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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,

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 4. I hope everyone had a lovely holiday and students are settling back into regular school life.

A huge thank you to Mrs Shelley Anderson for her remarkable job as relieving principal whilst I was on leave last term. Mrs Anderson did an outstanding job leading and managing the school. Thank you also to Mr Mat Shaw who stepped into the deputy principal role and to Miss Emma Cummins who stepped into the Stage 3 assistant principal role. All three members of staff are to be congratulated for their outstanding leadership skills.

Throughout term 3, our school was once again involved in learning from home. This was an adjustment for everyone, and I want to thank and congratulate our entire school community for your resilience and efforts with online and at home learning.

Covid -19 school operations

This term we are navigating our new normal. We are classified as a Level 3 school and will follow the guidelines that have been set out for us. From October 11 all staff and students are expected to be at school with visitors and activities limited. While at school, face masks are required in all indoor and outdoor settings for all staff. Masks are recommended indoors and outdoors for primary students (unless eating or exercising). All staff at Level 3 schools must be fully vaccinated by 8 November.

Staff and students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless: They have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free or they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available.

In circumstances where children or staff have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

At this stage non-essential visitors are not permitted on our school site. Allied Health partners and other providers are permitted and should continue to operate in a COVID-safe way.

Searchable list of schools operating under Level 3

Parents, carers and students can now search the [Level 3 Advice for families](#) pages to see which setting their school is operating under.

Please note that the lists are updated based on NSW Health advice on general restrictions for the school's location. Schools that are made temporarily non-operational for emergency reasons will still be listed under their relevant setting for when they resume operations.

Thank you all so much for adhering to the guidelines that are presented. I look forward to the day when parents and visitors can once again enter our school and see the fantastic work being done by students.

School Grounds

Congratulations and thank you to our team of General Assistants who have been tirelessly working to ensure that our school is functional and beautiful. We have some new works currently underway to create an Aboriginal cultural learning space.

Welcome

Mr Jeremy Griffiths is a new staff member who has been appointed to our school. Mr Griffith started this term and will be teaching our EALD students and students in the MC class.

Miss Maddie Chewings is our new Occupational Therapist who has been employed to work one day a week this term. Welcome Maddie.

Congratulations to Mrs Laura Vines who has had a baby boy – Lenny and to Mrs Jess Johns who has had a baby girl – Elloise.

Have a great fortnight,
Leonie

Mrs Anderson's Article

What a fantastic start to term 4 we have had! So far 427 of our students are attending school for 90% or more of the time! This is wonderful news as it means that students have been able to settle back into their learning and enjoy all of the extra activities that are happening across the school. In order to maintain our excellent attendance we will be continuing our positive incentives and also launching some new and exciting initiatives throughout this term. Keep an eye out during the term for these great incentives:

Fortnightly Class Celebration – these happen every second Friday throughout the term. The class with the most improved attendance will receive a prize for the whole class to enjoy (such as a class craft kit or new sports equipment). 4R were our most recent winners! Well done 4R!

Random Student Raffle – all students who have had 100% for the week preceding this raffle will go into a draw to win a prize from our selection of sporting equipment.

\$50 Coles Voucher Raffle – This prize will be drawn in week 5 and in week 10 of this term. We will be handing out 2 of these prizes each raffle. Students who have attended school 95% or more will go in the draw for a chance to win this fabulous prize.

End of Term Raffle – students who have maintained 90% or higher attendance throughout the term will go in the draw to win a prize from our selection of sporting equipment.

Icy Poles – twice throughout the term students who have maintained 95% or higher attendance will receive an icy pole.

20 minutes extra free play time – this is awarded to the stage cohort that has made the most improvement with their attendance throughout the fortnight leading up to the announcement. They will be able to play in their chosen playground zone exclusively for 20 minutes while all other students are in class! Students have been really enjoying this extra play time!

Please ensure if your child is away from school for any reason that you notify the office, either by replying to our automated text system, emailing or phoning us on 6652 3355. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance with their teacher you can call to make a phone appointment.

We are really hoping to see all children at school every day possible for the rest of this year.

Shelley Anderson

Student drop-off and pick-up arrangements

In line with our current level 3 Covid restrictions families and students are unfortunately unable to mingle at the gates during drop-off and pick-up times. Please aim to stay in your car if it is safe to do so. Once you have collected your child/children please move away promptly so other parents can collect their child/children. If you need to speak to your child's teacher please phone the office to make an appointment.



School Based Occupational Therapist Program

I am pleased to introduce our families and carers to our new school-based Occupational Therapist, Maddie Chewings. Maddie will be supporting teachers and students in our school once a week, beginning this term. As part of her role, Maddie will be developing programs and interventions which will assist students to participate in everyday school activities and facilitate access to curricular, and extracurricular activities. Targeted support includes fine and gross motor skills, handwriting support, emotional regulation, memory and attention and sensory processing. The services that Maddie will provide include screening assessments, individual, small group and one on one student therapy sessions, as well as providing teachers with specialised professional learning. Inclusion in intervention programs is free and will be determined by classroom teachers. If your child is nominated, you will receive a letter with the opportunity to opt out of this program if you do not want your child to participate. Spaces are limited and will be prioritised based on the highest level of need, however all students will benefit from the upskilling of our teachers in our chosen targeted areas. If you would like your child to be considered for Occupational Therapy placement, please get in touch with your child's teacher. We are extremely lucky to have this unique opportunity and are excited to offer more support to the wonderful students and families at CHPS.



Carina Ratcliff
Program coordinator

Stage 2 & 3 Camp Cancellation Refunds

Just a reminder to all families that we are in the process of organising refunds for the cancellation of this year's Stage 2 and Stage 3 camps. Once parents have completed the Student Refund Application forms, these can be returned to the school office with your child or via the school email, and we will have them processed as soon as possible.

School Fun Run Crazy Colour Day



This term we're holding the School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on Friday 5th November (COVID 19 restrictions pending). We are really hoping to raise \$10,000 which will go towards paying for some new playground equipment.

Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which will be sent home with your child.

Once you have the form, you should sign up for a Student Profile Page at schoolfunrun.com.au. You'll be able to access online fundraising and can win a \$20,000 Ultimate Family Package!

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our school.

If you have any questions about the Crazy Colour Day please contact the School Fun Run Office on 1800 FUN RUN.

Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

Level 3 schools

What is permitted with modification School based activities



Updated 4:00 pm 11 October 2021

- Dance and/or drama are permitted in-line with COVID-Safe practices within classes in outdoor spaces. Mixing of classes is not permitted (except for HSC assessment purposes with COVID Safe practices in place)
- Schools must make alternative arrangements for graduations, formals and school dances that support the broader guidance. This includes:
 - No mingling of student cohorts
 - No visitors (including parents and carers)
 - Events to align with current health order restricting size of gatherings
 - COVID Safe planning.
 - Personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping practices must be adhered to at these events.
 - Library activities are permitted in-line with the Infection Control requirement for Libraries.
 - Uniform Stores can only operate if they:
 - are online
 - have pre-ordering arrangements in place, with one dedicated staff member attending outside of school hours to arrange distribution.

Orientation and Transition Programs. Refer to [Orientation and transition](#) for more information.

- Emergency drills and evacuations where possible should be conducted in a COVID-safe manner. This means where possible keeping classes, groups or cohorts together.

Visitors

Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school sites including:

- Official visitors and dignitaries
- Media and production crews
- Visits by local members.

Allied Health partners and other providers are permitted and should continue to operate in a COVID-safe way.

Union officers may visit.

Corporate staff (unless as outlined in this document) must not attend school sites unless services cannot be provided remotely. Mask wearing and COVID check-in is required for all visitors.

Parents and carers must follow their school's advice regarding changes to student drop off and pick up. This includes staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if it is safe to do so. This does not apply to drop off and pick up from outside of school hours care (OOSHC) as sign in and out procedures are required.

Parents should:

follow the [physical distancing advice](#)^{External link} for their local area and avoid gathering outside of school gates

- remain outside of school grounds (some exceptions may exist re SSP, vulnerable students or students with disability)
- adhere to mask-wearing requirements and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.

Refer to the guide for [travelling to school safely](#) for support with student drop off and pick up.

Student of the Week - Term 4 Week 1 (K - 2 Awards) Focus: Safety

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

Class	Student	Presented for:
KL Girriin	Marie B	Reading 15 sounds
KG Jiling	Willow B	Being capable, organised and always eager to begin work
KW Duna	Pip E	Always giving 100%
KM Muluurr	Phoebe S	Her contributions to class discussions
K/2 H Muluurr	Dominic C	Settling in beautifully to K/2H
1B Jiling	George L	Being a focused learner
1D Duna	Malak O	Her amazing use of verbs in her writing
1F Muluurr	Max N	Being an enthusiastic learner
1N Girriin	Shams G	Showing enthusiasm towards her learning
2K Jiling	Corby T	His insightful comments and contributions during science
2C Duna	Savanna C	Being a welcome addition to our class
2BM Muluurr	Hunter C	His fantastic vocabulary writing and sharing his knowledge of arctic animals

Student of The Week - Term 4 Week 2 (K - 2 Awards) Focus: Safety

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

Class	Student	Presented for:
KL Girriin	Emma B	Writing 5 ideas in her story
KG Jiling	Ivy R	Always trying her best and taking pride in her work.
KWJ Duna	Hashim E	Trying really hard to improve his decoding when reading
KM Muluurr	Angelina M	Her happy and enthusiastic attitude to all areas
1B Jiling	James S	Having a positive attitude toward his learning
1D Duna	Jordan S	His contribution to class discussions
1F Muluurr	Maddy P	Working hard in literacy
1N Girriin	Alexis F	Her wonderful listening skills
2K Jiling	Mila B	Her attention to detail she applies to all her learning
2C Duna	Bu Meh	Her correct identification of suffixes and their meanings



Coffs Harbour Public School 2021 Term 4 Calendar



Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	11/10	12/10	13/10 Stage 3 Camp Lake Ainsworth CANCELLED	14/10 Stage 3 Camp Lake Ainsworth CANCELLED	15/10 Stage 3 Camp Lake Ainsworth CANCELLED
3	18/10	19/10	20/10	21/10	22/10
4	25/10	26/10	27/10	28/10	29/10
5	01/11	02/11 Leadership Speeches	03/11	04/11	05/11 School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day
6	8/11	09/11	10/11	11/11	12/11 Kinder Transition
7	15/11	16/11	17/11	18/11	19/11 Kinder Transition
8	22/11	23/11	24/11	25/11	26/11 Kinder Transition
9	29/11	30/11	1/12	2/12	3/12 Kinder Transition
10	6/12	7/12	8/12	9/12	10/12
11	13/12 Year6 Farewell Reports Home	14/12 Presentation Day	15/12	16/12 Last day for students Rewards Day	17/12 SDD