



# 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**

**23rd November, 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new families who have had children start at our school over the last couple of weeks. We hope you enjoy our school and all it has to offer.

The pace at school is really starting to speed up. With many activities coming up students and staff are busy with preparations for the mini-fete, reports to go home, year 7 orientation days, presentation day and the list goes on.

Teachers are also working longer hours than usual at the moment as they prepare the Semester 2 reports for each child in their class or group. The A to E grades that are used in reports give parents information as to whether each child is 'on track' and learning what is expected, is achieving at better than expected level or perhaps indicates that they need more help and assistance with their school work.

Student reports will be distributed to parents and carers during the last week of school. Whilst our more formal parent interviews are not typically conducted at the end of the year, parents are able to contact their child's teacher should they have a concern with regard to the progress of their child. Please do not hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment should you wish to do so.

The crane was at school yesterday putting in the new shade structure for the playground refurbishment. Also this week the rubber softfall will go down. It is looking great. Students have been interested in the progress and are very keen to access it once completed.

Thanks to everyone for contributing to the two sausage sizzles over the last couple of Fridays. It really is a help for the families who have students travelling for sport.

This Friday will be the last of our Kindergarten Orientation sessions and I am very pleased to say that our new 2017 Kinder children look great. They had fun and were guided by the staff for next year. Well done to the parents who came along each week to learn about what happens in Kindergarten. 2017 will be a great year.

This Friday the school is holding a Clothing Fundraiser from 2pm – 6pm in the Rainbow

Room. Come along and see if you can grab a bargain. All monies raised will benefit our ongoing costs for the school bus.

I hope many people will be able to make the family fun night at the Big Banana this Saturday. Thanks to the P&C for hosting the event.

Have a great week,  
Leonie

## Playground Update



## Assembly Time Change

Due to the Mini Fete, the assembly times have changed for week 8. K - 2 will now start at 9:15am and 3 - 6 at 10:15am.

## Pre Loved Clothing and

knick knack sale

When? 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 2pm to 6pm

Where? Coffs Harbour Public School

Rainbow Room

Prices From \$2 upwards



All funds to support the school  
mini bus.



## Parent Community Liaison News

Hi Parents

I look forward to the final Certificate 3 First Aid class this week being held in the Library this Friday. Royal Lifesaving Society has been most generous to our parents in providing this service and we thank them so much. It has been a great opportunity to get our brains back working and to learn a new skill.

The clothing fundraiser will also be held on Friday and they would love to sell you an outfit or some clothes- and you can also donate. They are looking for kids clothes in particular.

Waterslides on Saturday night! Along with the fun of sliding it is a positive opportunity for families to meet one another- so say Hi, make a holiday play date and meet your child's friends.

Our community has a lot going on and I like to make resources available to parents. There is a website that discusses cannabis use - National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre, if you need materials to discuss with your children. [www.ncpip.org.au](http://www.ncpip.org.au)

### **Success at School Begins at Home**

Please have a look at the calendar on the back page. We have reviewed it and tried to include lots of information you will need for the end of year activities that are on.

Can I also ask what kinds of activities that as parents you would like to be involved with next year? Learn to Surf? Bush Tucker cooking? Tour of the University and TAFE? Any other Recreational activity or Learning opportunity we should look at? Any other opportunity to help out at school that you can see?

Hope to see lots of you at the Christmas Concert!

Caitlin Mackie

Parent Community Liaison Officer

### **Coffs Harbour Public School Canteen Licence**

Tenders are called for the licence of the Coffs Harbour Public School canteen for the school year commencing 27 January 2017 and for a term of approximately 1 year with the option to renew. Annual school enrolments are approximately 435. General enquiries and requests for a Tender Information Package should be referred to:

#### **Coffs Harbour Public School**

**Telephone: 6652 3355**

Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential – School Canteen Tender" and sent to:

**The Principal – Coffs Harbour Public School**

**7 Salamander Street**

**COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450**

Tenders close at **3pm on Friday 25 November 2016**

## Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell dinner is fast approaching. All money is due in by this Friday.

### Lake Ainsworth Camp 2017

If your child is in Year 4 or Year 5 this year and you would like them to attend the Lake Ainsworth camp in Term 1 of 2017, please pay your \$50 deposit to the office as soon as possible. There are limited numbers available. The total cost of the excursion is \$325. The office will accept instalments of \$50. Raffle tickets are also now being sold to go towards the final cost of the excursion.

### School Banking 2017

If you would like your child to participate in our School Banking program, please register your interest here – [www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking](http://www.commbank.com.au/personal/kids/school-banking)

### School Honour Board

A big thank you to Caitlin Mackie, the parents and past students who have helped us identify all our past School Captains and Dux for our school honour board. We now have this complete and once updated, it will be placed on display in the hall.

### P&C News

We are almost at the end of the year and, as always, our calendar is full of events. There are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved and celebrate the end of another great school year. These are the events we have coming up:

**Friday November 25 - an Icy Pole Friday.** It will run the same way as the others have run all year.

**Saturday November 26 - Our Big Banana Family Fun Night.** Notes must be returned with payment to the office ASAP. Cost is \$12 per person using the slides, kids under 2 and spectators will get in free of charge. The P&C will also be holding a sausage sizzle and raffling off various gift vouchers. It should be a great night of fun and we hope to see you all there.

**Friday December 2 - Hot Dogs and Poppers** at the Year 6 mini fete. A note will be coming home with the kids shortly. It must be returned with payment to the office no later than Wednesday November 30.

**Friday December 9 - A barbecue** at the Christmas Concert. Notes will be sent home regarding this BBQ closer to the date.

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

## School Fundraising Raffle

Last week the school sent home raffle tickets with each student for the school Christmas Fundraising Raffle. All money raised will go towards our school bus costs.

The first prize is this fantastic **Tracker JR 20" bike**. It's the go anywhere bike for all conditions. Sand, snow or mud? All a mere snack for these monster tyres. *Hop on and superhero off.*

Key features of the Tracker JR 20

- Engineered alloy frame and light alloy fork are both strong and durable.
- Big Daddy' 20 x 4.0 tyres roll over anything and everything.
- 7-Speed Shimano gearing with Revo-Shift lever for easy gear changes.
- Tektro Disc brakes for braking control in all conditions.

The prizes are:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Fat wheel 20" bike (the latest bike for kids with 7 gears to ride on and off road)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Family Taronga Zoo pass
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: 2 year Big 4 park discount
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Pamper Christmas Hamper (with loads of different things!)

## Kindergarten Graduation

Kindergarten will be involved in our whole school Presentation Day on Thursday 8th December. This means that there will be no separate Kindergarten Graduation as previously advertised.

## Coffs Central Kids Green thumb Competition

Coffs Harbour Public School recently entered the Coffs Central Kids Green Thumb Competition. KM and 1/2M both had their designs chosen along with four other finalist classes and recently planted their two garden designs. The public are now able to vote to decide the winner. Voting needs to be done at Coffs Central (in the old mall) and continues until Monday 12th of December. The garden boxes are outside the Rockmans entrance and forms can be found next to the boxes or from the information desk inside. Winners of the competition will be announced on the 16th of December and the winning school will receive a \$500 Bunnings voucher. We would love to have your vote! 1/2M are Box 1 and KM are Box 2!

Miss McGregor, Miss Morgan and Mrs Barton



## Sports News

This year has been a very busy year in sport. We have had the opportunity to have students involved in many sports, representing the school on many different levels.



## National Athletics

This week will be a very busy week for both me and Mr Easey, because we will be travelling to Sydney again for the National Athletic's Championships being held at the Sydney Homebush Stadium. I can't wait to be able to compete against the best athletes in Australia!

I would also like to thank Mrs Buehler and the all the staff, teachers and parents for all their support they have given me throughout my experience during my state appearances. I also would like to give a special thanks to Mr Easey for all the work he has put in to helping me get to state and to his family for letting me stay with them. I hope I do us all proud and can't wait till we get to Sydney for my National Championships appearance!!! Thank You - Ama



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## 2016 Term 4 Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21/11	22/11	23/11	24/11 Guitar Lessons	25/11 National Athletic's Carnival Kinder Transition (2 - 3pm) IM Transition Pre loved Clothing and Knick Knack Sale - Fundraiser <b>Saturday 26th - Big Banana Waterslide night 5:30pm</b> <b>Canteen Tenders Close</b>
28/11 National Athletic's Carnival	29/11 National Athletic's Carnival	30/11	1/12 Scripture Christmas Concert (K - 6) 2pm Guitar Lessons	2/12 Mini Fete IM Transition <b>K-2 Assembly - 9:15am - 10:00am (Presentation by Ama)</b> <b>3-6 Assembly - 10:15am - 11:00am (Performance 5/6M)</b>
5/12	6/12 Year 6 Farewell (6:15pm) Coffs Harbour High Orientation day Orara High School Orientation	7/12	8/12 Presentation Day (9:30am) Guitar Lessons	9/12 PB Assembly - (11am - 12pm) P&C Sausage Sizzle 12pm School Concert (1:30pm - 3pm)
12/12 Reports go home Leader Lunch	13/12 Volunteer's Morning Tea Special Ed Christmas Party	14/12 Talent Quest (11:30am) (Students only) Attendance Party	15/12 Rewards Day (Pool - Mainstream K - 6) (Special Ed - Pirate Day)	16/12 <b>Last Day of School for 2016</b> <b>Saturday 17th - Harvey Norman BBQ</b>

### Newsletter Copy

Currently our newsletter is available online via our school website or the Skoolbag app. If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter via email, please complete and return this slip to the office.

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_