



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

15th November, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big congratulations and thank you to the students of CHPS. I am so proud of the way they speak to one another, use their manners, say hello when passing staff in the corridors or playground and care for each other. We have had some incidents recently where students in our school have stepped up to care for fellow classmates who were experiencing injuries and in pain. Let me reassure you that our society will be in safe hands if the students of CHPS continue to develop their skills of compassion, tolerance, kindness and social responsibility.

I am very keen to hear the speeches of the Year 5 students who are standing for a school leadership position for 2018. All the very best to every student on Thursday as you prepare. Our student leaders are a very important asset to our school and are instrumental in running assemblies, organising events and being the face of our school with visitors.

Teachers are well underway with writing their end of school reports. These will be sent home on Monday 11 December 2017. Please have a read in today's newsletter of the small changes we have made to the presentation of information in your child's report.

Parent Afternoon Pick Ups

As of next year, parents and carers will not be permitted to wait inside the school grounds before 3pm. Parents and carers will be able to wait outside the school grounds only. This is due to the major construction on the school site, many trades people on site and limited space for students to move around the school. The best place to pick up your child may be on the Curacoa Street exit. Parking is available and plentiful. Students are supervised as they walk across the oval at 3pm. It is very important for your child that families start to make plans now so that all children who are picked up from school are aware of where you are going to meet them. Thank you for your understanding in the interests of the safety and wellbeing of all our children.

Have a great week,
Leonie

Student privacy

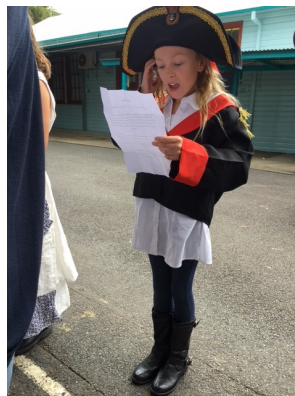
Across our school of 463 students we value inclusivity and diversity. We also support the rights of parents, carers and students who choose not to allow their images to be published in our newsletter etc.

I would ask all parents and carers who attend any function here at the school, to be very mindful of this if they are going to take photos and upload them to social media.

We request that if you wish to celebrate your child's success on social media that you photograph your child individually, mindful to not include other students.

Thank you
Leonie Buehler

Stage 2 Museum visit and Wax Museum Speeches



2018 Semester 2 - New Report Format

This semester, Coffs Harbour Public school will be using a new format for our student reports. The reports will continue to:

- Provide information about your child's learning in each subject.
- Include teacher comments that identify areas of strength and areas for further development in each subject.
- Provide you with a snapshot of your child's achievements with an Outstanding to Limited grade.
- Provide information about your child's social development and commitment to learning.

We hope that the new format is easy to read but will also provide you with detailed information for each Key Learning Area. If you would like additional information regarding the new report format, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. If you require further information once you have received your child's report, a meeting can be arranged through the office with your child's classroom teacher.

Regards

Kellie Melittas

From the Library

Book Club

The final and Christmas book club is out now.
Orders will close early on Monday 27th November.

Premier's Reading Challenge News

A record number of students completed the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge. The certificates are back and will all be handed out in the coming weeks. 24 Year 6 students have received a PLATINUM award for 7 years of completion of the Premier's Reading Challenge and 69 students have received a GOLD Award for 4 years of participating in the challenge. Top effort CHPS student.



Hi Parents

I am sure that you are feeling that school is getting busier as we near the end of the year. Please take the time to look at the calendar and be prepared for all the fun!

This Friday from 2-3pm we wanted to offer all parents the chance to attend the Healthy Food presentation in the Library. There are also tips on saving money when you buy food. I am sure we can all learn something.

I thought it would be nice to finish off the year and my role as Parent Community Liaison Officer with a surf lesson. It was lots of fun and laughs last time. If we have at least 8 parents who want to attend it will be held at the Jetty at 9.30am on Thursday 30th November. Come along, meet others, have a laugh and accomplish something new!



I will see Year 1 and Year 5 parents at Assembly this week! 11.30am for Stage 1 and Stage 2 and 12.15 for stage 3 Assembly.

Caitlin Mackie
Community Liaison Officer

P&C News

The P&C would like to let our school and community know that the investigation into the missing P&C money has now come to a close. Charges have been laid against a previous P&C member and we are currently getting reimbursed. We would like to reassure everyone that the person who was charged does not have anything to do with our school or community anymore. We thank everyone for their patience while this investigation was ongoing. The P&C has worked very hard to make changes to assure nothing like this happens again.

The P&C will be running a Christmas hamper raffle. There will be 3 hamper prizes. We are asking our school community to kindly donate some items to fill these hampers. Donated items can be left at the office. Raffle books will be sent out with students in the coming weeks

We thank everyone for your ongoing support towards our P&C. If you would like to know anything more please email us at chpspandc@gmail.com. You can also get regular updates on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/chpspandc>



Term 4- Stage 2 Exciting Events

Stage 2 Regional Museum Visit

During Semester 2, Stage 2 have been undertaking an integrated unit called 'First Contacts'. To support the learning taking place the students visited the Coffs Harbour Regional Museum last week. Students had three experiences at the museum. They dressed in early era clothing, used a washboard to wash tea towels and were given a guided tour of the museum. Here are some reflections that Year 3 students wrote about their visit and some pictures.

I enjoyed the museum visit because of all the activities. The dress up was fun because we got to dress up as brides and in old clothes. We washed towels that were dirty the same way they did in the old days. We saw a model of the HMB Endeavour and looked at what the Jetty beach looked like a long time ago.

By Gabriella

At the museum we learnt that the old way of washing clothes was to have a board with bumps in the tin. You would wet your clothes and put soap on it, then you scrape it up and down on the board to clean it. We learned that the jetty was extended and cut because of it's different uses. Captain Cook named the Solitary Islands.

By Jessica T



Stage 2 Wax Museum

On Friday, Stage 2 participated in a Wax Museum Event. Students dressed as historical figures from Australia's early history and delivered prepared speeches. Thank you to all the parents, carers, classes and members of the community who came to support these students. It was a fabulous afternoon visiting the past and learning about Australia's history.



2018 Kindergarten Transition

Kindergarten Transition sessions are well underway, with our 2018 Kindergarten students about to attend their fifth session for this year. So far we have enjoyed activities and stories about the 'Ocean' and 'Transport' and 'The Circus' where all children have been involved in play and craft activities around these themes.

Kindergarten Transition will continue for the next 2 Friday afternoons between 2 and 3pm. Parents are invited to attend a Healthy Lunch box workshop in the Library on Friday at the same time. On 10th November parents are invited to attend a session on how to support their children with Literacy and Numeracy activities at home.



The simplest way
to improve the health of your family and save money

Come to our FREE Fruit & Veg Sense Workshop

Date: Friday, 17th November 2017

Time: 2 – 3pm

Venue: Coffs Harbour Public School

Did you know that eating enough fruit and vegetables all their lives can help protect children against diseases, including some forms of cancer? This **free workshop** run by Cancer Council NSW will show you how you can easily:

- 🍌 Save time and money making healthy meals
- 🍌 Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
- 🍌 Get a free recipe book simply by attending



Eat It To Beat It

Student of the Week - Week 4

Student of the Week certificates are awarded to students who demonstrate behaviour consistent with our school rules of Excellence, Safety, Respect and Responsibility.

Class	Name	Presented for:	Class	Name	Presented for:
K/3 B	Kallie	Asking her friends to play.	4M	Tali	Great effort and attitude in class.
KM	Aya	Engaging in class discussions.	4H	Daniel	Entertaining and engaging speech for Wax Museum.
KD	Joshua	Persistently striving to reach his writing goals.	5M	Caprice	An outstanding effort and collaboration for our Year 5 assembly.
K/1 G	Queenekah	Being an independent worker.	5/6 H	Afrah	Always completing her tasks enthusiastically and in a timely manner.
1P	Kobe	All round improvement in class habits.	6B	Kaleira	Wonderful presentation.
1A	Claire	Improvements in all areas of Literacy.	6K	Paige	Being a good School Leader.
2E	Isabelle	A great effort in writing.	3/6 C	Shannon	Being focused on Literacy.
3L	Hope	Working hard on wax museum project.	3/6 F	Daniel	Great effort during physio.
3M	Summer	A great speech on John Red Kelly.	2/6 S	Yasmin	Enjoying her day at Sportz Central.
3/4O	Harmony	Consistent effort and striving to do her best in all tasks.			

ABSTUDY

What is ABSTUDY?

- ABSTUDY is a group of payment to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians while they're studying or training.
- Schooling A is paid to students 14 years in primary school or from the first year of High School till they turn 16 years.
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance can be paid to students 16 years and over in full time study depending on their situation.
- ABSTUDY also pays an Allowance to Australian Apprentices and Trainees.
- ABSTUDY can help with the costs of study, living expenses, boarding and travel from the student's home to their place of study.
- You don't need to know which payments you can get before you apply. When you apply. We'll talk with you about your situation and work out which payments are right for you.

ABSTUDY early claim:

- We're encouraging ABSTUDY students who are studying or doing an Australian Apprenticeship to get their claims for 2018 in **before December**, especially those moving away for study.
- Claiming early means students and their families can have their claims finalised in time for starting school next year.
- When claiming over the phone, most people can now do a verbal declaration and don't need to return a Customer Declaration Form.
- If a Customer Declaration Form is needed, we'll let the student or parent know when they can claim.
- If you are eligible for ABSTUDY Fares Allowance and claim before your trip, your travel can be arranged and paid for by us.
- To get the full rate of ABSTUDY in term 1 you must start school within the first 3 weeks of term

How to Claim:

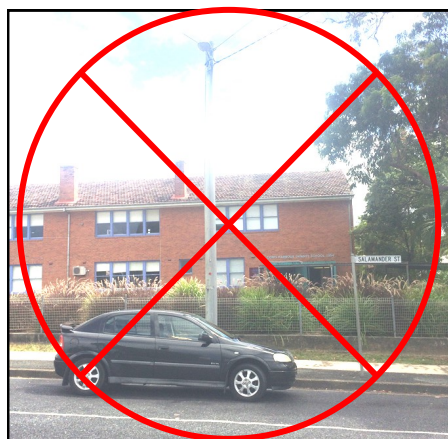
- When claiming ABSTUDY on the phone, most students and families will be able to do a verbal declaration. This means less paperwork to return
- Call **ABSTUDY on 1800 132 317**
- If you can't claim over the phone complete the claim form.
- Find out more about claiming ABSTUDY at **[Humanservices.gov.au/abstudy](https://humanservices.gov.au/abstudy)**

Keeping Your Child Safe - Road Safety

The school community is concerned about ways to make our morning drop off routine safer. Parent's cars should not enter the bus zone between 8am - 9:30am & 2:30pm - 4pm.

This means that children can use the crossing safely without cars entering the area. The best place to drop your child off in the **morning**, is further down Salamander Street.

In the **afternoon** children line up and are led down by a teacher to Curacoa Street where parents are able to park easily and safely. This is suitable for K-6 students.



Coffs Harbour Public School 2017 Term 4 Calendar



Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6	13/11 Intensive Swimming	14/11	15/11	16/11 Leader Speeches for 2018	17/11 K - 2 Assembly (11:30am) Performance by Year 1 3 - 6 Assembly (12:15pm) Performance by Year 5 Kinder transition 2-3pm
7	20/11 Intensive Swimming	21/11	22/11	23/11	24/11 Kinder transition 2-3pm
8	27/11	28/11	29/11 Scripture Concert (10:30am)	30/11 Lunchtime Disco	1/12 K - 2 Assembly (11:30am) Performance by Kindergarten 3 - 6 Assembly (12:15pm) Performance by Year 6
9	4/12	5/12 Volunteers Morning tea Year 6 Farewell (Tabatinga) High School Orientation Day	6/12 School Leaders Lunch	7/12 Special Ed Christmas Party	8/12 PB Assembly - 9:30am Mini Fete (11:30am - 1:00pm)
10	11/12 Reports go home Talent Quest	12/12 Presentation Day	13/12 Rewards Day - Pool	14/12 Attendance Party	15/12 Last Day of School for 2017