We are very pleased to welcome Ms Paula Stanton as a new permanent member of our Maths faculty. Ms Stanton has worked in an impressive variety of careers, including extensive experience in finance and accounting, statistical work on environmental flora and fauna surveys for Queensland Parks and Wildlife, and policy advice to Federal government. I am confident she will use her background imaginatively to engage our students. Politicians and journalists have recently been discussing the decline in the number of students studying Maths at higher levels; as Dr Mary Coupland, President of the Australian Association of Maths Teachers has recently pointed out, inspiring teachers who can demonstrate practical real-life applications of the classroom subject matter are a key part of addressing this decline.

Year 10 have participated enthusiastically in the Lovebites program run jointly with health professionals. This course has an important role to play in helping students understand the complexities involved in maintaining respectful relationships, and above all the importance of seeking consent.
It is a sad indictment of us as a nation that the problem of domestic violence is so all-pervading that we name a victim of it as our Australian of the Year. Rosie Batty is doing tremendous and courageous work in using her appointment to help deal with this problem, and Lovebites is a practical way of helping reinforce many of her important messages.

Many of the conflicts between students at our school stem from friendships and relationships that break down, leading to sadness, hostility or frustration. Helping students find constructive and peaceful ways of dealing with these complex emotions is as much a part of our job as teaching them the three Rs. In this context I would like to acknowledge the vital role that our Year Advisers and Mr Hardie-Porter (Head Teacher Welfare) play in supporting our students through their school life. And I would remind parents that they too are welcome to contact their child's Year Adviser or Mr Hardie-Porter if they would like to share information which will help us in this endeavour.

The recently released student wellbeing policy has three underpinning concepts: connect, succeed, and thrive. I am proud of the fact that our school did not have to wait for the policy to be handed down before knowing the importance of these matters — we already strive daily to achieve its goals.

A fine example from last week would be the fact that 178 Year 10 students successfully found and completed work experience in the community. What a wonderful achievement for our careers team, Dionne Court and Trina Neville, and of course for the efforts of the students themselves. Congratulations to you all.

Patti Kearns
MEETINGS

The end of term is upon us and as a result our next meeting will be on Monday 3rd August. We are always pleased to see new faces at our meetings held in the Library at 7.00 pm on the first Monday of most months. It is an excellent opportunity to be part of your child’s education and learn about the day to day running of the school, positive achievements and other relevant issues.

CANTEEN

A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers that gave their time to help us open the canteen for the Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod. Your efforts helped raise funds for much needed projects around our school community.

Almost all of our fundraising comes from operating the canteen. We appreciate the help of the many people whom already volunteer to help our canteen staff — Michelle, Tracey, Deanna and Maryanne. If you are a parent/carer or other family member who is able to spare some time, please call the canteen on 6652 4637.

PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING

In case you missed the previous newsletter, this year’s Federal Budget was 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 refuses to budge and will only fund one third of Federal Gonski funding over the next two years. It plans to abandon Gonski entirely after 2017 and 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 on:-

http://www.igiveagonski.com.au

Paul Covington
PRESIDENT/PUBLICITY OFFICER
As Term 2 ends, parents have been receiving progress reports for their children. These have been sent at different times over the final month of this school term. Years 7 and 8 reports were sent recently, and parents had the opportunity to discuss the reports with teachers on 9th June. Reports for Years 9, 10 and 11 will be mailed to parents by the end of the term and there will be a parent/teacher evening for parents of Years 9 and 10 children on Tuesday 21st July 2015. Information and booking sheets for that evening will be posted with the report.

Term 2 has been busy. Students have been involved in cross-country and athletics carnivals, as well as representing the school at the higher levels of these sports. Year 10 students have enthusiastically participated in the Love Bites program, which strengthens their understanding of relationships and recognising the dangers and signs of unequal power in relationships. This program has been coordinated by Head Teacher, Welfare, Mr Ryan Hardie-Porter, in conjunction with several community support agencies. Year 10 students have also spent a week in the community doing work experience, giving them the opportunity to understand different occupations. Besides the great feedback from students about their experience, and employers informing the school that our students have been working well, many students have reported that they are a bit tired by the end of each day.

Our Term 2 school social was held at the Coffs Harbour Racecourse and students in the SRC did a great job organising it. The new venue provided everything that school needed for the safety and enjoyment of the students and we appreciated the cooperation that the parents demonstrated when it was time to pick up their children in the small car-park.

Tony Wilson

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that Coffs Harbour High School will close at 12.00 noon on Thursday 6th August 2015 and students will be required to go home early.

The school has been advised that the bus companies will operate the normal morning services to school but afternoon services are not guaranteed to run. Bus companies will contact the school at noon and ascertain how many students need to catch the bus home and they will schedule their afternoon runs accordingly. They will not collect students in the afternoon who have not attended school on the day.
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5 CHHS NEWSLETTER 2015/04
Garlambirla Youth Theatre is an initiative of Coffs Harbour High School, devoted to creating excellence in the performing arts and sharing our message of reconciliation. In May 2015, we toured our musical, Garlambirla: A Musical with Soul, to the Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP) situated on Wharf 4 at Walsh Bay. Wharf 4 also hosts Sydney Theatre Company, Bangarra Dance Theatre and Sydney Dance Company, so the destination itself was prestigious for us. We also speculated as to whether the timbers of the wharf, exposed in the cosy ATYP theatre, might be from Gumbaynggirr country and provide a connection to our story.

We had the opportunity to perform at ATYP through their Cameo Program, which showcases exceptional regional youth theatre. The staff at ATYP was warm, friendly and supportive to our young performers, while also maintaining high professional standards and expectations, such as pushing through tiredness for an evening technical rehearsal. Many of the performers commented that they enjoyed being treated as ‘professionals’. The space suited our show perfectly, and allowed for a high degree of interaction with the audience. Many shows ended with audiences, including His Excellency the Governor of NSW and Mrs Hurley, joining the cast on stage for a ‘dance party’ during the encores. ATYP provided a safe and welcoming environment for our risky onslaught on a wider audience. Feedback from ATYP Artistic Director, Fraser Corfield, stated “Congratulations on a great season in Sydney, we loved having you here. They were a beautiful bunch of kids and the show was full of joy.”

We were privileged to be welcomed to Gadigal Country by Gadigal elder, Uncle Alan Madden. Uncle Alan performed Welcome to Country both for the cast and the opening night audience, sharing many stories from Gadigal country. We were grateful for this protocol, because we felt that this generous welcome led to the many amazing experiences that kept happening for us. For instance, on a beautiful sunny afternoon we toured Sydney Harbour on board ‘Tribal Warrior’ and learned some of the cultural history of the area, including the positive relationship between Lady Macquarie and the Eora people. We stopped at Clark Island and our host Terry showed us the fish traps and performed some traditional dances for us. We reciprocated by making him cry with the kids’ rendition of ‘Yil Lull’ as we cruised along. Dave, the driver of ‘Tribal Warrior’, attended our Thursday night performance and also cried! Dave has invited us to a corroboree on an island in the harbour next time we visit.

Of the many highlights of our tour, some of the best have to be our shared moments with His Excellency the Governor of NSW, General David Hurley (retd) and Mrs Linda Hurley. Our Principal, Ms Patti Kearns, was also able to join us for these occasions. His Excellency and Mrs Hurley were warm hosts at Government House, where Jacob Shrimpton demonstrated his prowess by performing his new original composition on the grand piano. The team also performed the songs ‘Solid Rock’ and ‘Yil Lull’ for his Excellency and Mrs Hurley and their house guests, Lord and Lady Bathurst. We were treated to a tour of the house and a delicious morning tea in the gardens, with a backdrop of the sparkling harbour and Opera House. Our visit ended with Simon Smith and Lee Dyball, invited by Mrs Hurley, performing a song in the minstrels’ gallery. Another perfect morning for GYT!

On Friday, we performed a special matinee for His Excellency and Mrs Hurley, and their assistant Ms Jo Dixon. We can now boast that the Governor of NSW and his wife have danced with the Garlambirla cast! His Excellency jived with Imogen Carriage-Jarrett and even bestowed a kiss on Steffaney Treadwell’s forehead! On a more serious note, it is an honour for us to have shared the Gumbaynggirr creation stories with His Excellency and Mrs Hurley.
Friday afternoon was yet another awe-filled time for us as we were invited to watch a rehearsal of the new Bangarra show, *Ibis*. This was a particularly inspiring experience for our dancers, with Imogen declaring her new goal of joining Bangarra. Two of the Bangarra dancers are nieces of our patron, Uncle Stephen Baamba Albert, and they both came to our show. We also phoned Uncle Baamba from warm-ups on Friday night, and he expressed his pride in the cast’s achievements and encouragement to keep up our good work.

As well as moving house on Saturday, leaving behind our YHA rooftop jam space with views of the Harbour Bridge and Opera House, the team were allowed some shopping time in Paddy’s Markets before performing at the Teachers’ Federation ‘Call to Action’ Conference. Here we performed for 140 Aboriginal teachers and educators, and coached them to perform ‘Red Rock Scene’ for us.

Each of our performances had individual flavour and quality, such as the exuberant Thursday night with NAISDA dancers in the audience, singing, dancing and giving the cast ‘picture perfect’ signals. The show grew and deepened over the week, with the intimate space allowing the cast to see the effect they were having on their audience, whether it be tears or laughter. The closing night performance on Saturday was perhaps the most soulful, tinged with sadness that our first tour was coming to an end. With each performance, however, our audiences accepted the challenge to ‘Stand Up and Be Counted’.

Asked for a one word response to the tour, most of the cast gave the word ‘Proud’. James Fergusson spoke for everybody when he said he was “Sad, sad that it’s over”.

We have many people and organisations to thank for making this tour possible:-

- *Ms Patti Kearns, Principal and the staff of Coffs Harbour High School*
- *Coffs Harbour High School P&C*
- *ATYP (Australian Theatre for Young People) Cameo Program*
- *Uncle Mark Flanders and Garlambirla Guuyu - girrwa Aboriginal Elders Corporation*
- *Chris Spencer and Coffs Harbour & District Land Council*
- *Coffs Harbour City Council, Small Arts and Cultural Grants; and Jetty Theatre staff*
- *Arts NSW, CASP Grant*
- *Sindy Tate & Officeworks for flyers, posters and banner;*
- *Paul Newcombe & Newcombe’s Bus Service for exceptional service;*
- *Sani Townson for choreography and high standards!*
- *Christina Monneron for choreography, support and physical warm-ups on tour.*
- *NPWS Aboriginal staff, Northern Region*
- *Cast and crew of The Commitments*
- *Raffle Prize Donations:- Coffs City Skydivers, Hello Sawtell Restaurant, Kaboodle Hair and Park Beach Music.*

Thanks everyone for a wonderful experience!

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Madge Hair
DRAMA TEACHER
CAPA FACULTY
2015 EISTEDDFOD DANCERS

Coffs Harbour High School’s Eisteddfod Dance group was fortunate enough to be coached again this year by Ashley Ross. The group, consisting of students from Years 7 to 10, performed an energetic hip hop number for the Eisteddfod Dance competition gaining 4th position out of 11 contestants. This was a great achievement as the competition was hard with most other groups being made up from older elective dance students.

Our dance group was also invited to perform at the Stress Less day held at the CHEC for Year 12 students earlier in the term and performed at Coffs CEx at the Central Dance Network Festival along with other local high schools and primary schools.

Congratulations to all dancers for your commitment and enthusiasm. You are great ambassadors for our school.

Jan Chivas
HEAD TEACHER CAPA
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Friday, 5th June was a perfect day for our students to demonstrate their role as active citizens. The school Environment Council (ERC) had been busy for weeks planning and coordinating fundraising activities. Students made cup-cakes and slices, ran a raffle and a guessing competition and on the day collected a coin donation for a blue and green mufti day. Over $530 was made on World Environment Day. This is added to the $120 made by selling sea themed cup-cakes during Sea Week in March. Money raised during these events will be used for environmental projects around the school while a proportion will be donated to a worthy environmental cause selected by the ERC members.

A huge thank you must go to Michelle and the rest of the canteen staff for their amazing support in this venture. Congratulations to all the members of the ERC but especially to Jessie Robb, from Year 10, who was tireless in his organisation and enthusiasm.

Andy Core
HSIE TEACHER
MARKET DAY
Tuesday 26th May 2015

This year Coffs Harbour High School's Year 11 Business Studies class put forward a plethora of delicious products, all in the name of friendly competition. We had an amazing day with business planning put into action through a range of marketing activities to operations organisation. There was a great vibe with music and awesome customer service. Four businesses competed for the title this year with the winner Shake ‘n’ Bake making $331 in sales revenue! Over all, the group has had a record year!

Congratulations Year 11 Business Studies! The event took place outside the Lighthouse Studio. The groups and products included:

- Shake ‘n’ Bake – milk shakes and cupcakes.
- Sizzle Sisters – sausage sandwiches and ice cups
- Noot – mini pancakes
- Slush Dogs – coloured crushed ice drinks.

The students have worked steadily in their groups to develop comprehensive business plans outlining market research about their product.

John Mellalieu
ACTING HEAD TEACHER HSIE
CHINA 2015 EXCURSION

On 7th April, 13 students from Years 10 and 11 and four teachers set off to China. Our first stop was Beijing. In the freezing cold our tour guide Candy took us to see Tian An Men Square, the world's largest public square. We then walked through the Forbidden City, the old residence of the Emperors. That afternoon we went to see Pandas. They were a little bit of a letdown because they were all asleep. However, the acrobatics show we saw that night did not disappoint. It had spinning rings, dancing, chair stacking and eight motorbikes in a sphere. It never ceased to amaze. The next morning we went to a jade factory on the way to the Great Wall of China. The Great Wall was breathtaking, quite literally. While some of the group made it to the end of the section, some only made it half-way. Either way it was an amazing view and experience. On the way back to the hotel we stopped at the Temple of Heaven. We had to walk through a park to get to the temple. We stopped and danced with some local women and played hacky sack with some local men. The Temple of Heaven is the place where the Emperor used to lay offerings to their gods. The temple itself was gorgeous. On our final day we had an emotional goodbye with Candy, and then flew to Xi'an for more adventures.

Upon arrival into Xi'an, our first visit was to the 1,000 year old Wild Goose Pagoda. We strolled around the worship rooms and looked inside the beautifully decorated rooms. Later that evening we watched the amazing dancers and musicians perform for us at the Tang Dynasty Cultural Show after enjoying 17 different types of dumplings!

Day 4 was one of the highlights — we visited the 2,000 year old Terracotta Warriors. Not one of the 6,000 soldiers is the same. The entire complex was astounding!

We brought the day to an end by saying 'Ni hao!' to people as we rode past on our tandem bikes on the Ancient City Wall. Riding the tandem bicycles was definitely one of the funniest activities we were involved in on the trip. Some of us managed to ride almost 30 kilometres and suffered aching bottom syndrome afterward. Xi'an, we were told, is the wise grandmother of China.

On 12th April, we flew from Xi'an to Shanghai. There was some turbulence when we went through clouds but when we weren't surrounded by clouds the view was amazing. After landing we met our tour guide Michael. He took us to the Bund making a few stops along the way. The bund was fantastic. We spent several hours walking along looking at the Pearl Tower and the Bottle Opener whilst getting photos taken with perfect strangers.

After the photos we had dinner in a lovely restaurant with a Lazy Susan full of delicious food then we made our way back to the fancy hotel to settle in. In the morning we made our way to the 17th floor in an elevator with see-through walls for a buffet breakfast before grabbing our bags and heading to Nanjing to visit our new sister school: The Middle School Attached to Nanjing Xiaozhuang University. We boarded the bullet train at around 8:30 am at the Shanghai train station. It took two hours to get to Nanjing reaching speeds of up to 225 km/h. We arrived at the school a little earlier than expected so we walked around and had a quick look at their Ag plots. For lunch we went to a local restaurant. When we got back to the school we walked up to the top floor and had a PowerPoint presentation of our sister school and got to meet the Principal. We then walked to one of their classrooms and it turned out to be a classroom where the students have chess competitions! After a game of chess we all went into a different room where we were greeted by Ms Kearns who was in China with a Principals’ delegation visiting several schools.
We watched a video about Chinese craft and decorated fans with blue ink in a traditional style. While doing this we talked to the Chinese students about the school and their family life. Next we joined in with a PE class and did some Tai Chi, but it was hard to follow because the teacher only spoke Chinese! The last thing we did was a game of ping pong where one of the teachers showed us how to hold the bat properly. We boarded the train back to Shanghai at 4:00 pm. It was a really fun day and we learnt what school life is like in China.

That night we made our way from our hotel through a small street that lead us to Nanjing Road and we walked around and did some shopping.

The next morning we went to the Pearl Tower. We waited in a short line for a while before entering and going in a big elevator. As we got higher our ears popped. When we got near the top we walked out onto a see-through platform that went the whole way around the tower. It was very windy and scary but we had an amazing view.

After that we made our way back down the elevator and went to do some last minute shopping at the market and did a lot of bargaining then we made our way back to the bus and to the airport.

The flight home felt so quick, we were back in Australia in no time!

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Bronte Flanagan
YEAR 10 STUDENT

Anna Howlett
YEAR 10 STUDENT

Skye McRae-Mitchell
YEAR 10 STUDENT
BUDDHA’S BIRTHDAY

On 1st May, 52 Year 8 students and five teachers made their way to Brisbane, despite some rather nasty tropical weather lurking offshore, to take part in activities celebrating the Buddha’s Birthday. It was a very early start (4:45 am) and quite a few of us used the trip up to catch up on some sleep but there was no snoozing after we got there! We arrived in Brisbane in intermittent drizzle to find that many of the cultural activities had changed locations because of the rain, but the Festival organisers had come up with good alternative arrangements and all of our students were able to take part in a variety of different activities over the morning. Mr Dun’s group was lucky enough to start with some Tai Chi and Qi Gong, which was perfect after five hours on the bus!

The weather wasn’t ideal but the rain didn’t stop our intrepid Jetty High students from getting involved in activities ranging from tea ceremonies, to calligraphy, to traditional dance, paper-folding and drumming. It was great for our students to be surrounded by so many Chinese speakers and they were able to experience traditional Chinese culture. It was miserable day weather wise, but the students were great ambassadors for our school. They all made an effort to get involved and were incredibly stoic under very trying conditions. The rain didn’t let up for a minute during a soaking bus trip back, but we made it back safely after changing drivers in Grafton.

David Dun
LANGUAGE TEACHER
2015 CHHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The school athletics carnival finally got under way on Thursday 28th June 2015, after being postponed due to wet weather. Many students turned up to compete, dressing up to support their house and hang out with friends. This carnival was the last of all carnivals for Year 12, and what a great turn out! Fantastic costumes in school house colours were on the agenda. All of the Year 12 students who attended competed in nearly every event. It was great to see everyone smiling and having a go! Thank you to the staff for making the carnival a successful day.

Congratulations to the Age Champions for 2015

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NORTH COAST CROSS COUNTRY

A small group of students travelled to Kempsey last week to compete at the North Coast Cross Country, as part of the MNC team. With a strong group of runners we were able to bring back some well-earned places. The following students have been selected in the North Coast Team to compete at NSW CHS Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek Raceway on Friday 17th July. Thank you to the parents and Parents and Citizens Committee for supporting our students and enabling them to attend these championships.

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Jenny Pearce
PD/H/PE TEACHER
PD/H/PE FACULTY
PD/H/PE FACULTY
MID NORTH COAST ATHLETICS

RESULTS

Congratulations to all of the students who competed at the Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival.

Greta Smith and Hugh Churchwell performed extremely well on the day and came first in their age groups. They are now Age Champions for 2015.

Coffs Harbour High School came second place in the overall point score to Bellingen High School by only 4 points!

The following students made it in the top ten for their individual scores.

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Jenny Pearce
PD/H/PE TEACHER
YEAR 10 MARINE STUDIES
STUDENTS INVOLVED IN TURTLE RELEASE

On 3rd June, Year 10 Marine Studies students were very fortunate to be involved in the release of two critically endangered Hawksbill Turtles. This stems from their involvement with the “Scientists in Schools” program which has seen them working with veterinarian Dr Duan March from the Dolphin Marine Magic rehabilitation centre. The students have visited the centre a number of times to see the turtles progress and as a result have had a unique and valuable experience that will hopefully last a lifetime. This release certainly gave them a hands-on educational experience in science and environmental conservation, a key outcome of the Marine Studies program.

Amanda Joyce
SCIENCE & AGRICULTURE TEACHER

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YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 are out and about this week doing their work experience. Congratulations to the 178 students who have found a placement and are making the most of the experience. Thank you also to the employers for providing students with the opportunity to explore, enquire and learn.

Photo 1
Jaben Jones at Giant Media

Photo 2
Alex Accadla at First Avenue Gallery, Sawtell

Photo 3
Katherine Marchant at Goodstart Early Learning Centre

Photo 4
Kai Onley at Hurley High Performance

Photo 5
Kodi Graham at Denis Spagnolo Automotive

Photo 6
Lilly Winter and William Paterson at Hoys Physiotherapy

Photo 7
Kasey Dickson at Vast Interior

Photo 8
Stephanie Baldwin at Dolphin Magic

Photo 9
Nicholas Petselas at The Edge Real Estate

Photo 10
Jimi Smythe at Gnu’s Garage

Photo 11
Casey Egar at Specsavers

Photo 12
Neve Gillies at Pomegranate Urunga
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## UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS

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<td>50 university and private provider exhibitors from across Australia offering advice and information on post-secondary school courses and options. Free event for Years 11 &amp; 12 students.</td>
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<td>4th September 9.30 am – 1.00 pm</td>
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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 – 6th November 2015.

Go to https://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/ for more information and download a personalised timetable.

Dionne Court
CAREERS ADVISER

LYDIA SHELLY BREAKFAST MEET

Nine students accompanied Mrs Court and Mrs Ion to listen to female Muslim advocate and solicitor, Lydia Shelly speak at the June Business Women’s Network breakfast event. Lydia spoke about women being the change makers in society as well as touching on being a Muslim advocate and laws addressing radicalization and terrorism. Students were enthralled with her speech and asked many questions.

Congratulations to the girls on their enthusiasm and interaction with local community members and for being wonderful advocates for our school.

Dionne Court
CAREERS ADVISER

Deanne Ion
ENGLISH TEACHER
BUSINESS WOMEN’S NETWORK

L-R: Muhadissa Haidari, Bronte Flanagan, Rebecca McGaw, Jessica Beehag, Zahra Fathi, Grace Ruganiza, Mrs Deanne Ion, Somaye Hamidiyan.
Front Row: Neelab Haidari, Mrs Dionne Court and Yordanos Tesfamichael.

L-R: Somaye Hamidiyan, Grace Ruganiza, Bronte Flanagan, Rebecca McGaw, Zahra Fathi, Jessica Beehag, Mrs Deanne Ion.
Seated: Yordanos Tesfamichael and Muhadissa Haidari.
JUNIOR QUEENSLAND MOTO TRIALS

On the June long weekend Dean Collins travelled to Stanthorpe to compete in the Queensland State Title for Moto Trials.

The trial was held over two days on huge granite boulders. Dean rode well on his Beta 125 and only lost one point on the first day. He lost 11 points on the second day giving him a total of 12 for the two days.

Dean led in the points for the two days and won the Open Junior Queensland Title.

Congratulations Dean.
MID-NORTH COAST REGIONAL SURFING TITLES

On Thursday 28th May 2015 the Coffs Harbour High School Surf Squad attended the Regional School Surfing Titles held at Boomerang Beach near Forster.

The event was held in fantastic sunny conditions, with offshore winds and enough swell to snap more than a few of the competitors’ surfboards.

CHHS dominated the male divisions with Ethan Stocks, Taj Watson (U/16), Tai Donelan and Ross Jeffery (U/19) making it to State for the Mid-North Coast teams.

Unfortunately the challenging conditions were unkind to Samahara Bye and Paige Channels (U/19) who were unable to progress to State this year.

CHHS surfers also shone individually, with Ross Jeffery progressing through some very tough heats to the semi-finals and Tai (2nd U/19) and Ethan (4th U/16) both making the final. Taj Watson successfully defended his U/16 Boys’ Regional Title, taking out the final once again.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the event.

Your support was greatly appreciated.

Simon Smith
CAPA TEACHER
**Disability Expo 2015**

**Toormina High School Library**

**Date:** Friday 4th Sept  
**Time:** 9.30am – 1pm

**Service Providers who attended in 2014:**
- ACCnet21, ADAHC, Ability Options, CHESS, Australian Hearing, ETC Ltd, TAFE NSW, Nambucca Valley Phoenix Ltd, On Track Community Programs Ltd, Community Care Options, New Horizons Enterprises Ltd, Northcott Disability Services, Key Employment, ACI – NSW Health Transition Care, Coffs Harbour Support Services Nambucca Valley Disability Services, Nortec, Lifestyle Solutions, Mid Coast Communities, Open Arms Care, NDCO (National Disability Coordination Officer), Carers NSW, Mercy Centre Lavington Ltd.

**Information will be available for young people with a disability (aged 15 – 18 years) and their parents/guardians to assist with the transition from school to a range of post school options which may include the pursuit of further education, employment, volunteering and/or prevocational training.**

**Including schools from Maclean to Macksville**

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until next time...