



# 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**

**26th October, 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Huge congratulations to Ama Mite who was very successful at the State Athletics Carnival last week. Ama is now looking forward to the national titles next month. Our school will be fundraising for Ama. Please support him through purchasing raffle tickets (from the office) and purchasing a sausage sizzle on Friday 18 November.

Congratulations also to Kimberley Duncan who has been successful in being selected for the NSW Country Junior Basketball Team. We will be holding a sausage sizzle to raise funds for Kimberley on Friday 11 November. Thank you in advance for your support.

We have recently found out that our school has been successful in receiving the Early Action For Success strategy again for the next four years. This means that we can employ an Instructional Leader again to work with our Kindergarten, Year One and year Two staff to build their capacity in teaching Literacy and Numeracy. Currently Sue Davis is fulfilling that role and doing a magnificent job.

Please take the time to read the P&C section of today's newsletter. In addition, I would also like to sincerely thank the P&C for their incredible work in fundraising and operating the canteen. We have had the pleasure of working with Caz as the canteen manager throughout 2015. Caz and the volunteers provided delicious food and a great service to our school community. On behalf of the school, we thank you for your time, effort and dedication.

Today the new school mural was unveiled. Uncle Tony Hart has done a wonderful job. He spoke to the students about the story of his mural. We are very fortunate to have a lot of Uncle Tony's work in our school. Thank you Uncle Tony for the beautiful work you have done for our school.

This Friday is World Teacher's Day. Thank you to the many teachers at our school. Your passion, care, commitment and positive attitude to every student in our school helps to make our school such a special place.

Have a great week,  
Leonie

## Our New School Mural



## Intensive Swimming Lessons

Intensive swimming lessons for those attending, start on Monday 31st October. Swimming will run each day for the 2 weeks and students will need to have their swimmers and towel in a plastic bag, in their school bag each day.

Naomi Court

## Parent Information Session

On Friday 11th November, there will be a guest speaker to talk to parents about anxiety. If this is something you are interested in, please come along. 2:00pm - 3:00pm in the school library.

## School Leadership

It's that time of year again and Year 5 students are thinking of school leadership for 2017.

In the next few weeks some Year 5 students will nominate and give a speech in the hope of getting a leadership position in 2017. Potential leaders will need to have had appropriate levels of behaviour and agree to abide by all school rules. Stage 3 teachers will be discussing this with all year 5 students and speeches will be given later in the term.

Stage 3 teachers

## Parent Community Liaison News

Hi Parents,

We also wanted to thank all the parents who filled out the survey. A delicious cheesecake is going to Xavier F.'s family and Tyler B. is going to share a whole chicken dinner with his family. Thank you to the Bayad family (What's Up Chook) and the Mohammad family (The Cheesecake Shop).



As we are all part of the Coffs Harbour community we have the opportunity to contribute to <http://www.mycoffs.org/> and there is a chance to win \$500 for the registered charity of your choice. It may be a good brainstorming event to share with your kids about their views and dreams for how they would like our city to look.

The wonderful school mural that Uncle Tony has been painting is finished! Next time you are at the school your child will be able to tell you all about the meaning of the pictures in the mural.

A reminder that Coffs Harbour High School has their musical "Miimiiga" on at the moment at Jetty Theatre with tickets available at the High School office.

World Teacher's Day is on this Friday. Please take the chance to express appreciation for all that teachers have done for you and your family. **Your child's first teacher was you.** Thanks for choosing our school to be a part of your child's ongoing education.

If you are a parent of a child in Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) there is a Cybersafety talk on next Monday at 2pm.

And... as a parent group and school family we wanted to congratulate Ama M. on his sporting achievements and offer support for fundraising initiatives that will be happening to help him get to national titles.

Caitlin Mackie  
Parent Community Liaison Officer

## First Aid Course

The first aid course will be going ahead for those who have enrolled. It is this Friday 28th October in the library. Certificate I commencing at 9:00am, followed by Certificate II at 11:15. For more information, please contact Caitlin Mackie.

## P&C News

After a special meeting on Monday October 24, the P&C has voted to not continue running the canteen at Coffs Public. This means that control of the canteen will be handed back to the school and that the service will be tendered to an outside provider. This was not a decision that was taken lightly and everyone involved was looking to do the best by the kids and the school. It is our hope that the tender process will run smoothly and that the canteen will reopen at the beginning of Term 1 next year. A committee consisting of the principal, a staff representative and a P&C representative will be formed to implement the tender process. The P&C representative will be Jaqui Howe. If you have any questions or suggestions about the process please let her know.

The P&C would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave so generously of their time to assist in the running of the canteen, especially to our last canteen manager Caz Abrahams. Caz worked tirelessly for the children at Coffs Public and was always ready with a smile and a helping hand. She was also able to assist school staff with catering, was a constant presence at P&C fundraising events and her hard work, dedication and honesty is greatly appreciated.

Later this term we are looking to hold a Family Fun Night at the Big Banana Water Park on Friday November 25. Expression of interest notes have already gone out and so far we have 90 people who have indicated that they will go. The event will go ahead if we get over 100 expressions of interest, so if you want to go but haven't returned the note, please do so this week. The cost will be \$12 per person for 2 hours of water slide fun.

As always, your P&C is ready to work towards improving our kids experience at school and we welcome your participation. If you have any skills or expertise that you are willing to put towards the school, then please get in touch. If you don't know any of the committee members, you can send an email to [chpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:chpspandc@gmail.com).

Our next meeting will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday November 9 and new members are always welcome. You can also get regular updates on what's going on at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/chpspandc/> For regular updates on what's going on at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/chpspandc/>

## What is happening in 1M.

1M have been looking at seeing things from a different perspective. We read the book 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Brown and discussed how a trip to the park can be very different for different people. We then had a go at writing about a trip to the park from our own perspective and from our parents' perspective.

### First Voice

*I went to the park with Asia, Mum and Oki. All of us love going to the park. Our favourite thing at the park is the swing and I went very high. I went so high I was over mums head.*

### Second Voice

*I took Asia, Oki, Jirra and Nara to the park and watched them. I went on my iPhone. Also I pushed Nara on the swing and helped Oki go up the climbing frame. The girls had lots of fun.*

By Nara

### First Voice

*I went to the park with my mum and for the whole time she just sat down. I looked in the looking thing and then I went on the wiggly slide. Then I went on the spider thing. It was fun.*

### Second Voice

*I wasn't having really fun, I was just watching Assees. She was having a lot of fun. She went on the slide. She really liked the slide. I saw Assees go on the spider thing. I was a bit scared because I was feeling like Assees will fall down.*

By Assees

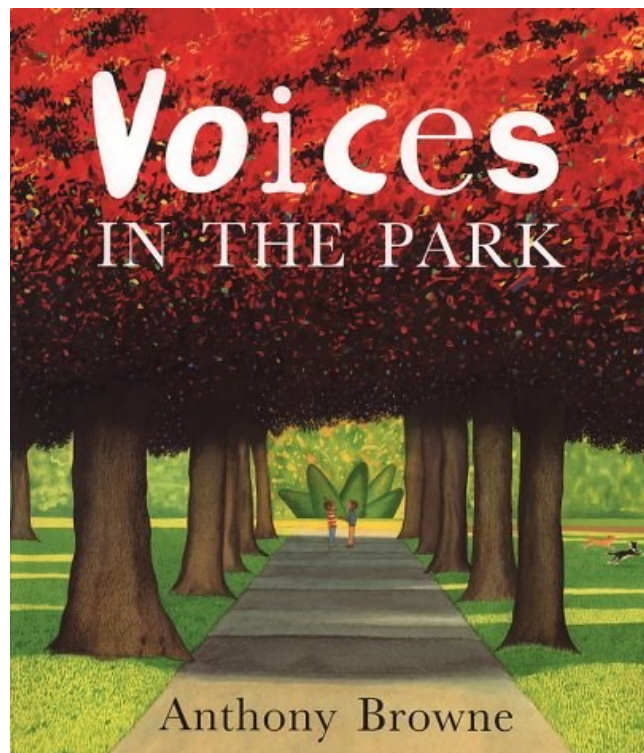
### First Voice

*I'm with Dad and Jack at the park playing football. I scored ten tries. Jack could catch me. Jack scored five tries. I tackled jack and jack tackled me five times.*

### Second Voice

*I took Jack and Lincoln to the park. We played football and then they went on the swings. They went very high. Lincoln felt sick. Jack felt sick too. Jack and Lincoln had fun at the park.*

By Lincoln





# Sports News

## **NSW PSSA State Athletics**

Last week I represented the North Coast in Sydney at the 2016 NSW PSSA State Athletics Carnival. My first event was in the 800m and I came 14<sup>th</sup> in the state and I came 9<sup>th</sup> in the Long Jump.

Then it was time for my 200m heats where I came 1<sup>st</sup> in the heat and 1<sup>st</sup> in the semi final. In the final of the 200m I came 2<sup>nd</sup> in NSW and got a silver medal I was so proud and happy to get a medal.

Next I ran in the 100m heats and I came 1<sup>st</sup> in my heat and then ran in the semi final and I won my semi final. Now it was time for my last race, the 100m final.

I won the 100m final in a time of 12.80 seconds and received the gold medal. I am now the fastest 11 year old boy in NSW!!!

When I received my medal it was the greatest feeling ever.

I would like to thank Mr Easey for all his hard work coaching me and preparing me for the State Championships. Also thank you so much for Mr Easey's family for allowing me to stay with them and all their support at the carnival.

To all the school community at Coffs Harbour Public School who helped me raise funds with our sausage sizzle and donations I cannot thank you enough.

It was an awesome experience and I will now be representing NSW at the Australian National Athletic Championships in Sydney from the 25<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of November in the 11 years boys 100m, 200m and the 4x100m relay. I will be training hard for the next month and can't wait for the Nationals, where I will be running against the best 11 years boy athletes in Australia.

Thank you everyone - Ama



## **Australian Junior Country Basketball Cup**

One of our students, Kimberley Duncan, has been selected in the U14 girls NSW Basketball Country Junior Team. She will compete in the 2017 Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury from the 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> January. This is a wonderful achievement for Kimberley who will come up against the top basketballers from all over the country. Our school will be holding a fundraising BBQ for Kimberley, on Friday 11th of November, to assist with the expenses involved, which include accommodation, meals, travel fares, uniforms and training costs. This is a fantastic opportunity for Kimberley and we know she will represent NSW with pride.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### **Parent Information night – Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 – 5.30pm – 7.00pm**

- This is your chance to learn more about the school, our programs, structure, and activities, as well as a chance to meet key staff. Afternoon tea provided.
- If parents would like to purchase **uniforms** or **book packs** the canteen will be open from 4pm
- Tours of the school will be provided by the SRC from 5pm

### **Valley Schools Student Orientation day – Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Students from: Coramba, Glenreagh, Karangi, Lowanna, Nana Glen and Ulong

- Students will be met at the bus by our peer support team and will then spend the day finding more about the school, attending sample lessons and learning about Year 7
- Please ensure students come dressed in their Primary School uniform with a packed lunch
- Students may be collected from 3.00 pm or may go home on the bus from 3.20 pm

### **Orientation day for ALL students - Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> 2016**

- Students will engage in activities with their peer support teams and have sample lessons
- Please ensure students bring morning tea, a drink, (lunch is provided) and covered shoes
- Parents are welcome to join children from 9.00 – 9.30 in the hall
- Students may be collected from 3.00 pm or go home on the bus from 3.20 pm



# Coffs Harbour Public School

## 2016 Term 4 Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17/10	18/10 Yarrahappani School Camp	19/10 Yarrahappani School Camp State Athletics (Sydney)	20/10 State Athletics (Sydney) Guitar Lessons	21/10 Kinder Transition (2 - 3pm) K -2 Assembly (Performance by KJ ) 3-6 Assembly 10.15pm (Performance by 3/6C)
24/10 Waterwise Concert	25/10	26/10 Coffs Harbour High School Transition session	27/10 Guitar Lessons	28/10 Kinder Transition (2 - 3pm)
31/10 Intensive Swimming NC Cricket Stage 3 Cyber Safety Presentation	01/11	02/11	03/11 Guitar Lessons	04/11 Kinder Transition (2 - 3pm) K -2 Assembly (Performance by 2L ) 3-6 Assembly 10.15pm (Performance by 5/6L)
07/11 Intensive Swimming Lighthouse Concert	08/11 Volleyball Gala Day	09/11	10/11 Guitar Lessons	11/11 Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser Kinder Transition (2 - 3pm) Mental Health Talk
14/11	15/11	16/11 Yr 5 Leadership Speeches	17/11 Guitar Lessons	18/11 Kinder Transition (2 - 3pm) K -2 Assembly (Performance by KH ) 3-6 Assembly 10.15pm (Performance by 5/6H)
21/11	22/11	23/11	24/11 Guitar Lessons	25/11 Kinder Transition (2 - 3pm)
28/11	29/11	30/11	1/12 Scripture K - 6 Christ- mas Concert Guitar Lessons	2/12 Mini Fete K -2 Assembly (Performance by K/2 B) 3-6 Assembly 10.15pm (Performance by 5/6M)
5/12	6/12 Year 6 Farewell Coffs Harbour High Orientation day	7/12 Kindy Graduation	8/12 Presentation Day Guitar Lessons	9/12 PB Assembly
12/12 Reports go home	13/12 Volunteer's Morning Tea	14/12 Talent Quest	15/12 Rewards Day	16/12