



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

20th July, 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school term. It was great to see students and staff re-energised and ready for a big term ahead.

Work on our School

Over the holidays we have had quite a lot of exciting things happening at school. Tony Hart has been busy painting the new mural on the outside library wall. It is already looking fantastic and he is only partly finished. The boys' toilets are currently being renovated and the girls' toilets will follow. Our large timber building is being painted. The painters have been working solidly and are about halfway. So over the next few weeks, we will have a number of tradesmen in our school to complete these beautifications.

School Photos

This Thursday is School Photo Day. Please make sure your child is wearing full school uniform. Sports uniforms are not to be worn please. Photo money will be taken up until Thursday morning. Family photo envelopes can be collected from the office.

Staff Development Day

Yesterday our 61 members of staff undertook training by Lifeline. It was a very successful day and we all learnt more about communication techniques and looking after our own wellbeing. As mentioned in previous newsletters the last two days of the school year are staff development days (19 and 20 December 2016). Our staff are currently participating in the registered course called "Teaching Refugees in my Classroom" and hence will not be at school on these days. Students finish school on Friday 16 December 2016.

Education Week

We are finalising details for Education Week starting on Monday August 1 2016. The school will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday 3 August. We will be having our choirs perform, open classrooms, a book fair, our Crunch 'n' Sip

launch and a picnic morning tea. We hope to see as many parents and carers as possible join us for the morning. Events will start at 9.45am and conclude at 11.40am.

Congratulations to our school netball team who were successful against Boambee PS today in the PSSA competition.

Have a great week,
Leonie

School Netball Team



Our New school Mural

Our new school mural is looking great. Keep watching for more photos to come.



How to Improve Your Child's Potential

As expected, the mid-year student reports proved that those children who regularly complete homework and home reading make the most significant progress due to practising those skills. Students' results as shown in mid-year school reports also proved that regular attendance and being on time every day has a significant positive impact on student learning. Please encourage your children to make reading a daily habit because their school learning will be greatly enhanced. Children benefit substantially when parents take the time to read to or with their children on a regular basis. It is highly recommended to arrange a quiet time with some good books at bedtime to settle children into a peaceful sleep and to allow them to gain pleasure from reading.

National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability and Learning Needs – 2016

All schools across Australia are participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability which will also include some students with health or learning needs. The information will help the Government and our school plan for students with special needs. Please let the principal know if you do not wish for your child's needs to be included.

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

Kinder Enrolments for 2017

If your child is enrolling in Kindergarten at CHPS in 2017 please leave details of name, address and birth date at the office. We will be sending out information later this term, so need names and addresses now please.

Term 3 Parent Courses / Seminars

Free Courses available for Parents through United Burnside. First available is the 'Triple P Parenting', 4 week course starting Thursday 18th August. 10:00am till 12:00pm For more information please contact Burnside on 6659 2800 or email unitingcoffsharbour@uniting.org

Coffs Cup

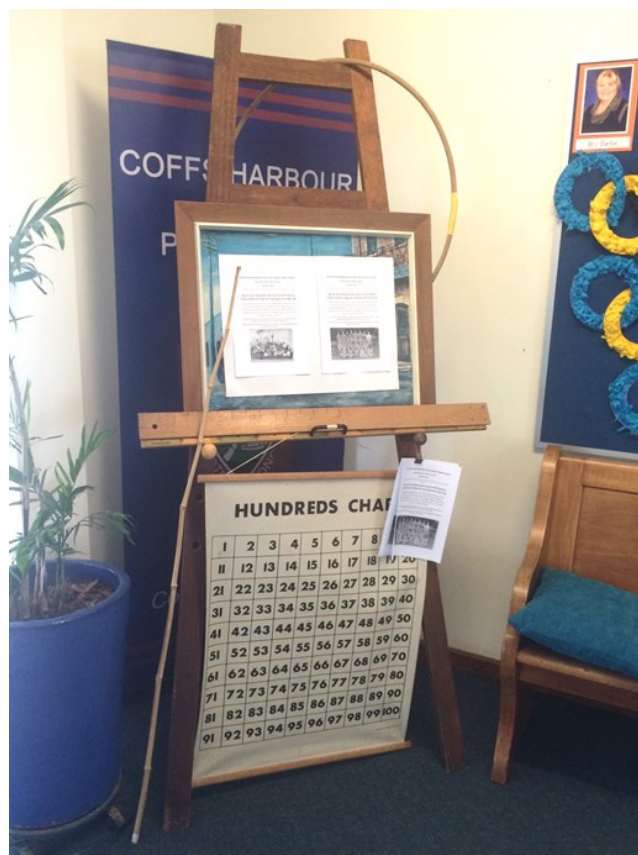
CHPS will be closing at 12 noon on Thursday 4 August as it is a gazetted half day public holiday. Children will need to be collected from school at 12:00pm as there will be no afternoon school buses running at this time.

Coffs Harbour Running Festival

The Bendigo Bank Coffs Harbour Running Festival is on Sunday 4th September 2016. The event is in its sixth year and caters for people of all ages and abilities with a half marathon, 10km run, 5km fun run/walk and the 3km family fun run/walk – all held on the picturesque Coffs Creek Walkway.

This year The Coffs Harbour Running Festival is introducing a new incentive to encourage participation across the region from local school children. 'The Doctor on Duty Schools Challenge' will award cash prizes to the schools with the highest number of participants to spend on sporting equipment. We want to get the kids off the couch and outdoors doing something healthy in their local community and would love your involvement. When students enter the event, they are asked to select their school from a dropdown menu. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Mr Zachary Kenny.

Photo Scanning Day



Parent Community Liaison News

Hello to all Parents

Welcome back to term 3 parents- and what a warm welcome the weather has provided.

I wanted to make parents aware of some big opportunities that have been organised for us. There will be another Certificate 001 - Performing CPR First Aid class available for the parents who couldn't make it last term. If you are interested please contact the Front Office or my email is caitlin.mackie3@det.nsw.edu.au to register your interest. Date to be advised. Our last class had lots of fun as you can see from the photo and we all felt much more confident to handle a possible CPR Emergency!

We also have another chance for parents to learn a new skill. We are planning an informal group to help our parents who are learning English and need practice. Sarah George from TAFE is coming to help our English speaking parents learn skills to teach and hold a conversational English Group. You don't have to possess any special skills, just the ability to talk and listen and be encouraging. We will learn some cross-cultural awareness, how adults learn and other interesting information. There will be a certificate of completion available at the end. This training will be held **on Tuesday 26th July- next week, from 9-12 in the Rainbow Room**. Parents who may want to attend training and/or help in that group are encouraged to send me an email, as above or write your name down at the Front Office.

If parents are ever interested in resources available in the community, or need some help finding information please approach me and we can search it out together.

Another big event coming up next week is our Photo Scanning Day. It will be in the school library from **9.30am- 2.30 pm on Friday 29th of July**. This is an opportunity for members of our community who attended here or who have items of historical interest to have them preserved and shared with the school. You can also simply forward any scanned items to my email if they are from 2001 or older.

To celebrate the beautiful weather there will be a Parent Walk this Friday to the Botanical Gardens just down the road. Hope lots of parents want to join us. We will meet in the morning assembly area at 9, have a stroll, and then a drink at the coffee shop and we will return at 11am to school.

The beautiful thing about learning is that no-one can take it away from you- B.B. King

I hope for everyone the holidays gave you a chance to slow down and enjoy spending time

with your family. We have wonderful children and parents at CHPS. As parents, the best outcomes for our children are achieved when we are engaged with their world, we know their friends, we know what Pokemon they are catching (see how I spent my holidays) and we know what is happening at school and we are involved with it. The partnership between parents, teachers and their child affects educational outcomes. Let's make it positive and rewarding.

Caitlin Mackie

Parent Community Liaison Officer



P&C News

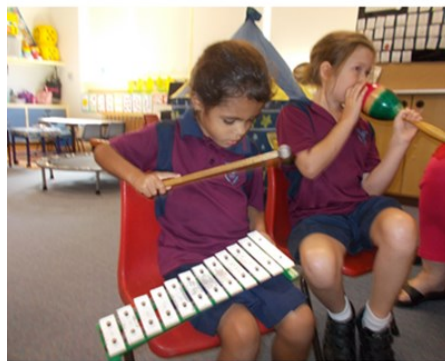
If you would like your voice to be heard within the P&C please come along to our next meeting on August 10 in the staffroom. New members are always welcome to come together and help make the school a better place for our children.

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

K-3B Class News

The Olympic Games begin in August and K-3B students are looking forward to this wonderful sporting event. The Paralympic games will take place in Rio from 7-18 September. Rio de Janeiro will be the city hosting the games. The theme song this Olympics is 'Reach for the Top' which is something we do each and every day in our class.

The Rio Olympics start next week and K-3B are celebrating!





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2016 Term 3 Calendar



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18/7	19/7	20/7	21/7 School Photo Day Special Ed Reviews	22/7
25/7 Gymnastics	26/7	27/7	28/7 Gymnastics District Athletics Carnival	29/7 Photo Screening Day K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by K - 3B) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 3/40) Ms Benning's Last Day
1/8 Education Week Gymnastics Mrs Blomfield's 1st Day	2/8 PSSA Basketball Knockout	3/8 Open Day (9:45 - 11:40am)	4/8 Coffs Cup Race Day (1/2 day public holiday) Gymnastics	5/8
8/8 NAIDOC Week Gymnastics	9/8	10/8 P & C Meeting	11/8 Gymnastics	12/8 MNC Athletics Carnival K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by 2M) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 3/4K)
15/8 Gymnastics	16/8	17/8	18/8 Gymnastics	19/8
22/8 Gymnastics	23/8	24/8	25/8 Gymnastics	26/8 K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by 1AM) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 3/4C)
29/8 Gymnastics	30/8	31/8	1/9 Gymnastics	2/9 North Coast Athletics Carnival
5/9 Gymnastics	6/9	7/9	8/9 Gymnastics	9/9 Multicultural Day K-2 Assembly 11.30am (Performance by 2B) 3-6 Assembly 12.15pm (Performance by 5/6B)
12/9 Gymnastics	13/9	14/9 P & C Meeting	15/9 Gymnastics	16/9 PB Assembly
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