



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

7th December, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to the year 6 students on a very successful mini-fete held last week. All money raised will go towards the farewell gift to the school.

Last night we had the year 6 farewell. What a lovely evening it was. It is with such mixed emotions that we farewell our students – we will miss them, but wish them well on their new adventures in 2017.

The school canteen was put out for tender to the public last month. Unfortunately there have not been any tenders put in for the canteen. This is really unfortunate as it has meant that we will not have a canteen up and running for 2017. I am really saddened by this as a working canteen for our school would be ideal. I will keep you informed as to any new developments.

Classes for 2017 are being drafted over the next couple of weeks, however, we can never gauge how many new enrolments we will get at the start of a new school year. So, once again in 2017, we will have students start the new school year with their same class and where possible, the same teacher. After the first week of school, students will then be placed in their new classes. We appreciate your understanding as it is really important that we make the start of the school year as stress free for students, teachers and families.

This year the school Talent Quest will be run slightly differently. Each stage will run its own Talent Quest during Rewards day. These could be run at varying times during the day to suit the students and their excursions. So for this reason, we are unable to offer our parents to come and watch. Our apologies for this change.

Our new mainstream playground opened yesterday. It is fantastic! Students loved using the sandpit, new paths, rubber soft fall under the equipment and having a big shade sail over the area. Thanks to the students for their patience while the build was happening. We hope you enjoy your new playground.

With Christmas almost upon us, many students have been handing out Christmas cards. These are lovely to give and receive. We ask that Candy Canes are not included with the cards. For a few reasons – the rubbish it creates, sugar laden students who become unsettled during the day and ants in school bags. Thank you for supporting us by providing cards only.

School finishes for students and staff on Friday 16 December. It's hard to believe that we only have the rest of this week and next left for the school year. We have many school activities to look forward to. Presentation Day will start promptly at 9.30am tomorrow. This is our most formal event on the school calendar so we look forward to sharing our celebrations with our school community.

Please make sure you have a look at the calendar to follow all the upcoming activities on offer at our school.

Have a great week,
Leonie

New Playground is complete



Parent Community Liaison News

There are 7 days of school left parents and what a jam packed 7 days that will be.

Firstly, I wanted to encourage you to donate any outgrown and excess uniforms to our uniform pool. As we do our "Summer Sorting Out" and "End of Year" organising you may find outgrown clothes and hardly used items that we may be able to use for new students. If you hand them in at the office it would be greatly appreciate. It is also a great time to check hats- does your child have their own hat, and is it marked with their name? I imagine there is a Bower Bird somewhere with a nest of our blue hats and it would be great if everyone got their hat returned to them by the end of the year.

You would have received letters inviting you to the PB Assembly and Presentation Day Assemblies. All children are involved in the End of Year school concert at 1.30pm on Friday and we always love to see a large attendance of parents and families. I would recommend parking down on Curacoa St and walking up to the hall to avoid the 2.30pm No Parking areas at the front of the school. Come early to meet others and share a BBQ with your family. The BBQ will finish by 1.15pm.

Can I also ask if all of us as parents can be more aware of traffic and dropping our children off in the morning? The end of year is a busy time, we rush, it's hot, and we have lots of social obligations. BUT- we don't want any accidents involving our children or others. Please don't drive through the bus bay.

Enjoy the last days of school for 2016!

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.

School Banking

This week will be our last week for school banking. Thank you to everyone who has been banking this year and we will see you all again in 2017.

Jamie Brown & Jacqi Howe
Banking Coordinators

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:

1st: Fat wheel 20" bike (the latest bike for kids with 7 gears to ride on and off road)

2nd: Family Taronga Zoo pass

3rd: 2 year Big 4 park discount

4th: Pamper Christmas Hamper (with loads of different things!)



P&C News

We have just about made it to the end of the year and it is time to celebrate the achievements, big and small, of our kids. To this end, we hope to see as many parents and family members as possible on Friday for the PB Assembly and the End of Year Concert. In between the two events the P&C will be hosting our **Christmas Family BBQ**. Notes have already gone home and you need to get your order in ASAP for sausages sandwiches, poppers and water.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped out making hot dogs at the Year 6 mini fete.

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 to 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 Harbour School Awards

A revised outline of the school award system has been devised in order to create more equity across K-6, to ensure all students have continuity of awards from one year to the next, to elevate the importance of the awards to all students, and to formally align the awards with our school rules.



Coffs Harbour Public School Award Criteria

Award	Criteria	
Merit Certificates	K-6 Fortnightly Assemblies - 1 Awards per ten students in class rounded up or down to the nearest ten, eg. a class of 24 would have 2 awards; a class of 27 would have 3: Refer to the Scope and Sequence for School Rules as to the category: Responsibility, Safety, Respect, Excellence. The dot points on the School Rules will assist teachers in awarding these merit certificates.	
Student of the Week	1 per class per Assembly	
Triple A Certificate	A ‘Triple A’ Merit Card will be given out to all children achieve the goals of Achievement, Attitude and 90% Attendance. This Award is part of the end of term Reward Day.	
Bronze Award	This Award (Bronze certificate) is given out after gaining 5 merit cards which can include: Merit cards, Student of the Week, Triple A awards, and Personal Best Badge. NB – Personal Best Badge is worth 2 awards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teachers will track awards given out. This will be recorded on ‘Student Wellbeing’ in NOTES.Merit Cards and Bronze, Silver, Gold Awards will carry on from year to year in order to pursue further awards.Bronze awards will be handed out at Weekly Assemblies, and Silver and Gold awards handed out at PB Assemblies.
Silver Award	This award (Silver certificate) given out after receiving a Bronze Award plus a further 5 merit cards which can include: Merit cards, Student of the Week, Triple A awards, and Personal Best Badge. NB – Personal Best Badge is worth 2 awards.	
Gold Award	This award (Gold certificate) is given after students gain a further 5 merit cards which can include: Merit cards, Student of the Week, Triple A awards, and Personal Best Badge.	
Platinum Award	This Pennant is given after students gain 3 Gold Awards. See above for certificates that contribute to a Gold Certificate.	
Personal Best Badge	1 per Class per Term presented at the PB Assembly A special Badge which is presented for exceptional students who reflect in their attitude and achievement the values of our school community. It is for consistent and exemplary effort and/or results that indicate that they have reached a high personal goal in ability, academic results, social co-operation and/or improvement. PB is equivalent to 2 Merit Awards.	



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2016 Term 4 Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Attendance Party	15/12 Rewards Day (Pool - Mainstream K - 6) (Special Ed - Pirate Day)	16/12 Last Day of School for 2016 Saturday 17th - Harvey Norman BBQ

School Concert Rehearsals - 'Behind the Scenes'

