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at school. Our thanks to the Rotary Club for their continued support of our special education students and our thanks to Ms Bullen for organising tonight's Christmas party.

Reports

This Wednesday, all students will receive their semester 2 reports. If you need further clarification on your child's report, please contact their teacher before the end of the year.

P & C Raffle

A reminder to please return raffle tickets and money to school by Wednesday 7th December. Any further donations of prizes would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those families who have already donated. The raffle will be drawn on Friday evening following the Christmas Pageant.

Presentation Night

A reminder, this Thursday our Presentation Night is being held at the Jetty High School with a 6.30 start. **All students attending must be in full school uniform.**

Christmas Pageant

This Friday, our Christmas Pageant will be held in our school hall. The P & C are running a bbq from 5pm and the concert will begin at 5.30pm. Please come along and support your children and the staff, who will also be performing a number!

Dance Enrichment Program

This year's Dance Enrichment Program which was supported by Coffs Harbour High School students, will conclude tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon with all the dancers performing at 2.30pm in our hall. Again we thank the students from Coffs

Harbour High for their excellent mentoring or our students, who have really enjoyed this very positive experience.

Mr Peter Hickey
Principal

A reminder of some very important dates

Tuesday December 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 dinner Rotary Special Ed. Christmas Party
Wednesday December 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Scripture Service 9.30am School Reports home 'Yarn Up' day with Sydney Swans
Thursday December 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School presentation night to be held at Coffs Jetty High School from 6.30pm
Friday December 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Christmas Spectacular to be held in our school bbq from 5.00pm and concert from 5.30
Tuesday December 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Term Rewards Day
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

Intensive Swimming

Students from year 2 and non swimmers up to year 6 as well as our ESL and Special Education students are participating in the Intensive Swimming Program daily conducted at the Coffs Harbour Pool. Because we live so close to the beach, this program is extremely important for our students to participate in.



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:

Merits	Free Choice	Positive Behaviour	Literacy Numeracy	Book Work	Student Of Week
KN	Lily Bellamy	Meisha Angking	Levi Mackie Kalisha Craig Caleb Errington		Godson Amediga
KL	Paige Sutton	Layla Atherton	Aimen Samani Micheal O'Neill	Shaun Onley	Braydon Clifford
KLJ	Zech Sole	Bailey Hickson	Chloe Wear-Brodie Ella Ussher	Marcus McAllister	Sifan Desalegn
K2/N	Mark Yanga Hugo Kraemer				
1B	Ezzard Weldon	Kai Panazzo	Jackson Whittaker Jai Raynoud Quirk	Charlotte Lowe	Tre Mercy
1AH	Zoe Schoenmaekers	Saxon Luke	Sharlah Taylor Jordy Thomas	Bae Meh	Nicholas Orchard
2M	Daniel Prendergast	Kaylee Palmer	Blain Dwyer Caitlyn Kelso	Brianna Wright-Hart	Laurence Roberts
20	Ahmed Abdelrhman		Curtis Stares Tara Errington	Lionel Yap	Mabior Garang

Merit Awards	Citizenship	Bookwork	Free Choice	Student of the week
1/6S				
3/6C		Damien Dickson	Brooke Juratowich	Brianna Maynard
3C	Kieren Fernando	Damien Pitt	Chloe Sole	Kody Finch
3/4HE	Moana Hepi	Jorja Bell	Angus Croak	Micheal Gardner
4M	Latrel Dabinett-Widders	Angela Grills	Kye Hickson	Maia Angking
5N	Teha Kale Kale	Lara Corft-Leonard	Shane Dwyer	Makayla Veale
5M	Garang Garang	Anaelle Emile	Desyrai Reddy	Isaac Sawires
6F	Storm Lockwood	Damien White	Peter Guise	Leroy Drough
6M	Jarrold B	Bettina Foresch	Zoe Gridgeman	Sara-Lee Spies

Bronze Awards: Sophie Hutchinson, Blain Dwyer, Tquile Singh, Tommeisha Butler, Kirsty Matthews.

Silver Awards: Laurence Roberts, Jadzea Johnson, Bethany Mills, Lily Bellamy, Kalisha Craig, Levi Mackie, Mark Yanga, Jami-Lee Beeston Brown,

Gold Awards: Annaleise Baird, Sarah Parry, Storm Lockwood.

Giving Tree



Each year students and staff provide Christmas gifts for those less fortunate than our selves. Whilst you're shopping if you could spend a little extra to provide some joy to needy Coffs Harbour local families, it would be greatly appreciated. All you need to do is send in a small gift to school, unwrapped, for our school to pass on to a local charity. These gifts can be for boys, girls, children or adults. Thank you

International Day of People with a Disability

A special Sports Day was held on Friday December 2nd 2011 at Sportz Central to commemorate the International Day of people with a Disability. Twelve students from the Support Unit attended the 'Come and Try' sports day. A variety of sports were on offer including wheelchair basketball, t-ball, table tennis, rugby and blind bowls. A magic performance by 'Troppo Bob' and a musical item by the group "Rise and Shine" entertained the enthusiastic crowd. Lunch and morning tea were provided and everybody not only had a fun filled day, but went home exhausted!



P & C News

A reminder the next P & C meeting will be held Wednesday evening 14th December. Meeting starts at 6pm and lasts about one hour. Meetings are held in the staff room and all welcome.

Don't forget the sausage sizzle to be held this Friday evening commencing at 5pm before the Christmas Pageant that starts at 5.30pm. If you can help with the sizzle your time will be greatly appreciated by the school community.

Canteen News

Mmmm, how good are the apple and cinnamon muffins available this week, with or without freshly whipped cream, they are delicious.

We also have home grown, canteen cooked beetroot this week. Anyone for a beetroot sandwich?

Canteen Roster 5th-9th December

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



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Would you like your kids to become fitter, healthier and happier?

Take the opportunity to enrol in this highly successful program for 2012

Go4Fun is a **FREE** program which aims to teach kids how to be healthy and fit and stay that way and best of all its **Fun**. The program is run over the school term and has been specifically designed for children aged 7-13 years who are above a healthy weight and their primary carer/s.

Go4Fun involves a fun approach to learning skills for life such as:

- Weekly games and activities for children;
- Easy and effective ways to improve children's nutrition, physical activity and self-esteem;
- Practical demonstrations, games and tips about healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes;
- A fun supermarket tour and a chance to try delicious new foods;
- Meet new people and make new friends!

Registrations are now being taken for programs in Coffs Harbour, Toormina and Woolgoolga **in 2012**. Call the Coffs Harbour Women's Health Centre on 66528111 to find out more and see whether your child qualifies, email NKerr@chwhc.com.au or visit www.mendcentral.org/au