On behalf of our staff and students I would like to express our sympathy for the family of Tracy Skinner, one of our canteen assistants, who passed away over Easter. Tracy had a long history with our school, working loyally alongside retired manager Gail Swan and current manager Michelle Waugh for over 10 years. Tracy’s children Brooke and Lucas completed their schooling at Coffs High, and their former teachers in particular would like them to know that we are thinking of them.

My apologies to P&C members for the late but unavoidable cancellation of the AGM and March meeting. The electricity blackout in the whole Jetty area made the venue for our meeting unsafe. Our April meeting and postponed AGM were well attended and I thank the 2015 office bearers for their splendid work, and also the 2016 team taking on these important tasks:

President: Paul Covington
Vice Presidents: Deanne Parker, Sally Bryant
Secretary: Rebecca Hulbert
Treasurer: Karen Bryant
Publicity Officer: Sally Bryant

I would like to seize this opportunity to urge our new families to consider joining P&C. In our school this is an immensely active, efficient and generous organisation which over the years has given the school huge benefits, both financial and moral. Our best chance of seeing this dynamic asset continue to flourish is the pleasure of welcoming new people there with each new student intake.
Another matter of importance for new families, which I have been asked about several times, is the school’s relationship with the police. It all hinges on the wonderful work of Senior Constable Bernadette Snow, who is our local Schools Police Liaison Officer. Her work covers all public and private schools in the Coffs–Clarence command, from Maclean to Dorrigo. This makes her a very busy woman, and we are grateful for the support she can give us in a whole range of areas. Her primary role is proactive, mainly in the form of information sessions for students from Years 7 to 11. Topics covered are tailored to the age of the students, and include such vital matters as cyber safety, sexting, safe parties, bicycle rules, L and P driving. We keep these groups to normal class size, to allow better interaction and to give students the opportunity to ask questions. Senior Constable Snow is very good at building trust through these sessions, and as a result, students sometimes ask to speak with her for individual advice.

Senior Constable Snow also works closely with the Home–School Liaison officers (Ms Joanna Reid and Mr Michael Gibson in the case of our school) in efforts to reduce truancy. Parents are no doubt aware that students noticed away from school during school hours can be questioned by this team about their reasons for not being at school.

There are also occasions when Senior Constable Snow is called to the school by the Deputy Principals or myself — for example for mediation between groups of students in conflict, or to meet with a student and parent following a return from a serious suspension. So whenever you see a police car parked outside the school you can rest assured that it is most likely SC Snow going about her work, and that everything she does is about keeping students safe and helping them find better ways of relating to others.

Patti Kearns

SURVEY REQUEST
ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP

It would be appreciated if the Aboriginal community of Coffs Harbour High School could take a few minutes of your time to complete a survey for the Department of Education. There are only three questions which are listed below.

1. If you could have anything for Aboriginal students in regards to their education in your local community, what would it be?

2. What advice would you give directors and school principals in order to achieve these goals?

3. How could you support them to achieve this?

Please click on the attached link (or copy and paste) to complete the survey. Thank you for your support.

http://goo.gl/forms/3uS9XmCmSY
CONDOLENCES

It was sad to return after the break to the news that one of our canteen employees, Tracy Skinner, had passed away suddenly over Easter. Tracy has worked for us for the best part of a decade and as a volunteer for many years before that. She always had big heart and was much loved and respected by her fellow workers, volunteers, teachers, staff and students. On behalf of the P&C I wish to convey our condolences to Murray, Brooke and Lucas, as well as to Tracy’s many friends.

POSTPONED AGM

Our AGM scheduled for 7th March was cancelled due to a power failure in the whole Jetty region. Therefore the AGM will now be held on Monday 4th April followed by our regular meeting. We welcome new members to our meetings held in the library at 7.00 pm on the first Monday of the month except during school holidays. Entry is now via the main office. Being involved with your P&C 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. P&C members are incredibly active in the school community. They have been invited to sit on panels to select staff, (including the new Head Teacher Languages and Head Teacher Learning Support); and they are involved in school planning.

UNIFORMS

Thanks to Michelle and Sharon who worked tirelessly at the start of the year ordering new uniforms and running the uniform shop. We understand there have been some faults with some new lemon shirts, particularly ripping under the arms. If you have a faulty shirt purchased this year please return it to the canteen to be exchanged. If you have uniforms still in good condition that you no longer need, please leave them in the main office for the Welfare Department. Some of the old polo shirts, no longer part of the new uniform, have been identified for recycling to students in underprivileged schools overseas.

CANTEEN

The vast majority of our fundraising comes from our canteen. It relies heavily on volunteers. If you are a parent, guardian or other family member who is able to spare some time, please call our Canteen Supervisor Michelle on 6652 4637.

MENU

Gluten-free sausage rolls and pies are now available but must be pre-ordered in the morning. Shortly there will be a canteen audit to make sure we are keeping within the Healthy Canteens guidelines.
FROM THE P&C FEDERATION

2016 is going to be an important year for public education. As the federal election moves closer, your P&C Federation will be focusing on making sure that support for the proper funding of education is a key issue in the minds of our politicians. You will be aware that the Australian Labor Party has now promised to fully fund the Gonski needs based funding reforms as well as reversing the cuts to public education from the now infamous 2014 Abbott/Hockey budget. Education funding is too important to be a political football, so the P&C Federation is actively seeking to ensure that the Liberal/National government takes a similar position to the election. A strong public education system is the best investment we can make in our country's future. Every child deserves the opportunity to be their best, and the independently determined Gonski model is what our education system needs. Please look for opportunities to raise the importance of changing the government's mind at every opportunity. The igiveagonski website has lots of information.

P&C FEDERATION ELECTIONS

Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of New South Wales 2016 election of councillors and delegates will be conducted by the New South Wales Electoral Commission.

Details on their website www.pandc.org.au.

Paul Covington
PRESIDENT/PUBLICITY OFFICER
Our warm summer months are coming to an end and soon our students will return to the cooler winter days. In the cold weather we sometimes find students wearing a variety of coloured jumpers and hoodies. I would like to remind parents/carers that we do enforce the wearing of our uniform throughout the year, including school jumpers. School jumpers are available for purchase in the canteen. Should you require assistance to purchase a jumper please see either the Deputy Principal or Mr Hardie-Porter and we will be able to assist you.

I was fortunate enough to go to The Great Aussie Bush Camp two weeks ago with our new Year 7 students. It was a hectic three days, with students woken at 6.00 am, busy with adventure-style activities during the day followed by enjoyable night activities. The year group showed themselves to be a wonderful cohort of students who were cooperative, enthusiastic and respectful, and hopefully they took home enjoyable stories and memories. They all supported each other on the challenging activities and many friendships developed. Year 7 were given great assistance and encouragement by 17 Year 10 students and their involvement in this excursion was much appreciated. A big thank you to Mr Mason for his hard work organising a successful excursion.

Thank you to all parents who attended the school over the past two Mondays for the parent/teacher interviews. Hopefully you were provided with enough information about how your child is progressing at the start of the year and we hope that the online booking system was easy for you to use. If you were unable to attend the interviews and have a particular concern about your child in one of their subjects, please feel free to contact the school to arrange for the teacher to give you some feedback over the phone. By being aware of learning issues early in the year we can work together on strategies to assist your child.

Tony Wilson

REQUEST TO PARENTS

It would be appreciated if parents could ensure that their children do not bring gel ice packs to school in their lunch boxes as the gel can be toxic and if broken, very difficult to clean-up.

Thank you for your support.
## IMPORTANT DATES

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### TERM 2

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SITTING DATES FOR 2016

Once again this year we are offering students the opportunity to enter several international competitions.

ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa for over 30 years.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio when applying for scholarships and courses.

Certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

A University of New South Wales (UNSW) medal is awarded when the highest score in each year level in each state in each subject is judged to be sufficiently meritorious. These medals are presented at either a UNSW Medal Ceremony or at a school assembly. Students must sit on the official sitting dates to be eligible for a UNSW medal.

The entry fees per student and sitting dates are as follows:

- Digital Technologies* – Tuesday 17 May ($8.00) – Years 7 to 10 only
- Writing – Monday 13 June to Friday 17 June 2016 ($17.00) – Years 7 to 12
- Spelling – Wednesday 15 June ($11.00) – Year 7 only
- English – Tuesday 2 August ($8.00) – Years 7 to 12

* Digital Technologies previously known as Computer Skills.
ICAS (continued)

We strongly encourage all students in the Enrichment and A stream classes to participate in these competitions. Other interested students are also encouraged to participate.

The English faculty facilitates entries in the Digital Technologies, English, Spelling and Writing competitions. Notification regarding the Science and Mathematics competitions will come from the relevant faculties.

Notes have been distributed this term for students to indicate the competitions in which they wish to participate. Notes should be returned by the end of the term so that papers can be ordered.

For more information please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website at: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au.

Deanne Ion and Trina Neville
ENGLISH FACULTY ICAS COORDINATORS

LIONS CLUB YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Earlier this month Year 11 student Bronte Flanagan participated in the Coffs Harbour heat of the Lions Club Youth of the Year. This was one of the local heats undertaken by students, with the winner making it through to compete against the winners from the Sawtell, Toormina and Woolgoolga rounds.

Bronte had to answer questions during an hour long interview with three judges, before delivering two impromptu speeches, as well as giving her prepared speech.

Bronte was asked what her favourite film was and why, and if she thought languages should be taught in school for the impromptu speeches, both of which she answered with confidence and clarity. Her prepared speech on 'Positive Body Image' demonstrated her passion for the subject and was well received by all in the room.

With the participant's speeches delivered, the judges deliberated over the marks and the audience were not surprised at all to find that there was only one point between first and second place. Unfortunately, it was Bronte who was pipped at the post, gaining second place to Finn, from Bishop Druitt College. However, both Finn and Bronte were deserved winners and were great advocates for the youth of today, proving that the future of Coffs Harbour is in safe hands.

Congratulations to Bronte who not only did herself proud, but brought great honour to both her parents and the school. Well done Bronte.

Trina Neville
ENGLISH TEACHER

(The Lions Youth of the Year Program is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. Lions Youth of the Year applications open in July each year. Full details can be found on the following website: http://lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/yoty/yoty-resources/ Students aged 16 and over are encouraged to apply and can seek assistance from teachers at Coffs Harbour High School.)
Close Your Eyes

Close your eyes
Now open them.
The land burnt yellow of over-ripe corn
The roof, a painting of ochre
Electric blue against the red rage of Earth
A cottage in the outback.

Close your eyes
Now open them.
The clouds stepping stones of dull blue cotton candy
Light recreating the dry red earth of the outback against the innocent sky
A cyclone of sunburnt colours
A sunset in the desert.

Close your eyes
Now open them.
The water of moonlit pearls flowing down the rocks
Moss felted covers of the rocks
Tangle of the twisted branches
A hidden rainforest.

Close your eyes
Now open them.
Spiraling rings around the rocky castles
The waves like white foaming horses racing to the shore
When the wind blows the sand’s like slicing sheets
The wondrous twelve apostles.

Close your eyes
Now open them.
Australia.
OLIVER LIBRARY SYSTEM

The new system is installed and working well. Library staff are still figuring out the capabilities of OLIVER. The staff participate in regular video conferences to increase their expertise in using the program. Many of the reports are different and informative, eg, the top 100 resources borrowed by students over a four week period. Popular authors are Jeff Kinney of Wimpy Kid series, Derek Landy of the Skulduggery Pleasant series, Andy Griffiths of the Treehouse series, Cassandra Clare of the Mortal Instruments series, Veronica Roth – Divergent, Extinction by Lizzie Wilcock. Richelle Mead, John Green and Michael Grant are also popular authors that appeared on the list.

Please encourage your child to read. I take care to buy titles to complete series and to support all the Key Learning areas in both Fiction and Non Fiction, related to various topics studied within various units.

To support STEM interests in the school I have purchased some books on coding that are suitable for junior students. The Minecraft devotees are enjoying the new books “Hacks for Minecrafter’s” and “The Ultimate Minecraft Creator” which even parent Minecraft fans would enjoy. Students have asked for books requiring a higher level of coding techniques and I will include those in my next book order.

The Harry Bailey Memorial Library is holding a free Coding workshop for 12 to 14 year olds on 14th April from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Bookings are essential so phone 6648 4900 or email: coffs.library@chcc.nsw.gov.au to secure your place.

I have been adding to the collection of picture books that I have selected for their merits on the basis of their individual illustrative techniques which tell beautiful and meaningful stories often without words. Examples are: Whale by Ethan Murrow, The Snow Rabbit by Camille Garoche, Elephant Man by Mariangela Di Fiore with illustrations by Hilde Hodneljfeld, Cyclone by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley as illustrator, The Girl Who Buried Her Dreams In A Can written by Dr Tererai Trent and illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist, Teacup by Rebecca Young and illustrated by Matt Ottley, Australia to Z by Armin Greder. These titles and others will be used for a unit of work for Year 7 English classes during their library periods.

Students are excited that more of the Manga series Bleach have been added to the existing collection - we now have 50. The books are on overnight loan only so that students can move on to the next in the series without having to wait too long.

Senior students are supported in their learning through the purchase of the various study guides for both mandatory and elective subjects. The resources can be borrowed on a fortnightly loan and can be renewed at the student’s request. Students tend to hold on to copies for much longer than they should. If your student really wants a copy of the guide that they are using, it might be better to purchase one for them to use all year, rather than deny other students the use of the copies that we hold for a particular subject.

I was excited to note that a recently purchased book “Step by Step Algebra Years 9 – 11” was borrowed by a junior student. I will be adding to the Mathematics collection throughout the year.

Please encourage your child to regularly check their school email through the portal page because I would like to communicate new library purchases through this media. They can also log on to the library system to check the library catalogue.

Gail Latham
LIBRARIAN
LIBRARY NEWS

YOUTH WEEK 2016

When:
Thursday, 14th April

Venue:
Harry Bailey Memorial Library, Coffs Harbour.

Time:
10:00 am to 12:00

Free Coding Workshop
Thursday, 14th April
For 12—14 year olds.
Use apps to learn about coding and create your own projects.

Bring Your Own Device—iPad, tablet or laptop.
Or
Use a library computer.

Bookings are essential as places are limited.
Additional information will be provided when you book.
Email: coffs.library@chcc.nsw.gov.au
Or
Phone 6648 4900
Contact Judy for more information.

NSW GOVERNMENT
MULTICULTURAL NSW
NYW NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK
Play Safe
As Term 1 comes to a close we will finally have a chance to meet our two new Chinese language assistants. Tina and Tiffany will arrive from China this week and will begin working in classrooms on Thursday 31st March. Having these teachers in our school is a fabulous opportunity for our students to learn from and communicate with native Chinese speakers and I am sure that the students will make them feel very welcome.

The Year 8 Buddha’s Birthday excursion to Brisbane will take place on Friday of Week 1 in Term 2. Notes have already gone home and a number of the 49 places have already been filled. If your child/ward would like to attend, make sure to pay as soon as possible or they may miss out on this great trip. It is a long day, as we travel up and back on the one day, but past years have had a really great time. The food is awesome, too!

Year 9 elective Chinese students looking to go on the 2017 China trip (next year!) need to get their initial permission forms to Mrs Burnham as soon as possible so that she can get the planning underway.

Year 10 students travelling on this year’s excursion need to get their passport copies to Mr Dun as soon as possible. Our final number is 11 students who will be accompanied by Mr Dun, Mrs Burnham and Mrs Court. This means that the cost of the excursion will be a little higher than originally stated. Parents and carers will be advised of the new cost very shortly.

In order to help with raising funds for this year’s trip, the students have organised a raffle with some amazing prizes including accommodation at a local resort, restaurant meals, gift vouchers and much more. All students travelling are selling tickets and all money raised will go towards paying for the trip. They have also organised a fundraising session at Flip Out for Friday 1st April. Cost will be $15 for a two hour session and there will be food and drinks available. Flyers are up around the school and students can see any of the Year 10 Chinese students, Mr Dun or Mr Hardy for more information.

David Dun
LANGUAGES TEACHER
As I am sure parents have been told, this year’s Great Aussie Bush Camp was one to remember for all involved. Over 130 Year 7 students, 17 Year 10 Peer Support Leaders and 10 teaching staff attended the camp from Wednesday 16th March to Friday 18th March.

Much fun was had over the three days and I am sure that all students pushed the boundaries of their own ‘comfort zone’ at some stage throughout the camp experience. Whether it was looking down from the dizzying heights of the abseiling platform and high ropes course, or crawling commando style through the muddy waters of the Lost: Mud World Challenge, students had the opportunity to experience activities that often don’t fit into our everyday lifestyles. Another unique experience was the fieldtrip to the sand dunes, a truly memorable experience and one which we were able to capture in the photograph below. All activities, enabled students to develop team work, independence and problem solving skills as well as getting to know each other better.

A special thank you to all staff who gave up their own time with their families in order to facilitate the camp and I am sure the students have been able to strengthen their relationships with these staff as a result of such an experience.

Adam Mason
YEAR 7 ADVISER

Left: Tayla Lawer
YEAR 7 CAMP
Year 9 student Hannah Rogerson, flew to Sydney recently with 18 other Indigenous Year 9 students to develop a video game to inspire young minds to follow pathways in Science, Maths, Engineering, Technology and Innovation.

The students met at Google Headquarters in Pyrmont and pitched their game idea to a panel of judges including Stephanie Bendixsen from ABC Good Game, Mode Games technical director and owner Shane McCartney, Google events magician and branding marketing manager Leticia Lentini and Year 9 student from western Sydney Jandamarra Smith.

AIME received a grant of $500,000 from Google as part of the Google Impact Challenge to develop an online game that triggers the interest of young Indigenous students to learn and excel in Maths and Science.

There are not too many 14 year old girls who can say that they have collaborated with Google to be mentored by the best-in-the-business game designers and computer engineers. Well done Hannah.
MADGE HAIR FINALIST FOR
“WOMAN OF THE YEAR”

Drama Teacher, Madge Hair, was a finalist for the “Woman of the Year Award 2016” at the International Women’s Day function held at Cex Coffs on 8th March 2016.

In the words of Bonnie Capell, Madge’s development of ‘Garlambirla: A Musical with Soul’ at Coffs Harbour High School over the last four years - and its subsequent 2015 production in Sydney at the Australian Theatre for Young People has encouraged Aboriginal students to participate and perform, focusing on the Gumbaynggirr nation’s dreaming stories and the colonial history of Coffs Harbour.

Madge received recognition and acknowledgement as a result of the tremendous impact that this theatre group has had on all students and notably the female Aboriginal students at Coffs Harbour High School.

Eleven Aboriginal students successfully auditioned for the Bangarra Dance Theatre Rekindling Program with a principal dancer from the play being accepted into NAISDA Dance College. Currently 18 girls are learning traditional and contemporary Gumbaynggirr dance styles with local choreographer Gloria Mercy.

Madge also secured three small arts and cultural grants from Coffs City Council which allowed students to work with professional Aboriginal actors and dancers.

The overarching impacts of Madge’s work in Coffs Harbour, within the theatrical and Aboriginal communities, have been widespread and widely appreciated. Through providing an outlet for young Indigenous and non-Aboriginal voices in our community, she has provided our community with a great service to Aboriginal education.

SRC students represented the school on the day and a performance by Garlambirla Youth Theatre was warmly welcomed.

Although Madge was not the winner on the day, she definitely is Coffs Harbour High School’s “Woman of the Year”. Congratulations Madge.
On 10th March Coffs Harbour High School took part in the World's Greatest Shave event, hosted by the Student Representative Council. We held a Crazy Hair Day and collectively raised $578.45 for the Leukemia Foundation.

It was amazing to watch the whole school transform with such spirit in the morning as students ran around colouring and braiding their hair. I saw many hair do's and hair don'ts that day, some of which were taller than me and made jaws drop.

However, lunch is where the main event went down; armed with ice cups and sausage sandwiches, it was a great turn-out as hundreds of students gathered in the hall to enjoy the live music and witness their brave peers put their locks on the line and shave to raise money for cancer.

One of the participants was our very own English teacher Ms Kate Pullinger (who I must say is rocking the shaved look), as well as our very brave student participants: Regan Arnold, who shaved off his mop of curly hair; Holly Bultitude, who shaved off the remaining half of her bubble-gum pink hair; Koby Nolan, who bravely parted with his thick locks; and Lani Atkinson, who generously donated her long hair to be made into wigs for cancer patients. Together, these students raised almost $2,500 for The Leukemia Foundation. This was an incredible achievement and all students who participated should feel extremely proud of themselves.

All in all, the day was a success as we raised money for a great cause. A special thank you to Kim Andrews, our school SLSO and also to local hairdresser Belinda Chalker from The Bella Cabello, who kindly gave up their time to help with the shave.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event!

Emily Brocket-Branster
YEAR 10 STUDENT

Back: Holly Bultitude, Ms Pullinger and Ms Kearns sporting a new hairstyle
Front: Koby Nolan, Regan Arnold and Lani Atkinson
RECYCLED SCULPTURE COMPETITION 2016

Park Beach Plaza, together with Coffs Coast Waste Services, 2CSFM and The Coffs Coast Advocate, put the call out to Coffs Coast schools to register for their first ever Clean Up Australia Day Recycled Sculpture Competition.

Coffs Harbour High School was one of the 16 local schools that took up the challenge. The top three winning schools will share $10,000 in prize money. Winners will be decided by the number of votes they receive.

The competition will conclude on 31\textsuperscript{st} March. Voting can be done via the Park Beach Advantage + app that you can download on your phone or via the Park Beach Plaza website. You can vote once a day. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have voted so far and if this newsletter gets to you before 31\textsuperscript{st} March, it is still not too late to vote. Just choose our sculpture #4 and press vote. You will be prompted to give your name and email. This will put you in the draw to win $1,000.

Our sculpture was created by the Year 11 Visual Design class and was inspired by Planet Ark’s drive to recycle printer cartridges. One way they do this is into road base. We have taken this idea and created a mountain from laser printer cartridges to represent the large number used and recycled them into a road with inkjet cars heading towards a more sustainable future. The surrounding city was made of old computer motherboards.

We have received many positive comments for our sculpture:

“This is a really dynamic work with a great message!”
“Absolutely lovely recycled art. Well done CHHS.”
“Awesome sculpture...well done guys and gals...love it!”

Jan Chivas
HEAD TEACHER CAPA
On 4\textsuperscript{th} March, the Environmental Representative Council (ERC) cleaned up the school and collected a massive amount of rubbish for Clean Up Australia Day. A wide variety of rubbish was collected including glass, plastic bottles, plastic wrappers, footballs, soccer balls, golf balls and lots of chip packets and we had a massive 25 bags full of rubbish. Thirty-four students volunteered to help in the clean-up. The ERC is encouraging the wider school population to keep the school clean.

Thank you to Mrs Court and Mrs Thurgood who organised the event.

Geraldine Hilton
COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SWIMMERS

FASTEST ON THE COAST!

Coffs Harbour High School has some of the fastest swimmers on the North Coast! Our Swim Team achieved fantastic results at both carnivals with many firsts and second places. Eight relay teams made it through to North Coast level and six teams through to NSWCHS.

Congratulations to Jorja Welch and Levi Bannerman (right) who were 12 Years Age Champions for both the Mid North Coast (MNC) and North Coast Carnivals.

Our 12 years Girls’ Relay Team left the other schools behind winning a pool lap ahead. At the North Coast Carnival they continued their success breaking an old record. Well done girls.

The 12 x 50 m All Age Relay, which comprises a male and female swimmer from each age group, came a close first at MNC and second at North Coast.

We wish you all the best at state swimming.

Overall Point Scores

Coffs Harbour High School - 2nd place at MNC.
MNC Swim Team - 3rd place at North Coast.

North Coast Swim Team

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13 Years Boys Relay: Levi Bannerman, Addison Tyas, Hunter Churchwell and Jekoda Wood

12 Years Girls Relay: Jorja Welch, Tayah Teale, Jayla Cross and Olissa Onley
14 Years Girls Relay: Tara Everson, Tarryn Arnold, Katelyn Eagles & Claudia Kelsall

15 Years Boys Relay: Ted Donovan, Sid Smythe, Zac Huls and Oscar Churchwell
PDHPE FACULTY

12 Years Girls Relay Record Breakers: Jayla Cross, Olissa Onley, Tayah Teale, Jorja Welch

Boys All Age Relay
Regan Arnold, Jimi Smythe, Sid Smythe, Zac Huls, Hunter Churchwell and Levi Bannerman
CONGRATULATIONS BLAKE CLARKE

Congratulations to Blake Clarke who has been selected as a NSW All Schools Team Member to contest the Pizzey Cup at the National High Schools Tennis tournament to be held in Albury, NSW.

New South Wales All Schools representation is the highest honour a student in NSW can attain. In achieving this representation, Blake has become part of a great tradition.

Well done Blake and we wish you every success at the tournament.
BRONZE MEDAL FOR TRIATHLETE TARA EVERSON

Tara Everson competed in the NSW All Schools Triathlon in Penrith recently and placed 3rd in the public school system receiving a bronze medal for CHS and placed 5th in the NSW All Schools event.

In a field of 150 junior girls Tara raced well coming out of the water in 8th position, then smashed through her opponents to come in at 1st position after the bike leg, and persisted despite a terrible stitch in the run leg to finish 5th overall.

Tara has made the NSW State team and is to compete at Nationals in Hervey Bay in mid-April.

Having the fastest bike leg by 24 seconds Tara is likely to be selected in the NSW relay team.

Congratulations Tara and good luck in your future endeavours.
YEARS 7 AND 8
NSW INDOOR CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to eight Years 7 and 8 boys who took part in the NSW Indoor Cricket Championships on Tuesday 22nd March at Coffs Harbour Indoor Cricket Centre. The boys all participated in great spirits and represented the school proudly.

After losing the first game to the Bishop Druitt College 1 (BDC1) team narrowly, the boys needed to win their remaining three games in order to qualify for the final – and that they did. Included in the three wins was a game against Christian Community School in which our boys only managed 16 runs, but went on to successfully defend that total, restricting their opposition to just three runs for the entire match!

Unfortunately, their luck had run out in the final and they were no match for the BDC1 team who defeated them earlier in the day and they had to settle for runners-up for the day. Well done boys!

Adam Mason
CRICKET COACH

Back row: Cole Johnson, Oscar Woolford, Sam Matten, Ryan Murphy
Front row: Blake Austin, Ethan Andrews, Hayden Cross, Leo Phillips
CONGRATULATIONS ZOE CAMPBELL
FIRST PLACE
2016 ROYAL EASTER SHOW

Zoe was part of the successful Area 3 Pony Club Show Jump team that won first place at the Sydney Royal Easter show last week.

The team competed against the best in the state at 1.05m and jumped in the big spotlight arena. It came down to Zoe to do a clear round for a win - and she did! Well done Zoe.
UNIVERSITY ROADSHOW

On 25th February senior students attended the University Roadshow at Orara High School. Representatives from Southern Cross University, University of New England and Charles Sturt University provided advice on university courses, accommodation and entry requirements. It was great to see this event provoke positive discussion and research into post school options amongst our Years 11 and 12 students.

Back Row (L-R): Georgia Sellings, Shalea Ralston, Ex Student SCU Ambassador Grace Crawley, Jasmine Navarrete, Skye McRae-Mitchell, Shaun Cameron, Blake Clarke
Front row (L-R): Taylor Blay and Lainey Prendergast
UPCOMING KEY EXCURSIONS & DATES FOR TERM 2

- University of New England Excursion – 6th May 2016 (Year 12 only)
- WH&S White Card Training – 9th May 2016
- University of Wollongong school visit – 24th May, Period 1 (Years 11 & 12)
- The Smith Family Certificate I Financial Literacy Course – 2 days only
  24th May and 7th June (Year 10)
- Year 10 Careers Expo – 26th May 2016 – all Year 10 to attend
- Year 10 Work Experience – 20th to 24th June 2016
- Year 11 2017 Subject Selection Market Day and Evening - 31st May 2016
- University of Newcastle Excursion – 30th June 2016 (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 20th to 24th June 2016. 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 20th 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 holiday 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 to do after year 12, rights within the workplace and a host of additional information. Students will be shown how to use this site in years 10 -12, but in the interim, people are encouraged to have a look for themselves. www.coffsharbourhighcareers.com

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Congratulations to Layla George, Tayla Murray, Imogen Webster and Kieran Long of Year 11 for securing school based traineeships. Layla, Tayla and Imogen are completing a Certificate III in Retail with Boost Juice and Kieran is working towards a Certificate II in Agriculture with Four Seasons Fodder. Congratulations to all 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/

Dionne Court
CAREERS ADVISER
High School is a time when your attention turns to deciding what career might be an option for you, but knowing what path to take can be confusing and confronting.

SCU Young Engineers is a one-day school holiday program developed to provide great insight into engineering as a career and where you will be offered the opportunity to experience life as an SCU engineering student as well.

For more details about this FREE one-day event, please visit our website as follows:


To secure your place, please complete and return the Registration Form available on the website.

Please note: The day is open to all students from Years 9 to 12 and is offered in the Term 1 school holiday period only. Girls are encouraged to attend.

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Please note that Ryans Bus Service cannot take items in our school buses that cannot fit in the child’s school bag, or cannot be held safely in their lap without interfering with other children.

We have had previous issues with children tripping and falling over large items such as guitars/surfboard/boogie boards in our buses.

Skateboards must be in the school bag or strapped to the school bag for safety reasons.

We are unable to use our luggage bins due to WH&S for school children.

This has been a company policy for over 10 years.

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RYANS BUS SERVICE

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

2015-2016 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before 11pm
16 June 2016

TWO MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps NSW households with dependent children to cover the costs of their energy bills. In 2015-16 the rebate gives:

- up to $150 credit on energy bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- up to $100 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in an on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme and receive electricity from the on-supplied operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

- be a resident of New South Wales; and

- be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long term resident of an on-supplied residential community, or a resident of an on-supplied retirement village, or a resident of an on-supplied strata scheme; and whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence; and

- have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2014-15 financial year, and have received a payment in respect of that eligibility.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
You’ll need to have:

- lodged your tax return for 2014-15 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you’re not required to lodge a tax return; and

- received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2014-15.

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE - it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.

- PAPER - download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the on-supplied residential community, retirement village or strata scheme where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au

If you have a DHS Health Care Card, you may also be eligible for the Low Income Household Rebate. Visit our website for more information.

until next time...

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