



# Coffs Harbour Public School

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

## **Principal's Report**

Welcome to the 2012 school year to all our students and their families and a special welcome to our new families.

2012 is going to be a very exciting one for our school with a continued emphasis on Quality Teaching, our superb extra curricula programs and existing innovative programs.

## **New Staff**

We welcome the following new staff to the school – Mr Nathan Pike, teaching year 4, Ms Kathy Leeson, Teacher/Librarian, Ms Kathleen Dice replacing Mrs Nash for 2012. Our classes have settled in very quickly and we are all expecting excellent outcomes for all our students.

## **Classes for 2012**

KN	Mrs Nicholls
KM	Mrs Martin
1AL	Mrs Anderson/Mrs Lacey
1B	Mrs Baird
1H	Mrs Hodgson
2M	Miss Mulrooney
2O	Mrs O'Donnell
3C	Miss Callinan
3/4HE	Ms Hayes/Mr Easey
4P	Mr Pike
5M	Miss Mulrooney
5N	Mrs Newton
6M	Mr Murphy
6F	Mrs Firkins

## **National Partnerships**

Our School has begun to utilise funds provided by the National Partnerships Program. This program has allowed us to employ an extra 2 full time teachers and 2 part time teachers. We also receive additional funding through the Priority Action Schools program which has allowed us to employ another 2 full time teachers. This enables our school to organise small class sizes across all grades which ensures the students receive additional quality teaching time per individual. Each stage has additional support to supplement their current teaching load.

## **School Beautification**

During the school holidays each of our classrooms and our infant's hall have been repainted. We have also installed new blinds in the majority of classrooms and most of our rooms will be receiving new pin boards and some furniture early next week. Our school is well on the way to offering not only fantastic educational opportunities but also very high quality aesthetic environment.

## **PSP**

2012 Priority Schools Survey – school receives, as part of the Priority Schools Program additional funding, staffing and consultancy services. This funding is allocated to schools with the highest concentrations of low socio-economic status families. Priority Schools receive additional resources for literacy, numeracy and participation programs for students. Our school receives \$47000 per year which makes a significant difference in our delivery of specialised personnel and literacy and numeracy programs. It also allows our students and staff to attend leadership programs vital to their individual development.

Every 4 years a new list of priority schools is identified by a voluntary survey of families. The next survey of families will occur in March 2012 for the next funding, 2013 – 2016. We require at least 90% of our families to complete this survey. The results of the survey are confidential – our school does not access any of the results. During the next term I will forward information via this newsletter. Your support of this survey would be greatly appreciated.

## **Technology**

Next week, 9 of our classrooms will be receiving the very latest interactive white boards. These replace the current interwrite boards which are now outdated. These new resources offer our staff and students the best available technology to utilise in classrooms. The remaining rooms will receive new Interactive whiteboards next year replacing their current Interwrite boards. Our school will also be purchasing iPads which again offer our students excellent current technology practices. Very shortly, we will also receive an extra 30 classroom computers which will be distributed throughout the school.

Our school has also had installed a data projector and drop down screen in our main hall which is an outstanding resource for our school.

### **Book Packs**

The book pack fees for 2012 are slightly different to last year. These fees are a very important contribution to our school and they assist our students and staff to support in the implementation of quality education at our school. The fees are listed below:

**Years 5 and 6** - \$20 per child (this includes photocopying, work books and each child will receive a USB drive)

**Years K – 4** - \$15 per child (this includes photocopying, work books, pencils etc.)

**Special Education** - \$10 per child (photocopying and specific resources)

If a family has 3 or more students attending our school the full cost is \$40 per family.

Can you please pay these fees as soon as possible.

### **Assemblies**

Assemblies will commence on Friday February 10, 2012. K-2 assemblies are held fortnightly on even weeks but years 3-6 are held each Friday. Times are K-2, 11.30am and 3-6 are at 12.30pm

### **Missing Money**

Unfortunately, on Monday, one of our staff members had a substantial amount of money stolen out of her wallet which was in her handbag in her office in the lower floor of the infants building. If you have any ideas who the perpetrator was, can you please contact me at school.

### **Swimming Carnival**

Yesterday our school held this year's swimming carnival. It was a fantastic success and I would like to congratulate all our students on their excellent performances and exemplary behaviour. The weather was very kind to us – our thanks to Mr Woodham for organising the carnival and our staff for their excellent support and supervision. Congratulations to our individual champions and runners up and the champion house which was Phillip.

**Jnr Boy**  
Kody Finch

**Jnr Girl**  
Keasa Militoni

**R/Up**  
Laurence Roberts

**R/Up**  
Moana Hepi

**11yrs Boys**  
Angus Croak

**R/Up**  
Noah Mackie

**Snr Boys**  
Dylan Taylor

**R/Up**  
Stephen Craig

**11Yrs Girls**  
Zoe McPherson

**R/Up**  
Tommeisha Butler

**Snr Girls**  
Tahlia Snow

**R/Up**  
Faith Hyland -Taylor



### **P & C**

Our first P & C meeting for 2012 is being held next Wednesday, February 8 at 6pm. This is a normal meeting. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday February 22 at 6pm. At our AGM all positions will be declared vacant and new members may be elected to these positions. We hope to have a number of our new families attend these meetings. Thanks to Mr Parry for his excellent leadership of our P & C committee over many years. Mr Parry will be relinquishing his position at the AGM.

### **AMART All Sports**

A big thank you to our parents and friends who purchased items from Amart All Sports. We have just received a credit from the sports store for \$170 which is result of purchases being made and our school name mentioned. A reminder that program continues though out 2012. The credit will be used to purchase additional sporting equipment for our students.

### **Volunteers**

Our school always welcomes parent volunteers to assist our staff and students. Please contact your child's teacher if you are able to help in any way. Our Special Education classes are in great need of assistance in numerous areas. Please contact Ms Janelle Bullen if you are able to help in any way.

## P & C News

Ok all you Dads, Mums and Carers, the P & C Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday 22nd February. All positions will be declared vacant and elections will take place to choose new office bearers for 2012/12. Attending meetings is a great way of supporting your school and helping the school community and you will meet like minded people. Positions to be filled are: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Anyone can nominate for these roles and we encourage you to think about it and become involved. Don't worry if you have never held a position as most of us were in that situation too!! Help is never far away. P & C meetings are held in the Staff Room commencing at 6pm and usually last about one hour. Looking forward to seeing you there  
Joe Parry, President

## Canteen News

Welcome back everyone. The canteen is now open for recess and lunch. Additional items may also be purchased. It seems like lots of students missed the butterfly cakes with freshly whipped cream as they were very popular first day back. We have a beautiful selection of fruit available this week, apples, oranges, bananas, pears, watermelon, nectarines and carrot sticks. The quality is excellent. It is no wonder Australia is called the lucky country, all of this beautiful fresh fruit is available for 80 cents or less a piece. Give your skin a treat and eat lots of it.

## Canteen Roster 30<sup>th</sup> Jan-3<sup>rd</sup> February

Mon Joe  
Tues Caz, Joe  
Wed Meg, Sarah, Joe  
Thurs Joe  
Fri Trish, Sarah, Joe

## Winning House Captains



## Winners and Runner's up



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Go4Fun is a **FREE** program which aims to teach kids how to be healthy and fit and stay that way! The program runs during the school term and has been specifically designed for children aged 7-13 years and their primary carer/s in a relaxed atmosphere with trained nutritionist and exercise leaders.

The Go4Fun program provides a fun approach to learning skills for life, such as preparing and eating healthy foods, reading food labels, keeping fit and healthy. Local families, who participated in the program, highly recommend Go4Fun, describing improvements in their children's fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem.

Families living on the Coffs Coast are welcome to take part in Term 1 of the Go4Fun program in Coffs Harbour and Toormina. All programs start on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Place: Narranga Primary School  
Place: Bayldon Community Centre  
Date: Monday and Wednesday  
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Time: 4:15 pm – 6:15 pm  
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Coffs Harbour Women's Health Centre is taking registrations so call now on 6652 8111 to speak to Hayley or email [hjohnson@chwhc.com.au](mailto:hjohnson@chwhc.com.au). Or contact Go4Fun on 1800 780 900.