



# 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**

**2nd September, 2015**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week students, parents and staff in NSW schools will acknowledge the hard work done by School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) as part of their national recognition week.

Our dedicated SASS include:

- Our office staff who manage everything from finance to first aid and always with a happy smile to greet students and families to our school.
- School Learning Support Officers and our Aboriginal Education Officer who work diligently in classrooms and the playground to assist with student learning and wellbeing.
- Our General assistant who works hard to keep our school in tip top shape and looking fantastic.

If you have the opportunity, please take the time to thank our wonderful SASS for the incredible work they do each and every day.



School Administrative &  
Support Staff  
"Our jobs, your children,  
their future"

Happy SASS week!  
Kellie Melittas

## Fathers Day Stall

The P & C Fathers Day stall will be operating tomorrow Thursday 3rd September. Gifts will cost between \$1.00 and \$5.00. Teachers will be bringing the students down to the stall during school hours.

Volunteers are always welcome to help at the stall. If you would



like to help out please contact Vicki Baldwin on 0481 056 812 or just turn up on the day at 9am in Rainbow room.

## North Coast Athletics Carnival

On Friday 28th August we sent a team of six students away to compete at Lismore in the North Coast Athletics Carnival. They performed extremely well on the day with Ama M placing 1st in the 200m and 3rd in the 100m 10yrs and Luke P coming 3rd in the final of the 11yrs 800m. Both these boys now qualify to race at the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush in Sydney.

A special mention to our senior boys relay team who finished 4th in the final and narrowly missed out by one position on making it to State.

A big thanks to Mr Panozzo and Mrs Prendergast who transported the team to and from the carnival on the day.



## Important Dates To Remember

| Date           | Activity               | Information/ Times  |
|----------------|------------------------|---|
| 3rd September  | Assembly in Hall       | K-2 Assembly 11.30 to 12. 15<br>Performance by 1L<br>3-6 Assembly 12.15 to 1 pm<br>Performance 3/4K |
| 5th September  | Fire Truck Visit       | K- 2 Classes  |
| 11th September | PB Assembly            | Whole school 11.30 am   |
| 16th September | P & C Meeting          | 6pm in the Staff Room   |
| 10th September | Stage 2 Museum in Hall | 9am to 11am   |
| 15th September | Police Visit           | K-2 Classes   |
| 17th September | Rewards Day            |   |
| 18th September | Last day of Term       |   |



## P&C News

### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September (please note it's the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday this month) at 6pm in the Staff Room. We would love to have some new members. Being a P&C member is a great way to be involved in your child's schooling. Come along to a meeting and see what we are all about. If you would like any further information please contact Vicki Baldwin on 0481 056 812 or email

[mrsbaldy@netspace.net.au](mailto:mrsbaldy@netspace.net.au).

We look forward to seeing you...

### P&C Facebook Page

Please like our Facebook page

#### **Coffs Harbour Public School P&C**

for up-to-date information about the school and activities. <https://www.facebook.com/chpspandc>

### Canteen News

**Every Monday is HOT DOG DAY**

**If ordered on another day a substitute will be given**

\$3.50 each or \$4.00 with cheese. No pre orders needed.



| Day       | Volunteers Roster    |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Thurs 3rd | Jacqui & Help Needed |
| Fri 4th   | Vicki & Help Needed  |
| Mon 5th   | Darren               |
| Tue 6th   | Canteen Closed       |
| Wed 7th   | Clair                |

### Sustainability Club

This week the Sustainability Club were very busy planting some tomatoes, spinach, cucumber, zucchini and lettuce in two garden beds behind the canteen. We gave them a good watering and can't wait to watch them grow.



## Kids Matters

### ***Belonging and Connectedness Improves Mental Health and Learning.***

All children need to feel that their world is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out any problems. When these needs are met children develop a sense of belonging.

A sense of belonging has been found to help protect children against mental health problems and improve their learning. Children who feel that they belong are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than others. They are also more motivated and more successful learners.

Being connected is about knowing you can seek support when you need it, that you will be listened to, and that you can work together with staff to help your child learn and develop. Support may come from talking with staff or from making connections with other families. Sometimes you might be feeling that things are going well, but just want to have a general chat about your child.

Being connected helps keep parents and carers informed. Parents and carers are better able to support their children's early learning experiences when they are informed about what their children are learning and doing at their early childhood service.

***Belonging is important for all children, no matter what age.***

In young children, feeling included creates a sense of safety and belonging. When families and early childhood services work together, children have the opportunity to build relationship skills and relationships for life.

For older kids, families and teachers can making sure the necessary ingredients are present to help children feel a sense of belonging at school. It is also important for parents to feel comfortable connecting at school and with the school community. Making the effort to take small, conscious steps to build a positive school community increases engagement and positive wellbeing outcomes for parents and children, positively impacting learning outcomes for students.

Taking opportunities to get to know other families, finding out how to support children's learning and getting involved in activities can help you feel a sense of belonging and connectedness to your early childhood service which will help your child's mental health and learning.



## From The Library

The last book club for the term closes on Wednesday 2nd September.

Thanks to all who ordered this issue and I will hand the books out in Week 9 when they arrive at school.

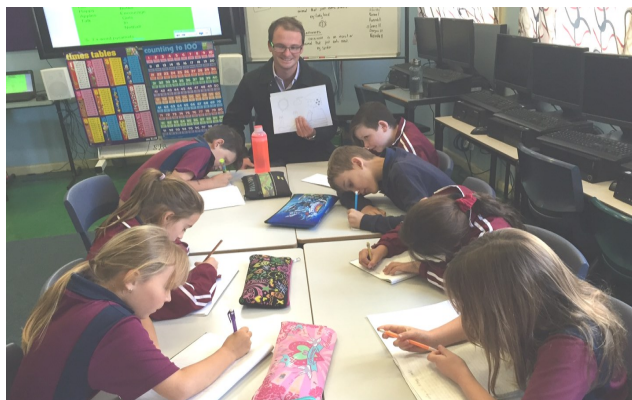
## School leader Update

Our two school leaders Daniel and Lionel are representing our school at a Young Peoples Forum at the Police Citizen Youth Club this Wednesday. Their opinions will be sought on *Children and Young People Attitudes in NSW*. We look forward to hearing how they went on Thursday.

Ms Kathy Leeson

## News from 3/4 K

Having fun learning in 3/4K



**coateshire**  
**rally4**  
**AUSTRALIA**  
10-13 SEPTEMBER 2015, COFFS COAST, NSW

**Free Student Ticket**  
**Saturday or Sunday**

All Students aged 5-16 inclusive can get a free ticket to see the world's best rally drivers at the Coates Hire Rally Australia Championship.

Free tickets can be collected only from the Rally Retail Shop, City Boulevard Arcade, Harbour Drive, Coffs Harbour on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 from 3.00-6.00pm.

Students must be in uniform to be eligible; one ticket per student; older students may be asked to show School ID.

**Tickets Limited – First in First Serve Basis**



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**Dolphin Marine Magic**  
Coffs Harbour  
A Division of the Northern Fisheries Centre

**WIRES**

**National Marine Science Centre**

**MACQUARIE University**

**NATIONAL THREATENED SPECIES DAY**  
SMALL actions have BIG effects.  
Act now to save species!

**REPTILE WORLD**

**FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Threatened Species Day** is a national day held each year to commemorate the death of the last remaining Tasmanian tiger (also known as the thylacine) at Hobart Zoo in 1936. It is a time to reflect on what happened in the past and how we can protect our threatened species in the future.

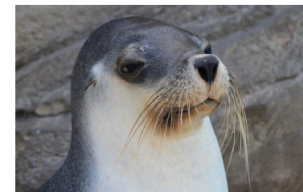
To help raise awareness about threatened species the following events will be hosted at Dolphin Marine Magic on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September:

09:40-11:00am - **FREE** presentations and demonstrations on research into threatened species, hosted the National Marine Science Centre and Macquarie University

03:30-05:00pm - **FREE** entry into Dolphin Marine Magic for activities including:

- Talks and special "touch pool" from the National Marine Science Centre
- Presentation by Steve McEwan's Reptile World
- Information and displays from WIRES about local threatened species

(Please note: there is no Dolphin Marine Magic show program from 3.30pm)



Australian Sea Lions, such as beautiful Adelaide (above), are a threatened species in Australia