Congratulations to Ms Kristin Vlasto who has been selected at interview to fill an English vacancy.

Kristin has been a very valuable temporary teacher at our school for three years.

In 2014 she nominated for the role of Year Adviser and under the guidance of Deputy Principal, Ms Kathy Steward, led a very successful transition program for 170 Year 7 students.

In addition to teaching both English and Modern History and her role as Year Adviser, Kristin is a passionate about supporting the development of writing skills amongst our Aboriginal students. We are able to use Gonski funds to support this important initiative.

I am also very pleased to announce that Ms Melissa Garrels will take up the newly created position of Head Teacher Learning Support. Melissa brings excellent knowledge and skills to this role having previously managed Learning Support teachers across the whole Coffs Harbour district and prior to that working in student services at the Coffs Harbour Regional Office.

We have almost 950 students at Coffs Harbour High School and we cannot deliver a “one size fits all” education.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Melissa will work closely with students, their parents and teachers in developing individual plans for identified students.

Enjoy reading the newsletter and be amazed at how much has happened in just five weeks.

Best wishes for the vacation.

Patti Kearns

YEAR 12 HIGH JINKS

Some enthusiastic Year 12 students dressed to inspire generosity and bestow tokens of affection on Valentine’s Day 2015
MEETINGS

The AGM for 2015 is done and dusted and I thank the outgoing executive and committee for their tireless work over the last year. We would especially like to thank Jacqui Young for her involvement on the P&C executive over many years. We welcome all new members particularly Rebecca Hulbert who has taken up the vacant position on the committee. Paul Covington has been returned as President; Leanne Bourke and Sally Bryant, Vice-Presidents; Deanne Parker, Secretary; Karen Bryant, Treasurer; Committee Members are Bonnie Capell, Sharon Vandenberg, Gordon Albon, Janet Austin, Jenny Woschitzka and Rebecca Hulbert.

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 Monday 4th May. 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, Deanna and Maryanne, is always looking for volunteers to help during their busy days. The canteen will be open for the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod over the June long weekend and volunteers are needed to lend a hand. 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 whom already volunteer.

DONATIONS

The P&C financial position remains strong. Last year it contributed funds to furniture in the library and senior area, $45,000 ear-marked towards shade structures, particularly near the bus stop and lunch areas.

We contributed more than $12,000 to the school in other areas. This included over $2,500 in financial assistance for students representing the school in academic, artistic and sporting endeavours, $1,500 for presentation day prizes, aluminum benches for the students and donations of sports uniforms.

Paul Covington
PRESIDENT/PUBLICITY OFFICER
In Term 2 our Year 10 students will receive information about the subjects that they can study in 2016, as they work towards their Higher School Certificate. There are many options available to students, and this can sometimes cause confusion for students and parents. The school will organise an evening to discuss all aspects of senior study and the students will receive information booklets to help decide the best options. Assistance can also be sought from Ms Dionne Court (Careers Adviser), Miss Amanda Joyce (Year Adviser) or from myself, throughout this process.

The PDHPE Department has five sport scholarships to be given out for Term 2 to a value of $100 each. These scholarships will be given to students to allow them to participate in the Wednesday afternoon sports that have a cost attached to them. If you would like to nominate for a scholarship please see Ms Kate Williams in the PDHPE Department.

We believe that our students know many of the school rules, but we often need to remind them about the reasons for the rules. One rule that we often speak to our junior students about is not leaving the school grounds after they arrive at school in the morning. We are aware that students have attempted to go to the shops, particularly to the Jetty Village, after getting off the bus or being dropped off at school. The school maintains an amicable relationship with the Jetty Village management, and they inform us of any concerns. Whilst the shop owners are always appreciative of custom, they are not as appreciative of having a large group of students congregating at the shopping centre. Fortunately, this has not been the case for some time.

Please remind your children that when they arrive at school, either by bus, car, bike or walking, they are to go into the school grounds and remain there. This rule is also obviously in place to ensure their safety.

Tony Wilson

A NIGHT OF MUSIC

Coffs Harbour High School’s Garlambirla Youth Theatre is raising money for their Saltwater Tour to the Australian Theatre for Young People in May. On Friday 1st May (Week 2) a collection of talented members from our school musicals — ‘Garlambirla’ and ‘The Commitments’ will be performing selected songs from the two shows as a stage band in the school Lighthouse Theatre. Tickets are $20.00 with limited seats available. Tickets will be available from the school Front Office in Term 2.
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The senior leadership team has had an extremely busy term representing the students of Coffs Harbour High School within the state and local community. They have been to several events including a business women’s dinner, International Women’s Day breakfast, morning tea with the School Education Director and the Principal and a memorable visit with the Governor of NSW.

“Several weeks ago, the female leadership body attended the Business and Professional Women’s (BPW’s) 2015 Candle-lighting ceremony. This gave us the opportunity to liaise with many successful and inspiring women of the Coffs business community over dinner. We were also enlightened by various topics of discussion and met with the guest speaker Erin Chew. Erin was recently appointed as the Young BPW Director for Business and Professional Women Australia. We are very grateful for the sensational dinner and spectacular company experienced on the night and we were able to take a lot of information away with us at the end of the night.”

Shardia Raymond
PREFECT

“On 6th March 2015, the female representatives from the Coffs Harbour High School leadership group had the opportunity to attend the Zonta International Women’s Day Breakfast at Pacific Bay Resort. Attending the breakfast were many guest speakers including three Year 12 students from the local area. Their speeches were to address ‘Issues that affect women anywhere in the world that is worthy of further explanation’. Yordanos Tesfamichael, a fellow Year 12 student at Coffs Harbour High school delivered her eye-opening speech on the issues surrounding women with regards to domestic violence and the gender pay gap. Yordanos was the recipient of the Pat Funnell Encouragement Award. The breakfast was an excellent event for women of all ages and nationalities, helping them to celebrate sisterhood and empowerment.”

Tiffany Skewes
PREFECT
L-R: Ms Gangul (Yordanos Tesfamichael’s mother), Grace Ruganiza and Yordanos
“The day before the Governor’s visit, the captains and vice captains of the school met with Ms Patti Kearns, Principal and Mrs Jenny Murray, Director Public Schools, for morning tea. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Governor’s itinerary and finalise the agenda for his visit. We discussed important matters regarding etiquette and expected protocol when addressing His Excellency and his wife, Mrs Hurley.”

Alex Spiteri-Albon
CAPTAIN

“On 27th February 2015, the student leadership body was lucky enough to greet and welcome His Excellency The Governor of NSW, The Honourable David Hurley and his wife, Mrs Hurley, to our school. We spent time getting to know His Excellency and Mrs Hurley whilst showing them our Confucius Classroom. We were also fortunate enough to observe a musical item put together by the Garlambilra musical group. ‘Solid Rock’ was performed beautifully by the students and the Governor was extremely impressed. Before we said our goodbyes we had morning tea and refreshments provided by the Year 12 Hospitality class. Congratulations to all the students involved in making the morning with the Governor such a success.”

Gabe Ellicott
VICE CAPTAIN

As coordinator of the school prefects, captains and vice captains, I am always looking for occasions and venues to foster the development of the boys within our leadership team. If anyone within our school community has access to occasions through Rotary, the Lions club or other organisations, I would like to discuss these possibilities with you.

Judith-lyn Martin
PREFECT COORDINATOR
SENIOR VISUAL ARTS
EXCURSION TO SYDNEY

Visual Arts students travelled to Sydney recently to view a wide variety of artworks at many galleries. First stop was the Hazlehurst Gallery at Gymea to view Artexpress, a selection of the best works from the HSC 2014 Visual Arts students. Other galleries visited included the Art Gallery of NSW, The Brett Whiteley Gallery, The White Rabbit Gallery and the Museum of Contemporary Art.

The students stayed at the Woolbrokers Hotel near Darling Harbour and explored this area in the evening even fitting in a visit to Chinatown to get hot cream puffs from The Emperor's Bakery. At Darling Harbour they were also fortunate enough see a fireworks display over Sydney Harbour and watch some drag queen street performances as part of the lead up to the Mardi Gras.

It was a fantastic excursion with the students returning home inspired and excited about getting motivated with their own artistic creations.

Jan Chivas
CAPA HEAD TEACHER
CAPA FACULTY
CAPA FACULTY
ANNUAL MUSIC EXCURSION TO SYDNEY

On Monday 9th March, Mr Smith, Ms Montgomery and 29 Music students, travelled to Sydney for our annual Music excursion. We were full of excited anticipation and were not disappointed.

On Monday night, the 'Encore' concert was fantastic. In the Concert Hall of the Opera House, we heard HSC compositions and performances of the highest calibre from 2014. At one point, we were dancing in our seats, when a drummer from Warialda High played with a big band.

Tuesday morning we walked to 'The Australian Theatre for Young People' at Walsh Bay. At this historic precinct, we sat in the refurbished wool store which is now the theatre. Juz the manager showed us the facilities and led a very interesting workshop where our students considered how music and lighting can be used in a theatre production. Some of our students will be returning to the theatre to perform in 'Garlambirla' in May.

Our guide for the afternoon tour of the Opera House was passionate and informative. We were lucky to catch the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in rehearsal.

Tuesday night at the Jazz Club 'Venue 505', was a blast! The funk influenced band had us hooked from the first bass riff. The food was delicious and the fries....amazing!

On Wednesday we visited Paddy's Markets and travelled home. It was a pleasure to spend time away with our students and to allow them to experience some of the cultural life of Sydney.

Maryann Montgomery
MUSIC TEACHER
THE COMMITMENTS MUSICAL

‘The Commitments’ musical was an enlightening experience for everyone involved. We gained many skills such as team work, cooperation and an extended knowledge of the theatre environment.

It certainly was not a smooth ride to the stage, whether it was not being able to hit the right note or not being on stage when the lights came up but it all added to the experience and created memories for us all.

None of this could have been achieved without the commitment shown by all the cast and crew and the hard work of our amazing teachers/mentors Mr Smith, Ms Hair and Mrs McGregor.

So as we say,

“We skipped the light fandango
turned cartwheels ‘cross the floor
I was feeling kinda seasick
but the crowd called out for more”.

Lily Potger & Jessica Beehag
STUDENTS
SLAM POETRY AND ZOHAB ZEE KHAN

On Friday 6th March we had the pleasure of hosting the 2014 Australian Poetry Slam Champion, Zohab Zee Khan, in our school. On the day he ran two workshops with students and performed his poetry to all of Years 9 and 10. This wonderful opportunity was made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of one of our parents, Mr Matthew Spooner and OfficeWorks.

Zohab is passionate about poetry and the power of words to make positive changes in our world. In particular, he talked of making love the focus of our interactions with others, rather than hate and prejudice, and encouraged the students to embrace life to the full. That passion certainly was infectious on the day with the students in both workshops wrote, and shared, some thoughtful poems on a variety of subjects.

Zohab invited some students to share their poetry at the Naked Lunch on Sunday 8th March at the Botanical Gardens. At the event, hosted by the Bellingen Readers and Writers Festival, Billy Collier, (Year 11), Thomas Hain (Year 8) and Katie Gamble (Year 8) were introduced by Zohab and they recited their poems with passion and confidence. All three students, and their poems, received enthusiastic applause from the audience. This was such a wonderful opportunity for these three students and we hope the experience will encourage them to keep writing poetry.

Paula Madigan
HEAD TEACHER, ENGLISH
8HE MIDDLE AGES EXPLORER PRESENTATIONS

On Thursday 12th March our 8HSE class did their task presentations in front of a special audience – the 7E class! Despite their initial trepidation, they rose to the occasion and modelled some excellent standards in Historical Research & Presentation skills to their younger counterparts.

The task was to research and present on one of six explorers chosen from the Middle Ages; such as Ferdinand Magellan, Marco Polo and Christopher Columbus. The task is a product of the new Australian Curriculum in History for Stage 4. The students came dressed up in various costumes, and one group even built a boat for their journey re-enactment.

Thank you to the students and parents who supported them for doing such an amazing job!

Mrs Taylor & Mrs Burnham
HSIE TEACHERS
Early life and career

- Ibn Battuta, was born in Tangier, Morocco, on the 24th of February 1304.
- His family had a tradition of service as judges.
- After receiving a position in Islamic law, he chose to travel.
We are almost at the end of a busy term in Chinese at Coffs Harbour High School. The 13 students heading off on the China excursion are almost at fever pitch – we are leaving in just a couple of days! Ms Steward has joined the trip in place of our Principal Ms Kearns as Ms Kearns will be using the time in the holidays to formalise the relationship with our sister-school in Nanjing. We have an informal sister-school in Jinan and a group of their students visited us last year. The school in Nanjing was proposed by the Confucius Institute and our students will spend a day there as part of the excursion. This will be a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange, not just for students during the excursion but for ongoing exchanges for all of our students studying Chinese.

Our new Chinese language teaching assistants arrived in Coffs Harbour this week. We have had very positive experiences with these teaching assistants in the past and are looking forward to welcoming them into our school so they can enhance the learning opportunities for our students of Chinese. This is the first year that we will have two assistants and we are very excited about the native-speaker support they will be able to provide in multiple classes.

Year 8 students will have the chance to travel to Brisbane next term to take part in the Buddha’s Birthday Festival. This is a one-day excursion that will take place on Friday 1st May. Information and a permission note will be handed out at the Year Meeting in Week 9. Previous excursions have been overnight, but we are travelling up and back on the Friday in an effort to keep the costs down and make the excursion more accessible to all. Places are limited, so be sure to return the permission note quickly to ensure a place on the trip; it is always a fun learning experience.

Expressions of interest are also being sought for the 2016 China excursion. The excursion will be open to students studying Chinese in Years 9, 10 and 11 next year. Notes will be going out very shortly to students in Year 9 and 10 this year. No money is being sought just yet but we need to get an early idea of numbers for our planning. The trip will be in the September/October holidays next year. Students currently in Year 8 who are thinking about choosing Chinese as an elective next year will be given notes once their elective choices have been made.

Best wishes for a safe (and restful!) Easter holiday period.

David Dun
CHINESE TEACHER
SENOR SCIENCE EXCURSION

KARANGI DAM

On Tuesday 3rd March the Year 11 Senior Science class went on a fieldtrip to satisfy many outcomes for the current unit of work, “Water for Life”. The group was led by Coffs Harbour City Council Water Treatment Manager, Adam Wilson and Water Efficiency Technical Officer, Melissa Hinkley. The students were taken on a tour of Karangi Dam, the water treatment plant, and the water reclamation plant. The students were required to fill in worksheets answering a number of questions pertaining to our area’s water supply, quality, and treatment facilities. Students were pleasantly surprised to find that in almost every case the standards and measures put in place were in fact better or double that required by authority agencies. The fieldtrip was highly successful, with some of the students now looking at doing a work placement at the facilities, and a big thank you must go to our tour guides on the day.

Amanda Joyce
SCIENCE & AGRICULTURE TEACHER
SCIENCE FACULTY
ROBOT BOYS LEND A HELPING HAND
AT ICT CONFERENCE

Last year’s Year 9 Robot Boys were invited to display their “mind controlled” robotic arm at the ICT Educators Association of NSW Annual Conference held recently at Sydney University. The President of the Association, Ms Leanne Cameron, was a judge at last year’s Young ICT Explorers Competition. She was very impressed with the boys’ project and their knowledge and understanding of the technology and was very keen to get the boys to the conference.

The boys set up their display early Saturday morning and spent most of the day and Sunday morning, demonstrating the workings of the ‘PACE’ project to the many conference participants. The name PACE is an acronym for Prosthetic Arm Controlled by an Eeg. As this name suggests, the operator places a head-band like device on their head and is able to manipulate the ‘robotic arm’ with brain waves. The project is a proof of concept the boys would love to be able to further develop the product.

In a ‘thank you email’ to Ms Kearns, Ms Cameron stated: “Last weekend three of your students, Luke Croak, Peter McKenzie and Patrick O’Gorman, were a key part of the success of our state-wide conference. The boys’ behaviour and professionalism throughout (the conference) was exemplary. They are such wonderful ambassadors for your school. These guys showed some very well-resourced Sydney schools how, with a bit of ingenuity, creativity and a lot of determination, the curriculum can come alive. The boys very ably shared their obvious technical skills with any delegate who asked, tailoring their explanation to suit the audience. Their conversations ranged from local primary school children to Sydney University PhD students’ right through to the Head of Google in Sydney. Thank you so much for allowing the boys to travel to Sydney, you should be very proud”.

Proud is an understatement. Good on you boys.

L-R: Patrick O’Gorman, Peter McKenzie and Luke Croak at their ‘PACE’ display
Conference organizer, Ms Leanne Cameron with Patrick, Peter and Luke and a mega proud Mr Lyne looking on

Gary Lyne
TECHNOLOGY TEACHER

NSW COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL TENNIS TITLES

Christie Haisman of Year 10 has competed in the NSW Combined High Schools Tennis Titles and has won the first round and has been invited to attend the next round at Bathurst later this month. Good luck in the next round Christie.
NORTH COAST SWIMMING RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who swam at the North Coast Swimming Carnival and who have made it through to the NSW CHS Swimming.

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Jenny Pearce
PDHPE TEACHER

Coffs Harbour High School’s North Coast Swimming Team
NSW INDOOR CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was a case of ‘so close, yet so far’ for our Years 9 & 10 Boys’ Indoor Cricket Team on 17th March as they endeavoured to defend their title of champions in the NSW Indoor Cricket Championships. The boys played against Christian Community School (CCS) and Toormina High School in a round robin format to decide who would play in the final.

Their first match was against their arch rivals in Toormina and the game was a steep learning curve for the boys. Toormina ran out winners, reasonably comfortably, but there was much room for improvement from our lads. The result meant that we would have to beat CCS in order to earn a place in the final. To our boys’ credit, they lifted their skills and managed to win the game against CCS, but only by a mere five runs.

The scene was set. Coffs Harbour High School would play Toormina in the final – the only two teams to have taken out the title since its existence! After batting first and putting on the best display of the tournament to date, the boys amassed a solid total of 112 runs. This was thanks largely to a master class of indoor cricket batting from Dylan Taylor and Brad Chambers who scored 52 runs off their four overs. Buoyed by their batting, our boys began the second innings emphatically, by making run outs, taking catches and bowling tight. As the innings progressed Toormina showed that they had learnt from the simple, no-nonsense display of Dylan and Brad and batted with discipline, thus producing some high scoring partnerships. Still needing over 40 runs for the final partnership, our boys were still in the game but right from the start the fourth batting pair of Jared and Charlie (from Toormina) gave us no chances and steadily closed in on our total. It came down to the last ball of the match in which only a wicket would hand us victory and the Toormina lads were good enough to block the delivery and secure victory. Well done to our boys on their conduct throughout the day as they showed great sportsmanship and competed well.

Our Years 7 & 8 team also participated in the championship on 24th March and was well coached by Matthew Valentine. The signs were not good early for the team as only six players were able to make it on the day. However, they were still permitted to play, but would be two fielders down during matches. For many teams this would be a setback; however for this bunch of talented cricketers it mattered little as they won every round robin match and earned a spot in the final. They played CCS in the final and once again their skill shone through as they won the final – on the last ball of the match! Well done boys and Mr Valentine.

Adam Mason
TEACHER

Back row (L-R)  
Harry Gregorovic,  
Sid Smythe,  
Matthew Knight

Front row (L-R):  
Khaksar Faridoon,  
Blake Austin,  
Robert Mailey
THIS ICONIC EVENT IS ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISERS

On 12th March students from Coffs Harbour High School joined in with over 150,000 people by getting sponsored to either shave or dye their hair to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation.

Congratulations to the following students who gave their time to collect sponsorship money and their precious hair to such a great cause. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the girls and to Mrs Andrews and Mr Taylor for shaving.

Heidi Drews, Maya Taylor-London and Harold Darrington shaved their heads and Kerissa Austin, Tamara and Makayla Elks-Wade, Kayla Purdon-Brown and Dana York dyed their hair.

Every day 31 Australians are given the devastating news that they have leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma or a related blood disorder. That's more than 12,000 people in 2015.

Although survival rates are improving, blood cancers like these are the third biggest cause of cancer death in Australia.

The Leukemia Foundation receives no ongoing government funding, so supporting this event makes our “Vision to Cure and Mission to Care” possible.

The money our students raised will go towards research, which is needed to find better treatments and cures for blood related disorders.

The sponsorship will also support families when they need it most, providing patients with a free home-away-from-home near hospital during their treatment.

Jenny Pearce
PDHPE TEACHER

The brave shavers
L-R: Maya Taylor-London, Harold Darrington & Heidi Drews
Nawid Ali, a Year 12 student was one of many people from diverse cultural backgrounds who proudly received his Australian Citizenship Certificate from the Mayor, Cr Denise Knight (above left) at the Harmony Day Celebrations on Sunday 22nd March 2015.

Mrs Gail Latham (Teacher Librarian) and Mrs Leone Ryan (School Counsellor) were honoured to support Nawid on this very important occasion (above right).

Some of our students entertained the crowd with songs sung in their Afghan language while wearing traditional clothing.

The students and their parents thoroughly enjoyed the music and dancing throughout the day.

Gail Latham
TEACHER LIBRARIAN
Pictured below left is Zarifa Nadir Hussain on the left and Nasima Nadir Hussain on the right.

Pictured above right is Zahra Fathi who also accompanied the singers and also dressed in traditional Afghan clothing.

Ms Hoban and her family are pictured here with Yordanos Tesfamichael and her father, enjoying food prepared by the Tesfamichael family for the Harmony Day celebrations.
UNIVERSITY ROADSHOW

On Thursday 5th March 50 senior students attended the University Roadshow at our 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 11 and 12 students.
UPCOMING KEY EXCURSIONS AND DATES FOR TERM 2

- University of New England Excursion – 1st May 2015 (Year 12 only)
- Defence Force Talks – 14th May
- Year 10 Careers Expo – 27th May 2015 (at Woolgoolga High)
- Year 10 Work Experience – 15th – 19th June 2015
- University of Newcastle Excursion – 25th June 2015 (Year 12 only)

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

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 15th to 19th June 2015. 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 by 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 the term, please see the Careers Office.

Please note that all completed paperwork is due by Friday 22nd May to the Careers Office.

UNSW INDIGENOUS WINTER SCHOOL

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are encouraged to apply to the UNSW Indigenous Winter School. This valuable program gives students the opportunity to attend a week long program during the July school holidays to learn more about university life and join in a range of activities that promote university education. See the Careers Office for an application form as soon as possible.

CAREERS WEBSITE FOR COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL TO SUPPORT 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 do to after Year 12, rights within the workplace and a host of additional information. As times go 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. www.coffsharbourhighcareers.com
SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Congratulations to Keisha Amos and Jake Larson of Year 11 for securing school based traineeships. Keisha is completing a Certificate II in Retail with KFC and Jake is working towards a Certificate II in Automotive with SpeedyLube. Congratulations to both students.

BOARD OF STUDIES STUDENTS ONLINE

All students in Years 10 through to 12 now have access to the Board of Studies Students Online site. It is their source of information about senior study in Years 10, 11 and 12, including their HSC exam timetables and course guidelines. It is full of useful advice, resources and links.

If your son/daughter has not already activated their account, they should go directly to the website https://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/

CHHS CLUB RED BLOOD DONATION VOLUNTEERS

With the guidance of our wonderful Club Red Ambassadors Taylah Holwerda, Elana Forrest and Rebecca McGaw, 2015 has seen a greater number of students willing to donate blood. 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 Australian Red Cross are welcome to sign up for the future donation days in May and August.

Billy Cotlier (Year 11) donating the gift of life
AWARD RECIPIENTS

Year 11 students Koffigan Habib Afan, Mariam Ahmadi and Marko Kisose were presented with tuition scholarships to the value of $500 to use at The Education Centre. The awards were offered by St Vincent de Paul Society and The Rotary Club of Coffs South at an awards ceremony held at the Deep Sea Fishing Club.

Congratulations to all three students for their excellent representation of our school.

Left: Year 11 student Reza Ahmadi making a lifesaving blood donation.

Did you know that one donation can save three lives.
CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA – CLEAN-UP SCHOOLS’ DAY
www.coffsharbourhighcareers.com

I've put together a new website.

It's a "One Stop Shop" for everything you need with Career Planning and help.

CHECK IT OUT NOW!

Mrs Dionne Court
Careers Adviser

THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT
CAREER PERSONALITY PROFILE

Would you like to know the kind of person your son/daughter is so you can assist them with working out a career path that suits their personality style? If yes, check out this online survey called MyFuture Finder. It’s definitely worth the time and it’s not all about University of New England.

http://study.une.edu.au/ci/documents/detail/2/students-coffs-harbour-high-school-mff

Take the time to complete the survey and read through the results. At the end of the report, a list of suggested occupations is provided. Click on the links to read more about different occupations.

A copy of the report is also sent to the careers adviser for future discussion and planning purposes.
SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY HEADSTART

Congratulations to Grace Crawley on her successful completion of the Southern Cross University Head-Start Course, Human Physiology. Grace completed this course at the same time as completing her Year 11 studies and found it to be a wonderful challenge. At a recent careers advisers’ day hosted by Southern Cross University, Grace talked about the benefits of doing a university course as part of senior studies and how it will make the transition to university a great deal easier upon completion of Year 12. Grace hopes to undertake a Bachelor of Midwifery in 2016. Congratulation Grace!

Enquiries for applications for SCU Headstart programs in Biology or Communications in Organisations for 2016, can now be made via the careers office for Years 11 or 12 students.

L-R: Grace Crawley with Caitlin Burcher from Southern Cross University

Dionne Court
CAREERS ADVISER
ALL ABOUT APOSTROPHES

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more:-


WHEN OLDER KIDS STRUGGLE WITH READING

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page. Find out more:-


SOLVING EQUATIONS

Struggling to remember what algebra was all about and need to help your kids with their homework? Take a look at this study sheet for examples:-


GOOD NUMBER SENSE

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them. Find out more:-


DOES MULTI-TASKING REDUCE FOCUS?

Can your kids really study while updating their Facebook page, listening to their music players and messaging their friends? Research shows dedicated study time without distractions produces better learning and a greater ability to retrieve information. Find out more:-

AVOIDING INJURIES

Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain? Experts discuss and give tips on what to watch out for. Find out more:-


WHEN KIDS ARE BULLIED

We send our kids off to school each day to learn. In between lessons they go outside to play – but the learning doesn't stop. The playground can help prepare them for some of the social challenges they will face throughout their lifetime. Find out more:-


BULLYING KNOWS NO BOUNDS

When cyber bullying hits home - what one mum wishes she’d done differently. Because most cyber bullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using.


THINKING ON YOUR FEET

This week’s most common question on the School A to Z parent website:-

Q: What's a surd?

A: A number that can't be simplified to remove a square root (or cube root etc) eg: 3√(11)

Here are some help sheets on surds.


Note: If you are having any problems with the above links, copy and paste them into your browser.
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Belgium, the USA, and France are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family."

Marie, host mother of Enrico (Italy)

Hosting is fun! Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

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Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday. Until next term…