



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

19th November 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that there are only 4 more weeks of school left in year.

Congratulations to our students in Years 3-6 who enjoyed their overnight camp to Yarrahappini last week. Reports back from teachers were that our students were really well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Yesterday afternoon, our staff participated in a meeting to write the next part of the new school management plan for the next 3 year cycle. Input from the P&C, the Family School Action Team and the Parent Focus Group will enable us to work on the strategic directions that are important to our school. It is an exciting time to look at the directions we want our school to go. Discussions will continue on how do we as a school community develop the whole child? How will we create learners who are valued and have self-direction? There is still time if you would like to have input. Please see any members of the P&C executive for contribution information.

Thanks to the many family members who have offered to help out at this Sunday's Bunnings BBQ. If you can spare half an hour of your time, our school would really appreciate it. All money raised will go towards a new playground for our special education playground. Please contact the school for more details.

Students in Year 5 are busy putting their speeches together for next year's school leader positions. It is a huge responsibility to be a leader in our school and one that we encourage our students to strive for.

In today's newsletter we have included an updated and informative term calendar. There are so many activities coming up, you may want to keep this on your fridge. Thanks to the many staff who are working extra hard to make sure that the excursions/ activities and special events can be offered. Our students are very fortunate to have access to so many extra curricula activities.

I will be on Long Service Leave from tomorrow until the 8 th December. Ms Jodie Hayes will be relieving whilst I am on leave.

Have a great week,

Leonie

Playgroup

Just a reminder that Wednesday 19th November 2014 will be our final Playgroup session for the year. We extend a warm thank you to all families that participated and trust that your time was enjoyable and productive. We hope that the children are looking forward to next year and that the transition to Kindergarten will be smooth and exciting.



Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Fri 21st Nov	Stage 2 HSIE Excursion
Tue 2nd Dec	Yr 6 Mini Fete

Stage 3 Update

Stage 3 have a very busy few weeks ahead, especially year 6 as they complete their primary school experience.

Year 6 Mini Fete

The year 6 mini fete will be on Tuesday December 2 from 11.30-1.45pm. Year six will have a variety of stalls set up in our undercover area. The money raised is for Year 6 to purchase a graduation gift for the school. Your children have been busy organising the stalls with their classmates. We primarily rely on donations to assist with stall items.

Each stall can be refunded up to \$10 for expenses they incur. For example; if you were to purchase prizes for a lucky dip, we will recover up to \$10 of the stall cost. Children will need to bring their receipts on the day of the stall and we will be reimbursed with cash.

We would appreciate donation from the school community to assist with our stalls. Any of the following items would be greatly appreciated before the day of the stall and can be given to Ms Hayes;

- Items such as toys / books in good condition for our white elephant stall
- Lucky dip prizes (look around the bottom of the toy box for loose bangles, Old MacDonald's toys, coloured pens)

On the day, we would appreciate donations to our cake stall.

Year 6 Orientation

Both Coffs Harbour and Orara High School's have made very successful visits to our school as part of the orientation process. It provided an opportunity for students to meet the staff and ask any questions they may have had. This is to be followed up with a full day transition in each high school. High School Transition will take place on Wednesday 3rd December. Parents are responsible for escorting their children to and from the appropriate High School. The day begins at 9am and concludes at 3pm.

Orara High School are also conducting additional 'Taster Days'. If your child is attending Orara High School, you will receive an additional note outlining that program.

Year 6 Farewell

The year 6 farewell is taking place at Tabatinga on Tuesday 9th December commencing at 6pm. Parents are invited to join us from 7.45 pm for the formal part of the evening. Please return payment of \$16 to the office by November 28th. Children will have a choice of the following menu items for dinner; calamari and chips, crumbed

fish and chips, spaghetti bolognaise, tempura chicken nuggets and chips. All children will also receive a drink and an icy pole as well as our celebratory cake.



Any queries please contact the school office.

Jodie Hayes
Stage 3 Assistant Principal

AAA Rewards Day

A reminder that the K-6 Term 4 AAA Rewards Day will be held at Coffs Harbour Memorial Pool on Monday 15th December. Permission notes and money are to be returned to the school office by Friday 12th December.

Library News

Book Club closes this Friday 21st November. Place all orders in an envelope and drop it in to the box in the library.

This will be the last week of library for 2014. All resources will be due back as of next week for our annual stocktake. Please check shelves and rooms for any resources with the CHPS barcode on them.

Thanks very much
Ms Kathy Leeson

BUNNINGS BBQ

Reminder that the school is hosting the BUNNINGS BBQ this Sunday from 8am til 4pm. The funds raised from this event will be to support the future development of the school playground areas. If you can spare an hour to assist in the BBQ tent - please let Janelle Bullen know.

Thanks to all those people who have already put their names down - we have a great school and fantastic families. Janelle will send a message home to confirm your times.

Please encourage all friends and family to pop out and grab a sausage at the event - it will be a great day!

Heather Brae Christmas Fundraiser

Last week's newsletter held the Christmas fundraiser for Christmas goodies. They are a range of prices from \$5 - \$15 and will be delivered to the school for collection in the last week of the term.

Money and orders need to be in the school by Friday 28th November.

Please support this fundraising event for our school and the students.

Notes

As the end of the year is coming fast can you please make sure you take the time to read notes that are sent home. These notes will explain events that are happening and if there is any costs involved. As we have to have dates set to have notes returned it is important to take note of these or students may miss out on events

Harvey Norman BBQ

The school has been invited to host the BBQ at HARVEY NORMAN on Saturday the 20th December. This BBQ goes from 9am - 2pm and is the day that Santa arrives for photos. We even have the radio broadcasting at this event - all support is welcome.

Yarahappini Excursion

Last week the Stage 2 and 3 students had the opportunity to attend an excursion to Yarahappinni Adventist Youth Camp. The school packed the bus and the mini-bus and left on Thursday morning for a great time. The students participated in water slides, beach challenges, vertical bungee running and physical challenges in the bush.

This camp was a great opportunity for the staff and students to engage in activities that are not in the general school day. It was a fantastic trip with lots of laughs - a pleasure to take a tremendous group of students.



Student Recounts

For the 2014 school camp, years 3-6 went to Yarahappinni. All the activities were organised including horizontal bungee, beach activities, a challenge course and the best ever waterslide!

Also the staff there were amazing and the catering was exceptional. I'd like to give a big thanks to the teachers who gave up their time to supervise us (even though I think they enjoyed it as much as we did). So overall it was a great camp!

By Miranda Thomas 5/6T

Last week on Thursday years 3 to 6 went to Yarahappini for our school camp. There was lots of activities to do such as beach games, a junior challenge course, a horizontal bungee run and a massive water slide. My favourite activity was the water slide. On Thursday night we had a talent quest followed by a disco. There was also an optional nature walk. But most importantly I would like to thank all of the teachers who accompanied us on the trip but I think they all had as much fun as we did. I had so much fun and I would defiantly go there again.

By Grace Snowball 5/6T

P&C News

Next month's P&C meeting is on the Wednesday 10th December 2014 at 6pm in the school staff room. Previous meeting minutes are available on the school's website. Any items for the agenda must be emailed to the P&C secretary Vicki Baldwin at chpspandc@gmail.com before the meeting. All parents/caregivers are welcome. We would love to see some new faces.

For up-to-date info on P&C activities and fundraisers check our new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/chpspandc> If you would like anything mentioned on the Facebook page please feel free to message the page and it will be updated.

Christmas Raffle Donations

The P&C Annual Christmas Raffle is nearly here. We have started to collect donations for prizes. Please bring any donations to the office. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the P&C secretary Vicki Baldwin on 0481 056 812 or email chpspandc@gmail.com.

Canteen Roster

Day	Volunteers
Thur 20 /11	Caroline Abrhams, Jaimelee Brown & Vicki Baldwin
Fri 21 /11	Caroline Abrahams, Vicki Baldwin, Denise Burley & Donna Maric
Mon 24 /11	Caroline Abrahams, Blanche Saunders & Help Needed
Tue 25 /11	Canteen Closed
Wed 26 /11	Caroline Abrahams & Help Needed



GREEN FOODS

GREEN foods are good sources of nutrients. They contain less saturated fat, sugar and salt and help kids avoid

eating too many kilojoules. Popular **GREEN** foods sold in our canteen include:

- Salad Boxes
- Frozen Fruit Salad

For more info. visit www.healthy-kids.com.au



Aboriginal Foster Care

Abcare OOHC is currently running a recruitment drive for Aboriginal Foster Carers for our Out of Home Care Program. Abcare are experiencing high demands from Community Services Northern Region, whom require placement of Aboriginal children/young people in the Coffs and Clarence areas. For this reason, Abcare are seeking expressions of interests for any potential Foster Carers in the area. Caring for our kids can be short term, long term, respite and/or emergency placements.

What we can offer you: Abcare OOHC can provide Authorised Foster Carers with ongoing support from an Aboriginal Caseworker, training and a fortnightly Carers Allowance.

Our basic requirements: Abcare will consider all applications to become Foster Carer providing that the applicant has enough room in their home to house a child/young person, the applicant is over 18 years of age and meets Working with Children Check clearance.

Contact us now if you think you could open up your home to a child in need.

Contact Trent Matthews 66483680 or Trent@abcare.org.au



An Invitation to Jacob Mercy-Ireland Dolphin Marine Magic Fundraiser Night

On Saturday, 22nd November there will be a very special show. Gates open at 5pm. Show starts at 6pm. Jacob and his family are holding a fun night to help with his ongoing treatment. Jacob would like any remaining money will be split between the following charities to help other local children fighting cancer.



Tickets Adults \$10 Children \$5

So come along and join in the fun.

There will be a sausage sizzle, face painting
Lucky gate prize, raffle



**Tickets available Dolphin Marine Magic
or pay at the gate, cash only**

Our special thanks to Dolphin Marine Magic for their generosity in donating this wonderful night.

ENQUIRIES to GREIG on 0424291851



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Term 4 Calender



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24/11	25/11	26/11 Yr 6 Speeches - School Leadership When: 9.30am Where: COLA (students only) Playgroup When: 9.15-10.45 Where: Rainbow Rm	27/11 Chess Team When: 9-2.30pm Where: Club Coffs West High St	28/11 Sun 23/11 Bunnings BBQ
1/12	2/12 Yr 6 Mini Fete When: 11.30-1.45pm Where: Under COLA Rotary Special Education Christmas Party When: 6pm Where: Special Education Playground	3/12 Yr 6 Orientation When: 9-3pm Parents are responsible for escorting their child to their high school Indigenous Oral Health Assessment When: 8.30am Where: Toormina P.S	4/12	5/12 Disability Sports Day When: 10-2pm Where: Sports Central Cost: \$4 Payment to Janelle Fri 28th Nov.
8/12	9/12 Yr 6 Farwell When: 6pm Where: Tabatinga Cost: \$16 Payment Due to office by 28th Nov Volunteer Morning Tea When: 11—11.30am Where: Staffroom	10/12 Students receive S2 2014 reports P&C Meeting When: 6pm Where: Staffroom	11/12 Presentation Assembly When: Where: School Hall All Welcome	12/12 K-6 PB Assembly When: 11-12noon Where: School Hall Sausage Sizzle When 12.15 K-6 School Concert When: 1.15pm Where: School Hall
15/12 K-6 AAA Day Where: Coffs Harbour Memorial Pool Cost: \$4 Payment is due to the office by 12th Dec	16/12 Talent Quest When: 11.30-3pm Where: School Hall (students only)	17/12 End Of Term 4 Wishing you all a safe & happy holidays! School Returns Wed 28th Jan 2015	18/12 Staff Development Day (no students)	19/12 Staff Development Day (no students) Sun 20/12 Harvey Norman BBQ When: 9-1pm