



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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been for us all.

Today we start our second week of working from home for most of our families. As you know the school is still operational but as per the Premier's message, parents have been encouraged to keep their children at home where possible. This last week has been a time of learning for us all. We have had students start their online learning, those who have picked up packs and those who have stayed at school to learn. Every student has got the same lessons whether they are at school or home or learning digitally.

My enormous thanks to our whole school community including students, parents, carers and staff for your commitment to ensuring that in this time of change that children are safe, cared for and having their needs met.

Today we handed out work for this week to families who wanted a paper copy. The plan is that each Monday work for the upcoming week will be available on Seesaw or to be picked up. We had a number of cars drive into the bus bay this morning and collect the work for their children. Mrs Anderson and I enjoyed this process.

Next Monday you can do the same. We ask that you return completed work when you come to collect your new work. Alternatively you can upload it onto Seesaw. Please ask for support if you need.

We understand the difficulties of having your children maintain their focus at home. We are setting around 3 hours of work per day in this week's timetables. This gives families a chance to spend time together doing other things as well as school work.

In today's newsletter I have included a checklist from the Department of Education to assist with learning from home environments that are conducive to good learning.

A message to our students - We miss you so much – we miss the noise in the classrooms, the buzz in the playground of children having fun, the excited faces of our teachers when students learn a new skill. We miss you all. Be gentle on yourself. Take your time to do your work – the teachers are here to support you. You are not alone.

Over the next few weeks we will continue to send out information during these unprecedented times. Please make sure you ask for help if you need. We are in this together,

Stay well,

Leonie



Learning environment checklist

In setting up this space the following should be considered:

- Is the area free of distraction?
- Is there excessive noise in the area?
- Are there trip hazards in the area?
- Is the area exposed to direct glare or reflections?
- Does the area have sufficient power points available?
- Is equipment (extension cords etc.) in good, safe, working condition?
- Is there a proper desk and chair and other necessary equipment (light, stationery and devices)?
- Is the chair adjusted correctly?
 - Feet should be flat on the floor and knees bent at right angles with thighs parallel to the floor.
 - The chair backrest should support the lower back and allow your child to sit upright.
 - The chair should move freely and not be restricted by hazards such as mats and power cords.
 - Chair arm rests should be removed or lowered when typing.
- Is the computer adjusted correctly?
 - The screen should be positioned directly in front of your child.
 - The screen should be at a distance where your child can see clearly and easily without straining. The top of the screen should be slightly lower than eye level.
 - The keyboard should be positioned at a distance where elbows are close to your child's body and their shoulders should be relaxed.
 - The mouse should be placed directly next to the keyboard.
- Are their most frequently used items within easy reach from a seated position?

Students enjoying their learning





Coffs Harbour Public School 2020 Term 1 Calendar



Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	30/03 EALD Swimming Scheme <i>Postponed until further notice</i> <u>'Drive Through'</u> drop off Students' completed work and pickup new work for Week 10 9.30-10.30am Salamander St entrance	31/03 EALD Swimming Scheme <i>Postponed until further notice</i>	01/04 EALD Swimming Scheme <i>Postponed until further notice</i>	02/04 EALD Swimming Scheme <i>Postponed until further notice</i> 3-6 Assembly 2.15-3pm Performance by 5C Jiling & 5/CB Duna <i>Postponed until further notice</i>	03/04 EALD Swimming Scheme <i>Postponed until further notice</i> School Cross Country <i>Postponed until further notice</i>
11	06/04 <u>'Drive Through'</u> drop off Students' completed work and pickup new work for Week 11 9.30-10.30am Salamander St entrance	07/04	08/04 Rewards Day <i>Postponed until further notice</i> Community -Help - Parent -Share in the Rainbow Room 2.30 – 3.15 pm <i>Postponed until further notice</i>	09/04 Attendance Party <i>Postponed until further notice</i> Easter Hat Parade <i>Postponed until further notice</i> PB Assembly 2.15-3pm Last Day of Term 1 <i>Postponed until further notice</i>	10/04 Good Friday Public Holiday Start of Term 1 School Holidays



OOSH ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL FAMILIES

In the interest of keeping as much normality as possible for you and your children, at this point in time or until we are told otherwise by the education department WE WILL BE REMAINING OPEN and operating throughout the remaining school term and during the school holidays. We are working closely with all the relevant authorities and maintaining the appropriate precautions with respect to the increased health standards.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions placed on other industries and venue providers, our programs will have to be somewhat modified, but rest assured we will be “keeping it real” as possible for the kids.

Bookings are still essential for the safety and care of your children.

If you require any further information or explanation contact us on 0466 306 200