This newsletter marks the end of a busy first term. Year 12 have almost completed their mid-course exams, and Year 7, after a very successful three-day excursion at The Great Aussie Bush Camp, are feeling very much at home in their new school. Year Adviser, Ms Trina Neville, already knows all 200 of her charges! She has been actively working with students and their families to ensure the transition has been as smooth as possible.

I congratulate our new P&C President, Mr Paul Covington, and wish him well in this important role. I am constantly grateful for the vibrancy of our P&C, which contributes much more than I have experienced in previous schools. Outgoing President, Ms Jude Turner, has served our school community with great devotion over her two years at the helm. She is a passionate and knowledgeable leader of public education, and I have appreciated her advice, support and friendship as we worked together on selection panels, anniversary celebrations and advocacy for Gonski.

Congratulations too to Mr Ryan Hardie-Porter, who will take up the position of Head Teacher Welfare from the beginning of Term 2. Mr Hardie-Porter joined our HSIE staff this year after serving as Student Services Consultant at North Coast Regional Office. In addition to his excellent teaching skills, he brings to his new post extensive experience supporting student well-being and engagement in both Queensland and New South Wales. Our thanks are due to Mr Nicholas Henry, who so capably stood in as Head of Welfare during Term 1.

Our school is located in a wonderful setting which provides a wealth of learning opportunities. (As an example, the Jetty area gives us one of the most picturesque cross-country courses in the State.) So it is not surprising that our students regularly head out into the community for classes as diverse as Science, Agriculture, PDHPE, Marine Studies, Photography and Art. Naturally we encourage students to be positive ambassadors for our school while out amongst the public — being polite in any exchanges with people, dressing correctly in uniform, being mindful of their language and so on.
Unhappily things occasionally go wrong: there has recently been an incident where an unknown person unexpectedly grabbed the arm of one of our students. Mindful of the fact that taking students out of school places extra responsibilities on teachers, we have carefully reviewed our procedures for supervising out-of-school activities. We saw no need to bring in radical changes, but parents can rest assured that renewed vigilance has been emphasised. All teachers will carry a mobile phone so that they can quickly call for assistance if needed, and students will not be allowed to walk alone. Please encourage your child to follow all directions from teachers, including when walking to or from the various venues.

Best wishes to all students and families for the vacation. School reopens for students on Tuesday 29th April; meanwhile our regular professional learning activities for teachers will continue on the Monday, with the focus on improving our methods of providing feedback to students on their writing.

Patti Kearns

A few weeks ago a majority of Year 7 students attended the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. They were accompanied by about 20 Year 10 peer support leaders. Our Year 7 students came from over 25 different primary schools, so the camp allowed them to form new friendships and taught them how to support each other. The students were challenged with the activities that they did, including high ropes, vertical jumps, and the very popular mud course. The Year 10 students were highly valuable in assisting the younger students to overcome their fears, and were wonderful role models for the younger children. Thank you to the staff for giving up their time to attend the camp.

During Term 2 there are different occasions when you are able to gain feedback about the progress of your child at school. We begin by having our parent/teacher night in the first few weeks of May, with interviews on 5th May for parents of Years 7, 11 and 12 students, and 19th May for parents of Years 8, 9 and 10 students. These interviews will take place in the school hall, and information about these evenings will be provided to the students shortly. Feel free to contact the school if you would like a particular teacher to contact you outside of these interview dates. At the end of the Term 2, the Semester 1 report will be sent to all parents.

Students in Year 10 will shortly be choosing their subjects for their HSC course. Information about each subject will be provided to students at the beginning of Term 2 and there will be a parent information night on Tuesday 13th May. The whole selection process takes several weeks, with the students’ final selections occurring before the end of Term 2. This can be a confusing time for students and parents as these choices are made, but please feel free to contact myself, Ms Kathy Steward (Year 10 Deputy Principal) or Ms Dionne Court (Careers Adviser) throughout the process to be given some assistance.

Tony Wilson
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DRAMA NEWS TERM 1

Firstly, a big thank you to all the students who worked with Mr Browne and Ms Hair to paint the beautiful Garlambirla map of country on the doors of The Lighthouse Studio during EOYIE. This was a mammoth effort which has considerably improved the look of the amphitheatre area. Special thanks to Isaac Wrathall and Jarred Smith for staying the course!

Congratulations go to the 11 Aboriginal students who successfully auditioned for the Bangarra Dance Theatre Rekindling Program. These lucky students will now participate in three sessions with Gina Rings, Chantal Kerr and Kirk Page from Bangarra to choreograph Gumbaynggirr creation stories.

Performing Arts students are active by nature and Drama students have made a very positive start to the New Year. We have three junior Drama classes this year, plus our new ESL class.

Both Year 9 classes have successfully completed their first performance task, which was to play-build short environmental plays based on the poem ‘The Lake’. Issues presented included deforestation, loss of habitat for koalas and pandas and dumping mining waste into the Great Barrier Reef.
Year 10 have been doing a world tour of theatrical styles and preparing to present scenes from the contemporary Australian play 'Ruby Moon'.

ESL students have proven to be hilarious comedians, and very adept at creating short skits and funny characters.

We are fortunate to have several opportunities for students to work with professional theatre companies this year. Fifteen students have been invited to work with ‘Eaton Gorge Theatre Company’ to improvise and play-build an environmental performance for the National Waste Management Conference at Opal Cove in May.

Thirty students have the chance to participate in a workshop with performance poet Scott Sneddon, aka ‘Darkwing Dubs’, in April, where they will learn how to write and perform their own work. ‘Darkwing Dubs’ will be in Coffs Harbour to perform at the Bellingen Readers and Writers Festival. This workshop has been generously subsidised by Coffs Harbour City Council.

Madge Hair
DRAMA TEACHER
CLOSE THE GAP

The Garlambirla Youth Theatre Group attended a ‘Close the Gap’ day at Galambila Medical Centre on Thursday 20th March to perform a few scenes from our Garlambirla musical of 2013.

There were songs, dancing, face painting, more arts and craft; and some bush tucker which was the bomb. There were people of all ages from little children to old deadly elders. Anyway everyone had lots of fun.

Even without the ochre the boys still danced and played didge real deadly. When we had finished we were given sample bags or ‘Close the Gap’ t-shirts. The elders loved our performances. It was a great day. Check out our pictures on the ‘Garlambirla’ facebook page.

Stephen O’Neill and Amaroo Davis

Being an actor and dancer from the Garlambirla Youth Theatre, I got to see and feel a lot from our musical. It was great to perform scenes from our show for the audience at Galambila Medical Centre for ‘Close the Gap Day’, especially to an audience whose ancestors these stories belong to.

It was an amazing feeling to interact with the audience and see them hear and feel the message we were trying to convey. The stories we tell through words and song and dance are an important part of our history. We tell the untold stories and sharing this with the community and seeing them respond to what we were doing with such a positive reaction, was a great feeling. It made me proud to say I am part of the ‘Garlambirla Youth Theatre’.

A big thank you to Mr Smith and Ms Hair for making all of this possible, also to the Galambila Medical Centre for inviting us to perform on ‘Close the Gap Day’.

Abbey McFadden
YEAR 11 VISUAL ART STUDENTS AT
COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL GALLERY

Year 11 Visual Art students were very fortunate to attend a workshop at the Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery run by local artist Isabel Ricketts. This complemented the work they had completed at school using Coffs Creek as an inspiration for their art-making. Here they were able to create a work on canvas using collage, paint, charcoal and crayon. The students all enjoyed the experience. Special thanks to Mrs Sue Macintyre, Education Officer at the Gallery who coordinated the event.
CAPA SYDNEY EXCURSION

56 Music and Visual Art students accompanied by four teachers travelled to Sydney for a three day excursion to immerse themselves in the many creative and cultural opportunities that Sydney has to offer.

First on the busy itinerary was a stop at the Armory to see ARTEXPRESS which showcases some of the best HSC artworks from 2013. From here it was to our accommodation at YHA at the Rocks for a quick shower before heading off to Jazz Club 505 for dinner and to see a special performance put on for our school by the Jazz band 21st Century.

The following day in glorious sunshine, we caught a ferry to Cockatoo Island to see the Biennale, a contemporary art exhibition by International artists that is on every two years. Here the students not only got to experience the history of the island but art like they had never seen before. This was followed by a trip uptown to Allen’s Music store for the musicians and a visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art for the art students to see another part of the Biennale and the private collection.

That evening we dressed in our most glamorous outfits to see “Strictly Ballroom” at the Lyric Theatre at Darling Harbour directed by Baz Luhrmann. This was an amazing show enjoyed by both the Music and Visual Art students.

On our final morning Music students walked to Angel Place Recital Hall to watch a rehearsal by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra of Mozart’s 7th Symphony. The students were able to watch an orchestra at work as well as hear discussions on how parts of the music might be more effectively played. Meanwhile the Art students went to the Art Gallery of NSW to see more of ARTEXPRESS, the Biennale and other exhibitions.

All returned inspired and enthused and eager to get into their own creative pursuits back at school.
ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Three Year 11 students recently received scholarships offered by the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour South and The Education Centre.

Yordanos Tesfamichael, Zahra Fathi and Nawid Ali, were three of 10 students nominated by schools in Coffs Harbour for the 2014 Refugee Scholarship.

Zahra was successful in winning one of only two major scholarships offered. She received a laptop, software and internet package, as well as English tuition at The Education Centre for 12 months.

Yordanos and Nawid received tuition packages at The Education Centre. Congratulations to these students.

Deanne Ion
HARMONY DAY AT BONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

21st March was Harmony Day and four of our senior students were invited to Bonville Public School to help the pupils there celebrate the day.

Nawid Ali, Yordanos Tesfamichael, Somaye Hamidiyan and Grace Ruganiza joined the school for their Harmony Day assembly. Grace and Nawid spoke on assembly and shared some of their experiences of fleeing their country and living in refugee camps, before coming to Australia.

After recess the children returned to their classrooms where they watched a short documentary on kite flying in Afghanistan before embarking on the rather challenging task of making their own kites. The Year 11 students assisted the teachers and helped the pupils to construct their kites, culminating in a mass display of kite flying on the school oval.

Nawid, Grace, Yordanos and Somaye were wonderful ambassadors for our school. They were confident, articulate and helpful, and were hugely popular with the children. They enjoyed it immensely, too.

The mass kite flying was a wonderful celebration of Harmony Day – colourful, vibrant and fun.

We thank Mr Michael Hepi, Principal, for inviting us to join in their celebrations, and the staff and students for making us so welcome. We hope to be invited back next year!

Deanne Ion
ESL COORDINATOR
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN HSIE?

History and Geography courses are progressing well. Most classes are currently completing assessment tasks. Year 10 students have been creating interesting decade studies assignments with some students presenting results of their historical research to the rest of the class.

Year 7 History have been completing a topic called “Investigating the Ancient Past”. Year 8 History classes have been studying Mediaeval History. Year 9 History have completed the slavery component of “Movement of Peoples” and are currently learning about convict settlement in early Australia.

Year 7 will be attending a Geography excursion to Urunga to support their unit of work titled “Investigating the World” on Wednesday 9th April. Let’s hope the weather is kind to us, so that students will have the valuable opportunity to develop skills in fieldwork.

Year 8 Geography students have created some fantastic TNC (Trans-National Corporation) assignments. Year 9 Geography has been studying “Investigating Australia’s Physical Environments”. Year 10 Geography is currently creating a RAP (Research Action Plan).

Mr Core’s Year 10 elective class “Get Your Feet Wet” has been visiting Coffs Creek regularly to take water samples and collect data for further investigation. We thank Mr Hopper for his contribution to this course.

New staff members have settled in well. (Please see the photos over to familiarise yourself with our new staff members). We look forward to welcoming Mr David Dun to our faculty at the beginning of next term.

Preparations are well under way for the Year 11 HSIE tour of Vietnam and Cambodia in the spring vacation. Seventeen students and five members of staff are eagerly awaiting a trip which will support the work done in Modern History and Society and Culture classes. Students are reminded that they can make payments towards their excursion at any time. Mrs Bailey will be requiring passport numbers early next term, so keep an eye out for the notice of the next meeting. Mrs Bailey is looking forward to meeting with parents and carers at the senior Parent/Teacher Interview evening next term.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all History, Geography and HSIE elective students a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to greeting you all back next term, energized and refreshed!

Sheree Burnham
RELIEVING HEAD TEACHER
LANGUAGES AND HSIE
HSIE FACULTY (continued)

Susan Backhouse

Nigel Tymchyszyn

Ryan Hardie-Porter

Jo Taylor
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN LANGUAGES?

Year 8 Chinese students are preparing for their excursion to Brisbane which will occur on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd May. Fifty-four budding Chinese learners will travel with Mrs Burnham, Mr Dun and Mr Hardy to Brisbane. We will visit Brisbane’s Chinatown and enjoy a delicious Chinese banquet meal. The highlight of the trip will be our attendance at The Buddha’s birthday language and cultural festival.

At the festival, students are able to participate in a range of activities such as martial arts, calligraphy, diabolo, Taiwanese percussion, lantern making, paper craft and much more. We always have a fantastic time when we attend this excursion and we thank The Chungtian Buddhist Temple in Brisbane for inviting us back every year.

Year 9 Chinese students will say farewell to Ms Taylor at the end of this term, as she takes up a new role in English for Term 2. Mr Dun will arrive in Coffs Harbour during the holidays and is very excited about teaching the Year 9 elective class. Year 9 (as well as Years 10 and 11) have been utilising an on-line learning program called “Language Perfect” and are to be commended on their results.

Mr Huang, our beloved teaching assistant, has returned to China. We look forward to welcoming a new teaching assistant at Coffs Harbour High School very soon.

Ms Lin is planning an excursion for her Year 10 Chinese class to Sydney. Students attending this excursion will visit the Chinese Garden at Darling Harbour and also enjoy a Chinese banquet meal. This excursion will occur in September/October this year.

As part of an on-going relationship with The Middle School attached to Shandong University in Jinan, China, 17 Chinese students and three teachers will visit our school for three days in September this year. Mrs Burnham is currently seeking homestays for these children. If you can assist with this please contact Mrs Burnham or ask your child to collect an information note from her as soon as possible.

Last but not least, our next China trip. We will be on our way to China again before we know it! The next trip is planned for April 2015. Students from Years 9, 10 and 11 Chinese classes are reminded to provide Mrs Burnham with a copy of the information page of their passport as soon as practicable.

I will close with some pictures of Year 8 Chinese students who were excited to try their hand at calligraphy. They are using brushes and paper which have been donated to our school by The Chinese Government via an organisation called “Hanban”.

Sheree Burnham
RELIEVING HEAD TEACHER
LANGUAGES AND HSIE

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Matty Cox has won another medal in the United States of America Snowboard Association Rocky Mountain Series (USASA) in the ½ pipe discipline. Matty takes home a bronze to go with the Silver he won in the Slope style discipline.
THE GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

What do you get when you combine 181 students with the Australia’s first harnessed aerial team challenge, an endless supply of mud, and hours of endless laughter – the 2014 Year 7 Camp.

The camp, which is designed to encourage support networks amongst students, creates a positive peer support culture and allows students to experience challenging activities which move them out of their comfort zone. The Great Aussie Bush Camp was held at Tea Gardens in the Old Leyland Brothers World site, from Monday 24th March through to Wednesday 26th March.

157 Year 7 students and our 23 Year 10 peer support leaders attended the camp, some leaving anxious parents behind for the first time. After an early departure from school, we arrived to find our group leaders ready and waiting to take us for our first activity. This was met with great excitement.

Over the next three days the students, in seven separate groups, participated in activities including archery, the giant swing, canoeing, kayaking, high ropes, team challenge, leap of faith, and the vertical challenge, which saw students climb up various vertical poles with obstacles enroute to make the climb more challenging.

By far the best activity was ‘The Lost Island’ challenge; otherwise known as ‘Mud-World’. This activity saw the students climbing down inside tyres only to drop into the mud at the end, scrambling on hands and knees through large drain pipes and crawling on their tummies to complete the obstacle course. This was made more difficult by the camp leaders who were only too happy to throw muddy water over the participants, especially those who were a little bit reluctant. The students were thrown the challenge ‘how much mud can you coat yourself in’ and they all rose to the challenge covering not only their bodies, but their faces and even their hair!

Night time activities included a movie/games night and on the final night we all participated in the ‘Commando Spot Light’ activity where teams of 10 had to creep quietly in the woods, in the dark, to rescue “hostages” being held by the teachers in the wood. They had to use stealth like cunning and team work to try and get past the teachers who were only too happy to catch them and send them back to base to get another token before embarking again!

After three days of intense activities, physical and mental challenges, students returned home with tales of new friendships, experiences they never thought possible and the odd bruise or two but with huge smiles on their faces.

I would like to say a big thank you to the students for the way they got involved and were willing to have a go at all the activities, pushing themselves to the max in some circumstances, and also for the way they made the effort to get to know more of their peers.

A big thank you also goes to the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders for helping the Year 7s to excel, and to the members of staff who gave up their own time to allow the students to attend.

Trina Neville
YEAR 7 ADVISER
YEAR 7 WELFARE CAMP (continued)
Year 7s Fearless Leader
YEAR 7 WELFARE CAMP (continued)
YEAR 7 WELFARE CAMP (continued)
Students are invited to attend the 2014 ANZAC Day Ceremony and to march as part of our school group.

The march begins at 9:00 am. Groups assemble at the eastern end of Park Avenue prior to 9:00 am. Primary schools will lead off, followed by senior schools, marching behind signs denoting their school.

The march steps off from the eastern end of Park Avenue, turns right into Gordon Street and down to Vernon Street, turning left into Vernon Street and stopping at the Cenotaph.

The main service then begins at 9:30 am at the Cenotaph in ANZAC Park in Vernon Street.

Students marching in the school group should wear full school uniform, including a school blazer, which they must borrow from the school library prior to the end of term.

Students are also reminded to wear comfortable walking shoes, hats and sun protection and carry a drink bottle. Students are also encouraged to wear any of their parents’ or grandparents’ medals. These should be worn on the right hand side of the breast of their blazer.

See Ms Ion in the English staffroom for more information.

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**EXEMPTION FROM ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL PROCEDURES**

Should your child need to be absent from school for more than five consecutive school days, it is a departmental requirement that an “Exemption from School – Procedures” form be completed and returned to the Front Office.

Where the reason for exemption includes long term travel (more than 20 school days), copies of travel documentation should be included with the application.
UNIVERSITY ROADSHOW

On Thursday 13th March, 30 senior students attended the University Roadshow at Orara High School. Representatives from Southern Cross University, University of New England and Charles Sturt University provided advice on university courses, accommodation and entry requirements. It was great to see this event provoke positive discussion and research into post school options amongst our Year 12 students.

Senior students will also be given the opportunity to gain further knowledge by attending the University of New England excursion (2nd May), University of Newcastle excursion (16th July) and Post Options Expo (23rd July) later in the year. Students are to see Mrs Court to secure a seat.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE
16th - 20th June 2014

Work Experience is a compulsory learning opportunity for all students in Year 10. Students are required to source their own host employer for the week of 16th to 20th June 2014. It is an opportunity for students to develop independent skills in approaching employers in seeking out employment opportunities. For most students the work experience program gives students an insight into real life working conditions and hands on experience in a field that they feel they would like to pursue after completing their schooling.

All students will be given a Work Experience package which includes a letter of introduction, insurance paperwork, information for parents and information for employers. These will be distributed in the final week of Term 1. We ask that students use the upcoming school holidays as an ideal time to approach prospective employers and secure a placement as soon as possible. Many students have been proactive in already securing a placement. If you would like your child to collect their paperwork prior to the end of term, please see the Careers Office.

Please note there are deadlines for paperwork completion which is outlined on the reverse of the parent information leaflet to be given to students.

WH&S WHITE CARD TRAINING
23rd May 2014

This accreditation course is a must for any Year 10 student wishing to undertake their work experience placement within the building and construction industry. Without this certification, students would not be able to enter a work site and gain valuable skills and experience. Coffs Harbour High School is holding a WH&S for the Construction Industry White Card course on Friday 23rd May 2014. The course costs $100 which is considerably less expensive than undertaking the course with outside providers. Permission notes are available from the Careers Office. Places are limited to 20 students.
CAREERS WEBSITE FOR COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND PARENTS

There is now a website that can assist students and parents alike with information when making career based decisions. The website has links to the university application process, what to do after Year 12, rights within the workplace and a host of additional information. As time goes on members of the Coffs Harbour High School community can subscribe to monthly careers newsletters and updates.

Students will be shown how to use this site in Years 10 to 12, but in the interim, people are encouraged to have a look for themselves.

See www.coffsharbourhighcareers.com

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP

Congratulations to Austen Beal and Georgia Boyns of Year 11 for securing school based traineeships. Austen is completing a Certificate II in Automotive Technical Services with Geoff King Holden and Georgia is working towards a Certificate II in Hairdressing with Risque Hair.

ZONTA CLUB OF COFFS HARBOUR YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARD DINNER

Year 12 student Karly Amos recently represented the school at the annual Zonta Club of Coffs Harbour Young Women in Public Affairs Awards evening. The Award dinner recognises young women from our local high school for their leadership skills, commitment to public service in school and the broader community and interest in issues related to women and girls. Karly was nominated for the award for her commitment to public service and capacity to juggle a school based traineeship whilst delivering excellent school results. Well done Karly for both your nomination and speech.
Well done to students who participated in the Red Cross call for new blood donors. Students quickly learnt to face their fears and help save the lives of those in need of blood transfusions. Students aged 16 and over who meet the stringent requirements of the Red Cross are welcome to sign up for future donation days on May 26th and 18th August.

Always give 100% unless you’re donating blood!
Meetings

The AGM for 2014 is done and dusted and I thank the outgoing executive and committee for their tireless work over the last year. A special vote of thanks goes to our outgoing President, Jude Turner.

We welcome new members to our meetings held in the library at 7.00 pm on the first Monday of the month, our next being tonight, Monday 7th April. This is an excellent opportunity to be part of your child’s school and learn about the day to day running of the school, positive achievements and other relevant issues.

Canteen

The vast majority of our fundraising comes from our canteen. Our amazing canteen staff: Michelle, Tracey and Deanna, are always looking for volunteers to help during their busy days. If you are a parent, guardian or other family member, who is able to spare some time, please call them on 6652 4637. We appreciate the help of the many people who already volunteer.

Uniform

It is fantastic to see so many of our students in the new school uniform. The uptake has been beyond expectations. More skirts and junior shirts for boys will be available from the first week of next term. We are also introducing long pants for girls which will arrive early next term. The students are very excited about the bucket hat and these are expected to be here by the end of next week. There is also interest in the school tie which will also be available soon.

Uniform Recall

The P&C is encouraging the return of all girls' blouses that have “Made in Fiji” on the tag. The canteen will swap these blouses for a new blouse at no cost to students up until 9th May 2014.

Gonski

Thank you to those who donned their green “I Give A Gonski” shirts to support public education by joining in the March in March. It was great to see so many there rallying for the cause.

The Abbott Government has so far committed less than one third of Gonski funding in states and territories with signed agreements, NSW being one of them. With the 2014 May Budget looming, it's crunch time for Gonski.

The Senate is holding an Inquiry into Gonski. Please go to www.igiveagonski.com.au and add your voice to the thousands of Australians urging our politicians to deliver on the promise of Gonski.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting tonight.

Paul Covington
PRESIDENT/PUBLICITY OFFICER
Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is up and running again this year. It is intended to give students an opportunity to practise their skills in solving a wide range of mathematics problems. All students from Years 7 to 12 are encouraged to attend this fun event.

WHAT IS AMC AND WHO IS IT FOR?

AMC is a significant international event that has been running yearly in Australia since 1978.

AMC, an event sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank, is a mathematics competition containing 25 multiple-choice problems and five questions requiring a number answer. The time allowed is 75 minutes for the secondary division.

Students are assessed only against other students in the same school year across the country so age or curriculum differences between students are irrelevant.

The problems are very easy at the start of the paper and become progressively more challenging. Towards the end even the most gifted students will find the problems difficult. Students of all levels will find a point of challenge in this competition.

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

AMC gives students additional external recognition to their regular school achievements. All students who participate in the event will receive a certificate showing their level of achievement and a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with comparative statistics.

Unlike formal mathematics tests, many of the problems in this competition are set in real life situations to which students can relate to, showing the relevance of mathematics to their everyday lives.

Above all, the competition is designed to be a fun event without the pressures of formal assessment. The problems are designed to be of sufficient interest to stimulate discussion with friends, parents or in the classroom.

Please pay $6 to the front office. Payment needs to be made by Friday 11th April 2014 (last day of Term 1).

To all parents and students
for embracing our new school uniform and a special thanks to parents who have donated old uniforms to our uniform pool. These donations are greatly appreciated.

A special big THANK YOU to
BOAMBEE CENTRAL BAKERY and
K’PANÉ ARTISAN BAKERY
for the generous donations of bread and other food items for our school’s Breakfast Club.
Ryans Bus Service now have a Facebook page to keep parents, students, school and everyday passengers informed of up-to-date information regarding their services. This will ensure that any unscheduled delays or changes can be sent to all parties quickly through the social media network.

Please get on board. The link for Ryans Bus Service is:

https://www.facebook.com/ryansbusservice

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Training for Sawtell JRLC has commenced at Rex Hardaker Oval for all sides from 4.30pm Tuesday’s & Thursday or Friday’s.

We are especially looking for players born in 2001, 2003, 2004 & 2006 to join in the action & become a Sawtell Panther in 2014.

Competition commences on 5th of April, with games played Saturday mornings. Enquiries to: sawtyjuniors@hotmail.com
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