



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

27th April, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another school term. I hope that your child/children had an enjoyable and restful break. We look forward to another successful term at CHPS.

ANZAC Day

Anzac Day goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is the day on which we remember all Australians who served and died in war and on operational service. The spirit of Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. Today we held our ANZAC ceremony at school. Thank you to our school leaders for leading this ceremony. It was very special to commemorate this as a whole school.

Staff Development Day

Yesterday we held a day of learning for the whole staff. We undertook training in the next workshop of 'Kidsmatter' which focussed on the social and emotional learning for students. We also participated in "Code of Conduct" training and "Child Protection" updated training. In the afternoon we looked at our school plan milestones.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN assessments will be held for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 on the 10th, 11th, and 12th May. Please make sure your child is at school on time to sit for these assessments.

Maintenance Work

Over the holidays some maintenance work was carried out at school. Ms Bullen's classroom building has had new gutters put on and the boys toilets (next to the Rainbow room) are being renovated. Unfortunately work on this toilet block is not yet finished. We ask the boys to be patient whilst new urinals are being installed. Until then only the boys' toilet cubicles will be operational and not the urinals. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you

On behalf of the school I'd like to thank Jacqui Howe and Sarah Baker for their work on the P&C executive. Both ladies have stepped down as Secretary and Treasurer respectfully. We sincerely thank them for all they have done. Have a great week,

Leonie

School Cross Country

Our school Cross Country will be held next week 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.



Parent/Community Liaison Officer Information

Welcome back to Term 2 at CHPS. I hope the holiday time gave you a chance to spend some less busy time with your children and some fun activities. We enjoyed staying home and it reminded me how lucky we are to live in a great destination like Coffs Harbour.

The Coffs Harbour Show was on and our school had a display filled with information about the food grown locally that we eat. Some really delightful works with blueberries, bananas and Balmain Bugs all mentioned! Our school is the oldest in the area and has had an association with the Coffs Harbour Show for more than 100 years!

Yesterday school staff started back a day earlier than students for Staff Development Day. One of the areas we trained in was 'Kids Matter'. The area of focus was on Social and Emotional learning and how a school is a part of helping our students. 20-30% of students experience mental health difficulties with a lower number having a mental health disorder. As a parent I have been really impressed by how well the whole school staff have taken up the Kids Matter framework. They show they care not just for test results or academic success but for their influence on your children's lives.

A wonderful quote from the introduction to Kids Matter that had us all thinking and reflecting was from a teacher at a school in Tasmania. **"Most people would not remember a lesson taught at school, but they will remember a teacher who sowed something into their lives..."**

As parents take some time to reflect on a memory or two from your school days you would probably agree with this statement. I can tell you when my 4th class teacher was disappointed in my behaviour one day in class and I was humiliated. Another teacher I had for 2 years found me humorous and would try to hold back his smile and just shake his head and laugh. I know I learnt long division from him- but I don't remember explicitly being taught. I just know that I was valued and loved by my teacher.

Kids Matter recognises that the family is the main force in a child's development and is the most powerful. School is the next greatest contributor and, for a child, the biggest benefits in their development occur when schools and families work together. That is a part of my job- to help parents find ways to link their family and school for a better outcome for their child.

I am really impressed by Kids Matter and I am sure I will write more about it in future newsletters!

Kudos also to those parents who responded to the last minute facebook call to help on the Masters BBQ during the holidays. I was also able to download the Skoolbag app to my Android phone so between newsletters, facebook groups like Coffs Harbour Public School P&C, and now a Skoolbag app that alerts us when a school activity is upcoming we can be really connected with all the happenings at school.

Take some time to ask your child about the Anzac Service at school today and how they felt as they reflected on the sacrifice of others long ago and what freedom means to them. I'm sure your children

may give you some insightful and surprising answers!



SkoolBag App

The SkoolBag App is now available for Android users via the Google Play store.

P&C News

If you would like more information about our P&C and how to join please let us 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 & AGM meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th May at 6pm-New Members Welcome!!

P&C will be holding a Mother's Day stall on Thursday 5th May from 9.30am at the Rainbow Room, gifts will be available to purchase for \$1-\$5

P&C will also be holding an Icy Pole fundraiser at lunchtime on Friday 29th April. Icy Poles will be available outside the Rainbow Room for 50c.

If you would like any further information please contact the P&C via email chpspandc@gmail.com or contact Sara Bergen on 0421374911

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

Thanks, Sara Bergen



ANZAC DAY CEREMONY





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2016 Term 2 Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25/4 ANZAC Day	26/4 Staff Development Day	27/4 Students commence Term 2 School ANZAC Day Ceremony	28/4	29/4 P&C Icy Pole Fundraiser
2/5	3/5 Cross Country Carnival	4/5 P&C AGM 6pm Staffroom	5/5 P&C Mother's Day Stall	6/5 K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by 3-6 Dance Group) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 3-6 Dance Group)
9/5	10/5 NAPLAN	11/5 NAPLAN	12/5 NAPLAN	13/5 K-2 Responsible Pet Visit
16/5	17/5	18/5	19/5	20/5 Paul Kelly Cup K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by KM) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 3/6C & K/6B)
23/5	24/5 Brainstorm Performance	25/5	26/5	27/5
30/5	31/5	1/6	2/6	3/6 K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by KH) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 5/6F)
6/6	7/6	8/6 P&C Meeting 6pm Staffroom	9/6	10/6
13/6 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	14/6	15/6 Yr 2-6 Athletics Carnival	16/6 K-6 Athletics Carnival	17/6 K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by 1M) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 5/6M)
20/6 Semester 1 Reports sent home	21/6	22/6	23/6	24/6 LCOS Winter Sports Carnival
27/6 Parent/Teacher Interviews	28/6	29/6 PB Assembly	30/6 Rewards Day Mini Fete 1-3pm	1/7 Last Day of Term2 K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by 2L) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 5/6L)