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

Principal's Report

Smart Boards

This week our new Interactive Smart Boards are being installed in 9 classrooms. We have been informed by the installers that we are the first school receiving the most current model. They are an outstanding resource in our school and our staff and students can't wait to access them.

Classes

All of our classes have settled extremely quickly and I know we have a lot of very happy teachers who are commenting on the excellent students they have in their classes. This again highlights the fantastic students we have at our school who are capable of producing high quality work and are often multi-talented in a variety of genres.

School Blog

Our school has a new school Blog to work on and follow in 2012. This Blog is being implemented and updated by Mrs Kate Booth. Kate has recently completed a practicum at our school and is completing her Bachelor of Education. Kate gave our school rave reviews during her prac here and we are very pleased she is bringing her expertise back into our school on a volunteer basis.

If you are unfamiliar with blogs, they are online journals. Blogs are essentially websites where administrators (in our case Mrs Booth and Ms Mulrooney) can add posts which are displayed in reverse chronological order. There are icons on the side, called widgets, where you can find past posts, recent comments, links to other blogs, our global visitors and more.

We use our blogs to document what is happening in the school and connect with parents and classes in Australia and around the world.

Our Blog address is

<http://coffsharbourpublicschool.edublogs.org/>

Book Club

First book club orders for 2012 are due with money on Monday 20th 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.

Mathletics

Our school is again purchasing Mathletics for 2012. This is a fantastic program and our students and teachers thoroughly enjoy using it. Students may access Mathletics now utilising last years passwords. These passwords do not change from year to year. New students to our school will receive a password shortly. Please remember that students may access Mathletics at home as well as at school.

Book Packs (School Contribution)

Book packs replace the annual School_Contribution – you do not have to pay twice.

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.

We would appreciate it if you could pay these fees as soon as possible.

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.

Muffin Break Award

Each week one student from our primary and one student from our infants will receive a congratulations certificate for being the 'Champion of the week'. These certificates allow the bearer to receive a complimentary milk shake and cookie from the Muffin Break which is located in the Palms Centre. They will also receive a muffin gift which they are allowed to keep. Our thanks to the Muffin Break for their generosity towards our school. To enter Muffin Break's Great Bake Sale, visit [Facebook.com/MuffinBreak](https://www.facebook.com/MuffinBreak) or call 02 93022200 for more information.

Have a fantastic week
Peter Hickey, Principal

School Captain's for 2012



Anaelle Emile, Garang Garang, Makayla Veale and Christian Christensen.



A reminder to all families regarding the bonus points our school receives for purchases made at AMart All Sports.

P & C News

Our monthly meeting will be held tomorrow night in the Staff Room commencing at 6pm, all welcome.

The Annual General meeting and election of Office Bearers for 2012/13 will be held on Wednesday 22nd February. Positions available are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. As President I will not be seeking re-election, my daughter has commenced High School and the P &

C there will now receive my support, however, I will continue as the Canteen Manager and Canteen Treasurer of this School with a more than average interest in the on-going developments.

Hope to see you at the meetings,

Joe Parry, President

Canteen News

Well, can hardly believe this but Pizza has **TAKEN OVER** the role as the most popular hot food at the Canteen, usually Timbertown Pies hold this prestigious place, maybe it is the new year!!! The banana muffins made with white chocolate chips, nutmeg and butter milk were so good last week, with added freshly whipped cream, irresistible!!! We will have them again soon. There are apple and cinnamon with or without the cream at the moment, enjoy.

We are always in need of volunteer helpers at the canteen, so if you can spare some time it will be greatly appreciated, you will not be asked to prepare food, just serve the students, they will love to see you as much as you will love to serve them, there is nothing more satisfying. You will be making a very valuable contribution to our school community with the added benefit of improving your child's education.

Canteen Roster 6th-10th February

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



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FREE fun program for kids to become fitter, healthier and happier

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old?

Are you worried they might be above their healthy weight range?

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 6th.

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. Or contact Go4Fun on 1800 780 900.

Update your details

Have you moved, got a new email address or changed phone numbers? Please inform the front office with any changes in your living situation so we can contact you if the need arises.

Beat the heat

Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world. Remind your child to protect themselves from sun and heat exposure while at school by:

- reducing their exposure to the sun, wherever possible
- wearing broad-brimmed hats in the playground to protect the face, neck and ears
- playing in shaded areas, particularly during peak times of UV levels
- drinking plenty of water
- using 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen.

Reduce, reuse, recycle



Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country's food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only

buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child's lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible.

Primary school

Selective high schools placement test – 15 March

The selective high schools test is held annually for Year 6 students wishing to enter a selective government high school. For key dates, online applications and more information for parents, see www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/shsplacement/index.php

Swimming Carnival 2012

