



# 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**

**22nd June, 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week saw three of our school dance groups performing at the Central Dance Festival. Every group did a fabulous job, giving their best and showcasing many talents. It was a wonderful evening to celebrate public education. Thanks to Mrs Ford, Mrs Martin, Ms Callinan and Ms Mulrooney for supervising the students as well as choreographing their dance moves.

The school Athletics Carnival was completed last Friday with students from K-6 participating. It was wonderful to see many families joining us for the day. An extra highlight of the day was the staff relay. Our P&C were extremely busy with the sausage sizzle. Congratulations to everyone.

By now parents and carers would have received their child's report. Please discuss this with your child and we are very keen to give you further feedback on how your child is going at school. Parent interview sheets were included with your child's report. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you next Tuesday.

A reminder with the cooler months approaching it is an expectation that school jumpers and school tracksuits are worn. Please do not purchase generic clothing and label all items clearly. Please let me know if you need assistance with purchasing uniforms.

All staff have been issued with a high viz vest to wear when out in the playground during breaks. We are hoping these will enable students to spot a staff member quickly if they are needing support or assistance when in the playground.

Our school has been selected as one of the schools in the state to be a part of an "External Validation" process to be conducted next term. This is the first year this process has been offered. Each year 440 schools are selected. We will again be chosen in 5 years' time. Over the coming eight weeks staff will be busy collecting and collating evidence aligned with the School Excellence Framework. We will be demonstrating

how we have provided high quality educational opportunities for students through 14 elements in learning, teaching and leading. We look forward to sharing this with our school community upon completion.

In today's newsletter is information regarding Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for your perusal.

Have a great week,  
Leonie



### **School Athletics Carnival**

Last week we held our school Athletics carnival. A wonderful day was had by all. A big thankyou to the organising teachers and the P & C for running a BBQ on the day.

Ribbons were handed out at school to the students who finished 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the finals of the following events - 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump, High Jump, Discus and Shot Put. The age champions and winning house will be announced at our PB assembly next week.

### **Yarrahappini Excursion Update**

Outstanding balances need to be paid by Wednesday September 21, 2016. For those students who have not yet paid in full, the remaining amount is \$105.00. This amount can be paid in \$20 weekly instalments at the office until full payment is reached. The medical note also needs to be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you  
Mr Kenny

### **Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (K-2) AAA Excursion**

AAA Rewards Day for Term 2 will be at Tabatinga. Cost is \$8 per student with an option to purchase a lunch deal for an additional \$5. Permission notes to please be completed and returned with money by this Friday 24 June, 2016.

### **Stage 2 & 3 (Yr 3-6) AAA Excursion**

AAA Rewards Day for Term 2 will be at 10 Pin Bowling Club 300. Cost is \$10 per student. Students may dress in Mufti on the day and must wear socks and joggers for bowling. Permission notes to please be completed and returned with money by Monday 27 June, 2016. No late money or notes will be accepted.

### **Gonski Update**

Coffs Harbour Public School has been able to implement a range of new programs to help our students over the past few years as a direct result of funds we have received from the Gonski reforms. The NSW Public School Alliance, which is comprised of the peak bodies that represent school teachers, principals and parents, have asked schools to promote their video :

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGV8EcpbiwY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGV8EcpbiwY) that supports full implementation of Gonski funds. For those of you who know about Gonski, but don't quite get the details, check out the following:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyIDiOI7RGI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyIDiOI7RGI) "

### **Timbertown Pies**

Pies will be delivered on Tuesday 28th June. They will be available for collection after 12pm from the Rainbow Room.

### **School Gymnastics**

In Term 3 our school (K-6) will be participating in the "School Gymnastics for the NSW Mid North Coast" award-winning program. They have over 13 years of experience and supply qualified coaches and all the equipment needed for - "100% Activity 100% of the time".



The program consists of a comprehensive and progressive set of lessons that meet the outcome expectations for each learning stage. All activities are tailored to meet each child's ability. The programs will steadily progress from week to week to teach students specific gymnastics skills whilst developing overall fitness, core strength, flexibility, and enhancing spatial awareness.

Students will attend each week for a subsidised cost of \$2 for 8 weeks. Lessons will be held on Mon and Thurs starting from week 2, Term 3.

### **Tennis**

Get into tennis with this awesome special @ Westside Tennis Club – for the remainder of the year Family Membership for only \$99 = FREE Tennis Court Hire 7 days a week. So become a member & come & enjoy the facilities at the Westside Tennis Club (including the soon to be completed \$200,000 upgrade of the tennis centre). Membership includes FREE day time court hire, social tennis groups & insurance' Contact Allan Pade on 0419655437



## Parent Community Liaison News

Hello to all Parents

Refugee Week is on right now and I wanted to make sure to say Hello to all our parents from diverse cultural backgrounds. But with 28 languages spoken at our school other than English that is a big task! This song was the closest I could come <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JD0weQAq8ew>

Please know how much we value each and every student and their family and having you as a part of our school. My job is easier because of parents who are interested and involved in what their child is doing.

This Friday when our older students are involved in an all day Winter Sports Carnival parents may wish to attend and watch their child participating at various venues. I may have the chance to say hello to you.

Personal Best assembly invites have gone out to parents of students receiving an award. Please feel welcome and enjoy celebrating with your child and CHPS on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June next week.

***Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom - George Washington Carver***

Future activities at this school for parents include:

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July is the first parent first aid course running- 001 Perform CPR. I will be contacting parents who are involved on that first course, with another scheduled for Term 2 for those who miss out.
- Photo scanning day on Friday July 29<sup>th</sup> all day. This is an opportunity for our wider school community to have their historical school photos from CHPS preserved and shared. We will be scanning photos in the library while you wait and offering that as a service to Coffs community members and they can be added to our archives. Bring along your photos, ask your neighbours and mention it to anyone who may have old photos of interest to our school. We will have a flyer that will give you more information about what will happen coming out soon.
- We are looking at running a group to help our parents who are learning English. This will be informal and we would love to have parent volunteers who are willing to give up their time to both help and learn. If this is something that you may be interested in please contact me [Caitlin.mackie3@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Caitlin.mackie3@det.nsw.edu.au) with some indication of your availability.

Caitlin Mackie  
Parent Community Liaison Officer



### P&C News

Thank you to all of the students, mums, dads and carers who supported the barbecues at the Athletics Carnivals on Wednesday and Friday last week. Thanks also to the friendly and hardworking P&C volunteers who gave up their time to look after our school community with food and drink on the day.

P&C fundraising events are done for Term 2 so all that is left is for the kids to enjoy their respective reward's day during the last week of Term.

If you would like your voice to be heard within the P&C please come along to our next meeting on August 10 in the staffroom. New members are always welcome to come together and help make the school a better place for our children.

If you would like any further information, please contact the P&C by email at [chpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:chpspandc@gmail.com). You can also get regular updates on what's going on at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/chpspandc/>

## 1M Pirate Writing

Pirates threaten to throw babies to sea. And they steal stuff. They don't share. They steal treasure. They have a wooden leg. The pirates have a hook because of when a crocodile bit their hand off. Some pirate shave eye patches because it got poked out. They are frightening.

By Aqua

Pirates are scary, very scary. They can fight over the treasure chest, full of shiny treasure and golden gold. Pirates are very mean. The pirates have a hook because their hand got chopped off. A pirate has a dark black hat. Pirates have some red clothes. Pirates are very, very dangerous.

By Evie

Pirates are very tough and they have parrots and in the end the parrots die. The boy got left on the beach and the pirates got away from the boy. The pirates have a hook and have a wooden leg.

By Jensen

Pirates eat meat. They make people walk the plank. They are loud. Pirates like treasure because they want it all to themselves. They are very big and they are very scary. Pirates are very greedy.

By Ari





## Visible Learning in Action – KJ



Explicit Instruction



Student Engagement



Inquiry based learning