



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

14th December, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another school year has almost come to an end with the students, staff and families at Coffs Harbour Public School attending the end of year award ceremonies.

Students in K-6 celebrated on Thursday 8th December with a Presentation Day assembly where certificates of achievements were issued, academic, sporting and citizenship successes were celebrated. The PB assembly was held on the 9th and the announcement of the 2017 Primary School Captains.

I am pleased to announce for 2017 our captains are Levi Mackie, Amalie Wilfert, Tyler Barton and Melissa Queen. Our school leaders are Caleb Errington, Hunter Morgan, Josh Osland, Chloe Mary, Kieran Austin and Creedence Donovan. I am sure they will do a fantastic job representing our school.

The afternoon of Friday 9th December was capped off by a wonderful school concert. It was wonderful to see every student participate in the concert. Congratulations to all students and staff on a wonderful afternoon. Thank you to Ms Bel Leeson for writing the script.

Congratulations to KJ who won the Attendance party this term. Overall our attendance has significantly improved and it was a very tight contest between 3/4C, 3/4K and KJ.

Yesterday we held our Thank You Morning tea to all of our valued volunteers. It was a lovely morning and we feel so lucky in our school to have so many dedicated, supportive volunteers.

What a fabulous year we have had at Coffs Harbour Public School. The year was filled with exciting times for students, lots of learning and fun, loads of extra-curricular experiences, fantastic excursions, a terrific concert and lots, lots more... I would like to thank our staff, parents and community for their combined efforts to make every day special for our students. My best wishes to all for a safe and happy Christmas. To our Year 6 students, I wish you every success in high school and beyond, and we look forward to

hearing of your future successes. To all of our other students, we look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Leonie



Parent Community Liaison News

We did it Parents! The last week of school!

I have been privileged to work with our families this year and to get to know a lot of parents. Thank you for your attendance at some of the great school activities we have had this year (including the spectacular End of Year concert last week).

Next year we have planned lots of varied and interesting opportunities for parents to participate in, such as Surfing, Local Walks, Tracing your Family Tree, AUSLAN signing classes, computer skills, guest speaker talks on social issues, study opportunities, parenting tips, Multicultural Pot Luck Dinner and social groups. These will generally take place on Fridays so please leave a spot in your 2017 calendars for some of these activities that may interest you.

With these 6 weeks of school holidays I hope you find some interesting and fun activities to do with your children and families. I asked the staff what they like to do with their families:

- A swim at the Jetty or between the flags at local beaches or a walk on the Jetty.
- We love the drive up to Bruxner Park lookout and we stop and grab a frozen banana for the drive up. We generally combine that with blueberry picking at Bucca.
- Try going and playing at local playgrounds and the children give them a star rating of the one they like the best.
- Other suggestions are to ride the Coffs Creek walk on your bikes or walk the dog.
- Town library, Museum opposite the school and the Aquarium at Charlesworth Bay are all interesting places to visit.
- The tennis club on Harbour Drive has a holiday program, Surf Groms with local surf schools,

I hope you and your family and any visitors you have get to enjoy lots of fun around here locally. If you travel somewhere please stay safe so we can welcome you all back in 2017.

Parents- thank you so much for your welcome to me and support for our school. See you next year!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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.

*Wishing all our families
a safe &*

**Happy
Holidays**

School Calendar information

December:

Thursday 15th - Rewards Day

Friday 16th - Last Day of Term 4, 2016

Term 1 - 2017:

January:

Friday 27th - Staff Development Day

Monday 30th - First day of School (Years 1 - 6).

February:

Thursday 2nd - Kindergarten 2017 First Day of School.



P&C News

Thank you to the volunteers who helped out at the Christmas Family BBQ after the PB Assembly. And thank you also to all the volunteers who have helped out in any capacity in 2016. There have been many challenges and it has been through the hard work and contributions, both big and small, of many people that have helped us to move forward.

We will meet for the last time in 2016 at 6:00pm on Wednesday December 14. This has been a challenging year for the P&C on many fronts, but there have always been people willing to put up their hand and give their time help our kids.

As always, if you need to contact the P&C you can send an email to chpspandc@gmail.com. Regular updates are also posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/chpspandc/>

Coffs South Rotary - Special Education Christmas Party

Last night we had our Special Education Christmas Party. A big thank you to Coffs Harbour South Rotary Club for hosting the evening and to staff and families for coming along and making it a great night. We even had a visit from Santa!

