



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

30th March, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your family enjoyed the mini Easter break.

Between now and the end of term there are many events coming up, particularly in the last week of school. Please have a good look at the school calendar so that you have the information needed for your children.

Disco

This year we are trialling having discos at lunchtime once a term. These will replace the afternoon discos held in previous years. All students who have had acceptable behaviour are welcome to attend this free event. The first disco for the year will be held this Friday 1 April from 1.15pm – 1.45pm.

Easter Hat Parade and P&C Raffle

The Easter Hat Parade and the P&C Easter Raffle were held last Wednesday and were both highly successful events. A very large crowd of visitors enjoyed watching the children proudly parade around with huge smiles and decked out in their finest creative Easter hats. Thanks to our families for supporting the raffle with loads of Easter eggs donated as prizes and for selling so many raffle tickets. Our thanks to Jacqi Howe, Sarah Baker, Samantha Bergen, Tara Covington and Clair Finn for organising the raffle, and thanks to Ms Callinan and Ms McGregor for organising the parade.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 6 April at 6pm in the staffroom. We welcome parents being involved in the school. Please come along and meet the committee and other P&C members, and be part of a group of parents who make a great contribution to the school.

Attendance party

We have been very busy today collating the

classes and absences (unjustified) to see which class will have the Party with the Principal next Tuesday. Good luck to everyone.

Have a great week,
Leonie

Mr Chlorophyll

On Tuesday our sustainability club's 'The Eco Warriors' and 'Green Gurus' had a special visit from Mr Chlorophyll. Mr Chlorophyll grows 100% natural greens, hand picks them and delivers them straight to your door. He showed us some of the greens he grows and our students were able to taste test them. Mr Chlorophyll also gave us some helpful tips for looking after our school vegetable gardens and what veggies we could start to plant during the upcoming winter months. We really enjoyed our visit from Mr Chlorophyll.



Sports News

Good Luck to Ama M, Creedance D, Warren C, Jaymus T and Gabriel D who will be travelling to Yamba on Friday to represent the Mid North Coast at the North Coast AFL Trials.

We also wish our boys cricket team all the best in their game tomorrow in the 3rd round of the NSW PSSA State Cricket Knockout against Macksville Public School.

Reading Recovery News

My name is Simon Easey and I teach Reading Recovery daily to Year 1 students to help with their reading and writing skills.

I also focus on Learning Support in our Stage 2 classrooms.

It is also my privilege to coach the schools AFL and cricket teams where we experience great success.



Stage 2 & 3 Yarrahappini Excursion

This is the last week for students to bring in their Yarrahappini Expression of Interest note with the \$40 non-refundable deposit. To make sure your child secures a spot on the excursion, please return your note and money to the front office by Friday 1st April 2016. Any notes after this date will not be accepted. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact

the school.

Mrs Martin & Mr Kenny

Term 1 Disco

When: Friday 1st April

Time: 1.15-1.45pm

This year we will be holding our discos during the school day to allow all students to participate.



Visible Learning

During our Visible Learning segment in last week's newsletter, we examined the impact of Teacher Clarity and Feedback. This week we look at factors 3 and 7, Intervention and Classroom Discussion.

Intervention

Intervention is an educational approach that provides early, systematic assistance to children who are struggling in one or many areas of their learning. Intervention seeks to prevent academic failure through early intervention and frequent progress measurement. At Coffs Harbour Public School we offer three tiers of intervention to maximise learning outcomes for our students. Tier 1 includes quality teaching at the student's point of need. Tier 2 involves in-class support by trained SLSOs and Learning and Support Teachers. Tier 3 intervention involves the student being withdrawn from class for short intervals of intensive teaching in programs such as Reading Recovery.

Classroom discussion

Classroom discussion is a method of teaching that involves the entire class in a discussion on an important issue. Classroom discussion allows students to improve communication skills by voicing their opinions and thoughts. Teachers also benefit from classroom discussion as it allows them to see if students have learnt the concepts that are being taught. Moreover, a classroom discussion creates an environment where everyone learns from each other. Classroom discussion where students are able to clearly articulate their knowledge and verbalise their learning has been a key focus area for teachers at Coffs Harbour Public School throughout our visible learning professional development.

Next week we will be looking at the impact of professional development and problem solving teaching.

Park Beach Plaza Recycling Competition

VOTE FOR US- LAST CHANCE

No 5 "Jetty Joy"-

1. CLICK ON THE BELOW LINK

<http://www.parkbeachplaza.com.au/information.php?tscid=NDE0ODM=&ciid=72317>

2. CLICK THE YELLOW VOTE BUTTON
3. FILL IN YOUR NAME (1ST & surname)
4. ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS
5. CLICK SUBMIT

Hello Parents and Students,

A survey has been released to our school community about traffic safety when they are around our school. You can choose to fill out the survey that is included with today's newsletter or the electronic version via the Survey Monkey link

<https://surveymonkey.com/r/RH5K66T>

We are eager to get results in a few days to enable us to put forward our case to make some changes for your children's safety.

There are major benefits for your child when you as a parent are involved at school. Some of the benefits show your child will; earn better grades, have higher scores on tests, regular school attendance and better social skills

One of the main ways parents are informed and involved in our school community is through the P&C organisation. The next meeting is on Wednesday the 6th April at 6pm. We will have a report from the Principal, information on general business about activities going on in the school, details of fundraising activities and I will also present my first report on what I have been doing as the Community Liaison Officer.

Please don't get concerned that showing up to a P&C meeting means that you are putting your hand up for a role in running the show. The P&C is happy to have you show up to gain a great understanding of how the school operates and ways you can contribute.

I am gathering some information from teachers about specific ways parents can help them in their classrooms, events, activities and other ways to contribute to your child's education.

One of the most important things we adults can do for young children is to MODEL the kind of person we would like them to be - Carol B Hillman

Rewards Day is coming up on Monday 4th April and the chance to have a doughnut ice cream sprinkle sundae on that day. A definite treat to celebrate the end of term and 11 weeks of learning.

On Thursday I will attend some training for KidsMatter along with some other school staff. This program is a proactive way that schools promote good social, emotional and mental health for all students. I will be eager to report back what I have learnt to the whole school community.

I have been saving all my 5 and 10 cent coins for the coin trail Tuesday next week. Empty your pockets and have a look under the seats in your car and see what you can contribute to have your child's class make the longest trail.

Go4Fun has a program running locally in Term 2. It is targeted towards children who are above a

healthy weight range and gives families a chance to engage in fun games and activities as well as strategies for healthy eating. We hope to have a visit from the Go4Fun ambassadors soon to show our school what kinds of activities Go4Fun participants enjoy. The bonus is each family who attends gets a weekly voucher for fruit & vegetables.

While school holidays are coming up we will be involved with putting up a display at the Coffs Harbour Show to showcase what 'Our Local Food' producers grow and make.

Also occurring during the holidays will be Anzac Day. Our school will be involved in the march at 11am and we would love to see lots of our school attend in full school uniform to march as a school.

Thank you, Caitlin Mackie
Parent/Community Liaison Officer

P&C News

The P&C is holding a Coin Trail competition. The children are being encouraged to bring in any loose change (with permission from home) so that we can make a coin trail. There will be prizes of icy poles for the class in each stage with the longest coin trail. The competition ends on Tuesday 5th April. Please send in any spare change.

The P&C will be selling Doughnut Sundaes on rewards day next week (Wednesday 6th April). They will be \$4 and will be available by pre-purchase only.

Orders and money need to be in by Monday 4th April

The P&C will be selling icy poles on Fridays at lunchtime for 50c each.

Thanks to everyone who supported our Easter Hamper Raffle by donating for the hampers and by purchasing raffle tickets.

Congratulations to our winners!

1st prize – Ciara Finn

2nd prize – Nathan Pappin

3rd prize – Rebecca Nicklen

If you would like more information about our P&C and how to join please let me know. We have our AGM coming up in May so if you'd like to be a part of the P&C and have your say at our AGM you need to join before, or at our next meeting.

The next P&C meeting will be held 6th April at 6pm -New Members Welcome!!

If you would like any further information please contact Jacqi Howe on [0422428288](tel:0422428288) or email chpspandc@gmail.com

Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/chpspandc>

Thanks, Jacqi Howe



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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 PSSA Cricket Knockout	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 Disco 1.15pm-1.45pm
4/4 PB Assembly 11.45am	5/4 Attendance Party Coin Trail 2.30pm	6/4 P&C Meeting Rewards Day	7/4 Books In Homes Assembly	8/4 Last Day of Term 1

CHPS Traffic Safety Survey

Safer traffic around our school

Thank you for filling in our short survey. We are trying to find ways to make our student's journeys to and from school the safest we can. We are asking families to rank their priorities for changes that may be needed.

We would also like to know of any incidents around the school with students and traffic to help inform our submission and make us aware of any problems. This is a quick survey and will also be available as a paper copy sent home. Thank you from Coffs Harbour Public School.

1. Please number the changes you see as a priority - 1 being most important to 5 least important.

- Restricting car access to bus zone on Salamander Street
- Having line markings on Salamander Street to show the school crossing.
- Enlarging the width of the pedestrian refuge on Albany St.
- Making a 40kmh zone on Albany St with flashing lights.
- Putting a fence across the pedestrian island next to the bus zone to stop people walking across the bus zone.

2. Please feel free to write any comments underneath about ways to keep our children safer on their entry into our school.

3. In the afternoons we have teachers accompany students down to Curacoa St on our Western boundary for pick up. Do you park and use Curacao Street to pick up your child/children in the afternoon? Were you aware of that option?

4. Can you please detail any situations that you have witnessed that were dangerous or concerning about traffic and pedestrians in our school area? The Coffs Harbour City Council will use this information to help prioritise spending on keeping our children safe as they travel to school.

