



# Coffs Harbour Public School

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'Be Safe, Be Fair, Be Kind, Be Cooperative'

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## Principal's Report

Last week we had a number of new families join our school community. We welcome all these families to our wonderful school and we look forward to their involvement in the many activities our school offers.

## Pin Boards

This week, a number of our classrooms are having new display/pin boards installed. These boards are absolutely first class and please visit your child's classroom if you wish to view them.

## Dyslexia Clinic

This year our school is again offering a free screening program for our students who may have a form of dyslexia. Dyslexia may affect the ability to read and learn efficiently and often students have difficulties with reading, comprehension, spelling, concentration, light sensitivity, headaches, clumsiness and low self esteem. The screening program will take place at school on the 14<sup>th</sup> March and teachers will identify students who may present with some of the above symptoms. Parents will receive a note home recognising this and then they choose to be part of the free screening program which is presented by the Irlen Dyslexia Clinic.

## Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Deanie Nicholls. Deanie has been offered the Relieving Principal's position at Bonville Public School for the rest of this term. We will advertise Deanie's replacement very shortly.

## P & C AGM

A reminder to all our families that our P & C AGM will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 6pm in the staffroom. This is a very important meeting and we hope to have a number of our new parents present.

## Cricket

Good luck to our cricket team playing this Thursday in the PSSA Knockout. Our big thanks to Mr Pike for coaching and organising this team.

## Swimming

Good luck to our swimmers participating in this Friday's District Swimming Carnival. Thanks to Mrs O'Donnell for supervising this squad.

## Bus Behaviour

Students who are travelling on buses 4 and 16 have been reminded about the very high expectations we have of behaviour of our students, whether at school or travelling to and from school by bus. If poor bus behaviour continues I will have no hesitation in suspending these students from school and I would always fully support Busways suspending poorly behaved students from travelling on the bus for an indefinite period.

Thank you to the large majority of those students travelling on buses 4 and 16 who continue to do the right thing.

## Lighthouse Community of Schools

Yesterday I attended our first Lighthouse Community of Schools meeting for 2012. These schools include Tyalla PS, Narranga PS, Kororo PS, Orara HS and Jetty HS. We have planned a number of activities for this year. Our first activity will begin in 2 weeks time – it will be a follow up from last year where some of our stage 3 students will be able to attend selected courses offered by our partner high schools for a 3 week period. Jetty HS is offering Chinese Mandarin lessons. Other activities will include a gala soccer day and a Creative Arts concert showcasing the excellent talents from all these schools.

## ESL

Welcome to Ms Jenny Choy. Jenny is working at our school 4 mornings per week with our stage 2 and 3 ESL students. Jenny has already made a very positive impact to our students and we are looking forward to her work throughout the rest of this year.

## Book Club

First book club orders for 2012 are due with money on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb to Mrs Baird.



### School Times

A reminder to all our families that students are not supervised if they arrive at school prior to 8.30am. Supervision of our students starts after this time. We have had a number of students arriving prior to 8.30am, some as early as 7.30am. Please ensure your child does not arrive prior to 8.30am if possible.

Have a fantastic week  
**Peter Hickey**, Principal

### Library News

Welcome to the National Year of Reading and the library for 2012. All students will need a library bag - preferably a water proof one - when they visit the library to borrow books.

*Library days are:*

**Mon 5M, 4P, 6M, 5N**  
**Tues 2M, 20, 1AH**  
**Wed 1B, 1H, 3/6T, 1/3S, 3/6C**  
**Thurs 3/4HE, 3C, 6F**  
**Fri KN, KM**

**Ms Kathy Leeson**  
Teacher / Librarian

### Buses

A reminder re our school buses - Busways will not allow students in years K to 1 to disembark from their buses if a parent or other adult is not present at the bus stop. It is also a good idea for an adult to accompany young children on the bus for the first few weeks unless they have older siblings.

### Assemblies

Assemblies will commence on Friday February 10, 2012. K-2 assemblies are held fortnightly on odd weeks but years 3-6 are held each Friday. Times are K-2, 11.30am and 3-6 are at 12.30pm. All parents and friends are most welcome at these assemblies.

### School Uniform Lay-bys

We offer a lay-by system at our school to assist parents when purchasing uniforms for your children. If you currently have a lay-by, could you please assist us by making regular payments.

### Breakfast Club

Coffs Harbour Public School is proud to sponsor a breakfast club for its students. This operates every morning before school. It is totally funded by staff and parents and the community. Any child who missed breakfast can attend. We are in need for fresh donations of cereal, long life milk, fruit, eggs, bread and spreads. All donations are welcome, may be slip an extra something in your shopping to help.

### Congratulations on Last week's Merit winners

Merit Awards	Citizenship	Book work	Free Choice	Student of the Week
3C	Keanu Glynn	Caitlyn Kelso	Bella Farrah	Blain Dwyer
3/4HE	Logan Smith	Samantha Hickson	Grace Rounthwaite	Lionel Yap
3/6C		Harley Clarke	Jordan Hart	Martika Matthews
3/6T	Adrian Smith			Zachary Newton-Crowe
4P	Will Metham	Janelle Riley	Bonnie Groom	Riya Miller-Naidu
5N	Hannah Rogerson	Laura Lewis	Oriana Watts	Noah Mackie
5M	Harry Gillett	Ebony Tolley	Kye Hickson	Ben Metham
6F	Isaac Sawires	Jarra Fitzpatrick	Kirsty Matthews	Jacob Thacker
6M	Beau-Dae Lindsay	Teha Kale-Kale	Dylan Taylor	Kaila Bell

**AEA Awards:** Kahle Singh and Lewis Craig.

**Muffin Break Awards:** Blain Dwyer

### Great Effort in Assisting in Gardening

Thank you to Mr Paz for donating our garden soil to fill all our beds. This offer was greatly appreciated.



## P & C News

Another reminder that the Annual General Meeting of the P & C will be held Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, commencing at 6pm in the staff room. This is when new office bearers will be elected for the 2012 year. The P & C does a significant amount of work to help this school function so well and we encourage parents and carers to become involved. Being involved will help your child's education as well as the School Community.

## **Canteen News**

Here is some **Valentines Day** news. Special thanks to Mardi and Meg who have generously donated the most beautifully decorated cookies and cakes for the canteen to sell. Wow, I should have photographed these before they went on sale, great effort, they look sensational. The student's eyes were something to see!!! The School Community thanks you very much for your time and efforts.

We at the canteen would like to say again to parents and carers that recess and lunch orders should be written out at home by an adult or if by a student under the supervision of an adult. Children do not understand what is good for them or even suitable for the meal breaks. Bags are available from the canteen in multiples of 10 for 40 cents. A separate bag is needed for recess and lunch

## **Canteen Roster 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Mon	Richelle, Joe
Tues	Caz, Joe
Wed	Meg, Joe
Thurs	Jennifer, Joe
Fri	Richelle, Joe



A reminder to all families regarding the bonus points our school receives for purchases made at AMart All Sports. Please, when purchasing any item from AMart All Sports, register your name and add our school to receive bonus points. Every 3 months our school receives a credit from sales by our community as long as our school is nominated. Any of your family, friends etc., can join and nominate our school. Our last credit was to the value of \$170 which we utilised to purchase additional sporting equipment for our students. Thank you to those parents who contributed to this. On the weekend of 25 and 26 February, AMart All Sports will be having a 20% off sale.



## **Muffin Break Award**

Help us win a You touch Interactive LCD Panel worth \$8745 for our school. All that everyone of us are on face book have to do is go to the muffin break face book page

and click on the link for the great muffin bake sale and vote for Coffs Harbour Public School . The

most votes per % students nationwide win the You Touch and the most votes state wide wins 1000muffins for a fundraiser.

This can only be done on a computer though and not on your phone and you can only vote once, share the link and get all your family, friends and facebook friends to get on and vote for us.

This finishes on March 12<sup>th</sup> so we don't have long so please get voting. To enter Muffin Break's Great Bake Sale, visit

[Facebook.com/MuffinBreak](http://Facebook.com/MuffinBreak) or call 02 93022200 for more information.

Last week's primary winner of the Muffin Break Award was Blain Dwyer He receives a certificate and a coupon which allows him to purchase a free milkshake and a cookie. Each winner each week also gets to keep their Muffin Doll.

## **NORTH COFFS AFL**

is having a registration day on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at the Jetty Foreshores 11am – 1pm U7's to U13's.

For more information please check our website

<http://www.northcoffsaafc.com.au/>

or email

[President@NorthCoffsAFC.com.au](mailto:President@NorthCoffsAFC.com.au)



## **Saver Plus Program**

**Would you like \$500 to help pay for, school uniforms, books, excursions, sports, music lessons, tuition or even a laptop? Saver Plus can match your savings for education costs dollar for dollar, up to \$500.**

**Join with over 120 local families having their 'back to school' costs eased, by having their savings matched 'dollar for dollar'. Up to \$60 000 is being received as a reward for saving, and assisting with families costs of education.**

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting school next year
- have some form of household income from work, for example your partner or yourself may have part time, casual, full time or seasonal employment, can also be child minding, ironing or mowing a lawn

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