



# 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**

**28th October 2015**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a fabulous night on Monday night at the Lighthouse Community of Schools concert. Our choirs and dance groups joined in with other primary and high schools in our local area to showcase the talents of our students. It was a very enjoyable evening and I was very proud of the students and Ms Ford from our school.

The school was full to the brim with grandparents and other relatives last Friday for Grandparents' Day. The morning was a huge success and students thoroughly enjoyed being able to share their work, show their classrooms and introduce their friends. A delicious morning tea followed. Thank you to the many relatives who were able to join us.



At last week's P&C meeting, the President Adrian Craig stepped down from the position. Adrian has done a tremendous job as president of the P&C. He has made an enormous contribution to streamlining the P&C finances and organisation. Thank you Adrian for the time and effort you have given to our school.

Yesterday we had the Home School Liaison Officers visit the school to look at student attendance. Overall, they were very happy with the improved attendance of our students. There is still room for improvement with some students arriving late to school. We are currently tracking attendance and looking forward to hosting the Party with the Principal which one class will win. Good luck to all.

Have a great week,  
Leonie

## **Change of Dates**

Our Presentation Day will on Wednesday 9th December and the PB Assembly has been moved to the 11th December, followed by our School Concert. Times will be confirmed at a later date.

## **2016 Kindergarten Enrolments – Due Now!**

A reminder that enrolment applications must be completed and returned to school now to ensure your child's inclusion in the Kindergarten Transition sessions.

## **Our Fun Friday Transition to Kindergarten Program is proving popular.**

Brooklyn and Ava were all smiles.



Kaitlyn producing some lovely art.



Xavier had a wonderful time too.

## **Important Dates To Remember**

Date	Activity	Information/ Times
29th November	Cyber Awareness Presentation	Parents Chat with Constable Brooker 9.15 am
November Fridays	Kindergarten 2016 Transition	2.00pm to 3.00pm Every Friday until 20th
Friday 30th October	Year 6 K-2H Assembly	10.30am Stage 2 & 3 11.30am Stage 1
Every Friday until 8th December	Swim & Survive Stages 2 & 3	12.45pm to 2.30pm
5th November	Timbertown Excursion stage 3	7.30am Departure return to school 4.30pm
11th November	P&C Meeting	6pm Staff Room

## Canteen News

### Halloween Lunch Bag Competition

*Have you been Decorating your Halloween Lunch bags?*

*If not get busy!* A daily winner will be picked to go into the grand final draw at the end of the week. Each daily winner will be photographed and put on display in the canteen.



### Canteen Roster

Day	Volunteers Roster
Thurs 29th	Jaqui
Fri 30th	Jamilee & Help Needed
Mon 2nd	Darren
Tue 3rd	<b>Canteen Closed</b>
Wed 4th	Claire & Martha

### Special Ed Raffle Prizes

Raffle tickets have been sent home. If you need more please see the office.

**Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00**

- 1st Prize 1 Bike 50cm BMX and helmet
- 2nd Prize 1 Bike 50cm Cruiser and helmet
- 3rd Prize MGP VX4 Pro-Scooter and helmet
- 4th Prize 2.3-3m adjustable basketball hoop
- 5th Prize Stadium XT soccer game
- 6th Prize Body wash pack



***Tickets must be returned by morning of November 13. Drawn will then take place after recess.*** Good Luck

### 2016 School Leaders

- ◇ Do you wish to be a school leader in 2016 ?
- ◇ Are you in year 5 ?
- ◇ Do you meet the requirements to be a school leader ?

If you would like to nominate yourself please put this in writing and hand it to your classroom teacher by the 6th November 2015

Kathy Leeson



## Lost Property

Please make sure all hats, lunch boxes and jumpers are clearly marked with the your child's name and class; We have many items which we are unable to return to students.

### Student attending Coffs Harbour High 2016

- Parent Information night Tuesday November 10th 2015, 5.30pm-7.00pm
- Orientation Day Thursday December 3rd December 2015,

Start time - 9.00am in school Hall. Parents may stay till 9.30am. Students may be collected by parents from 3.00pm or they may go home on the bus from Coffs Harbour High at 3.20pm.

***Students will not be coming back to Coffs Harbour Public School to catch their afternoon bus.***

### Cyber Awareness Presentation

Thursday 29th October students in stage 2 and stage 3 will be visited by Senior Constable Brooker who will be delivering a presentation on *Cyber Awareness* and discussing safety concerns of social media. These sessions are very informative for all students in a growing world of technology. If you wish your child not to attend please send a note to their teacher.

Any parents who would like to speak with Constable Brooker and ask questions about the program, may do so from 9:15am in the school hall. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested.

### Bus form for 2016 Year 3 Students

Transport NSW needs a new bus application completed for students entering Year 3 in 2016 who travel to and from school on a bus. Please come to the front office to collect a new form.

Forms need to be completed in full and returned to the school to be processed.

### Photo's Grandparents Day



## **Blood Donations RED25 Unite to Save Lives**

Our school staff have begun a blood donation group and we would like to take this opportunity to invite families and friends of our school community to be involved.



*"When we donate together, we can achieve so much more for the 1 in 3 Australians that will need blood in their lifetime."* If you would like to join and already have a blood donor number please go on:

[www.donateblood.com](http://www.donateblood.com)

Click the yes if you already know your donor number and enter the relevant information. We are known as:

*Coffs Harbour Public School Red25 Donor Group.*

If you are not a donor and would like to become a donor you can go to the same website, check the 'no' button and organise to join and set your first donation.

If you would like to join a group the blood bank is happy to book groups of 3-4 people together. The donation process takes approximately 45 mins if you donate full blood and 1hr if you donate plasma.

We would love to have more people support this great cause and we will keep a tally of the donations made and the lives we save.

Currently (and we have only recently established this group) we have made 9 donations which have supported 27 lives. The more people we have to support the program the more lives we can support and save.

**Come on board and join our school community  
RED25 group.**

## **Courses for Parents**



### **1-2-3 Magic**

Encouraging good behaviour, independence and self esteem - a simple discipline program that really works!

### **Dads-Bring up Great Kids**

This program focuses on how children develop and change over time. How the way we communicate with them impacts on their developmental progress and how to respond to the ongoing challenges of parenting.

## **Social & Emotional Development of Pre-schooler's / Transition to School** Helping-tips for preparing your child for school.

To enrol in any of these courses, please ring UnitingCare Burnside on 66592800. Places are limited, so please book early!

## **Whooping Cough Alert**

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your child, please let the school
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines,

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for *childcare and schools about whooping cough*.

## **Intensive Swimming**

If your child has been given a permission note to attend Intensive Swimming. Please make sure the note and money is returned to the front office by Friday the 30th October in a sealed envelope with your child's name clearly labelled.

## **Timbertown Excursion Stages 2 and 3**

Please make sure that your permission note and payment is returned to the front office by Monday 2nd December. Please ensure the money is in a sealed envelope with your child's name clearly marked.

# Term 4, 2015 planner:

W K	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	LONG WEEKEND	6/10 SCU Yr2/3 Prac Students	7/10 Kindergarten Expo 9.30am	8/10	9/10 2 – 3pm Transition Kindergarten
2	12/10	13/10	14/10 Special Ed – Pre Christmas Raffle given out	15/10 K – 6 Rugby League Clinic	16/10 Stage 2/3 Swim and Survive 2 – 3pm Transition Kindergarten Assembly CAPA
3	19/10	20/10 Peer Support (Writing program – TPL)	21/10 9.45 – 2.30pm : Children's Festival (Stage 2) 12pm K-2 Water for Life	22/10 K – 6 Rugby League Clinic	23/10 <b>Grandparents Day K - 6</b> Stage 2/3 Swim and Survive 2 – 3pm Transition Kindergarten
4	26/10 North Coast Debating Trials Lighthouse Community of Schools concert week	27/10	28/10	29/10 K – 6 Rugby League Clinic 12.30pm Count us in Music event	30/10 Stage 2/3 Swim and Survive 2 – 3pm Transition Kindergarten Assembly K-2H
5	2/11 SCU Prac 3 finishes	3/11 Peer Support Training	4/11 Peer Support Training	5/11 K – 6 Rugby League Clinic Timbertown Excursion Stage 3	6/11 Stage 2/3 Swim and Survive 2 – 3pm Transition Kindergarten
6	9/11 <b>Intensive Swimming</b>	10/11 <b>Intensive Swimming</b>	11/11 <b>Intensive Swimming</b> Remembrance Day Special Assembly 10.45 am	12/11 <b>Intensive Swimming</b> K – 6 Rugby League Clinic	13/11 <b>Intensive Swimming</b> Stage 2/3 Swim and Survive 2 – 3pm Transition Kindergarten Special Ed Raffle Drawn Assembly 3/4 M & KB
7	16/11 <b>Intensive Swimming</b> Prac Teachers finish at school	17/11 <b>Intensive Swimming</b>	18/11 <b>Intensive Swimming</b> Orara High Year 6 Taster Day	19/11 <b>Intensive Swimming</b>	20/11 <b>Intensive Swimming</b> Stage 2/3 Swim and Survive 2 – 3pm Transition Kindergarten
8	23/11	24/11	25/11 <b>School Leaders and Speeches</b>	26/11	27/11 Stage 2/3 Swim and Survive Assembly 4/5M & KC
9	30/11	1/12 Stage 3 Mini-Fete Special Ed – Rotary Christmas Party 6-8pm	2/12 Scripture Concert	3/12 Books in Homes assembly 11.30am High School Orientation Day	4/12 Stage 2/3 Swim and Survive Special Ed – Come Try Sports Day
10	7/12 <b>Reports Home</b>	8/12 Year 6 Farewell	9/12 Presentation Day	10/12 Rewards Day Pool	11/12 PB Assembly <b>School Concert</b>
11	14/12 Talent Quest Captains Lunch	15/12	16/12 Last day of School for students <b>Attendance Party</b>	17/12 Staff Development Day	18/12 Staff Development Day

**Please Note: Assembly Times for Friday 16th October till 4th November have changed for 8 weeks**  
**Stage 2 and 3 will be held at 10.30am**  
**Stage 1 will be held at 11.30am**