



# 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**

**30th November, 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I feel very honoured to announce some very exciting news today – we have a national champion at our school! Ama M has competed at the PSSA National Athletics Carnival in Sydney this week and came first in the 100m, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m, 1<sup>st</sup> in the mixed relay and also a first in the boys relay (although the boys relay win was disputed due to a baton change). This means Ama is now the 100m Australian Champion. We are so proud of not only his athleticism but also the fantastic sportsmanship he continues to show from the national athletic field to our very own school playground. A big thank you also to Mr Easey for his time and commitment to ensuring Ama was at all training practice events, the main events, fundraising and travelling to and from Sydney. What great staff and students we have at Coffs Harbour Public.

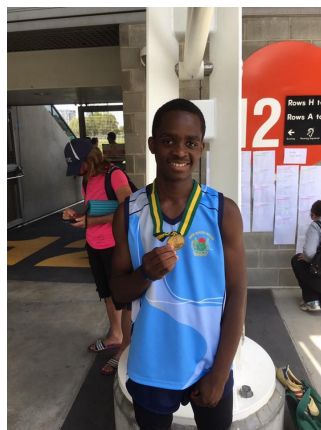
The end of term is drawing near and what a busy term it has been. There are still a number of exciting events yet to come so please check the weekly newsletter or the school calendar on our website to keep up with the latest happenings.

This Friday, Stage 3 will be hosting our annual mini-fete. Students can bring along their pocket money and participate in a variety of fun activities and purchase lots of delicious food.

Next Tuesday, Year 6 will have their farewell dinner. Tuesday is also the day that Coffs Harbour High, Orara High and Toormina High have their orientation day for our Year 6 students that are starting high school next year. What a big day and night for our Year 6 students next Tuesday!

Deposits are now being taken for next year's Stage 3 camp at Lake Ainsworth and are due by the end of this term. If your child is in Year 4 or 5 this year and you would like them to attend this exciting, adventure-filled camp please ensure to get your deposit in quickly as numbers are limited.

Have a fantastic week,  
Kellie Melittas



## **Assembly Time Change**

Due to the Mini Fete, the assembly times have changed for this week.

K - 2: 9:15am - 10:00am and  
3 - 6: 10:15am. - 11:00am

## **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!)*

## **Parent Community Liaison News**

Hi Parents

For all who attended the Big Banana, what a great time we had! It was wonderful to see our children having so much fun with families and friends.

The parents who finished the First Aid Course all commented that we learnt a lot, had a lovely time getting to know others and we are pleased to get certified! The Royal Lifesaving Society were generous in their support of our school's parent community by teaching us. Please tell me if you are interested next year in case we can run First Aid again.

As you know school gets busier in the last few weeks. Have a look at the calendar on the back and see what is happening for your family. Letters have been sent out for PB Assembly and Presentation Day inviting parents of award winners to attend. Parents may need to be seated at the far back outside due to large numbers of students.

The End of Year Concert will have seating available inside for all our families as well as outside. There will be a BBQ that you can purchase but it will finish before the concert so all parent helpers can enjoy the concert. Toilet facilities will be available at the hall for parents.

With Christmas coming up it may be a good thing to focus on service, kindness and gratitude. These two sites offer a daily advent calendar for families and kids to do something meaningful for others during December.

<http://kindnesscrew.com.au/images/pdf/calendars/JC-AdventCal-A4-Family.pdf>

<http://kindnesscrew.com.au/images/pdf/calendars/JC-Advent-A4-School.pdf>



As we look ahead at the holidays I will try and find some great suggestions for family activities and events. One which starts this weekend is blueberry picking for families at Bucca (416 Bucca Road Moonee exit). Only \$10 a kg and a good way to teach children about nature, working, reading a map, maths in how much you owe for what you pick, what coins you need to pay with, honesty, colour (pick the darkest ones), size and comparison. These are all the ways parents are

teachers in their child's life - **You were your child's first teacher, and you continue to be their most important teacher.**

I might see some of you at the Mini-Fete this Friday?

Thanks

Caitlin Mackie

Parent Community Liaison Officer

## **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 and final return date is Monday 12th December. 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.

## **P&C News**

The **Big Banana Family Fun night** was a massive success and the P&C would like to say thank you to the 163 sliders and their families that joined in the fun making the event such a great family night. We would also like to say a big thank you to Joy, Sue, Anna, Darren, Megan, Thorsten, Caz, Caitlin, Garth and Sam for all their hard work organising the event, running the BBQ and assisting with cleanup. There was a lot involved and it could not have ran so smoothly without our volunteers' dedication and hard work.

Coming up we have:

**Hot dogs** this Friday during the mini fete. Thank you to all those who have returned their notes and money.

**Christmas Family BBQ** notes will be going home this week. All families are invited to attend the PB assembly and Christmas concert on Friday 9th December. The P&C will be hosting a BBQ for students and families which will be provided at 12 noon, in between the two items. If you would like to join in, please include your details and money with your child's order.

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 final meeting for the year will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday December 14 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/>





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## 2016 Term 4 Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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  K - 2 Assembly - 9:15am - 10:00am (Presentation by Ama) 3-6 Assembly - 10:15am - 11:00am (Performance 5/6M)
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>



### YOUR VOTE COUNTS

The winning Garden receives a \$500 Garden voucher

Our 6 finalists have planted their Garden Designs and are on display at the Rockmans entrance, Harbour drive.

CAST YOUR VOTE NOW and you could WIN a \$50 Discover Card.



Simply fill in the voting slip and place it in the Barrel located next to the Planter Designs. Voting slips can be found on the barrel or collected from our Concierge Desk on the Ground Floor. Voting closes 12/12/16.

**COFFS CENTRAL**  
The heart of it all

### Coffs Central Kids Green thumb Competition

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

