



# 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**

**24th February, 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Coffs Harbour Public School our motto is 'Courtesy and Honour'. It is always such a pleasure to see our students demonstrating the meaning of these words in their learning, their play and in their relationships with peers and adults.

The P&C BBQ went very well last Friday. These sausage sizzles will continue for the next 3 weeks. Many thanks to the terrific band of helpers who worked behind the scenes to make it such a successful BBQ. I can't thank our parents enough for all the work they are doing to make our P&C successful once again.

I would like to welcome a new member of staff to our school community. Caitlin Mackie has agreed to take on the role of Parent/ Community Liaison Officer. This is a very significant role in our school and we are delighted that Caitlin will be working with us. The role of the PCLO is to facilitate partnerships between home, school and community with the purpose of enhancing the learning outcomes for students. We are keen to build closer links between home and school. Caitlin has had all 5 of her children go to our school. If you would like to speak with her, please contact Caitlin through the school on 66523355.

Stage 3 students and staff are very happy this week as the new 21<sup>st</sup> century learning furniture arrived. We now have furniture with names such as "conundrum tables", rectapods, stand up desks, ergonomic chairs, lounge chairs and many more pieces of furniture which make the learning space much nicer and conducive to better learning.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who were able to join us for the Parent Teacher Information Session yesterday afternoon. It was great to see so many new and familiar parents.

Have a great week,

Leonie

## Parent Teacher Information Session



## Chess Club

This week Chess Club kicked off for the year at our school. We had 23 students in our club this week including students from year 2 up to year 6. It was exciting to see some new faces join the club this year. The older students were keen to teach the younger students how to play.



## 1AM News

We read 'Tough Boris' by Mem Fox. It was about a pirate named Boris von der Borch. We pretended that we were pirates digging for treasures in the sand. We found crystals, jewels, necklaces and many other exciting treasures. We also got to make our own treasure from recyclable materials for our class treasure chest.

I dug up a piece of treasure. It feels sharp and smooth. It is white and shaped like a diamond. I think it's beautiful because it shines in the sun.

By Tylah

I dug up a piece of treasure. It feels smooth. It's white with red, yellow and green dots on it. It is a circle. The colour of it is very interesting.

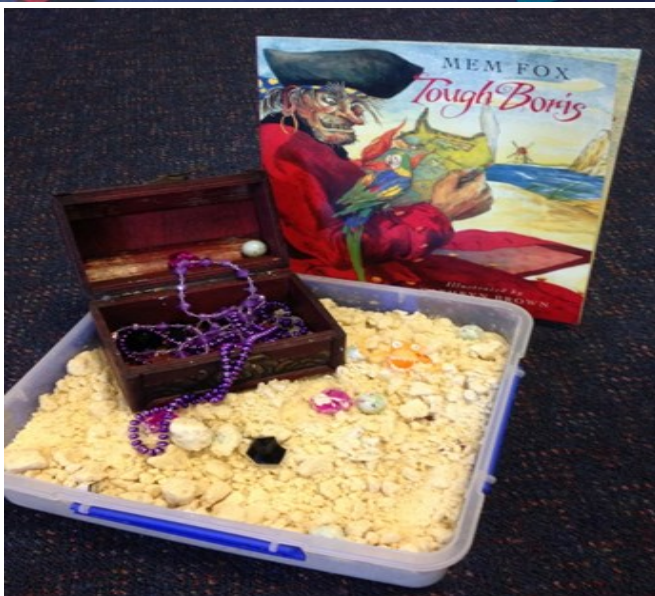
By Amanda

I dug up a piece of treasure. It feels pointy and it is black. It is a sharp crystal.

By Tyrhanie

I dug up a piece of treasure. It feels nice and bumpy. It is pink and shiny. My crystal looks like a square and the crystal changes in the water.

By Requester



## Ethics Classes at Coffs Harbour Public School

Thank you to those who expressed an interest in having their children attend ethics classes and returned the required note. However, as we have not received enough willing volunteers to teach the ethics classes, we will be unable to offer the classes in the immediate future. If you are willing to undergo the necessary training in the future and volunteer your time each week to teach ethic classes, please contact the school on 6652 3355.

## Visible Learning

According to John Hattie, Visible Learning and Teaching occurs when teachers see learning through the eyes of students and help them become their own teachers. In his ground-breaking study Hattie ranked those influences which are related to learning outcomes from very positive effects to very negative effects on student achievement. Hattie found that the average effect size of all the interventions he studied was 0.40. Therefore he decided to judge the success of influences relative to the '0.40 effect', in order to find an answer to the question "What works best in education?"

Hattie's research suggests that the most powerful effects relate to features within the school, such as the climate of the classroom, peer influences, and the lack of disruptive students in the classroom. There are a number of teacher contributions to student learning, such as teacher expectations; teachers' conception of teaching; and teacher openness. Hattie argues that the most critical aspect contributed by the teacher is the quality of their teaching as perceived by the students. Watch this space to see the top 20 factors next week.

## Skoolbag App

We are very excited to announce our school now has the Skoolbag app. The app is available for both iPhone and Android users (to be released shortly) and allows alerts for events, meetings, excursions etc, access to newsletters, school calendar, absence notes with electronic signature and permission notes for excursions.

### How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

#### iPhone Users

Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.



#### Android Users

Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.





### **P&C News**

Our first Friday sausage sizzle was a big success. A HUGE thank you to **Big Country Meats** for very generously supplying the sausages to us at a fantastic price. We will be doing the sausage sizzle each Friday for the next 3 weeks. Please get your order and money in by Thursday morning.

We will also be holding a Coin Trail competition. There will be more information on a separate note, but start saving up your loose change now! If you have any large old jars at home that you can spare please send them in to the school. We will be using them for collecting and displaying the coins in each classroom for the coin trail.

We will be running the BBQ at Harvey Norman on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> March. We need extra hands for cooking the BBQ, but if you can't help out please come down anyway and buy a sausage sandwich to help support the school.

P&C Trivia Night will be the 18<sup>th</sup> March – more information to come soon! Volunteers will be needed, so if you can help please let me know

Our Easter Raffle tickets will be sent home soon. We will be raffling off 3 Easter Hampers and would love our school families to help make these hampers amazing by sending in donations of Easter chocolates or craft supplies – any donation will be very greatly appreciated, no matter how small. Please drop off at the office.

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!

The next P&C meeting will be held 9th March at 6pm. If you would like any further information please contact Jacqi Howe on 0422428288 or email [chpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:chpspandc@gmail.com) Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/chpspandc>

Thanks  
Jacqi Howe

### **Best Start Follow Up Assessment**

At the beginning of the school year all students in Kindergarten had the benefit of a Best Start interview. At this interview the teachers were able to establish an idea of the skills and knowledge of each student in both literacy and numeracy. Following this, the teachers collated all of the responses enabling them to place each student on a continuum of learning. This is the process for every student entering Kindergarten in a public school and the results are consistently reported at

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a state-wide level. The feedback to parents based on this 'assessment' is now available and parents can learn more about this at a meeting with the school's Instructional Leader next Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm in the Rainbow Room. Following the meeting the individual 'reports' will be available for parents.



## Students Assembly Awards

Class	Student of the Week	Excellence	Safety	Responsible	Respectful
3/4C	Cooper F	Ally E	Nico B	Tain M	Carter W
3/4K	Kalani O	Cale O	Maraiyde D	Sian S	Lilly G
3/4M	Alisa P	Merlin G	Patric B	Nevaeh K	Rory M
3/4O	Ian D	Levi W	Oscar M	Sophie H	Jessica S
5/6B	Ezrah T	Sarah B	Bailey H	Jaymus T	Naveen R
5/6H	Tarra C	Tre M	Koby T	Sjhaun O	Mackenzie C
5/6L	Karlan S	Mohadeseh K	Zen W	William W	Kiesha W
5/6M	Brianna S	Melissa I	Azel P	Jordy T	Gabriel D
3/6C	Sam D	Ezzard W	Dale J	Tylah D	Kane B
3/6F	Mark Y	Joseph	-	-	Josh O
3/6J	-	-	Noah B	Maddison M	-

**Principals Awards:** Mikhaila B, Aalyah C

### School Banking

Our Commonwealth School Banking is banked every Thursday. If you would like your child to bank please ensure their bank deposit books are at the school office by 9am on Thursday Morning. If you would like to open a bank account for your child please see the school office for further information.



### Stage 2 and 3 School Assembly





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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 Best Start follow up meeting at 2.45pm in the Rainbow Room	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 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 Trail	6/4 P&C Meeting	7/4	8/4 Last Day of Term 1