Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school term draws to a close I want to thank the students, parents and staff for a terrific first term for the year. When I reflect back over the term we have achieved a lot in a short time. Kindergarten students are very settled, learning a lot and have made many new friends including their Year 6 buddies. We have enjoyed a visit from the NSW Governor, our new special education playground is getting a lot of use, classes are full of interesting and engaging teaching and learning and we have celebrated the fantastic efforts and achievements of students across many sporting fields. Our school leaders have taken on significant roles in leading school assemblies and other activities. Staff are constantly engaged in professional learning around better quality teaching practices.

The school disco was a huge success last Thursday night. A big thank you to the many staff members who volunteered their time. Student behaviour was outstanding and it was great to see many students enjoying the beach party theme.

Next term, the P&C will be holding their Annual General Meeting. I urge parents to come along even if you choose not to take on a role on the P&C executive. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to get involved in your child’s school. Partnerships between home and school are fostered and this is one way to develop a community voice and work with the school on activities within the school. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd April at 6pm.

Please keep a watchful eye on our school over the holidays and feel free to report any incidents or trespassers on school grounds to 1300 880 021 Thanks in advance for looking after our school.

A reminder to all parents, that the start of term 2 for all students from Kindergarten to year 6, is Tuesday the 21st April. All staff return to school as of Monday the 20th for a School Development Day!

Have a great break,

Leonie

Community Movies
On Friday 27th March, some of the children and teachers from the special education classes had the opportunity to walk to town to Coffs Central and watch Happy Feet 2 in the open cinema upstairs. This was a stepping stone for us to be able to identify how and what our students can access in town for future opportunities to support individual development and programs. This allows students communication and social opportunities in ordering drinks and food at various outlets. We hope to build on this and ensure more access in the community is available for all our students.

Coffs Central is offering more movies to watch throughout the holidays. This was a great chance for the children to enjoy a movie, not worrying about the noise and socialise with others.

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P&C News

P&C Easter Raffle
The raffle will be drawn tomorrow, on Thursday 2nd of April 2015. Thank you to everyone who donated items for our raffle.

Canteen News
The canteen opens on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am until 2pm. When ordering, please remember to write on the canteen bags the following important information: student’s name, students class, lunch or recess (if ordering lunch and recess a bag is required for each order). If any change is required it will be placed back in the bag. A copy of the menu is available on the school website and on the P&C’s Facebook page.

Volunteers are very important to make the running of the canteen successful. Any help offered would be greatly appreciated. No experience is necessary and all that is required is a WWCC (Working with Children’s Check) and we can help you with that.

P&C AGM
Our next P&C meeting is the AGM on Wednesday 22nd April at 6pm in the staff room. Being a P&C member is a great way to be involved in your child’s schooling. Come along to a meeting and see what we are all about. If you would like any further information please contact Vicki Baldwin on 0481 056 812 or email mrsbaldy@netspace.net.au. We look forward to seeing you.

P&C Facebook Page
Please like our Facebook page Coffs Harbour Public School P&C for up-to-date information about the school and activities.
https://www.facebook.com/chpspandc

Glenreagh Creative Arts Group
On Wednesday 18th March the Glenreagh Creative Arts Group hosted a fundraising Morning Tea for the children in the special education classes at our school. The funds that we continually seek to raise is to support continued programs and resources for our entire school community. Miss Bullen and Mrs Tredinnick took the school bus and a group of students out to the morning tea to thank the community group for their support.

There were many ladies from different CWA groups and many visitors who were excited to meet our students and hear a little more about our fantastic school. Ms Jess Bennington gave a speech about her involvement with the school and the impact it has made on her son’s daily life. Miss Bullen then described in more detail the school, the children, the great things we already do and a bit of an idea of our future plans. Being invited to engage in the community and have the opportunity to showcase our school is incredible and certainly fun for our students. We are hoping to have more opportunities like this or have the community come in and support us to further support our children.

We were extremely fortunate at this event to have been donated a cheque for $600. All the funds were raised from their raffle and entry to the event. The event was a morning tea and as such the children had a chance to taste some fantastic sandwiches, cakes and slices. We would like to take this opportunity to THANK the group for their support and donation - our children are much better off when they are able to participate in the community.
Upcoming Events Calender

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The Rainforest By 5/6M

As I walked through the amazon rainforest I see the beautiful leaves on the trees which are as green as fresh grass. And I could see the birds making their nests. The river was as clear as mud. The smell was fantastic I could smell the fresh air in my face and I could also smell the fresh and clean water. I felt like a tiny mosquito just looking for something to eat. The best thing is I feel calm and relaxed. I could hear the wood pecker pecking at the fresh wood. I could hear the monkeys squawking like crazy while walking all I could feel was the soggy ground. As I was walking I saw this old piece of rope hanging from a tree. Its’ a swing that you swing from into the water I tried it and as I landed in the water it was so refreshing and cool.

By Bella Farrah

As I walked through the huge, green Daintree rainforest I heard the most beautiful sound of rushing water in the river and the leaves brushing against each other. As I walked to the river I felt the relaxing soggy ground massaging my feet and the smell of beautiful purple flowers. When I touched the tree I felt the relaxing moss brushing in between my fingers. When I looked up to the canopy I felt as small as an ant and when I looked on the ground, I saw beautiful shines of sunlight. As I walked down a hill I saw animal footprints and they looked amazing, then I saw ants carrying leaves up the tree. It was the most amazing adventure I have ever been on and I can't wait until I go back there again.

By Caitlyn

Student of the Week

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Cross Country
Our school cross country will be held in the first week of next term on Friday 24th April. Students turning 8, 9 and 10 will be running 2km whilst students turning 11, 12 and 13 will run 3km. The first race will commence at 11.45am. If you are serious about competing in this event it would be a good idea to start training in the holidays.

North Coast AFL Trials
On Friday, three senior boys LJ Martin, Franklin Anthony Sumburuma and Malakhi Troutman attended the North Coast AFL trials in Yamba. All three boys performed admirably with Franklin and Malakhi making the North Coast team. They will now compete at the state AFL Carnival next term.

Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition
Yr 5 and 6 students are invited to enter the 35th Primary Mathematics Competition sponsored by Newcastle Permanent Building Society. Students from Years 3 or 4 may enter in the Yr 5 division if they choose. The competition will be held on Wednesday 26th August, 2015 and costs 50c per student. If you would like further information or an entry form please see the school office.

Easter Hat Parade
This Thursday, 2 April, all K-6 students will be participating in the Easter Hat Parade. Students have been eagerly making their hats in class and thank you for your $2 contribution towards this activity. The parade will commence at 12noon after the PB assembly under the COLA. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Thank you for your support
Mrs Misfud, Miss Benning and Miss Callinan

Student Feedback Survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

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