



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

17th February, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday's Swimming Carnival was an outstanding success. The weather was terrific, the students' participation, sportsmanship and behaviour was excellent and the carnival was expertly run. Many thanks to the parent helpers

Wednesday night's P&C meeting was very productive. A good crowd contributed a lot of ideas on fundraising to help with the outstanding bills to pay from 2015. Sausage sizzles are going to be held every Friday for the next 4 weeks; a trivial pursuit night is being organised; a coin trail; Easter raffles and a BBQ at Harvey Norman have all been planned. Thank you so much to the wonderful band of volunteers who are helping with the organisation.

Parent Information Session

This will be held next Tuesday 23 February from 2.30pm – 3.30pm in the hall. This is an excellent opportunity to come and meet your child's teacher and the support staff; discuss homework, excursions; student needs and classroom organisation. Afternoon tea will be available to purchase. If you are unable to attend and you wish to discuss a concern with your child's teacher, please make an appointment by phoning the school.

Free - School Furniture

We have a large amount of desks, bookcases, computer tables and chairs available for free for our community. This furniture is no longer needed and may be old, obsolete or unused to our school.

Garry, our General Assistant is available to assist with viewing and supervision of the removal of this furniture in our old hall (near Kindergarten rooms) on **Friday 19 February** from 8am to 9am and **Monday 22 February** from 2pm -3.30pm. Please make sure you have a trailer or suitable space in your car. Parking may be difficult as this is beginning and end of school rush hour, so please be mindful of legally parking.

Our new school leaders are doing a wonderful job already this year. We have 26 leaders combining our school captains, leaders and house captains. As the year progresses they will take on more leadership responsibilities. Mrs Buehler with the School Captains



Have a great week,
Leonie

Thank you

A huge thank you to Coffs Security Doors for donating the \$100 to the supply and installation of a screen door to one of our classrooms. This was a very generous offer of them. We really appreciate the support of all local businesses in making our school the best it can be.

Council regulations

Please be aware of both council regulations and our school neighbours' needs when parking. Council Rangers have been active recently, and I sometimes get negative feedback from local residents who are inconvenienced by restricted access to their properties.

P&C Sausage Sizzle

The sausage sizzle note that went home last week has the wrong Friday date on it - it should be Friday 19th February. Please use these notes anyway as we are aware of the mistake and the order will still be written down for this week.

Ethics Classes

In last week's newsletter, a note was sent home regarding the possibility of ethics classes being organised at our school. Although several families have expressed their interest in having the courses offered, we have not had any expressions of interest for parents who are willing to undergo the necessary training and teach the classes. As the ethics classes are organised and facilitated by parents, we will be unable to offer the classes if we do not have a sufficient number of parents trained and willing to teach the program. If you are interested in teaching the ethics classes, please contact Mrs Melittas through our school office for more information.

Visible Learning

New Zealand born educational researcher John Hattie is the Director of the Melbourne (University of Melbourne, Australia) Education Research Institute and is best known for his Visible Learning approach to student achievement. Hattie's work is based on his meta-analysis of more than 1,000 research reviews comprising more than 50,000 individual studies - the largest meta-analysis ever conducted in the field of education. Hattie identified the major factors and practices that influenced student achievement, from family background to teacher training to specific instructional practices. He then went a step further and calculated how much of an effect each factor had on students.

So what is Visible Learning? Visible teaching and learning occurs when learning is the explicit goal: when there is feedback given and sought and when there are active, passionate, and engaging people, including teachers, students, and peers participating in the act of learning. Over the coming weeks, watch this space to find out more information about visible learning and what it means at Coffs Harbour Public School.

The Tell Them From Me student survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life,

how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **March 7 2016**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

P&C News

At our most recent meeting last week we were unable to elect a new president of the P&C. The position will remain open for nomination and we will hopefully be able to fill that position at our next meeting—if that is something you are interested in please attend the meeting or contact me for more information.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th March at 6pm. 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>

P&C Trivia Night

The P&C have set a date for the Trivia Night. Please save the date of Friday 18th March 2016 for a great evening. More information will be sent home soon.

Fundraising News

The P&C will be running several fundraisers this term, the first being weekly sausage sizzles on a Friday for the next 4 weeks. Please get your order and money in by Thursday morning. We will also be running a Coin Trail competition - there will be more information coming out about this later in the week, but start saving up your loose change now!

If you would like more information about P&C fundraising or would like to help out please let me know - we are always looking for more volunteers to help out!

2016 Swimming Carnival

Yesterday our school held its Annual Swimming Carnival. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day, with glorious weather, cheering on their house competitors and encouraging the younger students. The novelties were the highlight for many, as seen in the photos. A big thankyou to all the staff who made the day such a great success and a special mention to Charlotte Wilfert and Faye Gabby for assisting with timekeeping all day!

Students who qualified for the District carnival next Monday 22nd will have received their permission notes today. **Please note** only swimmers displaying correct strokes can progress to this level. This also includes time qualifications for 100m and 200m events. Once I have received confirmation, swimmers can check out which events they have qualified for outside the office/sickbay window.

Thank you to the many parents who came along and congratulations to all students!

Swimming Committee Mrs O'Donnell, Mr Murphy and Ms Berry



Library News

Welcome to the library for 2016. The students library days are as follows;

Day	Class
Monday	2L , 2P, 5/6L
Tuesday	3/4C 3/4M
Wednesday	2B, 3/4K, 3/4O, 5/6M
Thursday	1AM, 1M, KJ, KH, KM, 5/6B

Students need a library bag to borrow, preferably a water-proof one. Book club has begun again for 2016. Issue One Bookclub closes this Thursday 18th February.

3/4K Classroom Activities

3/4K are off to a flying start this term. We have been learning how to write a recount, partitioning of numbers and learning how to add and subtract numbers mentally. Below is a story form a class member.



Big Banana Waterslides

It was a sunny day and mum, my Brothers and I decided to go to The Big Banana Water Slides for something fun to do. I woke up, stretched and then got really excited because I knew today was the day that I got to go to The Big Banana Water Slides. I quickly raced down the stairs and looked at the time. It was time to go.

I packed all of my stuff and set off for The Big Banana. I was so excited the whole car trip. When I got in the gates of the water slides, I was amazed because there were so any slides to go on.

After I went on all the new and fun water slides, I stopped to have some lunch. I then went on my favourite slides again before I packed up and headed home. I really didn't want to leave because it was so much fun, but sadly I had to leave as it was getting late and we had to go home and have dinner.

When I got home, I had to have a shower and get out of all my wet clothes. Then we all had dinner together and for ready for bed. I read a book quickly before I went to sleep and prayed to lord. After such a long and busy day, I fell asleep and had the best sleep ever!!! - Grace E



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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 P&C Sausage Sizzle K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by 2M) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 3/4K)
22/2 District Swimming Carnival	23/2 Parent/Teacher Info Session 2.30-3.30pm in the school hall	24/2	25/2	26/2 P&C Sausage Sizzle District Soccer
29/2	1/3	2/3	3/3 District Rugby League	4/3 P&C Sausage Sizzle K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by 1AM) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 3/4C)
7/3	8/3	9/3 P&C Meeting	10/3	11/3 P&C Sausage Sizzle
14/3	15/3	16/3 Netball Gala Day	17/3	18/3 P&C Sausage Sizzle K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by 2B) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 5/6B) P&C Trivia Night
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 Attendance Party Coin Trial	6/4 P&C Meeting	7/4	8/4 Last Day of Term 1