I began teaching in 1981, which means I am now in my 35th year of teaching. My joy in seeing students participate in life-changing learning moments has not abated one bit. One such moment occurred in Sydney recently. I felt honoured and immensely proud to be present at the opening night of our Garlambirla season at the Australian Theatre for Young People in Sydney’s Wharf Theatre, less than a kilometre from where the history of interaction between Aboriginal and European people began. Heartfelt congratulations to all those students, staff and parents who helped bring a dream to fruition, and showcased our school so well.

Louise Bye, Director of Aboriginal Programs at the Department of Education, attended the performance. This is what she wrote to her colleagues:

“I went to a performance of Garlambirla by students at Coffs Harbour High School last night that told the story of the Gumbaynggirr people in dance and song and it was one of the most amazing things I have seen. You will learn, you will laugh, you will stamp your feet and clap, but most of all, you will feel pride in our young people.”

Also present at the opening night were two of our former students. School Captain in 2012 Daniel Turner, after a gap year in which he gained a prestigious Queen Scout Award, is now in his second year of International Studies and Journalism at the University of Technology. Dux from the same year, Isabelle Capell Hattam, is in her third year of Advanced Science at the University of New South Wales, and has already notched up her first publication. It is deeply rewarding to see our students thriving — and also to see how ready they are to come and honour younger students who are achieving such wonderful things in their wake. It is the kind of thing that inspires teachers to feel that their work is worthwhile.
Other noteworthy achievements in recent weeks include our senior debaters winning through as zone champions — a sterling effort from Tom Capell Hattam, Emma Knight, Danielle Polack and Chelsea Rose; our Open Girls' Softball team making it to the State finals for the third year in a row; and Hugh Churchwell receiving an invitation to the State finals of the Australian Brain Bee competition at the School of Medicine at University of Western Sydney.

We do everything we can to provide a wide-range of high-quality programs for our students, and in 2015 have received a most welcome boost for our efforts through extra funding coming into the school via the NSW Government’s commitment to the Gonski principles of funding. Gonski funding helped us with the costs of the Garlambirla tour to Sydney; it has also made possible a Literacy support program for Year 7 students, a senior mentor program which is proving of great benefit to the many Year 12 students who have taken it up, and additional teacher aide time in classes, which supports teachers in their day-to-day class management.

Patti Kearns

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

A key aspect of our School Plan is 'connectedness' and it has been very pleasing to see high numbers of students involved in excursions, sporting teams, Garlambirla Theatre, dance performances, work experience and outdoor education programs. We aim to provide opportunities for all students to engage in enrichment activities to build their connection to school and community and to improve confidence, skills and social cohesion.

Wearing school uniform is an important symbol of belonging to the school and is very important for our safety and security. As the weather becomes cooler, please support us in ensuring that your child comes to school each day in uniform, including school jumpers.

We do have some funds available through student assistance to support students financially to participate in enrichment activities and to purchase uniform and school supplies. Please contact Mr Hardie-Porter, Head Teacher Welfare, should you wish to apply for assistance.

We hope to see many parents at the upcoming Parent/Teacher afternoons on the 9th June for Years 7 and 8 and the 21st July for Years 9 and 10. Your children will be required to arrange bookings on your behalf and will bring home a booking sheet. Bookings are generally five minutes each to enable teachers to be available to meet as many parents as possible. Please contact your child's year adviser if you require support in this process.

We would also like to remind parents to keep the school up-to-date with any changes to address, living arrangements, medical conditions or other concerns which may impact on the wellbeing of students.

Kathy Steward
**CANTEEN**

A reminder that the canteen will be open over the June long weekend for the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod. Volunteers are needed to lend a hand for a couple of hours on the Saturday and/or Sunday. If you are a parent, guardian or other family member who is able to spare some time please call the canteen on 6652 4637.

We appreciate the help of the many people who already volunteer. The vast majority of our fundraising comes from our canteen. The amazing canteen team of Michelle, Tracey, Deanna and Maryanne, is always looking for volunteers to help during their busy days.

**MEETINGS**

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 1st June. 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.

**PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING**

This year’s Federal Budget has been another disappointment for Gonski and for disadvantaged schools and students – no increase in funding overall, and a broken promise for increased disability funding.

The Abbott Government will only fund one third of federal Gonski funding over the next two years, and plans to abandon Gonski entirely after 2017. They will not deliver a long overdue boost to disability funding in 2016.

We cannot let that happen. If the Abbott Government gets its way, the total cut to school funding in those last two years (2018 and 2019) would be $3.8 billion cut from the federal education budget.

With a federal election looming, our politicians are going to have to start listening – parents and teachers are too large a constituency to ignore.

Gonski is too important to lose. Please help us keep up the fight to see Gonski delivered in full. Visit the “I Give A Gonski” website for more information and fact sheets:-

http://www.igiveagonski.com.au

Paul Covington
PRESIDENT/PUBLICITY OFFICER
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ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL REMEMBERS

ANZAC CENTENARY
April 25, 2015

L-R: Lachlan Jenkins; Jack Gardner; Kodi Graham; Ian Bratt (Coffs Harbour RSL sub Branch); Grace Snowball; Patti Kearns; Kiara Bale; Takisha Bale; Rebecca McGaw and Lynnette Bailey

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ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Lachlan, Jack, Kodi, Ian Bratt, Kiara, Takisha & Rebecca

Kiara, Rebecca & Kodi
Coffs Harbour High School students volunteered their time to sell ANZAC Day flags for the RSL sub Branch on Saturday 25th April 2015. Thank you to the students involved for your support.
ANZAC DAY — COFFS CEREMONY
Due to time restraints, the article on the recent Saltwater Tour to Sydney will be published in our next newsletter scheduled to be emailed on Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} June 2015.

**SONG MAKERS WORKSHOP**

Sixteen talented senior music students, with a passion for composition, were lucky enough to take part in a two day song writing workshop.

The students were mentored by singer/songwriter Rai Thistlethwayte (Thirsty Merc, Sun Rai) and producer, Robert Conley (Kiss, Ricky Martin, Destiny’s Child to name a few).

The students were divided into four groups of four and given one day to compose a song and one day to record. Each group was provided with assistance from Rai, Robert and Mr Smith throughout the creative process. Rob and Rai then worked their magic with the students’ songs, assisting them to create the best possible ‘demo’ on recording equipment they provided.

The workshop was a great success with four songs completed. It was amazing to hear the different influences of each track with Pop, Hip Hop, Folk and Rock all represented.

Other fantastic moments included Rai teaching Billy Collier his riff to ‘In the Summertime’ which features on Bondi Rescue and Robert informing us he usually charges artists $10,000 per track when he produces!

Simon Smith
CAPA TEACHER
CAPA FACULTY

SONG MAKERS WORKSHOP
AT HOME TASKS

The English faculty introduced “At Home” tasks across Years 7 to 10 last term and the vast majority of students embraced the tasks and certainly appreciated the chance to choose which task they completed. A new set of tasks has been developed for this term, all linked to the unit focus, and students have been given the tasks and the hand in dates. A copy of the tasks can be found on the school website:-


WHAT IS BEING STUDIED IN YEARS 7 TO 10 THIS TERM

**Year 7** is completing the unit “Ups and Downs” which looks at the concept of resilience through the study of a variety of texts. The across the form assessment task is a letter to the editor (persuasive text).

**Year 8** is studying the concept of Genre and the key conventions of at least one genre eg, fantasy, horror, comedy. They will be reading a variety of texts, analyzing a film and writing in their genre. Their assessment task will be a creative/imaginative response.

**Year 9** is exploring a selection of global issues through a documentary study and the analysis of a variety of texts. Their assessment task will be a speech on an issue of their own choosing.

**Year 10** is studying the concept of “Context” and how an examination of context helps us gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of a text. Students will closely study a novel as part of their work this term. Their assessment task is an oral presentation on their novel and its context.

STAGE 6 UPDATE

Term 2 is a busy term for Year 12 with new modules to study, assessment tasks to complete and text revision for the Trials next term. They really need to develop a study timetable and stick to it in order to achieve good results. Drafting and getting feedback on their work is an important part of the process.

Year 11 is half-way through their preliminary course and it is time to step up their focus and commitment. The focus is on building their skills and knowledge in preparation for the HSC year and, importantly, this includes drafting their work and keeping up with their homework. The only way to get better is to practise!

DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING UPDATE

On 30th April, Year 11 students Danielle Polack and Darcy Turner travelled to Nambucca High School to compete in The Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Competition. Danielle spoke on the choices we make in our lives and the potential ramifications of those choices. Darcy, in his first public speaking competition, spoke about breaking the stereotypes in the surfing community. All competitors also had to do an impromptu speech, which is always challenging! Both students did an exceptional job and Danielle missed out on coming first by one point. The feedback on their performances was extremely positive and they represented themselves and our school with pride.
Debating and Public Speaking Update (continued)

The senior debating team consists of Thomas Capell-Hattam, Grace Crawley, Emma Knight, Danielle Polack and Chelsea Rose. They are Zone Champions having won all three of their debates. The first debate against Macksville High School was on whether we should get rid of private schools and we were in support of the motion. In the second debate, against Woolgoolga High School, we successfully argued that the media should ban all advertising of alcohol. The third debate the team successfully argued that cosmetic surgery should be banned against South Grafton High School. This team is a mix of seasoned and beginner debaters and they are doing an excellent job. Their coach, Mrs Madigan is very proud of their efforts, especially given most of the team is in Year 12 and have to fit the debates in around their many other commitments.

We also have debating teams competing in Years 7 to 9. The Year 9 team has their first debate in Week 5. They have been working hard in the lead up to the start of competition and we wish them well with the upcoming debates. Thank you to their coaches Mr Dyer, Mrs Gray, Ms Vlasto and Ms Brewer for working with the students and organising the debates.

Paula Madigan
HEAD TEACHER ENGLISH

Zone Champions
Grace Crawley, Emma Knight, Danielle Polack, Chelsea Rose and Thomas Capell-Hattam
ENGLISH FACULTY

Year 8

Group Challenge

Day
WORLD WAR 1 MODEL

Congratulations to Year 8 students Lilly Degens, Zoe Campbell, Jackalyn Pitman and Isobelle Muller who gave up their time to create a model of a World War 1 trench, complete with Simpson and his donkey. This project was initiated by the Coffs Harbour RSL sub-Branch. The project invited schools to participate in creating a display that would visually commemorate the centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli and subsequent fighting in the trenches thereafter.

These girls are amazing ambassadors for our school and should be proud of their efforts.

L-R: Lillian Degens, Zoe Campbell, Jackalyn Pitman and Isobelle Muller

Sheree Burnham
HEAD TEACHER HSIE/LOTE
LAW WEEK

The week commencing 11th May was Law Week and students from Years 11 and 12 Legal Studies were invited to Coffs Harbour District Court for a personal question and answer session with a Supreme Court Judge.

Justice Garling initially responded to questions that the students emailed to him, then had a general discussion on aspects of the law and his personal experiences, before outlining the case over which he is currently presiding. The low-key, personal nature of the meeting contrasted greatly with the formal court sitting which followed. As members of the public, we were permitted to sit at the back of the court and witness, first hand, a criminal trial in progress.

Students were greatly impressed by Justice Garling’s clear responses to their questions. He spoke of both civil and criminal cases, highlighting the variety of ways in which a barrister can specialize. Civil cases ranged from the aftermath of natural disasters such as the Newcastle earthquake, Thredbo landslide, Nyngan floods and Sydney bushfires, to a land dispute over a paddock on Lord Howe Island that went back to the early 1900’s. He discussed criminal cases including murder trials and described simple mistakes that defendants have made, such as leaving their wallet at the scene of a crime!

We would like to thank Justice Garling and the staff at both the Coffs Harbour District Court and the NSW Supreme Court in Macquarie Street, Sydney, for making themselves available and for enthusing the next generation of young lawyers (and their teachers).

Andy Core
HSIE TEACHER
2015 CHHS CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The annual school Cross Country Carnival was held on 18th March 2015. What a fabulous day it turned out to be. With a large number of competitor’s out on the track it is easy to see why we have a number of talented athletes at Coffs Harbour High School. This year the Sport Department and the SRC got together and purchased our new set of house flags, and didn’t they look fantastic down on the finish line. Congratulations to all the runners who participated and the first six runners who made it through to the next level.

Well done to the age champions listed below.

2015 CHHS Cross Country Age Champions

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House Points

1st place — Macauleys — 276 points
2nd place — Sapphire — 272 points
3rd place — Emerald — 162 points
4th place — Gallows — 153 points

Jenny Pearce
PD/H/PE Teacher
PD/H/PE FACULTY
PD/H/PE FACULTY
Hot off the press!!

MID NORTH COAST CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Mid North Coast Cross Country in Grafton on Monday 18th May 2015. The students in **bold** have made it through to the North Coast Carnival as part of the Mid North Coast Team. Our 16 years girls have made it through as a school team. What a fantastic effort! We also have two age champions; Tara Everson and Taylor Blay. Well done. The North Coast Carnival will be held on Friday 5th June in Kempsey.

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MID NORTH COAST CROSS COUNTRY

(Left – right: Cameron Burns, Kaden Nolan, Matthew Knight and Oscar Churchwell)

Well done lads — our Year 8 Coffs Harbour High School team (14 years) placed second in the Mid North Coast Cross Country schools’ teams.

Jenny Pearce
PDHPE TEACHER
The Science and Engineering Challenge was held on 31st March at Woolgoolga High School. The competition is run by the University of Newcastle and was open to students in Years 9 and 10 from several local high schools on the Coffs Coast.

Students from each competing school were grouped into teams of 3 or 4 and were either given two smaller half-day activities or a much larger whole-day activity. Students then had to work cooperatively as a team to develop a design that would best meet the brief and various testing.

An example of one of the half day activities was to construct a bionic hand out of basic materials such as straws, string and masking tape. To measure the hand’s ability, it was scored for tests such as picking up objects to mastering sign language hand gestures.

More time consuming activities included designing and constructing working catapults to launch a tennis ball accurately over the largest distance. Another activity involved students creating a buggy that could traverse an undulating terrain. Another group designed and created an environmentally friendly house that was scored and tested on its carbon cost, ecological footprint, ability to capture and store water as well as its ability to survive cyclonic winds.

The finale of the day was the testing of the bridges, each made from balsa wood and paddle pop sticks. Bridges were scored on their overall weight as well as the size of the load that was able to travel across it.

Overall our school came second out of seven local high schools. The competition was full of fun, interesting and engaging challenges that made us think and realise that science is in everything we do. Thank you to Mr Baker and Mr Edmonds for giving us the opportunity to participate in such a fun day.

David Edmonds
SCIENCE TEACHER
SCIENCE FACULTY

Science and Engineering Challenge
SCIENCE FACULTY

Science and Engineering Challenge
Coffs Harbour High School has recently received some great news about one of our Year 10 students — Hugh Churchwell. Hugh has received an invitation to attend the State Finals of the Australian Brain Bee Challenge which will be held at the University of Western Sydney, School of Medicine, Camperdown Campus in July 2015.

The Brain Bee Challenge is a competition for high school students in Year 10 to learn about the brain and its functions, learn about neuroscience research, find out about careers in neuroscience and to dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses.

Coffs Harbour High Year 10 Self-Select Science students sat the exam and Hugh has been invited to attend the challenge.

Students compete individually for the title of NSW State Champion, with the winner going on to represent NSW in the National Finals. Congratulations Hugh – this is a great achievement.

We wish Hugh all the very best of luck in the upcoming finals.

Kyle MacDonald
SCIENCE TEACHER

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REVVED UP!

On 28th April 2015, Robert Hoiles, Community Liaison Coordinator from the Department of Fair Trading, spoke to students in Years 10, 11 and 12 about the potential hazards associated with buying their first car. The “Revved UP” presentation included a hands on inspection of a vehicle for some students to show them what to look for to ensure they purchased a safe and legal vehicle. The presentation informed all students of their rights in regards to car purchases and warranties and also the dangers of purchasing a car online with no inspection.

The Minister of Fair Trading, Mr Victor Dominello, opened the presentation and spoke with our prefects at a morning tea that followed.

The Minister was accompanied by Member for Coffs Harbour, Mr Andrew Fraser; Mr Rod Stow, Fair Trading Commissioner; and Mr Andrew Gavrielatos, Assistant Commissioner Fair Trading, who were also touring our local area.

Erin Richardson
YEAR 11 ADVISOR & SCIENCE TEACHER
SCIENCE FACULTY

Revved Up Workshop
YEARS 9 & 10 SELF-SELECT SCIENCE QUEENSLAND QUEST

From 29th April to 1st May 2015 students from the Years 9 & 10 Self-Select Science classes set off on this year’s Queensland Quest. It was an early start to a grueling schedule but the students did themselves and our school proud as they threw themselves into the many learning opportunities they were given on this fantastic enrichment excursion.

Australia Zoo

After leaving CHHS early in the morning the students arrived fresh as daisies ready to tackle Australia Zoo. We participated in a tutorial designed especially for us, and were given the opportunity to get up close and personal with a koala. Students were also lucky enough to visit all the animal exhibits and shows available.

Under Water World

What a treat this was! We had our own private seal show, including question time with the trainer afterwards. Students then went on a number of after-hours behind-the-scenes tour of the facilities including the quarantine area and hospital. The highlight was sleeping overnight in the aquarium tunnel watching the sharks and rays glide over our heads.

Sciencentre

This is located in the Queensland Museum and offers fantastic hands-on and interactive learning experiences for the students in all aspects of Science. Many of the activities directly relate to the Stage 5 Course and were of incredible value as well as lots of fun!

The Queensland Police Museum

This fascinating venue includes 25 displays describing aspects of policing including; police heritage, crimes, police investigative techniques, medals, the history of police women, operational equipment and transport. The education program included an informative talk focusing on forensic science and solving crime. Students were actually presented with a crime scene and needed to use the forensic evidence present to try and figure out ‘who done it’!

Queensland Museum

The students had time to investigate the many interesting exhibits on show, including fossils, a giant squid, and other animal specimens.

The Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium

One of the excursion’s many highlights was the optical star projector, the Cosmic Skydome. Used to recreate a stunning realistic night sky on the 12.5 metre diameter projection dome, the students were taken on an astronomical journey that was spectacular.
Years 9 & 10 Self-Select Science
Queensland Quest (continued)

The Wheel of Brisbane

This structure stands 60 metres tall and offers unique panoramic 360 degree views of the river and city; despite the inclement weather everyone enjoyed the scenery.

Seaworld

What a great time this was! Students were given a special tour by the marine education staff focusing on sharks and rays - their many features and adaptations. The students also attended many of the shows including penguin feeding, the dolphin show and the jet-ski stunt show.

This was a thoroughly rewarding excursion for both staff and students. Mr Hundle, Mr Austin, and Miss Joyce would like to thank all the students for their wonderful behaviour and their keen and enthusiastic application to all the learning experiences they were offered. They would also like to thank the parents for supporting this worthwhile excursion.

Amanda Joyce
SCIENCE TEACHER
SCIENCE FACULTY
YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Students in Year 10 Food Technology had a great deal of fun in their recent unit of work. Students were asked to develop either a new food product, a line extension for an existing product or a copy-cat product.

After several weeks of development and testing of prototypes, students presented their final products for judging. Guest judges were Deputy Principal Mr Tony Wilson and Year Adviser Miss Amanda Joyce.

After taste testing each product and interviewing the students about their products, they conferred and made their decisions.

The winners were Alexa Callon-Butler and Piper Bourke who made line extensions of the common friand. Second place went to Tegan Austin with her chocolate coconut delight. Third place went to Paige Thornber and Lauren Winter with their choc jaffer trifle.

Each of the groups in the class went to a lot of effort to produce interesting and unusual products. Well done to all.

YEAR 7 TECHNOLOGY MANDATORY

Class 7TEM1 recently completed their textiles Carry It articles. Some chose to make bags while most made cushions of various shapes, sizes and colours.

A popular decoration was tie-dyeing; however some keen sewers chose embroidery. A very successful result for all concerned.

Nerida McKee
TAS TEACHER
Year 10 Food Tech
TAS FACULTY

Year 7 Pillow Talk
VACCINATIONS

A big thank you to parents and students who completed the paperwork for vaccinations this term. The Years 7, 11 and 12 students were very brave and are congratulated on their behaviour and maturity. The next round of vaccinations will take place in September.

UNIFORMS

As the temperature drops, so does our stocks of jumpers in the uniform cupboard. The welfare team would greatly appreciate any donation you can afford to make to the pool. Please ask your son/daughter to have a look for any school uniform that no longer fits and is in good condition. Mr Hardie-Porter and the front office staff will gladly accept donations. We regularly support students with replacement uniforms for a variety of reasons and would appreciate your support. Thank you to those who have already been generous and provided uniforms this term.

We also ask parents/carers to ensure students are in correct uniform, including wearing the correct school jumper. If you would like to discuss uniform requirements please contact Ryan Hardie-Porter for more information.

COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL
VALUE IN FOCUS: WEEKS 5 TO 8

Students met the CHHS Value in Focus for Weeks 1 to 4 this term with great enthusiasm. RESPECT was the CHHS Value in Focus and Year Advisers and students worked together to create a respectful learning environment.

During Weeks 5 to 8, students will focus on PARTICIPATION. Students have been encouraged to participate in the Athletics Carnival, as well as focus on participating meaningfully in class discussion and group work during class. Teachers are on the lookout to reward students with Social and Citizenship merits for those who are demonstrating PARTICIPATION.

Ryan Hardie-Porter
HEAD TEACHER WELFARE
UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2 is always a big term for excursions and information sessions. Your support in returning permission forms promptly is appreciated.

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<td>Representatives from the Defence Force at school to talk about career opportunities.</td>
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<td>Mental health program to assist all Year 11/12 students with coping with everyday stress.</td>
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<td>WH&amp;S White Card Course</td>
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<td>Do the one day course at school to obtain a White Card.</td>
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UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE OPEN DAY

A reminder to all Year 12 students that the University of Newcastle schools visit will be held on Thursday 25th June. Interested students should collect a permission note from Mrs Court. The excursion will cost $45.00 per student and the bus leaves super early at 4.00 am.

YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

University applications open in early August through UAC and QTAC. Some universities will offer Early Entry applications for specific courses. For example Southern Cross University opens from 17th July and applications can be made online. All Year 12 students will be issued with a UAC booklet to assist them with making their university applications if that is the direction they wish to take with their studies. All students in Year 12 will be interviewed for transition planning purposes, however students and parents are welcome to make an appointment to discuss options with the careers office at any time.

HSC EXAMINATION TIMETABLE NOW AVAILABLE

The 2015 HSC Examination timetable is now available to download from Students Online. The exams area scheduled for 12th October to 6th November. Go to:-

https://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/

for more information and to download a personalised timetable.

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 have been given a Work Experience package which includes a letter of introduction, insurance paperwork, information for parents and information for employers. We ask that students approach prospective employers and secure a placement as soon as possible. Many students have been proactive in already securing a placement.

Please note that all completed paperwork is due by Friday 22nd May to the Careers Office.
TO OBTAIN A TAX FILE NUMBER YOU NEED TO

i) Complete the online form at https://smarteform.com.au/onlineforms/ato/tax-file-number-
application-or-enquiry-for-individuals.

ii) Print off the summary – after completing the form, you need to print off the application
summary. You will need it for the next step.

iii) Attend an Australia Post interview – you must attend an interview at your local Australia
Post outlet within 30 days of completing your online application. Bookings are not
essential, but are recommended. You will need to take two things with you to the
interview:

   (a) your printed application summary; and
   (b) your “Proof of Identity” documents.
UNE EXCURSION

16 students braved the cold and headed across to the University of New England campus in Armidale. Whilst there, they attended a range of information sessions about courses and careers relevant to study at the university.

Left - Right: Samaye Hamidiyan, Zoe Hain, Chenia Borgas, Yordanos Tesfamichael, Mathew Paterson, Alana Paterson, Gabe Ellicott, Tara Hensby-Davies, Maya Taylor-London, Tanesha Jolly, Heidi Drews, Kayla Purdon-Brown
Front: Yelaina West, Brooke Alchin
Absent: Elyse Stuart, Billie Chauncy

Dionne Court
CAREERS ADVISER
come and...
DISCOVER ENGINEERING

TOPICS
Areas to be addressed include:
Why be an Engineer?
What do Engineers Do?
How do you Become an Engineer?
What is it Like to Study Engineering?

Guest speakers include:
Engineering professionals,
university representatives
and university students.

DATE
Tuesday 23rd June 2015
5.30pm – 7.30pm
Norm Jordan Pavilion
Coffs Harbour Showground
COFFS HARBOUR

This free forum is for all
high school students who are
interested in Engineering as a
career choice.

Light refreshments will be served

REGISTER
Registration essential by:
Friday 19th June 2015

Please CLICK HERE
to register your attendance

Further information available at: 02 4911 7310
www.engineersaustralia.org.au/newcastle-division/events

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OPEN BOYS’ AFL SWANS CUP

2015 saw the introduction of Open Boys’ AFL in the CHS Sport Program in the form of the Swans Cup. Coffs Harbour High School fielded a team and competed in a Gala Day format against Woolgoolga High, John Paul College and CHEC on Tuesday 5th May at Richardson Park, Sawtell.

Our first game was against John Paul College and our boys were a little rusty which showed in their play. Despite improving as the game progressed, we went down 33 points to 13. After a break we took on CHEC in a must win game and the boys showed that many of the cobwebs had been blown out and played a physical, yet skillful style which saw them run out winners 37 to 14. The game was a great team effort with the majority of our team having the better of their opponents. Our third and final round robin match was against Woopi and the boys built on their previous game to again dominate positions all over the ground and record a 29 to 1 victory.

This meant we would play JPC in the final to decide which school would progress. The game would prove to be a much closer affair than the first, with our boys really gelling as a team. However, there is an old saying that you need to make the most of your opportunities in front of goal and we failed to do that, despite having the same amount of scoring shots as JPC. We could only manage 1 goal 5 behinds to 4 goals 2 behinds by JPC and that made all the difference on the scoreboard. Despite losing the final, our boys represented Coffs Harbour High School with respect and should be proud of their efforts on the day. It is worth noting that many of the JPC team play AFL outside of school and we managed to match them in most aspects of play in the final. Well done boys!

Adam Mason

NSW CHS STATE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
HELD AT SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

Our 13 years girls relay team put in a great effort in their heat placing 11th out of 27 teams. Due to a disqualification of another team, they then placed 10th putting the very excited girls into the final.

They were able to shave a further 0.65 seconds off their time placing them 7th in the State. Congratulations girls — this was a fabulous effort.

Other results from the carnival were:-

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Left to right: Katelyn Eagles, Claudia Kelsal, Tarryn Arnold and Tara Everson
SPORT

COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS
OPEN BOYS’ TENNIS

Congratulations to Dominic Slaviero, Christian Slaviero, Marcus Woschitzka and Blake Clarke on winning the first round of tennis against Bellingen High School on 20th May 2015.

Good luck playing round two.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Here are some tips to help your child choose well.

FAMILY DETAILS

It is very important that the school have up-to-date contact details of immediate family, emergency contacts and current medical information for students. In the case of family separation, the school follows the presumption of equal and shared responsibility for children as determined in the Family Law Act. This means that unless sole parent responsibility has been determined by the Court, the school is able to communicate with both parents in relation to matters pertaining to their child’s education. Court orders must be provided to the school where there are specific conditions which affect the school.

MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

Urgent messages from parents will be delivered to students by the office messenger. Students are not permitted to use mobile phones during class time and parents are asked not to make contact with students directly during class time.

If students are unwell, they need to report to the office staff who will notify parents/carers if required. Staff have a duty of care for students during school hours and it becomes difficult for the school to manage and monitor students who are unwell if they contact parents directly and do not inform the office.

STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY

Students who need to leave school early must bring a note signed from their parent/carer, which gives the reason and time for early departure. Students must take this note to the rolls office in the morning and receive a sign out slip. If a parent needs to collect a student early for an unexpected reason, they must come into the office and sign their child out of school. Only parents or emergency contacts are permitted to sign children out of school unless a prior arrangement has been made with a Deputy Principal.

ATTENDANCE

Students aged 6 to 17 years by legislation are required to attend school every day unless they are sick or have a valid reason to be absent. Parents are legally required to notify the school of every absence and we ask that this is done within seven days to ensure that the absence is not recorded as an unexplained absence.

If a student has a pattern of unexplained absences or their overall attendance rate falls below the Department of Education and Communities’ prescribed level of attendance of 80%, they may be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) for follow up with the family.

Coffs Harbour High School sends text messages to parents/carers of absent children at approximately 10.00 am each day. Parents are asked to ensure they have an up-to-date mobile phone number registered with the school.

LATE TO SCHOOL

Students who are late are required to sign-in at the rolls office and must have a note to explain their lateness or risk it being recorded as unexplained. A pattern of late arrivals is considered to be of concern and may also be referred to the HSLO.
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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THIS IS AN EAT THE STREET RETREAT

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Social & Emotional Development of Babies**

How to identify strategies to assist your baby to grow and develop to their full potential.

One session for 3 hours.

**WHEN:** Friday

**TIME:** 10am - 1pm

**WHERE:** Burnsides Family Centre
7 McLean Street
Coffs Harbour

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**Dads – Bringing Up Great Kids**

The first of 3 sessions in the Bringing Up Great Kids program. This session focuses on how interactions from our past impact on our present and our ability to be the best parents we can be. The various stages of brain development in children from birth to year 2 are studied and how these stages affect their behaviour.

One evening session for 3 hours.

**WHEN:** Thursday Evening
16th June

**TIME:** 6pm - 9pm

**WHERE:** Burnsides Family Centre
7 McLean Street
Coffs Harbour

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**1-2-3 Magic**

Encouraging good behaviour, independence and positive discipline program. Great early weeks.

One session per week for 3 weeks.

**WHEN:**

- Mondays 16th May
- 1st June

**TIME:** 10am - 1pm

**WHERE:** Burnsides Family Centre
7 McLean Street
Coffs Harbour

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All courses are free of charge.

To enrol in any of the above courses, please ring UnitingCare Burnsides on 6559 2800.

Places are limited, so please book early!
CONNECT
Family Mental Health Support Service

‘Connect’ is the name of Interrelate’s new Family Mental Health Support Service (FMHSS). FMHSS will provide support to children, young people and families in the Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Valley and Kempsey regions where there are children and young people who are affected by, or are at risk of, mental illness (no formal diagnosis is required).

FMHSS will work with children, youth and families to build on what is already working well, while helping to find solutions for any concerns they have. Our goal is to help children; young people and families improve their health and wellbeing, improve relationships and connect them with their community.

FMHSS provides 3 types of support to improve mental health outcomes in the community:
- Groups and community education programs
- Short-term support to resolve immediate issues or concerns
- Intensive and long term case management up to 6-12 months, when families need more extensive support to resolve some of life’s difficulties.

FMHSS offers children and young people and their families/supports:
- information
- advice
- referral
- advocacy
- support
- home visiting
- and case management
- access to group programs

**FMHSS Eligibility**
To be eligible for support through FMHSS, the child/young person must:
- be aged between 0-18 years
- have a consenting adult who is willing to work with and support the service
- live in the catchment area of Coffs Harbour SA3 area or Kempsey-Nambucca SA3 area - from Red Rock (Nth) to Crescent Head (Sth) and West as far as Marmepo/Hermsni and Lower Creek/Carmi
- be affected by, or at risk of mental illness (no formal mental health diagnosis is required)
- not be in the care of the Minister

**Accessing FMHSS**
Individuals can contact FMHSS directly or be referred by a supporting group or agency. For more information, contact the Area Manager initially on 02 6659 4159 or CoffsHarbour@interrelate.org.au

FMHSS will be located at 24 Park Avenue Coffs Harbour with outreach locations in Kempsey, Nambucca & Bowraville. More details will be available shortly.

You can also call your nearest local Interrelate centre on 1300 736 066.

Until next time...