



# 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 November, 2017**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we have less than four weeks left of the school year.

Congratulations to all the students and staff who have been involved in the Intensive Swimming program. It has been very successful to date and the weather has been lovely. This important program will finish for our school on Friday. I hope that students have more confidence in and around water.

Just a reminder that the office now sells school skorts and shorts for students. So apart from the navy blue socks and black shoes, the office is a one stop shop for school uniforms. There are still CHPS school bags available too – they could be a great Christmas present.

Our 2018 Kindergarten Transition sessions have been very well attended. It is very exciting to see the new Kinders try out big school. This week we are excited to announce that the 2018 Kinders will meet their Year 5 buddies.

Our school is growing at such an alarming rate that we are now unable to fit all students and staff inside the hall. When thinking about this we have decided to hold our Presentation Day at CeX in their auditorium. This will be held on Tuesday 12 December from 10am. This way all students, staff and parents can be comfortable and see the fantastic assembly. Students will walk down and back to the CeX for the event. A separate permission note will not be sent home as the local walking permission note (completed by parents each year) will cover this excursion. I look forward to seeing you all there to share in this great day.

Thank you to the many parents who have been discussing the changes in the pick - up areas with your children. As of next year our school will be extremely busy as a building site, so we are encouraging families to make arrangements with children now about safe pick up places outside of the school grounds. I have noticed that more of our families are using Curacoa Street (near the oval) to pick up children. Thank you - this is the safest option.

School finishes on Friday 15 December and our school closes on that day, as staff attended alternate staff development sessions earlier in the year to cover the last two staff development days.

Have a great week,  
Leonie

## **Foyer Art**

Some of our beautiful art work from 6K on display in our office foyer this week.

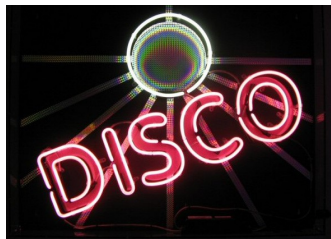


Our year in Kindergarten, summerised in our photo collage on display in the office foyer this week.



### **Lunchtime School Disco**

On Thursday 30th November we will be holding a 'Red & Green' themed lunchtime disco. Don't forget to bring along your favourite red and green items and be ready to dance.



### **Parent Session at Kindergarten 2018**

This Friday 24th November, we will be running a parent transition session in the library between 2:15pm - 2:45pm on 'How To Help My Child with Literacy and Numeracy at Home'. We hope to see many of our new kindergarten parents there.

### **School Banking**

Tomorrow will be the last week to order rewards for your school banking to be able to receive them before the end of the year. Our last school banking day for 2017 will be Thursday 7th December.

If you have a spare 1/2 - 1 hour on a Thursday afternoon and are interested in joining our school banking team as a volunteer banking coordinator, please contact the office.

Hi Parents

As we prepare for the end of the year with Christmas and then Back to School in 2018 we may be trying to save money and do all that we can to care for our children.

Many of us have experienced financial hardship in our lives and felt the pressure. If you are concerned about money at this time of year please contact the Salvation Army on 66528777 for food. Toys and counselling, Lifehouse on 66523116 provides emergency relief throughout the year including bills and furniture or the Uniting Church on Gordon St. [www.coffconnect.com.au](http://www.coffconnect.com.au) has other community resources available if you need help.

The Smith family have a wonderful program called Learning for Life that enables you to have costs covered for school excursions and events. Please call them on 66500125.

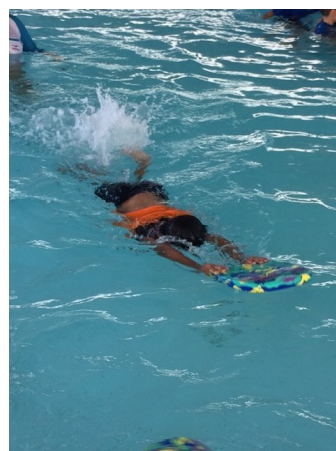
If there is a sports activity your child would like to do there will be a \$100 grant available in 2018 from the NSW government to cover the registration costs. This is available for all. Please see the website <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

Enjoy the last few weeks of school! I am working in the office at the moment so I will see you or talk to you on the phone.

Caitlin Mackie  
Community Liaison Officer

### **Intensive Swimming Program 2018**

For the last 2 weeks we have had children involved in our intensive swimming program. They have had a great time learning new skills and gaining water confidence.



### **P&C News**

The P&C will be running our 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 in the provided basket. Raffle books will be sent out with students in the coming weeks. Thank you.

Our last meeting of the year will be held at 6pm on December 13th, at the Greenhouse Tavern.

We thank everyone for your ongoing support towards our P&C. If you would like any more information please email us at [chpspandc@gmail.com](mailto:chpspandc@gmail.com). You can also get regular updates on our Facebook page: <https://>

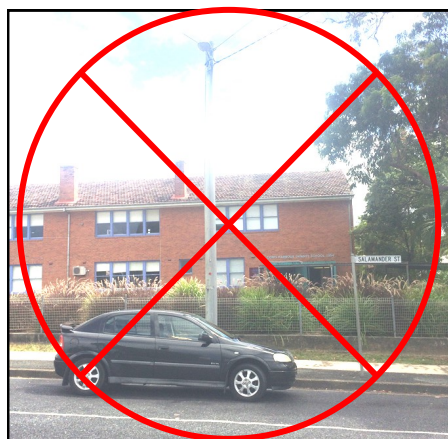


## Keeping Your Child Safe - Road Safety

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
<b>7</b>	20/11 Intensive Swimming	21/11	22/11	23/11	24/11 Kinder transition 2-3pm
<b>8</b>	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
<b>9</b>	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)
<b>10</b>	11/12 Reports go home Talent Quest	12/12 Presentation Day	13/12 Rewards Day - Pool	14/12 Attendance Party	15/12 <b>Last Day of School for 2017</b>
<b>2018 Term 1</b>	29/1 Staff Development Day	30/1 1st Day of School for 2018 (Years 1 - 6)	31/1	1/2	2/2