



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

6th April, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new students and their families. Over the last couple of weeks we have had 8 new families move to our area. It's wonderful to see how our students and members of our community welcome new families so willingly into our school and community.

Congratulations to Luke Haimey and Cooper Fagan who both won the Amart Allsports \$25 vouchers for attendance of 85% or higher this term. The attendance party was won by KM. Congratulations to all students who have had 85% or higher attendance. Our data tells us that we sit at around 92% which is very encouraging.

Mr Murphy is busy planning the cross country carnival for next term. Please note that it will be held on Tuesday 3 May in our school grounds.

Congratulations to 3/4O. Today we found out that our school was awarded second place in the Park Beach Plaza Sculpture Competition. We will have a special presentation at tomorrow morning's assembly where we will find out what the prize is. Thank you so much to our school community for voting for us. I am incredibly proud of the work that 3/4O did and they have been asked to donate their sculpture to the Education Centre at the Waste management facility in Coffs Harbour.

Rewards Day was held today and it was a terrific success. Congratulations to all the students who reached AAA (Attendance, Attitude and Achievement).

School holidays will begin at the end of this week. School will resume for staff on Tuesday 26 April and for all students on Wednesday 27 April. I wish you all a happy two weeks of holidays and I hope to see students rested and rejuvenated ready to try their best in Term 2.

Leonie Buehler
School Principal

ANZAC Day

This year students are encouraged to attend ANZAC Day services with their families. We value marching as a school group, however, we are unable to provide adequate supervision this year as it falls during the school break. Our school will hold an ANZAC Day Ceremony on Wednesday 27 April at 11:30am. Families are welcome to attend.

Attendance Party KM



Recycling Sculpture Competition - 2nd Place

Congratulations to 3-4O on gaining second place for CHPS in the Park Beach Plaza's Recycling Sculpture Competition. A representative will make a presentation to our school at Thursday morning's assembly. Many thanks to everyone who supported us by voting daily. We are absolutely so excited with our result!



North Coast Basketball

Kimberly D has been successful in gaining a position in the North Coast Basketball team. Kimberly will be representing our school in the North Coast team in May at Tamworth. Congratulations Kimberly on this outstanding achievement. Good luck at Tamworth!



School Cross Country

Our school Cross Country will be held in the second week of term 2 on Tuesday 3rd of May. The students will race in the following categories;

8/9yrs Boys 10yrs Boys 11yrs Boys 12/13yrs Boys
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Junior students turning 8,9 or 10 this year will run 2km whilst senior students turning 11,12 or 13 this year will run 3km.

The event will be held at school and the first 10 place getters in each age group will qualify for the District Cross Country event in Woolgoolga on the 18th May.

North Coast AFL

Ama M & Creedence D have been successful in gaining a position in the North Coast AFL Team. Congratulations to the boys on this wonderful achievement!

P&C News

The Coin Trail was a great success! Thanks to all our families for sending in their spare change, the children all seemed to enjoy lining the coins up ready for measuring. The coin trail raised \$418.35

The winners for each stage were:

Early stage 1 - KJ – 3.68m
Stage 1 - 1/2M – 11.87m
Stage 2 – 3/4M – 6.54m
Stage 3 – 5/6L – 8.90m

Well done to our winning classes!! They will receive their prize of any icy pole each on Friday.

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

As this is the last newsletter for term 1, I would really like to thank all our P&C volunteers for all the awesome work they have done this term for our school. They are a very hard working bunch of people and all their help is very much appreciated. I would also like to thank all of our school families and community members for all the support you have given our P&C this term. It has been a fantastic start to the year and I really hope it can continue on into the rest of the year.

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 tonight, Wednesday 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

Hello Parents and Students,

The last week before holidays! I hope the beautiful weather continues so that we can make the most of the time away from school to refresh and recuperate.

I hope parents who were able to attend the PB Assembly enjoyed seeing their child receive an award or dance. Only one Personal Best award can be given for each class each term but all students can work towards Bronze, Silver and Gold. It was wonderful to see the pride that our students had for themselves and their classmates as they received recognition. The dancers were well-rehearsed and very focused- great dancing! Thanks to Siobhan for using her makeup skills to make our dancers look like the Imperial Guard.

The assembly also gave me a chance to call lots of parents to personally invite them to attend. I enjoy speaking to parents and checking in to see how they are doing and how their child is enjoying school. Please remember when I call that nothing is wrong - I always try to start my phone conversation letting parents know that everything is OK. We try to celebrate and communicate our successes too at CHPS.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, your child will have enjoyed Rewards Day and probably be really tired from all the fun. Thanks to all those who got their notes in for the P&C fundraising Doughnut Sundae and enjoyed it.

It was great to see the coin trails grow and thanks to the parents who searched out their loose change to contribute. There was a real buzz in the air and lots of cheering for the winning classes.

The P&C Meeting will be held tonight (Wed) at 6pm and it will be a great opportunity to discuss the traffic surveys. If you haven't filled one out go to <https://surveymonkey.com/r/RH5K66T> as we are closing the survey tomorrow morning (Thursday) to gather results to present to the Coffs Harbour City Council to support our funding application. They have been especially interested to read the responses to the last question about dangerous traffic incidents you have witnessed or been involved in as it helps strengthen our case as we make applications for more funding for student and traffic safety.

"Family engagement is a shared responsibility of families, schools and communities for student learning and achievement; it is continuous from birth to young adulthood; and it occurs across multiple settings where children learn (Weis, Lopez & Rosenberg, 2010).

I think it is a valuable exercise to for us as families to look at ways we are continually teaching our children. Now that I have adult children I know that we still help them or inform them about life, taxes, responsibility, careers etc. Home and school are a large part of a young child's life and when both work well together the collaboration gives stability and vision for children at all ages. Schools work best with families who are engaged in what happens between 9am and 3pm 5 days a week.

That word 'engaged' is more than involved. It means asking questions- "Who are you sitting next to at the moment in class?", "Can you show me how you do that maths problem?" "Is that book part of a series?". As a parent I think it is important to also look at the 'Why' of what we do or don't do. Why am I reluctant to engage with school? Why do I try to help my child with school work and socialising?

My job is to try and help parents overcome those hurdles. I have had lots of reasons over my years of why I participated or why others did. I have also done the reverse. I would love to discuss with parents ways that our school can help them be involved, feel welcome and want to participate and be engaged.

One of the programs that our school embraces is Kids Matter. It deals with students' emotional and mental health and well-being. Along with the idea that "Every face has a place" is some resources so we can help all of our students here feel valued and that they have appropriate ways to express themselves and be involved.

During the school holidays there will be a display from our school at the Coffs Harbour Show. If you attend please take the opportunity to look at the vibrant display in the Pavillion of artwork, photos, plants and presentations from CHPS.

See you all back at school on Wednesday the 27th of April.

Thank you, Caitlin Mackie
Parent/Community Liaison Officer

Go4Fun

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7-13yrs who are above a healthy weight. It is a FREE program that runs for 10wks after school or on weekends during the school term, and children attend a fun filled two hour session each week with their aren't or carer. Parents receive a \$15 fresh fruit and vegetable voucher for each session you attend. Registrations for Term 2 are now open at Tyalla PS from 4-6pm on Tuesday 3rd May. Register via 1800 780 900 or online at www.go4fun.com.au