



COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL

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"Light out of Darkness"

newsletter

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Term 3 — 2013/07

20th September 2013

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12



WISHING YOU ALL THE BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR HSC EXAMS

2014 SCHOOL CAPTAINS

NEWLY ELECTED CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS FOR 2014



L - R: Stevie Mills-Thom (Captain), Zoe Schmidt (Vice Captain),
Austin Burrell (Captain) and Rory Tolhurst (Vice Captain)

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Students occasionally report to us that have been harassed online. We see different forms of this, but normally as Facebook posts or inappropriate text messages. These messages may come from other students in the school, or from other young people. Whilst we attempt to help students to resolve their problem, and we sometimes call on the assistance of Senior Constable Snow (School Liaison Police Officer), if the conflict is significant, we often find that the online correspondence is happening late at night.

There are actions that you and your child can take to prevent cyber-conflict from occurring:-

1. Ask your child not to respond to nasty comments. This is difficult for some children but responding to the comments always escalates the problem.
2. Monitor your child's use of technology. Make sure that you are one of their Facebook friends.
3. If necessary, control the use of technology at home. Some parents tell us that they keep their child's ipod, laptop, etc, at bedtime so that their child is not going online throughout the night. When we have students reporting conflict to us we often find that it is occurring in the middle of the night.
4. Teach your child to speak up and report any harassment. Once you are aware of the details, you might be able to address the problem with some practical advice for your child. If there appears to be a major conflict, you may need to contact the school or the police to assist you.

The beginning of Term 4 is always busy and this year will be no different. Year 12 complete their schooling with the High School Certificate exams beginning on 14th October. They have been a wonderful group of students and we wish them all the best for their exams and their future plans.

Many Year 8 students will be travelling to Queensland in the second week of Term 4 to attend the Meebunn-Bia camp. Besides the many outdoor activities the students participate in, the students also learn more about our school values, cooperation, care, courtesy and commitment. We hope that through this camp the students will maintain these values throughout their schooling and personal life.

Tony Wilson



L - R: P&C treasurer Karen Bryant, Zahra Fathi, Michael Tesfamichael, Deputy Principal Kathy Steward with the cheque for \$ 2,800 to fund a swimming and surfing program for refugee students from NSW Clubs grant scheme.

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 8 th October	Term 4 starts - all students attend
14 th October to 8 th November	Year 12 Higher School Certificate exams
15 th October to 18 th October	Year 8 Meebun-Bia Excursion
18 th October	Year 7 Vaccinations (third Hep B) (third Gardasil) Year 9 Vaccinations (third Gardasil)
21 st October	AIME Year 9 - 12 Indigenous Students - CHEC
23 rd - 25 th October	Surf Swim Training for Refugee Students
24 th October	Year 10 Coffs Coast Careers Expo
24 th October	Art & Cultural Festival - Coffs Harbour Botanic Gardens
25 th October	HSC English - area of study day for students
30 th October	Garlambirla School Musical Matinee 11.00 am Jetty Theatre Evening performance 7.00 pm Jetty Theatre
31 st October	Garlambirla School Musical Evening performance 7.00 pm Jetty Theatre
31 st October to 1 st November	Ag Excursion - UNE Armidale
31 st October	Year 10 Girl Power Excursion
4 th November	P&C Meeting - 7.00 pm in the school library



SCHOOL BUSINESS

NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

On Thursday 5th September, ACARA identified an error in the placement of the national average markers on the Years 5 and 7 NAPLAN Student Reports for Language Conventions. Importantly the NAPLAN student data is correct.

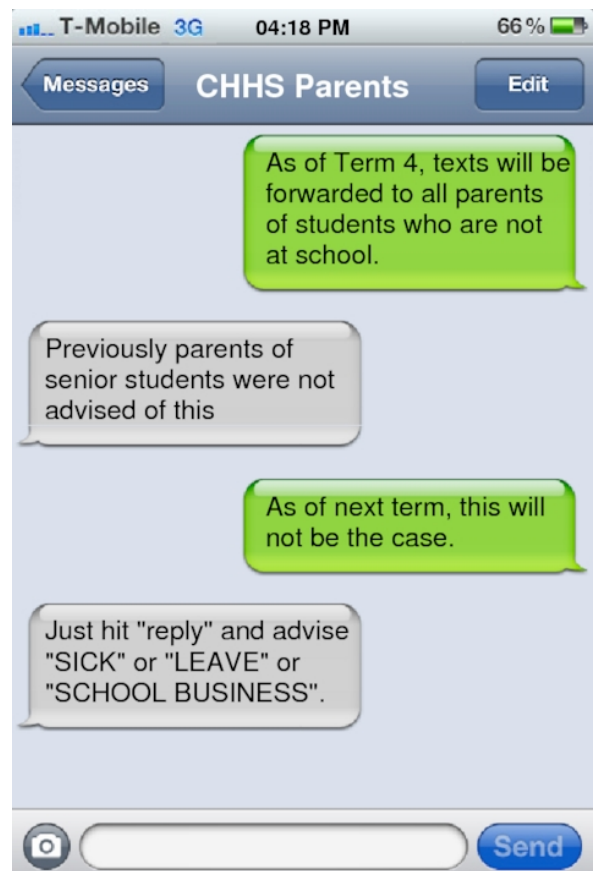
ACARA made the immediate decision to halt any further packaging and distribution of NAPLAN reports while options regarding the distribution of correct NAPLAN Student Reports were considered.

ACARA is working closely with Test Administration Authorities (TAAs) in every state and territory to ensure correct reports are distributed.

This matter may result in the delay of the distribution of student reports, possibly to the week of 13th October 2013, however ACARA and TAAs will seek to minimise the delay.



TEXT MESSAGES TO PARENTS



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND SCHOOL MUSICAL GARLAMBIRLA

Giinagay ngujawiny!

Back by popular demand, Coffs Harbour High School is proud to present a second season of *Garlambirla: A Musical with Soul*, an original musical based on the shared histories of Garlambirla, otherwise known as Coffs Harbour. This season will feature our special guest, Stephen 'Baamba' Albert from the original cast of *Bran Due Dae*, singing his favourite Broome songs before the show.

The plot of *Garlambirla* follows the Creation Ancestors on their journeys through Gumbaynggirr country and touches on significant points of cross-cultural contact. Gumbaynggirr country comprises sky, land and sea, saltwater and freshwater and this is reflected in the surprising and colourful set.

The script was developed through extensive consultation with Gumbaynggirr students, families and elders; academic research and moments of inspiration from country. As part of the consultative process, students travelled to important sites with elders and listened to cultural stories on country.

The re-enactment of these cultural stories is supported by traditional and contemporary dance and a full band pumping out soul, reggae and ska classics plus some solid Aussie sing-along numbers like Solid Rock, Yil Lull and Blackfella Whitefella.

This innovative show celebrates the continuum of life on the beautiful and abundant Gumbaynggirr lands, as told by the traditional custodians. We invite you to share this experience with us and learn who is actually guiding you when you look up into the night sky, or out to the shining islands.

Tickets are now on sale through Coffs Harbour High School (6652 3466).

Matinee: Jetty Theatre ~ Wednesday 30th October ~ 11.00 am
Evening shows: Jetty Theatre ~ Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October ~ 7.00 pm
Prices: Matinee tickets all \$7.00;
Evening Performances Adults \$15.00, Jarjums \$10.00

These performances begin our official fundraising to support our dream of touring the show to Broome during winter of 2014, followed by our own production of *Bran Nue Dae*.

Madge Hair
DRAMA TEACHER

Audience Reviews from the last season of Garlambirla

Review by Sally Bryant and Andrew Lugg

"We would like to pass on our congratulations to everyone involved in the school musical "Garlambirla". What an amazing, groundbreaking, courageous production! And how privileged we are to have experienced not only history in the telling, but history in the making.

CAPA FACULTY (continued)

Review by Sally Bryant and Andrew Lugg (continued)

From the remarkable script, the spine tingling choice of music, the beautiful dancing, the stunning backdrop and props, and fabulous cast and band.

The project obviously involved a great deal of collaboration and consultation with the Gumbaynggirr people; and the audience, as well as the lucky students and staff involved in that process, have been wonderfully enriched as a result.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you for giving us the most excellent night's entertainment and education in Coffs Harbour!!

The first line of "Solid Rock" says "Out here nothing changes, not in a hurry anyway". Hopefully pioneering productions like this will generate change and encourage people to open their hearts.

Bravo everyone. It was deadly!"

Review by Shari Raymond

"I'm just writing a quick email to congratulate you, your staff and amazing students for such an awesome musical.

I basically went as a devoted parent to one of the performers (Shardia) not knowing much about the story. Life has been busy with my 2 new jobs and I hadn't taken much notice prior. Shardia had told me that it was a very respectful story about local Aboriginal people but that was about it.

I was completely gob-smacked with the entire show. I laughed, cried (when the 3 girls gave their speeches mid-way through) but above all I was so, so proud. So proud that my daughter was a part of such an important message. So proud that children from all walks of life had come together on stage as one. So proud that ALL the children performed each action, word and song so genuinely. So proud that my children's high school had the presence of mind to tell such a story. So proud that the Aboriginal Elders had been acknowledged and completely involved. So proud of Ms Hair to write, direct and organise a play with class, honesty, clarity, acknowledgement and truth relating a piece of local history and doing it so respectfully.

Having grown up with some Aboriginal children who I have now come to realise were part of the stolen generation, it completely breaks my heart. I have some terrible memories of racism in action and witnessed (as a confused child) some very poor treatment of Aboriginal people. It is something close to my heart and I intend to do everything I can to educate my children by conveying respect for Aboriginal people and acknowledgement of the atrocities that transpired when I was a child. Thank you for helping to educate not only my children but the community.

I hope there are more performances. I have many friends who wanted to go but found out too late and I would love to go again."

CAPA FACULTY (continued)



They were standing - Solid Rock
Stephen O'Neill, Lewis Craig, James Fergusson,
Ian Mercy & Jaymin Hyland-Taylor



Elayla Spencer-Roberts & Jaymin Hyland -Taylor

Theatre never meant so much as opening tonight by Kim Satchell

“What dreams may come—Garlambirla (Coffs Harbour) is not what it used to be or could be, change swamps us all, but sometimes it offers to sweep us up in a possibility of what becoming might do.

Even reclaiming the name and the language breathes some hope in an otherwise extensive, business-as-usual (status quo), colonial industrial capitalist technology. The Coffs Harbour Jetty High School on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales Australia steeped in 75 years of our own chequered history (60,000 years of back story) leaped into the 21st Century and back into the Dreamtime with a sophisticated and informed conversation about the abuse of Indigenous sovereignty, the bittersweet joys of our relations, reconciliation, reparation and the creative futures of what should be our best aspirations. Celebrating such an auspicious occasion at the Jetty Memorial Theatre seemed fitting.

I was completely won over through the wonderfully suitable vehicle of the High School play. Too often the preserve of the elite and their progeny (to waltz about for mummy and daddy), became the theatre for the ancestors, their Dreaming, their Places, the descendants, our hopes and dreams for a fairer society. They made sense of country, community, love, soul and above all caring. The musical spoke to the heart and in the final scene drew people to their feet with hope and celebration.

Let's be honest this was an extraordinarily ambitious endeavour fraught with all sorts of risk for offense and misunderstanding. However with careful consultation and due process the Writer/Producer Madge Hair, the Musical Director Simon Smith and the Dance Choreographer Christina Monneron, managed to bring a thoroughly researched script of documented history to life through clever characterisation, a tenacious belief in the cast of raw talent waiting to be realised, and a support team of staff and specialists drawn to the project from the community.

In the making of the musical the students travelled north to the Yarrawarra Cultural Centre at Corindi and south to the Muurrbay Language Centre at Nambucca and various sites in-between, learning from Gumbaynggirr elders (both past and present), uncles, aunties, cousins, family and friends. This understandably made their participation meaningful in a life-changing manner. The influence of these field excursions was evident in their performance and the receptivity of the audience which included so many of the Indigenous community both young and old who had welcomed and supported giving voice and song to their own stories and lives.

The synergy of humour, music, dance and story provided a heady mix with plenty of feel good moments to sustain the gut wrenching necessary truth being told. This coming to voice achieved so wonderfully and made possible by these courageous young people. Who by imbibing all the pathos and reality of their own realisation and desire to tell such a compelling story were not just playing at life, they were living the way people are meant to with passion, making sense and sharing meaning.

This is about a story so complex, rich and textured, but (one and many) largely obscured by a shameful amnesia and denial (one part and many kept alive from the strength of such a dynamic oral tradition kept in the sacralisation of place).”

CAPA FACULTY (continued)

Sam Dyball &
Lily Potger



I sentence you to 400 years

Jacob Moyer & Jarra Fitzpatrick



Grace Ruganiza and dancers

Luke Croak - Birrugan



Luke Croak - Solid Rock

Review by Kim Satchell (continued)

“A story albeit about injustice, adversity, nobility and resilience but methinks more so about hope. They in doing so joined with the suffering, the survival and flowering of a dignity borne for so long in ignominy. Consequently this creative act opened a possibility for the audience to join with them committed to change and a defiance of the odds.

My final shot is that the absolute high point for me came after the show was over and the lights turned down. Sitting with Ben Ferguson a Gumbayngirr man, friend and brother in arms, (Ben was the Didge Instructor and Indigenous Boys Mentor) at the Pier Hotel looking at the pictures on his phone of family photos.

When I woke up in the morning there was this amazing one Ben had sent me of his Dad, Uncle Drew, Andrew Ferguson Senior, 18 years old and fit as you know what, at Gallows with his mate. He is the first Aboriginal man in Coffs Harbour to get a Bronze Medallion at the Coffs Harbour Surf Club and became a surfer of renown whose son Andrew Junior demonstrated as world class. When he said he taught Ferg, Denis, Eric and Leo, all them boys to surf ... some part of me used to think he was kidding me but the better part knew to respect.

I agree with Thomas Berry we need a new story but it's got to link us with the best of the ones we already have, this musical helped me to understand this easily, clearly and in an oh so powerful way.

I dedicate this to Judy Ferguson with loving memory. “

Review by Jodie Hayes

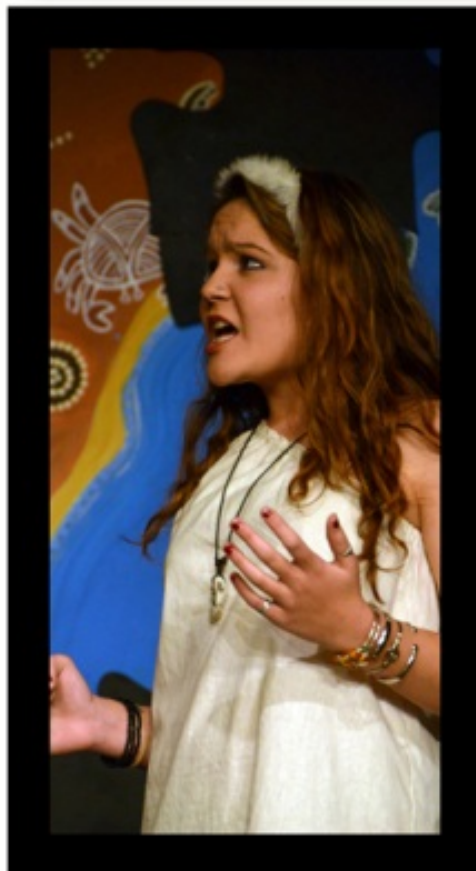
“Please excuse my delay in writing this email. I would like to congratulate you on the wonderful production of Garlambirla. I understand the additional workload undertaken to coordinate such a production and I want to express my appreciation.

As a Coffs Harbour P.S. teacher it was wonderful to see so many of our students proudly displaying their talents and it has been a wonderful opportunity to increase their confidence among other things. (To be honest I was a bit teary when I saw my old students up on the stage) The students from CHPS were thrilled to see their friends on stage and the story was obviously close to their hearts.

Now more than ever, the Arts are a fundamental aspect of 21st Century Education. An experience such as this equips our students with creativity, imagination and teamwork - desirable skills in a 21st Century work place.

Finally, as a mother I cannot thank you enough. It was a fantastic opportunity for my daughter Matilda and she enjoyed the experience so very much. Thank you again and I wait in anticipation for 'The Commitments' in 2014.”

CAPA FACULTY (continued)



CAPA FACULTY (continued)



L-R: Jaymin Hyland-Taylor, Stephen O'Neill, Madison Mercy-Ross, James Fergusson & Lewis Craig



Angus Field as Richard Craig

CAPA FACULTY (continued)



Patti Kearns, Principal, congratulates the cast of *Garlambirla*



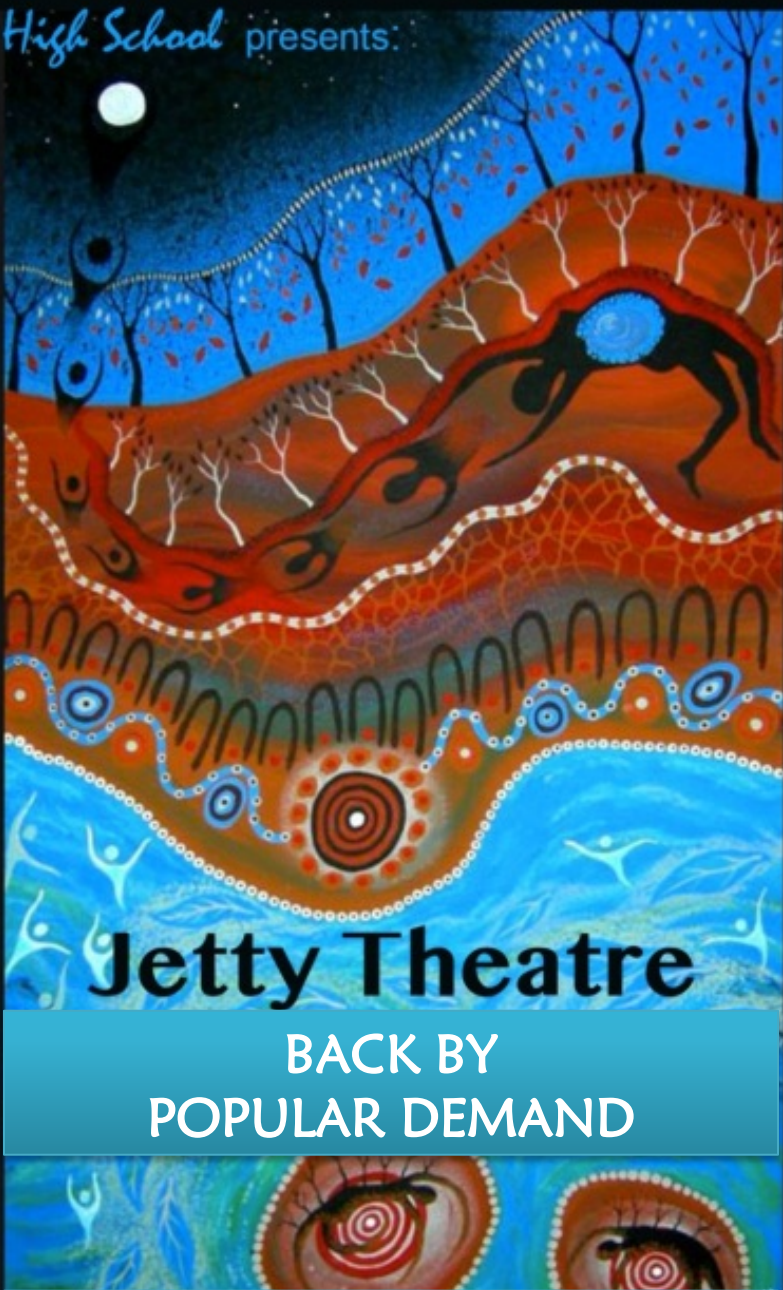
L - R: Faith Hyland-Taylor, Artemisia Lo Schiavio
& Thomas Capell-Hattam

CAPA FACULTY (continued)

Coffs Harbour High School presents:

Garlambirra
a musical with soul...

Approximate running time ~ 90 minutes



Jetty Theatre

**BACK BY
POPULAR DEMAND**

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All Matinee tickets ~ \$7.00

Wednesday 30th October at 7.00 pm
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MORE ICAS RESULTS

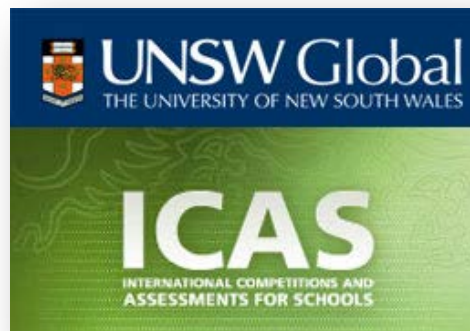
I have some more very pleasing ICAS results to share with you in this newsletter.

The **International Competitions and Assessments for Schools** (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. They are often referred to as the 'UNSW tests'. The assessments comprise Computer Skills tests, English tests, Maths tests, Science tests, Spelling tests and Writing tests.

A new ICAS test is developed annually for each subject in each year level. Each test is sat at the student's school and is invigilated by teachers under normal examination conditions. Administration Guidelines are provided to the schools with the ICAS papers to ensure that the same conditions are afforded to all students sitting ICAS.

Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year.

I have previously shared out students' success in the Computer Skills test. We now have the results for the Spelling, Writing and English Tests. These are the four tests that the English Faculty facilitates each year. Students also sit the Science and Maths tests and those faculties will share those results as they come in.



SPELLING

The **ICAS Spelling Test** is only open to Year 7 students. This year seven students sat the test and **Michael Ylinen** achieved a **Certificate of Credit**.

WRITING

Eighteen students sat the Writing Test.

Thomas Capell-Hattam, **Chelsea Rose** and **Emma Knight** of Year 10 received **Certificates of Distinction**.

Thomas and Chelsea were placed in the top 5% of students sitting the paper and Emma was in the top 9%. **Lisa Macdonald** of Year 7 also achieved a **Certificate of Distinction**. She placed in the top 10%.



ENGLISH FACULTY (continued)

More ICAS Results (continued)

ENGLISH

It was encouraging to see 38 students enter the English competition.

Thomas Capell-Hattam of Year 10 achieved a very, very impressive **Certificate of High Distinction** for placing in the **top 1% of participants**. Congratulations, Thomas!

Joshua Sechi of Year 8 was placed in the **top 3%** and **Alex Spiteri-Albon** of Year 10 was in the **top 8%**. Both boys achieved **Certificates of Distinction**.



The following students received **Certificates of Credit**:

Regan Arnold, Lisa Macdonald, Chelsea McIntyre, Remy Tavener and **Michael Ylinen** of Year 7; **Emily Joseph, Jack Pavey** and **Ari Street** of Year 8; and **Chelsea Rose** and **Jarra Vlasto** of Year 10.

Congratulations to all of the students who have participated in ICAS this year. All students who sat the tests receive a Certificate of Participation, which will be given out in their English classes. The certificates of Distinction and Credit will be given out at the next assembly.

I would once again like to acknowledge the time Ms Neville has put in to organising the entries and facilitating the tests this year.

A note will be sent home early next year for students to enter the ICAS tests for 2014 and I hope to see even more students participating next year.

Ms Deanne Ion
RELIEVING HEAD TEACHER ENGLISH

SCHOOL GROUNDS



If you see trespassers in the school out of school hours, we would appreciate a call to school security on 1300 880 021, 24 hours/7 days.

YEAR 9 SNOW TRIP ~ 2013

At 9:00 pm on 3rd August 2013, 74 Year 9 students boarded the bus for our annual snow excursion.

We travelled through the night with excitement (and uncomfortable sleeping positions) keeping many awake into the early hours of the morning. We woke to the smell of hash browns at our breakfast stop in Sutton's Forest before continuing to Canberra. We arrived early enough to take a tour around the embassies surrounding Parliament House before our visit to Questacon. Students and teachers explored the facility with some experiencing earthquakes and attempting to defy gravity before seeing the rocket show.

Back on the bus we continued to Cooma for lunch and alpine shopping. The group finally arrived at Jindabyne where we saw our first glimpses of snow on the distant mountains. Stepping off the bus into a chilly breeze we were told we would have fresh snow on the slopes for our first day! It was an early night for all with an early start the next morning hauling our gear up the mountain on the ski tube to Blue Cow. We faced blizzard conditions for our first lesson and we were very grateful for our waterproof clothing. Students and staff braved the slopes with very poor visibility and gusting winds. Many were thankful for the soft landing of fresh snow as we tried and tried again to board and ski.

Over the next days weather improved and, in spite of bruises and injuries, we remained cheerful and optimistic. On our final day on the slopes we enjoyed the best day of the snow season. Some of the group travelled back down the mountain to Perisher to watch Matthew Cox (our Year 9 pro boarder) compete in a snowboarding event. It was very impressive.

On Friday morning we waved goodbye to Jindbyne and started our long journey home with all taking back priceless memories (and a few fading bruises).

A huge thank you to the staff who attended the excursion: Mr Field, Miss Joyce, Mr Baker, Mrs Court, Mr Mellalieu and Mrs Richardson.

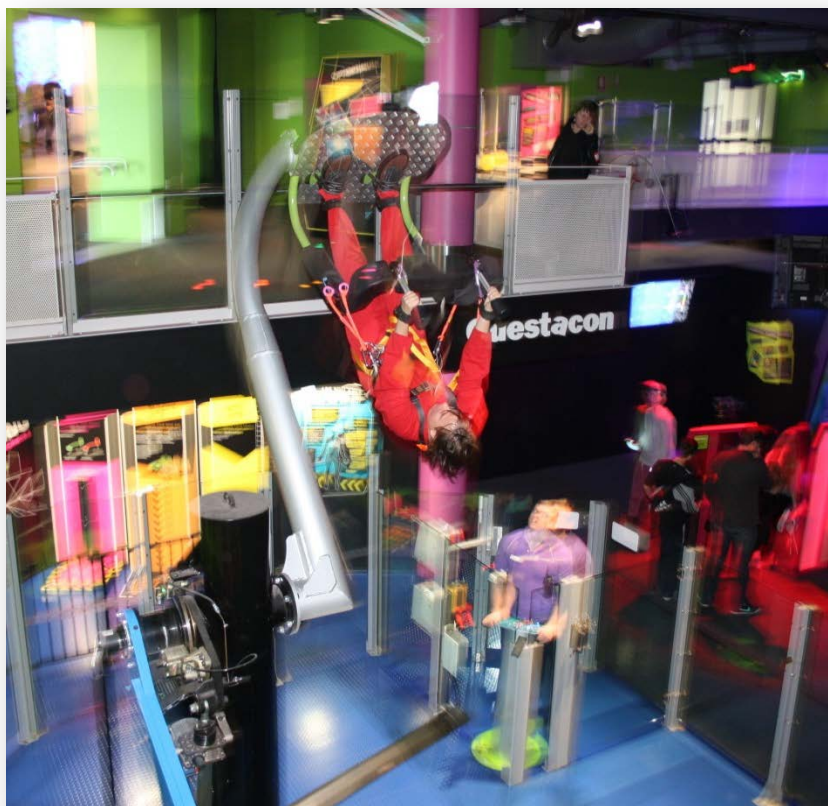
Jenny Pearce
TEACHER



PD/H/PE FACULTY (continued)



Year 9 outside Parliament House, Canberra



Visiting Questacon

PD/H/PE FACULTY (continued)



Oh baby, it's cold outside!



Do you recognize anyone in this photo?

LIAM KELLY-WYNNE SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS RUGBY UNION SQUAD FOR 2013

Liam Kelly-Wynne, one of our rising sports stars, has had a very exciting learning experience this term through the sport of Rugby Union. It all took place for him through the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Initiative, which aims to provide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth with a future through Rugby Union. This initiative created a platform for Liam leading to selection in the Northern NSW Rugby Union Team. He travelled to compete in the National Australian Indigenous Championships, held on the Gold Coast in late August.

The two day championship held at Bond University exposes athletes from across the country to Rugby and life skills. The Northern NSW Team that Liam was part of won their first two competition games, defeating teams from the Northern Territory and Southern Queensland. This saw the boys head into the finals, where they were defeated by a strong Northern Queensland Team. Liam's talent during the championships was undeniable, gaining him selection in the Australian Indigenous Team – what an achievement!



Liam's new found enthusiasm for Rugby Union is evident. "The camp really made me look at Rugby Union in a totally new way", he states. He found the atmosphere of the whole camp "very welcoming," with the boys sitting down to dinners together and being provided advice on the importance of education and sportsmanship by guest speakers Kurtley Beale, Lloyd McDermott and Michael Cross.

As part of the Australian Indigenous Team, Liam will now travel to St Ignatius College, Riverview, in Sydney to compete in the 2013 National U16's championships. The four day carnival will see the boys competing against the best Under 16 Rugby Union players in Australia.

The national U16 championship is an important element of the Rugby Union Player Pathway level. The purpose is to provide an effective platform for the identification and development, recruitment, benchmarking and retention of talented U16 players from all states and territories. It looks like a positive Rugby future for Liam.

We wish Liam all the best and look forward to his future successes!

Amanda Munro



PD/H/PE FACULTY (continued)

YEARS 7 & 8 T20 CRICKET

Friday the 13th was certainly not an unlucky day for the CHHS Years 7 and 8 T20 Cricket Team. They competed for the Phil Hughes Shield in Macksville against Bellingen High School and Bishop Druitt College, winning both games by huge margins.

The team made up of an equal mixture of Years 7 and 8 students, played excellent cricket across every aspect of the game. Every bowler took wickets, every batsman made runs, and almost every catch stuck. Most impressive on the day was the sportsmanship and camaraderie displayed by the team towards each other and their competition.

In the first game against Bellingen a team which beat us comprehensively last year, we restricted them to just 54 runs, a total our batsman eclipsed in just six overs for the loss of just two wickets. The team went on to score 93 runs with many batsmen retiring to give their team mates the chance to bat. Every player contributed with bat and ball and some very sharp fielding saw the team dominate every aspect of the match.

In the second game against Bishop Druitt the team made a great start, going on to score 98 for the loss of only two wickets of just 13 overs. The team then bowled BDC out for just 33 in a comprehensive team victory. Standouts of the match were Marcus Woschitzka who opened the batting and carried his bat through the entire innings retiring on the last ball of the innings on 57 not out! Blake Hall and Andrew Hoad then took two wickets each with Jeremy Chambers taking an amazing catch at gully to really lift the team.

Congratulations to the team, who truly showed the value of sportsmanship and teamwork and represented the school with pride.

Shaun Hardy
COACH



Back Row (R to L): Jeremy Chambers, Matilda Lugg, Patrick O’Gorman, Alex Sheargold, Casey Egar, Brad Chambers, Peter McKenzie, Dylan Young, Marcus Woschitzka (obscured), Mr Hardy
Front Row (R to L): Riley Davey, Andrew Hoad (C), Blake Hall, Jye Kachel, Danny O’Connor

YEARS 9 & 10 BOYS' T20 CRICKET COMPETITION

On Friday 13th September the Coffs Harbour High School Years 9 and 10 cricket team travelled down to Bellingen to take part in the Inaugural Cricket NSW T20 Cricket Competition. This is the first year that such a T20 competition has been held on the Upper North Coast and three other schools took part - Bellingen, Coffs Harbour Christian Community School and Bishop Druitt College. Our boys had shown plenty of enthusiasm in the lead up to the day taking part in several lunch time training sessions in order to be as well prepared as possible.

Our first game was scheduled against Bellingen and after winning the toss our captain, Lachlan Lugg, elected to make best use of the new ball and bowl first. Bellingen's innings started slowly with Brandon Green and Jack Vandermaat bowling tightly and giving nothing away. Although no wickets were taken in the first four overs, Bellingen scored just 10 runs and from the fifth over the wickets started to fall. Brandon Green started in the fifth over by removing their opener for a duck and the wickets fell at regular intervals throughout the remainder of the innings. Bellingen finished with 7 wickets down for 114 runs in an innings that will more than likely be remembered for our boys exceptional fielding and catching – perhaps most notably three fantastic catches by Jack Stephens. The picks of the bowlers were Brandon Green, 2 wickets for 15 runs off 4 overs and Lachlan Lugg, 2 wickets for 8 runs off 2 overs, however all bowlers performed well and were supported by the fielders.

So, the Jetty boys were set 115 runs to win and the openers – Lachlan Lugg and Marly Parkinson – got us off to a steady start with 48 runs off the first 9 overs before 'Luggy' was removed for 20 runs in the tenth over. That didn't stop Marly from attacking the bowlers, unleashing and hitting THREE sixes and two more fours in an innings of 44 before being dismissed. At this point it looked as if we were going to win easily, but some tight bowling from 'Bello' made runs hard to come by and it took some courageous hitting from Aidan Whish-Wilson (19 runs) and Michael Cimino (12 runs N.O.) to get us over the line in the nineteenth over and win by six wickets. It was a great win for the boys and meant that they would take on Coffs Harbour Christian Community School in the final.

After a few delays (due to helicopters landing on the adjacent field) it was decided that the match be shortened to eighteen overs to ensure completion of the match on time. CCS won the toss and elected to bowl first and our openers (Marly Parkinson, 15 runs and Lachlan Lugg, 19 runs) got us off to a steady start scoring 30 runs off the first five overs. Overs 6, 7 and 8 saw a top order collapse as we slumped to 3 for 46 in the eighth over. This set the stage for another Michael Cimino standout performance (29 runs) blasting five fours in his rescue innings, along with some good stroke play from Brandon Green (8 runs) and Angus Field (7 runs) to help us reach a challenging total of 104 off just seventeen overs. Due to another helicopter delay the match had to be reduced a further over, robbing the boys of the chance to 'tee off' and perhaps boost the score even more, leaving CCS 105 runs for victory off 17 overs.

CCS started their innings strong and had 12 runs off the first two overs but opening bowler Jack Vandermaat, showed his value removing both openers whilst Jack Stephens chipped in for the wicket of their number three batsman. This left CCS at 3 for 58 after ten overs and it looked as though our boys would run away with the match. Unwilling to let us walk away with the victory CCS dug deep and continued to score runs reaching 3 for 79 after 13 overs, leaving just 26 runs to win off the last four overs. The last four overs were typified by some exceptionally tight bowling and backed up by some great fielding to save crucial runs and also take critical catches.

PD/H/PE FACULTY (continued)

Years 9 & 10 Boys' T20 Cricket Competition (continued)

Once again Jack Stephens showed his brilliance in the field by saving boundaries and taking catches. The 105 run target proved too big and CCS ended the seventeenth over on 97 runs, handing victory to Coffs Harbour High School in the final by 8 runs. Well done to all the boys who participated in the day and a big thank you must go to parents and family who drove the boys to Bellingen – Andrew Lugg, Eric Field and Bronwyn Bellemore.

The students involved were: Lachlan Lugg, Marly Parkinson, Michael Cimino, Aidan Whish-Wilson, Angus Field, Brandon Green, Jack Stephens, Jack Vandermaat, Edward Neave, Kieren Bellemore, Austen Beal, Matt Sheldon and Myles Bowden.



Mr Adam Mason
COACH

SOFTBALL STARS

In July, three of our Softball Boys attended the North Coast CHS Boys Softball Trials held in Lismore. Ryan Vandenberg, Lachlan Skinner and Casey Egar all demonstrated impressive levels of fielding skills and batting technique to gain selection into the North Coast Team, Ryan and Lachlan successfully maintaining their positions in the team now for the past three years. While Casey, of Year 8, showed ability beyond his years, making selection into the open age's team.

The boys' selection saw them travel to Mayfield in Newcastle during late August, where they represented the North Coast in the 2013 NSW CHS Boys' Softball Championships. They faced stiff competition during the event, playing seven games over the two day carnival.

Congratulations to the boys for their outstanding efforts in Softball over the past Term. We are honoured to have such fine sportsmen representing our school and region.

Amanda Munro

PD/H/PE FACULTY (continued)

NSW CHS ATHLETICS RESULTS

Congratulations to our students who made the North Coast Athletics Team to compete at the NSW CHS Athletics carnival at Homebush this year. Overall we had some excellent results, with many students making the finals. Well done to our relay teams. The Under 14 Years Girls' ran 6th overall, which is a fantastic result. The Under 14 years Boys' relay came 16th with a fast time of 50 seconds! The Under 15 Years Girls' ran 7th in their heat.

A huge thank you to our parents who drove the children down to the carnival, as it is an expensive weekend away.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Placing</i>
Sarsja Rackham-Ralph	13 Years	Shot put	9 th place
Lauren Winter	13 Years	800m	7 th place
Greta Smith	14 Years	200m	11 th place
	14 years	Javelin	Unplaced
Kodie Vandenberg	15 Years	200m	11 th place
Bree Watters-Campbell	16 Years	100m	injury
Hugh Churchwell	14 Years	800m	7 th place
Jai Lyons	17+ Years	3000m	8 th place



Under 14 Years Girls' Relay Team
L-R: Taylor Williams, Kodie Vandenberg,
Greta Smith and Madison Prendergast

PD/H/PE FACULTY (continued)

UNDER 15 YEARS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Under 15 Years Girls' Basketball Team ventured to Port Macquarie on the last week of school to play Round 4 of the CHS Knockout. The game was a fast and furious one, with the scores being equal for each quarter.

Our girls played hard and were awarded for many team fouls in the game. With 20 seconds to go Bella Crawley scored a one point penalty shot to even the score to 20-20.

Due to high team fouls, Port Macquarie was awarded a penalty free shot and won the point, winning the game 21-20 in the last few seconds of the game.

Congratulations to our girls for their tremendous effort in such a challenging game and for showing good sportsmanship.

Thank you to Mrs Winsor, Mrs Stephens and Mr Crawley for driving to the game and a special thank you to Jack Stephens for refereeing.



Under 15 Years Girls' Basketball Team
Back row (L-R): Taylor Williams, Bronte Flanagan, Piper Bourke,
Bella Crawley, Callie Winsor
Front row (L-R): Ruby Roddenby, Lexi Stephens, Ashleigh Smithers.

TAS FACULTY

YEAR 12 EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD



As a final assessment task the students were asked to plan a child's birthday party and also to make and decorate a suitable birthday cake. The students quickly learned that decorating a birthday cake is a messy job and not something that can be left to the last minute.

All students are to be congratulated on their efforts both in this task and their efforts throughout the year. They are an amazing group!

Janice South
HEAD TEACHER TAS



GLOBAL WARMING EXCURSION

This term Year 9 Science Self Select students were studying Energy and Pollution and had the amazing opportunity to travel to the National Marine Science Centre and Woolgoolga Beach and Headland to observe and learn the impacts of global warming and climate change on the Coffs Coast. Accompanied by Year 10 Marine Studies, this opportunity was great for them to get out and about and observe the impacts on local marine creatures.



Lecture at National Marine Science Centre

Students were given a tour through the marine tanks at the Marine Science Centre and observed the local organisms in our marine environment.



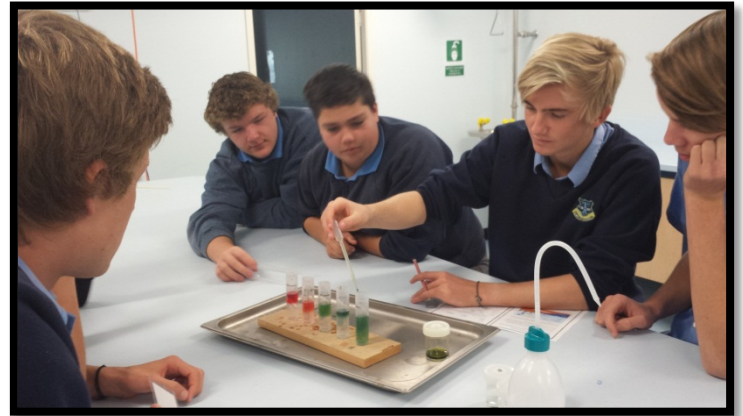
SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)

Global Warming Excursion (continued)

Global Warming is a major environmental problem and the effects are being observed all around the world including Coffs Harbour. This was demonstrated in a practical activity observing the effect of increasing temperatures and pollution impacting on the ocean.



L - R: Hayden Alexander
and Jai Lyons



L - R: James Langfield, Ethan Parker,
Myles Bowden, Lachlan Lugg
and Jack Vandermaat



L - R: Mia Rigoni, Olivia Bowden and Ebony Bell

SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)

Global Warming Excursion (continued)

After the National Marine Science Centre, we travelled to Woolgoolga to observe a local rock platform and complete a population study of marine organisms.



A group of students observing a sea slug

Kodie Vandenberg and Cassandra Mourin observing a piece of Neptune's Necklace



SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)

Global Warming Excursion (continued)

Following this, we headed along the beach to Woolgoolga Headland. Students closely monitored the incoming tide by keeping an eye on the waves whilst on the rock platform.



Wave watchers (left to right)
Reilly Flanagan, Andrew Ritchie & Darcy Turner

Natascha Gehrke and Mark Austin
SCIENCE TEACHERS

CSIRO SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

The CSIRO Young Australian Science Workshops encourage students interested in Science to explore their interest in Science. The day started off with a DNA to the MAX practical workshop put on for the Year 12 Biology class and some lucky Year 10 Science Self Select students.

In this workshop, students were extracting DNA from barley and observing this in gel electrophoresis. Students successfully completed the steps in extracting DNA from barley and observing it on a macro level.

Right: Thomas Capell-Hattam & Courteney Treadwell pouring the liquid out after the centrifuge



SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)



Left: Brooke Wicks putting the barley mix into the centrifuge



Right: Bree Watters-Campbell breaking through the nuclear membrane of barley



Left: Danielle Polack and Chelsea Rose

Right: Josie Bailey, Jasmine Wallis and Matt McEwan, working together as a team.



SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)

CSIRO Science Workshops (continued)

The ultimate goal was achieved – the extraction of barley DNA!

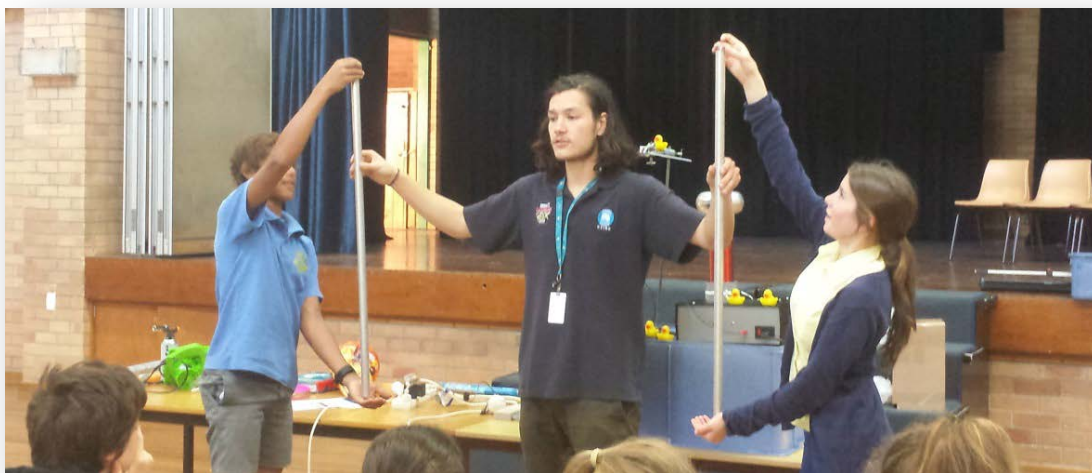


Above:
Paris Flanagan & Georgia Newell



Above:
Lachlan Lugg & James Langfield
observing their barley DNA

CSIRO also held demonstrations for the Junior cohort on electricity, forces and motion. Several students were used as demonstrators on several of the experiments.



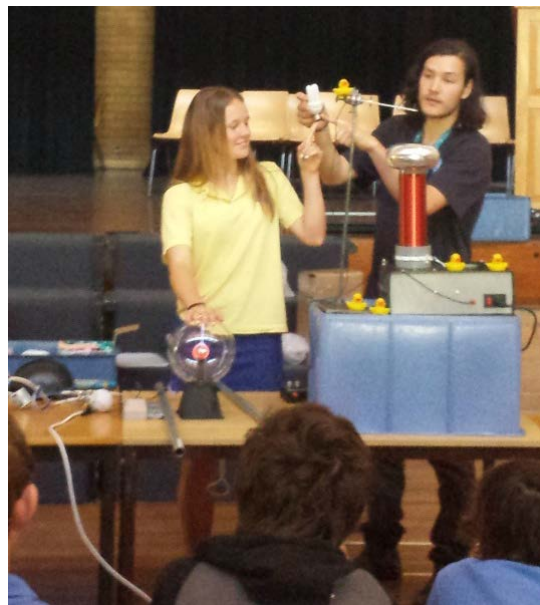
Jai Lyons and Isabel Horspool demonstrating the speed of objects

SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)

CSIRO Science Workshops (continued)



Above:
Suzannah Williams
driving around the hall
with an audience
of onlookers



Left:
Kodie Vandenberg
attempting to light
a light bulb

Right: Bryce Baff,
Andrew Ritchie, Lani
Reynolds & Skye
Rattenbury focusing
hard to keep the ball
afloat with a straw



SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)

CSIRO Science Workshops (continued)



Left:
Jye Raymond
having fun with the
laser beam

Right:
Separating three
distinct colours



Left: Demonstrating electrical
energy with the Van de Graaf

It was a great day and an amazing opportunity to experience the wonders of the world of Science!

Natascha Gehrke
SCIENCE TEACHER

P & C NEWS

Term 3 is now at an end so I hope many of you get to take a well-earned break. It's been a busy time for all of us so I hope you enjoy your family time regardless of what you have planned.

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell all our hard-working Year 12 students. It's the end of a big year for them all and we wish them well in their exams and their chosen paths for the future. The P&C made a decision at our last meeting to contribute \$500 towards awards at the final assembly and we are proud to be able to support our senior students at their final assembly.

The P&C have also been very busy (thanks Karen!) in applying for grants. One of our recently approved grant applications came from Clubs NSW which was a grant to support a swimming program for refugee students. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for these students so thank you Clubs NSW.

The P&C provide ongoing support for high level student participation in sport, public speaking and leadership and we recently provided some support to some of our high academic achievers. Three of our Year 10 ICT students (and their incredibly supportive teacher Mr Lyne) recently went to the University of Queensland to compete against some of the best schools in the region in the robotics section. These amazing boys came out winners with their now famous "drone" and were featured on the front page of the Coffs Advocate newspaper! The boys came to our meeting last month and gave us a demonstration of their drone which was incredibly impressive. With commitment like this it came as no surprise to us that these talented students came out winners, even competing against Years 10, 11 and 12 students from 23 other schools. Well done boys!

We have set aside funds to provide some new furniture in the library and to contribute to our school's new and exciting project for our Lighthouse Studio. The school will be putting a shelter outside the studio which will give much needed shade and will make it a much bigger and more useable space.

Don't forget that our new school uniform is COMING SOON!!! It will be available before and on school orientation on 4th December 2013 so I would like to ask our volunteers to claim the date because we will need helpers.

Last week we said farewell to our fantastic canteen manager, Gail Swan who has now retired. We would like to say a HUGE congratulations to Michelle Waugh our new canteen manager who was successful in gaining the position. Michelle brings a lovely enthusiasm to the role and we are confident she will continue the success of our canteen and bring new, fresh ideas – and food – to tempt you all. Our canteen is the envy of schools across the region for its innovative, fabulous food and Michelle will now leads our wonderful team with Deanna and Tracey to provide varied and healthy food for students and staff, and to create profits that go back to the P&C. This allows us to purchase new equipment, services and uniforms, and to provide financial support for our children's education. If you would like to volunteer in our canteen, please contact Michelle on 6652 4637.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 4th November in the school library at 7.00 pm. We welcome new and familiar faces and hope to see you there!

Cheers
Jen Woschitzka
P&C PUBLICITY OFFICER



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The Future of Work

Careers Expo and Forum - Coffs Harbour Racing Club, Thursday 24th October 2013

INFORMATION / INVITATION FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND FAMILIES

Schools will once again be participating in the annual Careers Expo on Thursday 24 October. Exhibitors from a range of further education, employment, industry and training organisations will be in attendance to offer career information that is current and relevant. Health Careers workshops (by registration) will be available for those interested in careers in the growing health industry.

In the evening, at a Forum entitled *The Future of Work* speakers will address industry trends; the regional labour market; an innovative mentoring program. The Forum is open for the general public to attend and targets people of any age who are interested in refreshing and updating their career knowledge and skills, or who may be contemplating career change, re-entry to the workforce, or workforce planning.

You are invited to attend The Future of Work Careers Expo & Forum to support your child's career planning as well as for your own interest.

Details of the Careers Expo and Forum are as follows:

Program

9 am – 3 pm: Expo – FREE ENTRY

Over 50 Exhibitors and Health Careers workshops (by registration) for Year 10 and selected primary schools – other attendance can be arranged

3 pm – 5 pm: Expo and Health Careers workshops - FREE ENTRY

Careers advisors will be available for individual advising (by appointment). Open to the public.

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm: Forum - TICKETED EVENT \$15pp

Insightful mini-talks on *The Future of Work* in key occupational areas, along with keynotes on the Regional Labour Market and Mentoring will complement the traditional careers exhibits.

Health Careers: (an initiative of Medicare Local North Coast NSW and Youth Directions). Small group sessions (by Registration) for those wishing to explore career options including: Physiotherapy, Chiropractic, Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Mental Health and Social Work.

For Tickets, Registration and Appointments for the above event, please contact:-
Youth Directions on 6653 2900.

Further details at the website <http://www.youthdirections.com.au/the-future-of-work/>

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*For any further information or enquiries
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MORE COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Coffs Harbour Swimming Club
2013/2014 Season starts on Friday
the 11th of October.

Club nights commence at 5.45pm each
Friday at the
Coffs Harbour Olympic Pool.

All new and returning members are
invited to an information day on
Saturday the 5th of October between
10am and 12pm at the Coffs Harbour
Olympic Pool, or check out our
website at
www.coffsharbourswimclub.com



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until next term