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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and work and we pay our respects to the Elders both past and present.

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Principal's Report

Christmas Disney Concert

Last Friday evening's Disney Concert was a fantastic success. The performances by our students were outstanding and again this highlights the excellent Creative Arts program provided by our school. Congratulations to Ms Holden on her leadership of this initiative and our wonderful staff for their fantastic support across the board. It was wonderful to have so many members of our school community attending our concert and supporting our P & C raffle, bbq and drinks. We hope you all enjoyed the night and the performances of your children. To have our students, staff and community working so well together reflects the excellent positive culture we are establishing at our school. Congratulations to our whole Coffs Harbour Public School Community on what was a wonderful representation of Public School Education. The concert has been uploaded on our school blog for you to view.

Presentation Night

A big congratulations to all our student winners at last week's Presentation Night and also to the students who attended but were not recipients of awards on the night. Thanks also to our families who attended. We were very pleased with the presentation night and we thank Mrs Firkins for her organisation and Mrs Kearns for the loan of the Jetty High School hall. Congratulations to our new



school leaders for 2013 – Olivia Steel, Angus Croak as Captains and Oriana Watts and Noah Mackie, as Vice Captains. Also congratulations to our current school leaders Garang Garang, Christian Christensen, Mikayla Veale and Anaëlle Emile on the wonderful way they have lead our school this year. Thanks also to Tahlia Snow who has done an

outstanding job relieving on occasions throughout the year.

End of Term Reward Day

Congratulations to all the students who are attending today's reward day. Our special education students will have rewards day today and tomorrow. Students who have not been in the yellow book, have excellent attendance and attitude also received their AAA Rewards Certificate. Congratulations to all these students.

Year 6

Congratulations to all our year 6 students who graduate to high school next year. We wish you all the very best of luck with your transition into high school in 2013. Our thanks to Mrs Firkins, Mr Murphy, Mr Thompson and Mrs Court for guiding



year 6 students this year. Last week's Year 6 Dinner was a great success and the students who attended had a very enjoyable night and they all looked very smart in their formal attire. Our thanks again to Mrs Firkins for organising this dinner and all of our staff who were able to attend.

Talent Quest

Yesterday our school held its Annual Talent Quest organised by Mrs Mifsud. The talent quest was a fantastic success and again it highlighted how many very talented creative arts students we have in our school with many of the performances very well received by our audience. Congratulations to all the winners and our judges Mr Easey, Mrs O'Donnell and Mrs Court. Our thanks to Mrs Mifsud for her organisation of this event.

2013 Organisation

Currently we are organising classes, management plans, staffing etc. for 2013. We are proceeding with 16 mainstream classes and 5 special

education classes plus our additional support staff. This includes 3 kindergarten classes. Due to our additional funding, we will again be able to maintain small class sizes which will greatly benefit students and staff in achieving excellent outcomes. The very large majority of our staff will be at our school in 2013.

2012 has been a truly outstanding year for our school and we have continued to raise the profile in a very positive manner with our student's performances excellent, quality of teaching delivered by our staff high class, and relationships with our community very positive. We look forward to another outstanding year in 2013. I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and safe holiday period. School resumes on Wednesday 30th January 2013 for students. School will be operational on Tuesday 29th January for our staff for professional development. You may contact the school on this day if you require any communication or to purchase uniforms.

Yesterday students received notes re class requirements for their stages in 2013. A reminder that book pack fees are due early in 2013. We have kept these at a very reasonable price to support our families. Book packs will not be given out until fees are received.

Thanks to Mr Parry for running our canteen this year and all volunteers who have assisted him and our thanks to our wonderful P & C and Mrs Thacker who was President this year.

We also thank Mrs Kate Booth for the outstanding work she has done in our school in initiating and maintaining our school blog and her work with our students with very innovative technology throughout the year. Kate has done this voluntarily and she has spent many hours supporting our school and we are very, very grateful for her contribution.

Mr P Hickey
Principal

News from the Instructional Leaders Desk

Since my appointment to Coffs Harbour Public School at the beginning of term 4 I have had the privilege of working with K-2 teachers. I would like to congratulate them on the fantastic job that they have been doing, especially in literacy and numeracy. All students across K-2 have shown significant growth in targeted areas over the last 5 weeks. This is directly attributed the explicit teaching from the K-2 staff.

Mrs Leonie Buehler – Instructional Leader

Award Winners for 2012

Class	Application	Most Improved	Academic Achievement
1H	Musa Yahya	Godson Amediga	Lindal Laws-Kahn
1B	James Filewood	Aimen Abdelrhman	Rohan Stamper
1AL	Paige Sutton	Quianna Allen	Kieran Austin
2M	Saxon Luke	Faith Rounthwaite	Mikal Tesfamariam
2O	Sarah Bourne	Tquile Singh	Kai Panozzo
1/3S	Kaitlan Carmady	Thomas Duffy	Hugo Kramer
K/1D	Aliviah Williamson		
3/6T	Adrian Smith		Zac Newton-Crow
3/6C	Patrick Connor	Amber Jones	Jannaya Burnett
3C	Blain Dwyer	Caitlyn Kelso	Daniel Prendergast
3/4HE	Samantha Hickson	Asra Salman	Kahlara Lacey Joban Singh
4P	Codey McGrady	Biniam Tesfamariam	Tahlia Jobson
5N	Oriana Watts	Hannah Rogerson	Angus Croak
5M	Robert Mailey	Luke Freeman-Tonks	April Nguyen
6M	Angel Hawkins	Saadia Ahmed Roba	Kaila Bell
6F	Lara Croft-Leonard	Garang Garang	Jarra Fitzpatrick

Sportsmanship: Christian Christensen

CAPA – Ben McPherson Award: Zoe McPherson

Conduct and Courtesy Awards:

Stage 1 (Quota Club): Royce Johnson, Say Mu

Stage 2 (View Club): Isabella Farrah, Riya Miller-Naidu

Stage 3 (Essential Energy) Faith Hyland-Taylor, Kaila Bell, Jim Dickson

Leadership: Anaëlle Emile, Garang, Makayla Veale, Christian Christensen, Tahlia Snow

Indigenous Award:

Stage 1: Alistar Driver

Stage 2: Malakhi Donovan

Stage 3: Nara Donovan

Citizenship Award: Tahlia Snow

DUX for 2012: Dylan Taylor

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event
18/12	Tues	• End of term rewards for whole school
19/12	Wed	• Final day for students
29/1/13	Tues	• Staff return to school
30/1/13	Wed	• Students return