



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

Staff Training

Even though this is a particularly busy term, our staff is continuing to be trained in various professional development areas. We are currently completing the SENA testing, which is a maths based assessment and will be shortly completing the North Coast Spelling with a consultant visiting our school. In completing these two areas of the curriculum we are also evaluating data from NAPLAN testing. Our staff are continually working to ensure the students at Coffs Harbour Public School are receiving the best quality teaching and learning programs available.

Our classroom teachers are using these results to complete semester 2 reports.

We are also in the process of changing to new finance and student wellbeing administrative programs. To this end, our office staff will be attending intensive training over the next couple of weeks. In addition we will be unable to complete any financial transactions from Wednesday 6th November until Friday 15th November. We appreciate your understanding during this period.

Impetago

We have been advised by a couple of our families that their children have school sores. If you are suspicious at all of any sore your child may have please seek professional attention from either chemist or doctor. Once treatment has commenced your child may return to school with the affected areas covered.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is worn with pride by all students at our school. This uniform includes a **school hat**. This term, particularly, we are showcasing our school at a number of events and activities and in doing this it is expected that full school uniform is worn.

It is apparent that there are some students who are wearing coloured hats and socks, which are not acceptable under our school uniform code. We would appreciate you following this up with your child, so that they do not miss out on any end of year activities.

Debating and Chess

On Tuesday 5th November 2013 we will conduct a selection day at CHPS for debaters who could capably represent the North Coast Primary School's Debating Team to compete at Collaroy on the 2/3/4 December 2013.

This is a team made up of our best North Coast Year 5/6 debaters. We will choose 4 or 5 students for this team. There can only be one student from a school in the team and a student from the winning school's team for the Premiers Challenge can be in that team.

Mobile Phones

Our school policy states that mobile phones are not allowed at school without permission and only under supervision of a staff member. If your child brings their mobile phone to school it must remain in their bag and no responsibility will be taken by the school for its safety. Inappropriate use of mobile phones will result in teachers removing all privileges from the student for a period of time. Parents will be contacted regarding any incidents that occur.

If you need to make contact with your child during the school day, please contact the office and a message will be delivered.

Lighthouse Community of Schools – Concert

Last night the Lighthouse Community of Schools showcase concert was held at the CeX. This evening is always a fantastic night of creative arts and this year was just fabulous. Our thanks to Ms Holden, Mrs Baird, students and parents for their support.

Intensive Swimming

Money for intensive swimming classes is due by Monday 4th November. If you are unable to pay the full \$40 please indicate whether you wish your child to be involved and confirm with a deposit of \$10. The balance can be paid off during the following 2 weeks. We need to confirm numbers by Monday, so it is important that you let us know by that day.

Miss Janelle Bullen Relieving Principal

Reminder -Transition to Kindergarten 2014

We look forward to welcoming our 2014 Kindergarten students and their parents to four kindergarten transition sessions. Students will join the current Kindergarten classes and parents will have the opportunity to talk with teachers and leaders about school life. Hearing and Vision checks will be available during transition. Parents are asked to remain at the school during these times.

Transition dates and times are Tuesday 29th Oct at 9.30 – 11.30am and Thursday 31st Oct at 9.30 – 11.30am.

We would also like to invite new Kindergarten students and their parents to our playgroup sessions. These started on Wednesday 16th October from 9.15 – 10.45am and will continue running for the next few weeks in the Rainbow Room.

For further information regarding Kindergarten enrolments, please contact Mrs Kellie Melittas, Assistant Principal

P & C News

A survey and note was sent home yesterday from our P & C regarding our school canteen. It is extremely important that as many surveys as possible are returned or completed on line. You can visit our school website to find this at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8WXM3RK>
All surveys remain anonymous.

Please also be aware that the canteen is not open on a Tuesday for the rest of the year. Please ensure your child does not have a canteen order on that day.

Buy Toys at unbeatable prices and help our school

The P & C are sending home Toy Catalogues as a fundraiser prior to Christmas. By ordering through the Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Fundraising catalogues you are helping our school. These toys are outstanding quality and are great prices. All orders must be returned to school by Friday November 15, 2013

Day for Daniel Friday 25th October

Last Friday we held a Day for Daniel at our school. We had a great response to this and raised a total of \$171.00. All money raised has gone to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Well done everyone!



Water for Life Concert

A free concert held at the school last Wednesday for K-2 students. The Toads performed with our Teachers and students as part of National Water week.



K-2 Assembly Awards

	Student of the week	Class Awards		
Kindy Blue	Shakarri Towney	Arabella Taylor	Thomas Greenland	Cale Ogilvy
Kindy Red	Payge Ascot	Chelsea Wilson	Hailey-Ann Hutchinson	Lilly-May Kitchener
Kindy Yellow	Nevaeh Kale Kale	Jessie McAlister	William Ajeneza	Rory Maric
1B	Charlie Greenland	Mohammad Ahmadi	Jessica Sekanabo	Amanyuel Abayneh
1L	Harley McEwan	Mahrukh Baig	William Newell	Reem Adam
2M	Rohan Stamper	Keira McEwan	Marcus McAllister	Anthony Wolring
2O	Erin Sutton	Layla Atherton		Alister Driver
2B	Cloe Shaw	Caleb Errington	Zech Sole	Jasmine Bilsborough
K-2N		Daniel Bennington	Noah Baker	
2/4S				Hugo Kraemer

School Canteen Closure
Please ensure your child has a packed recess and lunch each Tuesday

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Day	Event
Oct 29 and 31	Tuesday/Thursday	Kinder Transition
Nov 11	Monday	Remembrance Day
Nov 11 – Nov 22	2 weeks	Intensive Swimming
Nov 22	Friday	Stage 3 Surf Safety
Nov 27	Wednesday	Mini Fete
Dec 6	Friday	School Christmas concert
Dec 10	Tuesday	Year 6 Farewell at Tabatinga
Dec 12	Thursday	Presentation Night
Dec 17	Tuesday	Reward Day
Dec 18	Wednesday	Last day of term for students

3-6 Assembly Awards

	Citizenship	Bookwork	Free Choice	Student of the Week
3P	Jai Raynaud-Quirk	Tre Mercy	Kiahla Spencer	Jordy Thomas
3/4H	Tara Whitley-Kasberger	Say Mu	Cohen Croft-Leonard	Sarah Bourne
4J	Johanna Roelofs	Jace Driver	Mustafa Yahya	Sophie Hutchinson
3/6C	Jim Dickson	Seton Morrissey		Amber Jones
4/5C	Grace Snowball	Mabior Garang	Bella Farrah	Joshua Richter
5M	Luke York	Shakaya Butler	Jake Thompson	Samantha Hickson
6F	Noah Mackie	Olivia Steel	Les Richards	Oriana Watts
6M	Courtney Hine	Alireza Mahmoudi	Ehsan Barbari	Sohrab Safizadeh

Bronze Award:

Sharlah Taylor, Nazanin Mohammad Hassan
 Jay Frame, Ally Errington

Silver Award:
Sharlah Taylor

Gold Award:
Sharlah Taylor

AEO Award:
Tarra Craig, Kahle Singh, Braydon Clifford,
Ta-niqua Waters

Bus Application Form 2014

As you are aware the Transport for NSW requires a new application form for free travel form 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.

Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2013 - 2015.

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

Jargon explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

Home safety

About 50 children fall out of windows or balconies in Australia each year. Spring is a good time to install a window lock . It's this easy: <http://bit.ly/1dRpQw5>

Family School Action Team

Emailing newsletters. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you each week, we can provide this service (through a blind cc whereby only your email will be displayed on the email). Please complete the note attached and return to the office or email the office on coffsharb-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and we will add you Thank you for the many suggestions we received. Unfortunately we are not able to put every suggestion into action. We welcome further suggestions throughout the year.

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Name.....

Email Address.....