



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

10 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to Miss Dallas Gittins who has been successful in gaining permanency with the Department of Education as AEO for our school. Dallas has been in this role for a number of years and we are thrilled that it has become permanent.

Over the last few weeks and continuing throughout this term, PSSA sports are on the calendar. We have teams in netball, soccer, touch footy and basketball. Every time students represent CHPS, we hear from their teachers and event organisers that our students show great sportsmanship, try their best and work together as a team. This is what we strive for in our school and it should give us all a strong sense of pride. Well done everyone.

NAPLAN assessments will be conducted across NSW schools this week for students in Years 3,5,7 and 9. There are two assessments on Tuesday (language conventions and writing), one on Wednesday (reading) and one on Thursday (numeracy). Friday is a catch-up day for anyone who missed a day. Please make sure your children are ready for these by ensuring they get a good night's sleep and have a healthy breakfast beforehand.

As the days are getting a bit cooler, students are bringing jumpers and jackets to school. There are times when our lost property container is full of hats and jumpers without names. We endeavour to return lost property to children; however, it is very difficult when we can't identify the owner. Please remember to re-write your child's name on their things after they have been washed. All lost property is kept in the office.

A number of complaints have come through to the office regarding unsafe driving behaviours in Salamander Street when dropping off and picking up children. Please follow the law and be careful around all our children. Parents are asked not to drive in the bus bay between 8:00am and 9:30am of a morning or 2:30pm and 4:00pm of an afternoon. Parking is very limited and some areas have a designated wait time. The rangers and police often do spot checks around our school checking that everyone is driving and parking safely. A number of children are walking through the staff car park to get into the school grounds. This is very dangerous as it is also the drop off and pick up point for students with disability. Please use the front entrance instead. Last term a message was put in the newsletter asking for families to have their say at a meeting about better pick up arrangements / ideas. Unfortunately, we didn't have any response from any parent or carer to discuss this. If you have any suggestions please feel free to email the school with ideas.

Have a great fortnight,

Leonie



Stewart House Fundraiser



‘Mrs Anderson’s Article’

We are pleased to see so many of our students arriving here at school on time every day. Our school day begins at 8.50am with a whole school morning assembly. During this assembly students are given a range of messages about the day ahead and we often celebrate the successes and achievements of our students during this time. We strongly encourage all students to be at school in time to participate in this morning assembly, before heading off to class for a full day of learning and social engagement. Please be reminded that if your child is away from school for any reason you need to let us know within 7 days via a reply to the automated text, a phone call to our school office or a letter written to your child’s class teacher. However, if we have not received an explanation from you within 2 days, your child’s class teacher may contact you to discuss the absence.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick, or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

The importance of arriving on time:

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- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

Please feel free to contact the school to discuss your child’s absence or any other concerns at any time during the day. We are all working together to ensure your child attends school as regularly as possible.

Shelley Anderson.

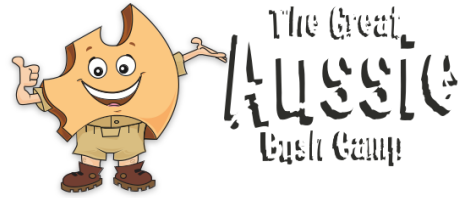
Winners of the Mother’s Day Raffle

A big congratulations to the winners of the Mother’s Day raffle. We hope all our mothers and special women in our school community enjoyed their special day.

1st Prize	- Gale H
2nd Prize	- Arwa Q
3rd Prize	- Bennett M



STAGE 2 Excursion - GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP



Year 3 and Year 4 students have the opportunity to attend an excursion to Great Aussie Bush Camp from Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th August 2021. Throughout the three days students will participate in outdoor adventure activities most likely to include rock climbing, archery, flying fox and rope climbing (activities to be confirmed).

As numbers are limited, we will be taking the first 50 students who return their note and deposit. The school has subsidised part of this camp, with the total cost being \$360.00 per student. A non-refundable \$60 deposit needs to be paid to the school office by Friday 21st May. The office will then take fortnightly instalments through the front office or by accessing the online payment option through our school website <https://coffsharb-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> with the final payment date of Friday 13th August 2021. If you prefer to pay in full, you may do this at any time up until the final payment date.

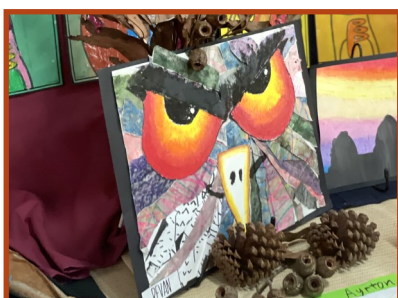
Stage 3 Excursion - Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre

Year 5 and Year 6 students will have the opportunity to attend an excursion to Lake Ainsworth from Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th October 2021.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the note along with a non-refundable \$50 deposit before Friday 15th May, 2021. Those children attending will be given further information once all details have been confirmed. Final payments are required by Tuesday 6th September as finalised numbers need to be given at that time.

Unfortunately this camp is strictly limited to 70 students. We are unable to take any more than this.

Coffs Harbour Show Display



Sports News

Netball

On Wednesday the 5th of May, nine Stage 3 girls represented our school in the Netball NSW Schools Cup Gala Day. The students played in a non-competitive division made up of other local primary schools, where they developed netball skills and an understanding of the rules.

The team won 2 out of 5 games and should be commended on of their progress and sportsmanship throughout the day.

They should all be proud of their efforts.

-Mrs Sciascia



North Coast PSSA Soccer Team Trials

CHPS had 5 students selected to trial for the North Coast PSSA boys soccer team. Well done to Re-van, Requester, Thomas, Robert and Jwokdipo for being selected to trial. You should all be proud.



Cross Country

District Cross Country

On Friday 30th April, 55 students represented Coffs Harbour Public School at District Cross Country. All students competed extremely well, with many just missing out on a place at Mid North Coast Cross Country. Harper, Poppy, Revan and Requester were all successful in gaining a place at Mid North Coast Cross Country. We wish them the best of luck on Friday 7th May.

Mid North Coast Cross Country

On Friday 7th April, Harper and Poppy competed in the Mid North Coast Cross Country at Nana Glen. Both girls were successful in progressing to the next level and will now compete in the North Coast Cross Country in Lismore on the 7th June. Congratulations to you both.



Student of the Week - Term 2 Week 1 (3 - 6 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:
3SJ Muluurr	Nalivea N	Taking pride in all of her work
3NJ Jiling	Suban S	Showing focus and enthusiasm during maths
3/4M Muluurr	Johnathan P	Working hard to complete set tasks
4R Jiling	Kyuss C	Application towards completing his Genius Hour project
4H Muluurr	Isabella C	Showing dedication to improving her mental strategies in maths
5/6H Jiling	Zina B	Always trying her best and helping others.
5/6S Muluurr	Abdu K	An improved attitude towards learning
5/6A Girriin	Aylani C	An excellent effort in Mathematics
K/6 CB Jiling	Archie L	An excellent week participating in all class activities
3/6JF Duna	Tilijsha E	Settling well into your new school.
1/6M Muluurr	Dearna S	Settling into our class

Student of The Week - Term 2 Week 2 (3 - 6 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:
3SJ Muluurr	Hope J	Always being ready to learn and help others
3NJ Jiling	Aryan A	Always showing a positive attitude to learning
3/4M Muluurr	Jude B	Pleasing effort in all areas
4R Jiling	Milad K	Fantastic participation in maths groups
4H Muluurr	Vina Z	100% effort into all her learning
5/6H Jiling	Bonnie R	Consistently working hard in all subject areas
5/6S Muluurr	Connor M	Always displaying a positive attitude towards learning
5/6A Girriin	Kaitlyn K	An excellent effort with writing

Student of the Week - Term 2 Week 3 (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	Savannah S	Her focus and effort during learning time
KWJ Duna	Wesema A	Giving her best effort in all areas
KM Muluurr	Biwar O	Staying on task during independent
1B Jiling	Acsa I	Helping her peers with their reading
1D Duna	Lavianna H	Her attention and effort with reading and writing
1F Muluurr	Mitchell J	Creative thinking and problem solving in maths
1N Girriin	Aran A	Always being a wonderful role model for others
2K Jiling	Nino G	Taking more responsibility for his own learning
2VC Duna	Kaelem L	Excellent responses and thinking outside of the square
2BM Muluurr	La-Marr Di	Being a kind classmate and helping his peers with their learning

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

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Class	Student	Presented for:
KL Girriin	Soleil B	Her concentration during phonics
KWJ Duna	Zozan H	Fantastic writing this week
KM Muluurr	Arlias R	Being a kind friend
1B Jiling	Emmanuel T	Fantastic writing to retell a story
1D Duna	Aria B	Excellent use of strategies during number talks
1F Muluurr	Rafaella D	Outstanding work in spelling
1N Girriin	Ephrath T	A fantastic effort in her reading and writing
2K Jiling	Melan A	working hard on her reading strategies
2VC Duna	Kiko T	Mastering his reading strategies and fluency for his level
2BM Muluurr	James Y	His descriptive introduction to his narrative

Author Visit

We are having our favourite author - Anna Fienberg - visit our school again this term. She will be here Friday afternoon the 11th June - Week 8 Term 2.

She will see a Year 2 gifted writing group 12:30pm - 1:15pm

Years 3/4 group talk 1:45pm - 2:20pm

Years 5/6 group talk 2:25pm - 3:00pm.

There is no cost for students to be a part of this experience. Coffs Harbour City Council has subsidised this visit.

Anna is the author of many fiction titles but particularly the "Tashi" series - which has also become a cartoon series on TV.

The Book Warehouse will supply some her books to be sold on the day (between \$11 and \$30) if your child wishes to bring money on that Friday for Anna to sign it. More information later.

Ms Kathy Leeson
Teacher / Librarian

Stewart House Fundraiser

- Dress Up Day





HEALTHYEATING
ACTIVE LIVING



Mid North Coast Health Promoting Schools Newsletter

Term 2
2021
edition

Welcome to the second Live Life Well @ School (LLW@S) Health Promoting Schools Newsletter for 2021.

Our look may have changed, but this newsletter still aims to keep you up-to-date with news, events and professional development opportunities as well as showcasing practical ways to increase physical activity and healthy eating within your school.

LLW@S has now recommenced face-to-face follow up visits. We are available to help with physical activity and healthy eating initiatives within your school.

Please reach out to your local Health Promotion Officer if you have any questions or would like resources or support.

Regards,
Alison and Gavin



NEWS AND EVENTS

FRUIT & VEG MONTH

It's time to celery-brate ... Fruit & Veg Month is back! Get involved in this flexible and fun primary school event that encourages kids to eat more fruit and vegetables.

If you register you will receive curriculum materials, class posters, student reward stickers, parent resources and a student competition.

WHEN:
23 August to 17 September
(the last four weeks of Term 3).

TO REGISTER:
www.healthy-kids.com.au/teachers/fruit-veg-month/



HEALTHYEATING
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Kilometre Club Workshop



Free one-hour workshop on Kilometre Club (KM Club)

The workshop will be delivered by Mid North Coast Local Health District's Health Promotion team.

Workshop will include:

- Information about KM Club
- Benefits of KM Club
- Barriers and enablers to successful implementation
- Q&A session with KM Club experts.

Guest speaker:
Lachlan Milne (Kendall Public School teacher) will share his experiences of implementing the KM Club over the past three years.

For more information:
EMAIL: alison.walton@health.nsw.gov.au
PHONE: 6561 2975

WHEN:
Monday 17 May 2021
4-5pm

WHERE:
Online via Zoom

RSVP BY 13 MAY
[Click here](#) or scan the QR code below:



COFFS HARBOUR CITY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS



A FAMILY AFFAIR

Music for the young and young at heart

Join the orchestra for an interactive afternoon of music from your favourite movies and enchanting tunes. Get to know the instruments of the orchestra through music from Pirates of Dragons, Fairies and Dinosaurs. You are sure to be captivated.

We invite everyone (of all ages) to dress as their favourite movie character for the chance to win some fabulous prizes.

Adults: \$10
Children: gold coin donation

2PM SUNDAY 6 JUNE | COFFS HARBOUR RACING CLUB, HOWARD STREET



Coastal Wardrobes
& Kitchens

FXBC
Mid North Coast



VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

Would you like to help adult migrants and refugees learn English and come part of your community?

The AMEP TAFE NSW Volunteer Tutor Program engages volunteers to provide English language tuition and practice for 1-2 hours per week to migrants and refugees who are eligible for the AMEP (Adult Migrant English Program).

Tutors complete an online training course at their own pace and receive on-going support once they start tutoring.

Tutoring can be conducted in a TAFE library, local library or any mutually agreed location.

Volunteers are urgently needed in Coffs Harbour
Contact AMEPHTS@TAFENSW.edu.au or phone 9942 0644 for further information.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) is funded by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs. TAFE NSW - CMCOS 40554E | WTD 00003



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





**My child won't go to school.
What should I do?**

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling.](#)

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

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Coffs Harbour Public School 2021 Term 2 Calendar



Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	10/05 BMNAC	11/05 NAPLAN Special Ed TAFE Playgroup	12/05 NAPLAN	13/05 NAPLAN Assembly (3 - 6) Performance by 5/6H	14/05
5	17/05 BMNAC	18/05 Special Ed TAFE Playgroup	19/05	20/05 Assembly (K - 2) Performance by KWJ	21/05
6	24/05 PSSA Cricket BMNAC	25/05 Special Ed TAFE Playgroup	26/05	27/05 Assembly (3 - 6) Performance by 3NJ	28/05 PSSA Touch Football (Girls & Boys)
7	31/05 BMNAC	01/06 Special Ed TAFE Playgroup	02/06	03/06 Assembly (K - 2) Performance by 1F	04/06
8	07/06 North Coast Cross Country BMNAC	08/06 Special Ed TAFE Playgroup	09/06	10/06 Assembly (3 - 6) Performance by 5/6C	11/06 Author Visit PSSA Basketball
9	14/06 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	15/06 Reports come home Special Ed TAFE Playgroup	16/06 Multicultural Speaking Final Parent Teacher Interviews	17/06 Vision screening (StePs) Assembly (K - 2) Performance by KM Parent Teacher Interviews	18/06 Winter Sports Carnival Parent Teacher Interviews
10	21/06 Athletics Carnival - Field events 2 - 6 BMNAC Parent Teacher Interviews	22/06 Attendance Party PB Assembly Special Ed TAFE Playgroup Parent Teacher Interviews	23/06 Athletics Carnival - Track events K - 6 Parent Teacher Interviews	24/06 Assembly (3 - 6) Performance by 3/6JF Parent Teacher Interviews	25/06 Rewards Day Last Day Of Term 2 Parent Teacher Interviews