



Coffs Harbour Public School

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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

**Please note

Please ensure your child has a packed recess and lunch each Tuesday as the canteen is not open on that day

Reports

At this stage of term 4, teachers have finalised all student reports and they are being sent to the printers shortly. Reports will be sent during week 10.

Intensive Swimming

Congratulations to the students and staff involved in the Intensive Swimming program during the past 2 weeks. This program is well received by students and an extremely positive experience for them. The survival skills learned are essential for living close to the coastal waterways.

Surf Safety

Again this year, our stage 3 students will be attending the Surf Safety program at Park Beach. Our students have been attending this program for some years now and again the survival skills learned are lifelong. Thank you to our staff involved in this fantastic program.

Improved Attendance

Congratulations to all students and families on the greatly improved attendance for this term. During term 3 our attendance indicated that on every school day there were 32 students absent. The impact on their learning is significant. Over the 13 years most students are at school, if 1 day per week is

missed this equates to nearly 3 years of lost learning time. We appreciate your support in getting your children to school on time each day.

Mini-Fete

The school Mini-fete is going to be on Tuesday 26th November. Notes and information will be made available as we get organised.



Mrs Graham is busy organising a Bric-a-brac stall. If you have any items that you could donate that would be appropriate for this stall please send them in labelled to Mrs Graham.

Administration Routine Changes

We are currently in the process of introducing new finance and student computer systems at our school. We are one of only 229 schools in the state to be piloting these programs. We ask for your support during the next 2 weeks as we 'go live' and are unable to receipt/draw cheques or complete any financial transactions under the old OASIS system. We will receipt manually at the end of the school day and receipts will be sent home with your child. If you are sending notes and money to school please ensure you use the envelopes supplied to your child by their classroom teacher.

This is a busy term and the staff and students are working hard towards getting their Christmas pageant items ready. Please keep up to date with school notes as we have to

ensure money and notes are in by a set date for us to maintain our financial upgrade. We are unable to continue handing out change with the new system.

We appreciate how difficult this is at times however when we have the new system in place things will be easier. We appreciate your support with this matter.

Reminder: All notes and money are required to be returned to school by stated date, in the envelopes provided. If you do not have a school envelope, any sealed envelope is acceptable. Please follow these directions closely as it is very disappointing for your child when they miss out on planned activities.

Uniform Layby System

Our school offers parents the opportunity to layby school uniforms for their children. This process allows all students to be included in wearing our school uniform with pride. Unfortunately we have outstanding amounts due – some long overdue. The school will be sending home letters with a view to recovering money owed. At this stage there are outstanding amounts of over \$2500. This is a huge load for our school to carry as it impacts on other resources required in the day to day running of programs at school for your children. We appreciate your support in finalising your layby payments before the end of the school year.

Harvey Norman BBQ

The special education staff at school are continuing with their fundraising efforts to purchase a bus and refurbish the playground. We will be hosting the bbq area outside Harvey Norman on Saturday 30th November from 8am til late. If you are out and about on this day, please support this activity.

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End of Year Concert

The school pageant is being held on Friday December 6 in the hall. We are asking for volunteers to man the bbq, drinks, popcorn and other stalls. If you are able to please contact the school or email ajcraig75@gmail.com

Mathlete of the Week



Congratulations Yafet Tadesse in 4J.

David Helfgott **Concert**

The theme for the evening is “Inclusive Community” and will showcase talent from various local performers and the star of the show, David Helfgott. The Concert will be celebrating International Day of people with Disability.



The performance takes place at the Jetty Memorial Theatre on Saturday the 7th December at 6.30pm.

Tickets available at Jetty Theatre Box office now or www.jettytheatre.com.au These tickets are selling fast so if you intend on going to see this amazing pianist, please get your tickets now.

P & C News **Christmas Raffle**

The P&C are organising a Christmas raffle for the end of the year. The funds raised from these events go to support programs and specific endeavours occurring in the school.

We are asking families to donate non-perishable Christmas items and children’s toys to have in the raffle.



Toy Catalogues

The Toy catalogue ordering has been extended to December 4. Please send in orders to the school office.

Canteen Sub Committee.

The next meeting at 2pm on the 28th November in the TPL room. This meeting will look at the surveys recently sent to families with a view to establish a plan for the coming school year. We will address issues surrounding the menu, volunteers and other identified concerns. This meeting is open to all P&C members, not just sub-committee.

One concern that has been raised is that orders are sometimes changed. Generally a discussion with the child has taken place and only occurs when incorrect money is placed in the order bag e.g. a milk may be changed to juice or similar.

School Banking



Congratulations for being involved in the School Banking program this year. If you have collected 10 or more silver Dollarmites tokens you MUST redeem them for a reward before the end of Term 4 as, due to a system change, you won't be able to use these tokens next year. All students will be starting from zero tokens in 2014.

Important: Our Dollarmites Moneyboxes will no longer be available from next year. Some rewards are in limited. Supply and are on a "while stocks last" basis.

TERM 4 COMPETITION

There is still 2 weeks left in our Term 4 Competition! All students need to do is to bank 2 times within the competition period and they could win one of 60 iPods or 100 Kids DVD packs!

Coffs Harbour High School Orientation Day
Wednesday 4th December 2013

Toormina High School Information Night

Tuesday 26th November 2013 at 6pm



Bus Application Form 2014

As you are aware the Transport for NSW requires a new application form for free travel for students who commence Year 3. When you receive the completed application forms for Year 3 2014 would you kindly sign and date all forms then forward to **Busways Pymble**, Level 1, 5 Bridge St Pymble NSW 2073 (Locked Bag 61).

Year 6 Students Progressing to High School

Parents have been asked to forward the completed Bus Application form to the High School their children will be attending in 2014. Parents of children deemed ineligible may apply directly to Transport for NSW stating their reasons.

Busways has sent a letter and application to all Year 6 students currently attending our school.

Term passes will be available to ineligible students, parents may obtain the cost from their local depot during December/January holidays.

K-2 Assembly Awards

	Student of the week	Class Awards		
Kindy Blue	Daniel Craig	Agatha Nau Lak	Tahlia Waters	Leyland Roberts
Kindy Red	Chelsea Wilson	Ahmed Yaha	Deegan Johnston	Jayda Wright-Hart
Kindy Yellow	Mialee Houghton	Nasibo Dida	Robert Masapa	Annette Mercy
1B	Blake Greenup	Nerada Goodrum	Zahra Arabzadeh	Phoebe Martin
1L	Diego Recinos	Cooper Fagan	Janaya Croft-Leonard	Marli Craigie
2M	Kirsty Schmidt	April Eather	Nyuon Garang	Kieran Mant
2O	Aimen Samani	Bibi Allah	Indy Soworka	Ta-Niqua Waters
2B	Braydan Clifford	Ceeanna Weldon	Shaun Onley	Zech Sole
K-2N		Daniel Bennington	Yasmin Hibbard	



3-6 Assembly Awards

	Citizenship	Bookwork	Free Choice	Student of the Week
3P	Saxon Luke	Kai Panozzo	Kobie McAllister	Sharlah Taylor
3/4H	Tquile Singh	Rut Gebreidhim	Hachi Heidari	Angel Waters
4J	Hayley Favell	Luke Panonzzo	Yafet Tadesse	Daniel Prendergast
4/5C	Sophie Clifford	Tara Errington	Hudson Baldwin	Mabior Garang
5M	William Metham	Kristina Craig	Alicia Campbell	Kahlara Lacey
6F	Latrell Dabinett-Widders	Hannah Rogerson	Mitchell Bourke	Kaylah Mercy

Bronze Awards:

Ya Say Ta Mie Mi, Teira Kelso, Kai Panozzo

Silver Awards:

Shelle Hoye-Smith, Tyler Harvey, Luke Panozzo

Gold Awards:

Evan Gebremedhin

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event
Nov 22	Friday	Stage 3 Surf Safety
Nov 26	Tuesday	Mini Fete
Nov 27	Wednesday	Visit from Titans Football players from 1.30
Dec 3	Tuesday	Teddy Bear's Picnic for 2014 Kinder enrolments
Dec 4	Wednesday	High School Orientation for all High Schools
Dec 5	Thursday	International Volunteers Day
Dec 6	Friday	School Christmas concert
Dec 7	Saturday	David Helfgott Fundraising concert
Dec 10	Tuesday	Year 6 Farewell at Tabatinga Rotary Special Ed. Christmas Party
Dec 12	Thursday	Presentation Night
Dec 17	Tuesday	Reward Day
Dec 18	Wednesday	Last day of term for students

Ready for High School

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.

Searchlanguage:

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php