



Coffs Harbour Public School

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10th February, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous start our students have had this year. This week we welcomed our new Kindergarten students to morning assemblies. They are learning the routines of big school well, and all teaching staff have commented on what a terrific start Kindergarten have had. On Monday, students participated in the Kindergarten Bus Safety Program, so they are now able to catch the bus to and from school each day.

Our first big event for the year is being held next Monday 15 February. Our school swimming carnival is being held at the Coffs Harbour pool for years 3-6 and Year 2 students turning 8 this year who can swim. Please make sure your children have slip, slop, slapped and feel free to join us for the day.

We are currently going through our old furniture in preparation for some new desks and chairs. We will be offering up our old furniture for free to our school community and then to local charities. I will let you know of the date and times that you can collect these items.

Congratulations to our new House Captains for 2016. Badges have been ordered and we will have a celebration at one of our upcoming assemblies. Parents will be invited to attend this assembly.

House captains for 2016 are:

Cook House

Credence Donovan
Maxim Chaineux
Kimberley Duncan
Zoe Donaldson

Phillip House

Brianna Scott
Kiahla Spencer
Jaymus Troutman
Jordy Thomas

Oxley House

Saxon Luke
Jai Raynaud-Quirk
Chloe Mary
Kiarna Mills

Flinders House

Caleb Errington
Brendan Herbert
April Eather
Jaylee Hardman

Have a great week,
Leonie

1/2M Classroom Activities



P&C

Our P&C meeting is on Wednesday 10 February at 6pm.

The meetings are held in our school's staffroom. Our P&C AGM will be in May. All positions including P&C executive or any subcommittees such as the fundraising committee are voted on at the AGM. Just a reminder that according to NSW P&C Federation guidelines, those wishing to vote, stand for office, or move motions, must be financial members. Membership is \$1 per year.

Taking a position on the P&C Executive involves:

- a commitment to working with parents, staff and the Principal in a positive manner,
- at least one child currently enrolled at CHPS, (not necessary for sub-Committees),
- promoting the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff into close cooperation
- overseeing the smooth running of fundraising activities and P&C responsibilities e.g. canteen, stalls, catering for functions.
- having an understanding of appropriate protocols for communication within the whole school community, and understanding the roles according to the NSW P&C Association (available on their website).

Most importantly, the P&C Executive needs to be made up of people who want the best for the students of this school and support the school in a positive way, that is, a positive team of committed people who make every effort to work together to get the jobs done. The Executive members play an important role in encouraging other parents to become involved in the school and in making new members feel welcome. In my years as Principal, I have enjoyed working with our dedicated P&C and admire their commitment and continued effort, much of it often unseen.

A **casual vacancy** for the P&C President is available. Mrs Vicki Baldwin has resigned as President. This position will commence from tomorrow night until the next AGM in May.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Vicki for her many years of voluntary service on the executive of the P&C. She has held both Secretary and President positions. Vicki has dedicated a lot of her time and energy to our school and I wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

School Contributions

Our School Contribution is set at \$40 this year and many early birds have already paid! Thank you. This goes towards the cost of exercise books, photocopied workbooks, art and craft materials, paper, class sets of dictionaries and atlases, and supplied materials to students. We also pay for online access to Maths and Literacy resources to use on class computers, in the computer room and Interactive whiteboards to continue to improve our students' opportunities. The 'Mathletics' subscription also enables children to practise their Maths online on their home computer.

The End of the School Day

A reminder to all parents that students should leave the school grounds at the end of the school day which is 3 pm. Children who are not catching a bus need to go the office if parents have not collected them within 10 minutes so we can contact parents. If you are delayed please phone the office. If you are regularly late please make alternate arrangements for them to be collected. Thank you for your assistance.

Many parents are now using Curacao Street for ease of parking. A staff member walks students down to the gate on Curacao Street. I encourage all parents to use this street for convenience and to save time looking for a park and possibly parking illegally.

Volunteers

Due to Child Protection legislative requirements, all people who volunteer in schools are required to comply with certain procedures to protect our children, which must be enforced. If you volunteer in any capacity in the school (classroom, sport, library etc.) you need to fill out an online application at www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/ check. Then when you receive an Application number by email, you take the application number and proof of your identity to a NSW Motor Registry for processing. There is no cost. Let the school know when the process has been completed.

All volunteers must comply with these new requirements. Please do so as soon as possible.

Also, all volunteers must sign in and out of the office on every visit to the school, and wear a Volunteer badge. This is a Work Health Safety requirement in all schools. Please do not go directly to the classroom without signing in first.

Emergency Contact Details

We often need to contact parents for a range of reasons. Please make sure that the school office is notified about:

- Change of home address
- Change of home phone
- Change of mobile number
- Change of emergency contact/s and their details.

AMART Community Kickbacks Program

If you are not a member join Team Amart today and support our school. If you are a member of Team Amart and you nominate Coffs Harbour Public School as your beneficiary and swipe your card 5% store credit on all member purchases will benefit our school.

Joint Anti-truancy Sweep

Please be aware truancy officers from the Department of Education in a joint operation with police will be working within this community in the coming weeks.

Any young people found unsupervised, on the streets, may be approached by officers and questioned. Young people found to be truanting will have their names recorded and will be directed to return to school. This operation will be ongoing.

P&C News

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th February at 6pm. We are always happy to welcome new members, so come along and join in, it really is the best way to be involved in the school and the decisions that are made. We will be discussing the financial situation of the canteen and P&C and what we can do to try and get the canteen up and running again. This is a very important topic and the best way to have some input is to come to our meetings and join in the discussion. The position of P&C President will also be open for nomination, if that is something you are interested in please attend the meeting. If you would like any further information please contact Jacqi Howe on 0422 428 288 or email chpspandc@gmail.com our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/chpspandc>

Thank you and look forward to seeing you there
Jacqi Howe - P&C Secretary

Bus Safety

On Monday the Kindergarten students participated in the Bus Safety Program. Hillary from NRMA and Ken from Busways engaged the students in detailed safety discussions and role plays. The students learnt the importance of bus safety and implemented their new knowledge during the bus ride around the local area.

Kindergarten students are now allowed to catch the bus to and from school. Please inform your child's teacher of their bus number so we can ensure they are in the correct bus lines. Your support with this is appreciated.

Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Johns and Miss Morgan



Primary Ethics

Since early 2011, NSW public school children have a legal right to attend classes in philosophical ethics at their school if, their parents give permission for them to go to ethics classes and Primary Ethics can provide trained and vetted volunteers to organise and teach the classes. Classes are available to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who don't attend the available Scripture/SRE (Special Religious Education) classes in their school. However, Primary Ethics can only provide these classes if it has trained volunteers from either the school or wider community. At Coffs Harbour PS we do have one parent who is interested in training as an Ethics teacher, however, we need more volunteers to take on a teaching role.

In addition, we are currently looking for a volunteer parent or member of the local community to take on the role of Ethics Coordinator at the school. This person should be well organised and be able to liaise with the school Principal, Ethics teachers and parents. The Ethics coordinator interviews, selects and supports Ethics teachers and should be comfortable working in an on-line environment.

If either of these volunteer roles interests you please contact Greg Robinson, the primary Ethics Regional Manager on 0429 922 845 or visit www.primaryethics.com.au for further information.



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2016 Term 1 Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25/1	26/1	27/1 Staff Development Day	28/1 Yr 1-6 students first day of Term 1 Kinder Best start	29/1 Kinder Best Start
1/2 Kinder Best Start	2/2 Kinder students first day of Term 1	3/2	4/2	5/2
8/2 Kinder Bus Safety	9/2	10/2 P&C Meeting	11/2	12/2
15/2 Swimming Carnival	16/2	17/2 STEPS Eye Screening	18/2	19/2
22/2	23/2 Parent/Teacher Info Sessions 2.30-3.30pm	24/2	25/2	26/2
29/2	1/3	2/3	3/3	4/3
7/3	8/3	9/3 P&C Meeting	10/3	11/3
14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3
21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3	25/3 Good Friday Public Holiday
28/3 Easter Monday Public Holiday	29/3	30/3	31/3	1/4 PB Assembly
4/4	5/4	6/4 P&C Meeting	7/4	8/4 Last Day of Term 1



Class Requisites Fees and Voluntary Contributions for 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the 2016 school year. Below you will see a list of some items that are covered by your Requisite Fees this year. These lists have been broken into stages so that you can easily identify what is required in each class. The fees are \$40 for all students in our school.

Voluntary contributions have been set at **\$10** for a single child at school or **\$20** per family of more than 2 students.

K-2:

6 Exercise Books
Scrap books
Scissors
Lead pencils/coloured pencils
Ruler
4 Whiteboard markers (2 per semester)
Crayons/paints and a variety of craft materials
Art paper/ Cardboard/ Coloured paper
Clear zip lock wallet case
Glues e.g. pva craft
Photocopying/Laminating
Mathletics membership for Stage 1 (subsidised by the school)
iPad App fee

Stage 2:

7 Exercise Books
Homework book/folder
Lead pencils
Scissors
4 Whiteboard markers (2 per semester)
Art Paper/Cardboard/coloured paper
Paints/crayons and a variety of craft materials
Various glues e.g. PVA
Photocopying/laminating
Mathletics membership (subsidised by the school)
iPad App fee

Stage 3:

6 Exercise Books
USB Thumb drive
Whiteboard markers
Art Paper/ Paints and a variety of craft materials
Various glues e.g. PVA
Photocopying
Mathletics membership (subsidised by the school)
iPad App fee

Special Ed:

5 Exercise books
Scissors
Lead pencils
Velcro
Health Care equipment
Crayons/paints and a variety of craft materials
Art paper/Cardboard/ coloured paper
PVA glue/glue sticks
Photocopying/ Laminating
Mathletics membership (subsidised by the school)
iPad App fee

Thank you for your support of our school.

Leonie Buehler,
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Ethics Classes for Coffs Harbour Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an alternative for children in non-scripture. The curriculum is available for children from K-6.

Primary Ethics (a not-for-profit organisation) is the NSW Dept of Education authorised provider of ethics classes. The curriculum is inquiry based and children use dialogue and discussion to learn how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. Trained and vetted volunteer teachers lead discussions.

For more information about Primary Ethics including our curriculum, or if you would like to volunteer as an Ethics Teacher or Ethics Coordinator at the school please go to www.primaryethics.com.au.

We can start ethics classes at Coffs Harbour Public School if there is enough demand. Please let me know if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child by returning the slip below by Tuesday 16th February 2016.

Kind regards,

Mrs Leonie Buehler
Principal

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Please return this form by Tuesday 16th February 2016 if you are interested in choosing Ethics for your child.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

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Signed: _____ Date _____

Be Safe, Be Fair, Be Kind, Be Cooperative