



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

4th May, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a terrific day it was yesterday for our school Cross Country Carnival. Congratulations to all students who participated. The weather was beautiful and the organisation by Mr Murphy was first class.

Today we had a Lockdown drill. Each semester students and staff practise evacuation and lockdown drills so that in the event of anything happening we are all well drilled. Once again the students were terrific.

Our P&C Mother's Day Stall is on Thursday and Friday of this week. Our P&C have been busy preparing gifts for children to buy for their mothers or the special lady in their lives. Thanks P&C.

As we head to a Federal election, you will be hearing the word "Gonski" quite a bit! The Department of Education and NSW Primary Principals' Association are keen for families to understand just how important Gonski funding has been in our schools. All children from CHPS have benefitted from extra support in their classrooms, improved teaching practice as teachers work together to share innovative practices and resources. Google Gonski and you will be able to follow the debate and access the facts.

Our Facebook pages are a terrific way of keeping our school community informed and for sharing positive comments and feedback. If you have a concern or issue please raise it with school staff or myself either directly or through a phone call so that it can be dealt with in a timely and appropriate manner.

The vast majority of our students at school show the highest levels of respect and courtesy to fellow students, staff and visitors at all times. We are very proud of them. Well done! Thank you to you, their parents, for supporting our students and our school in ensuring our children promote

these values to make our school a positive and productive learning environment. Our school is held in high regard because of the students, the staff and the community working together to achieve this end.

Have a great week,
Leonie

Staff Development Days

At the end of the 2016 school year, there are two days allocated to Staff Development. These are Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December. (The last day students attend is Friday 16 December.) The Department of Education allows schools to arrange to timetable this training at other times throughout the year as long as it is out of school hours and it meets the requirements of the school's professional learning needs and is aligned with our school's strategic directions. Our school has arranged to hold five afternoon sessions throughout the year.

This means that staff members who attend all sessions will not be required to be at school on the 19 and 20 December. Any staff member who misses one or more afternoons will need to attend for the equivalent hours on 19 and 20 December. The re-scheduling of the Staff Development Days will have no impact on any students school hours or attendance.

The staff will be completing the registered training course "Teaching Refugees in my Classroom".

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NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5 Students

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students at CHPS in Years 3 and 5 will take the 2016 NAPLAN tests.

It is important that children are not stressed about the tests. We only ask that children do their best. The results from NAPLAN give our school some data to assess the effectiveness of current school programs and student areas of strength and areas to improve upon. It is only a snapshot and by no means indicative of a student's overall progress or achievement.

Cross Country

Our school cross country was held yesterday in beautiful sunny conditions. The course looked fantastic after the recent rain and the students had a great time. The first 10 place getters in each division have received notes to attend the District Cross Country in Woolgoolga on Friday the 20th May.

Congratulations to all these students plus everyone else who competed on the day.

Summary of Results

<u>8/9 Boys</u>	<u>8/9 Girls</u>
1. Marley W	Jess T
2. Leyland S	Matilda F
3. Daniel C	Tearani E
<u>10 Boys</u>	<u>10 Girls</u>
1. Merlin G	Kalisha C
2. Jack B	Zara S
3. Bailey H	Jessica S
<u>11 Boys</u>	<u>11 Girls</u>
1. Ama M	Sarah T
2. Farith A	Erin S
3. Zen W	Kaleira H
<u>12/13 Boys</u>	<u>12/13 Girls</u>
1. Jaymus T	Kimberley D
2. Zeke Mc	Chelsea D
3. Gabrielle D	Zoe D

Enrichment programs 2017

Coffs Harbour High School Year 7 Enrichment Class. Limited places available. Nomination forms to be collected from Coffs Harbour High School and returned to them by Friday 13th May.

Toormina Public School 2017 Opportunity Class for Years 5 & 6. Limited places available. Placement test taking place on Wednesday 27th June 2016. For more information, please call 6653 2122.

Term 2 Parent Courses / Seminars

Free Courses available for Parents through Burnside. For more information please contact Burnside on 6659 2800

Parents of children with disabilities. Free parent seminars available through Stepping Stones Triple P. For more information please contact Caryn Maher on 6652 8080 or caryn@ecip-coffs.org.au

P&C News

Would you like to;

Meet other families?

Become a bigger part of your child's schooling experience?

Get to know the teacher at school better?

Have a say or contribute ideas to the events and activities planned?

See what just an hour out of your month could contribute to achieving with our school and it's community?

If you answered yes to any of these questions then why not come along to the next P&C meeting tonight and see what it's all about.

AGM—tonight! Wednesday 4th of May at 6pm in the School Staff room. This will be followed by the monthly General Meeting at approximately 6:15pm.

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. If there are any left over items, these will be available first thing Friday morning from the Rainbow room. Every child who makes a purchase at the stall will receive a free ticket into a Mother's Day Raffle that will be drawn on Friday.

P&C will be selling **ICY POLE's** at lunchtime on Friday 6th May. Icy poles will be available outside the Rainbow Room for 50c at lunch time.

If you would like any further information please contact the P&C via email chpspandc@gmail.com or contact Sam Bergen on 0421 374911

Parent Community Liaison News

Welcome to Week 2. Kids Matter will again be a part of our school's training this week and it's important that parents know what we will be focusing on. There are five areas of social and emotional skills that the school will be teaching.

Self-management
Self-awareness
Responsible decision making
Relationship skills
Social awareness

I will try each week to share a resource or a lesson from Kids Matter that would be a great discussion point in your home. The quote that has had a great impact on me and teachers was this one :

“We do not discipline a student who cannot read, write or count. We put in place supports to help them gain mastery. Why then do we discipline students who have not yet developed appropriate social or emotional skills? They too need the support to learn these skills.” Professor Donna Cross- Edith Cowan University

I think parents should be proud of their choice to send their child to Coffs Harbour Public School. There are programs and staff who teach all areas of development that each student needs. Help is always at hand as well as avenues to extend learning.

Yesterday we had a visit again from Mr Chlorophyll who assisted students in learning about preparing the garden beds and planting. You could see from students who had an interest in gardening but not so much experience, those children who were observers, those who loved the physicality of digging and those children who knew so much that we could have all learned from them! There is a diversity of programs that run at CHPS to help each child's interest.

One area of interest is dancing and this week at Assembly on Friday the dance group will perform to practice their skills ready for the Eisteddfod.

It was nice to welcome parents to the Cross Country Run and see students doing their best- as well as enjoying the beautiful day. Not everyone is a runner- I sure wasn't. What I hope for each child is that they can find something they enjoy and parents encourage them in. I have 5 sons. Each of them are very different from one another and helping them and encouraging them in their different endeavours has taught me so much. This job we have as parents and guardians certainly keeps us learning!

I would like to invite every parent to the P&C meeting tonight. It is the AGM but don't feel like you will be asked to do something you are not comfortable with. In fact, unless you have paid your fee of \$1 you can't vote so no pressure.

The P&C meeting will be a great opportunity to hear about plans for the school grounds, feedback from the Traffic Survey, and volunteer to help on the school Mother's Day stall if you can. Many thanks to those parents who take on responsibilities in the P&C to help everyone's child get the most from their school years here at CHPS.

Thanks
Caitlin

Brainstorm Productions - The H Team

On **Tuesday the 24th May**, Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program 'The H Team' for **K-6**.

The H Team, a live educational theatre program, will encourage children to make good decisions affecting their health and happiness.

The H Team is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at www.brainstormproductions.edu.au
Notes will be handed out to students this week.

Art Tub Children's Work Shop

Work shops available:

Saturday May 14th (Ages 7– 10 years)

Saturday July 9th (Ages 13—16 years)

Cost \$15 per session

For more information, please contact Lisa Magri on 6648 4863 to book your place.

Winter Sewing Escape 2016

Sunday 10th July—Thursday 14th July 2016

Day Courses available for ages 10—17 years

For more information, please contact

Elizabeth Cook on 0418 500 469 or

frolicinfabric@gmail.com

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Parent Cyber Information Session

I would like to know if we have any parents interested in attending a parent workshop on trends of cyber issues involving young people and teenagers. Jo Brooker, the Police Youth Liaison Officer will run this workshop. They are extremely informative. Please complete the tear off in the newsletter or let the office know of your interest by Friday 13 May.

Leonie

I am interested in attending the parent workshop on trends of cyber issues involving young people and teenagers.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____



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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 Interschool Chess Competition	6/5 P&C Mother's Day Stall 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 District Cross Country 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 GRIP Leadership Conference	31/5	1/6 P&C Meeting 6pm Staffroom	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	9/6	10/6
13/6 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	14/6	15/6 Yr 2-6 Athletics Carnival	16/6	17/6 K-6 Athletics Carnival 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 P&C Meeting 6pm Staffroom	30/6 Rewards Day	1/7 Last Day of Term2 K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by 2L) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 5/6L)