



# COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL

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“Light out of Darkness”

## newsletter

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hearty congratulations to cast, crew and teachers who so successfully staged a second season of *Garlambirla*, at the Jetty Theatre. And a big thank you to P&C President Ms Jude Turner, who along with Drama Teacher Ms Madge Hair, managed to secure a highly worthwhile Coffs City Council Arts grant. This allowed us to bring Mr Stephen Bamba Albert Aboriginal star of the film *Bran Nue Dae* all the way from Broome to mentor our students and be part of the performances. I want to express our sincere thanks to the Mayor of Coffs Harbour, Ms Denise Knight, for this wonderful support, and for finding the time in her very busy schedule to attend our musical. From her comments it was clear that she considered Council's financial support of the musical money very well spent!

Year 12 have almost finished their exams. They have remained impressively calm and focused throughout the long month. The Presiding Officer for the exams has on several occasions complimented the school on our students' demeanour and sense of purpose. You will read later in the newsletter that several of our students have already secured tertiary pathways, even before completing their exams. Careers Adviser Ms Court works tirelessly to keep abreast of all the opportunities available, and to help students and families develop the most appropriate plans for each individual. This is the time when all that effort starts to pay dividends.

The State Government is beginning to change the way it funds schools, following some of the principles recommended by the Gonski report. The new way of funding is being referred to as the RAM (Resource Allocation Model). Two important aspects of the new system will begin next year — socioeconomic disadvantage and Aboriginal enrolments. Funding for socioeconomic disadvantage is based on a new measure called Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI), which is calculated from information given in the enrolment forms which families complete at the time of a student's entry into the school. The average FOEI across the State is 100, and most schools fall somewhere between 50 and 150. The FOEI for Coffs Harbour High is very close to average at 101. The practical result is that for 2014 our school will receive an extra \$62,000 from the socioeconomic index, and \$42,000 related to Aboriginal enrolments.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL *(continued)*

Thus we are already beginning to receive the benefits of the new Gonski-style approach to school funding, and continue to hope that the Federal Government will see fit to recognise how vital it is for our education system that this approach becomes permanent. We have already begun to factor this highly beneficial additional funding into our strategic planning for the school's future.



*Newly elected captains and prefects represented the school at the Police Remembrance Day Service held at Mary Help of Christians Church, Sawtell.*

**Patti Kearns**

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As we approach the middle of Term 4, our school continues to offer a broad range of curriculum and enrichment opportunities for students. We currently have Agriculture students in Armidale, students interested in Engineering as a career at a showcase in Queensland, sporting teams in Volleyball, Futsal and Cricket and the second season of the School Musical "Garlambirla", and that is all happening this week!

Students who choose to be actively engaged in school life and take advantage of all that we have to offer here at Coffs Harbour High, are also the students who are more likely to enjoy school more, have excellent attendance, achieve higher academic results and have positive peer relationships. We congratulate the vast majority of our students who are highly valued for their participation and positive behaviour at school. These are the students who have opportunities to take up leadership positions and attend the rewards excursions during Term 4. We thank the parents who support their children to be involved, wear school uniform, have good attendance, get enough sleep and have good nutrition. This commitment to your children is assisting them to achieve their potential and do well at school.

As Deputy Principals, most of our days are spent supporting and managing the 5-10% of students who are making poor choices about their behaviour and causing concern for staff and other students. As well as imposing consequences through our behaviour management systems, including suspension from school, we also provide support to assist students to learn from their mistakes. As a community we have a lot to gain from the efforts we put into assisting these young people into pathways leading to employment and positive relationships. Educational achievement is a very powerful protective factor against poverty and unemployment and can transform the lives of young people at risk. The support we give to these young people now can be their best chance of becoming productive and positive members of our community.

Some of these young people have experienced trauma, family instability and violence and they benefit greatly from the transition programs we have at the school including:-

- SWAP (work experience one day per week);
- WISP (in- school work experience);
- Rock and Water (emotional control program);
- Coffs Constructors (building and landscaping one day per week);
- Boatshed and Survival (PCYC supported programs).

We appreciate the support of local business in helping us to run intervention for our students. Please contact the Deputy Principals, the Careers Adviser, Mrs Court or the Transition Adviser, Mrs Neville, should your business be willing to take a student for work placement or be able to contribute to one of our 'transition programs'. We also wish to acknowledge the vast majority of our students who are positive role models and assist to build our school culture and also help us to raise the standard of behaviour and achievement for all students.

**Kathy Steward**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DATE	EVENT
4th November	P & C Meeting ~ School Library 7.00 pm
6th November	RSA / RSG at TAFE - Years 11 and 12
7th November	Year 10 ROSA Exam
8th November	WH&S White Card Course
11th November	Remembrance Day Service  Science in the Bush - UNE, Armidale
12th November	Year 6 into Year 7 - Parent Information Evening 6.00 pm in the Hall
13th November	RSA / RSG at TAFE - Years 11 and 12
14th November	Year 11 Well-Being Seminar - all day CHEC SRC Mufti Day - Pink and Blue Year 6 in Year 7 - Small Schools Orientation Year 12 Formal - Opal Cove Resort
15th November	Year 6 in Year 7 - Small Schools Orientation Dreamworld Rewards Excursion
15th to 22nd November	Year 11 Heron Island Excursion
18th to 22nd November	Year 10 SES Cadet Program
18th to 20th November	Year 10 Exams
25th to 29th November	Year 10 Work Experience (students <u>NOT</u> on Year 10 Camp Kiononia)

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION (continued)

DATE	EVENT
26th to 29th November	Year 10 Camp Kiononia Evans Head Excursion
2nd December	P & C Meeting ~ School Library 7.00 pm
2nd to 4th December	Year 10 Employment Skills
3rd December	Years 7, 8 & 9 Yearly Maths Exams
4th December	Year 11 Hospitality Barista Course All Schools Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day
5th December	Queensland University Excursion
9th December	Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 reports posted home this week
13th December	School Presentation Ceremony - 10.30 am
16th - 18th December	EOYIE
18th December	Last day of school for students
19th December	Staff development day
20th December	Staff development day End of Term 4 - school holidays begin



# ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

## AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS MENTORING EXPERIENCE (AIME)

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013, AIME Coffs Harbour celebrated the end of a massive year. Celebrations took place in a packed out O-Block theatre at CHEC.



Schools arrived from 9.30 am and were greeted with a slideshow of their time at AIME this year. Thanks to Rory Banwell for making this happen. Slow streams of schools arrived at the bus stop and were ushered to O-Block by their mentors. We had over 100 kids from the following schools present on the day; McAuley Catholic College, South Grafton, Woolgoolga, Orara, Toormina, Coffs Harbour and Nambucca Heads High Schools as well as Bishop Drutt College and John Paul College.

The morning commenced with our very own live filming of AIME TV. The kids got to see myself; Jake Thompson and Walter Toney (AIME National Presenters) do our very best Ellen DeGeneres impersonation by dancing through the crowd. An Acknowledgement of Country was delivered by Samantha Mitchell (Nambucca Heads High). Next we were all treated to an interview and amazing performance from Robbie Miller (Triple J unearthed Indigenous Artist of the year). Everyone in the room was blown away by Robbie's amazing voice.

## ABORIGINAL EDUCATION (continued)

### AIME (continued)

Then it was time for a hilarious interview with South Grafton student's Dakato Mundine and Jen Laurie. The girls had the whole room in stitches, some were even in tears. Following this was an awesome news update highlighting all the successes our kids are having both in and out of school. Next we were lucky enough to watch a video from all the mentors explaining what their favourite memories of AIME this year were.

Jake Thompson and Toormina High Student JD McKechnie then put on a deadly dance performance. Soon it was time for morning tea. During morning tea we ate a cake in the shape of a hoodie and all had heaps of fun in the photo booth!



After morning tea we were lucky enough to hear from renowned Aboriginal designer and former Coffs Harbour High student, Alison Page. Earlier in the year AIME mentees wrote to Alison inviting her to our last day and we were all so excited to have Alison there sharing her story. The students were lucky enough to all receive a letter back from Alison. What a legend :)

AIME TV concluded with an interview of Nambucca Year 12 students Zack Johnson and Kieran Jarrett, and then it was time to cross to live coverage of the AIME touch footy knockout on the oval. Thanks to Troy Robbo for organising this and bringing in his dad to ref! The kids absolutely loved the knockout and Team Deadly took out the competition.

During the knockout we all ate lunch down on the oval. I was overwhelmed with pride. I saw teachers and students engaged in conversations, kids from Orara and John Paul College on a touch team together, mentors sitting talking to kids about all kinds of things. Lunch time kind of reminded me why we are all here and what is really important. It reminded me of the barriers we are breaking down and the safe place we have created for everyone to be the best version of themselves. It reminded me of my vision for the future of Australia, all of us, together.

After lunch came the serious (and emotional) part of the day. Each school was presented with portfolios of all the work they had done throughout the year as well as a certificate for each mentee. Then it was time to thank all the amazing people who made this program the success that it was. The Deadly Awards came next where students who achieved something really special this year were honoured. Congratulations to Jaymin Hyland-Taylor and Alison Ahoy for their awards.

The day ended with one of the most special experiences I have ever had in my life which was our "Gumbaynggirr Graduation Ceremony". Our Year 12 students put on academic hats and gowns and graduated from AIME in style. The energy in the room was electric, so supportive and immensely proud.

There is no shame at AIME.

**Ellen Radnidge**  
**PROGRAM MANAGER, COFFS HARBOUR**

## DEBATING

2013 has been a very successful year for debating at Coffs Harbour High School. We were able to enter four teams in the junior rounds of the Premier's Debating Challenge and the students engaged in some vigorous and heated debates. Students were able to polish their skills in posing practical and theoretical arguments against teams from all over the region and enjoyed the chance to travel and compete against other argumentative students!

The Year 7 debating team was particularly successful, winning all three of the first round debates and moving on to a knock-out quarter final against South Grafton High School which they also won, successfully arguing against the topic that Australia should close its zoos. Unfortunately the team were unsuccessful against Nambucca Heads High School in the regional semi-final and could not convince the adjudicator that sportspeople caught using performance enhancing drugs should receive a lifetime ban.

All competitors agreed that the experience was very rewarding and are keen to compete again next year.

The students who took part in debating this year were: Lily Potger, Sam Dyball, Michael Ylinen, Lisa Macdonald, Hayley Millington, Joshua Sechi, Jessica Beehag, Matilda Lugg, Kate Knight, Meg Kadwell, Jake Moye, Thomas Capell-Hattam, Artemisia Lo Schiavo, Cassandra Mourin, Lachlan Lugg, Danielle Pollack, Freya Tedeschi and Chelsea Rose.

Congratulations to all the students that took part in debating this year.

**Kristin Vlasto**  
**ENGLISH TEACHER**

*The Year 7 debaters*  
L - R: Sam Dyball,  
Hayley Millington,  
Lisa Macdonald and  
Michael Ylinen.





## ENGLISH FACULTY (continued)

### Debating (continued)



Our Year 7 debaters with their opponents from Woolgoolga High School

## SCHOOL REUNION

### CLASS OF '64 REUNION

Coffs High Leaving Certificate Class of 1964 is holding its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion next year. It is planned for a few days around 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Anyone who attended from 1960 to 1964 in those classes is warmly welcomed, even if you did not complete the Leaving Certificate.

Jim Gallacher is coordinator, along with committee members. He has created our own website:- [www.chhsclassof64.com](http://www.chhsclassof64.com) – please find us.

Jim Gallacher	0421 202 012	Main coordinator
Doug Turner	0457 549 334	Boy Captain
Ann Young (nee Jeffery)	0411 800 785	Girl Captain

## 2013 CHINA EXCURSION

On 21<sup>st</sup> September 2013, thirty Year 10 elective Chinese students and six staff set-off for a nine day tour of China's tourist and cultural highlights. This is the second group that Coffs Harbour High School has taken to China. The students were extremely excited about this trip, as it had been planned over a period of 18 months. We left Coffs Harbour at lunch time on Saturday and flew overnight, arriving in Beijing at 5.00 am on Sunday morning.

Upon arrival in Beijing we toured Tian'anmen Square and The Forbidden City and in the evening we were entertained by Beijing's internationally acclaimed acrobatics show. The next day we climbed The Great Wall of China. What a breathtaking site! During our time in Beijing we watched artisans hand craft jade into keepsakes, learned about the process of creating jewellery from fresh-water pearls and visited The Summer Palace and the Olympic Stadium (also known as The Birds Nest). Some students and staff were also entertained by a Kung Fu show. Two highlights in Beijing were the viewing of pandas in the zoo and our visit to the Temple of Heaven. How many people have participated in Tai Chi at the Temple of Heaven? We have!

After a fantastic time sightseeing and eating many banquet dinners in Beijing, it was time to get down to business! We travelled to Jinan in Shandong Province, via the Bullet train. The students enjoyed this experience, as this train can travel more than 300km per hour at some points, yet remain comfortably smooth.

In Jinan we visited Daming Lake, Baotu Springs and Quancheng Square. The next day at The Middle School attached to Shandong University we were graciously escorted on a tour of the school before watching the Chinese students complete their morning exercise. Our students were amazed with the precision and timing involved in this activity. We then attended two lessons at the school. After lunch we attended the school's new campus (which is still under construction). It houses state-of-the-art facilities, such as an indoor pool and gymnasium. We then had the privilege of visiting Shandong University's museum.

Next stop - Xian. Students were less than impressed that they had to get up at 3.00 am but it was all worth it! On our way to the Terracotta Warriors, we learnt how reproductions of the warriors and horses were made. We learned a great deal about Emperor Qin Shi Huang Di in relation to him building not only The Great Wall of China but also The Terracotta Warriors. After viewing the warriors we headed into Xian to walk/cycle around the Ancient City wall. At a dumpling dinner we tasted 16 varieties of dumplings! We were also fortunate to view the Tang Dynasty show. The costumes and musical talent were out of this world!

Final destination was the beautiful Shanghai! We visited Xintiandi as well as the Bund. We toured Shanghai Museum which displays many artefacts including traditional clothing, tools, copper ware, ancient scripts etc. Students had an opportunity to shop in the popular Nanjing Road as well as local markets. Shanghai is at its best at night and they even turned on fireworks for the evening that we were there! Students observed the multiculturalism and western influences prevalent in Shanghai.

All in all, a great time was had by the entire group. The students are to be congratulated on their fantastic behaviour. Thank you to the following staff for giving up a week of their holidays in order to make this excursion possible: Mr Wilson, Ms Steward, Ms Laurens, Mrs Alchin, Ms Lin and Mrs Burnham.

### 2013 China Excursion (continued)

When the students were asked what their favourite part of the trip was, they all came up with different answers, demonstrating their personal enrichment. Samples of student comments are featured below.

*We attended a spectacular acrobatic show in Beijing. Chinese people have no fear at all!"*(Ashleigh Smithers).

*In Year 8, we were presented with the opportunity of travelling to China. Two years later we were off on one of the most amazing holidays we would ever experience!"*(Emma Knight).

*The Terracotta Warrior pit sizes were phenomenal. It was definitely something I will always remember"* (Shardia Raymond).

*One day I would definitely consider returning to China with more knowledge and language of the country."*(Shardia Raymond).

*We climbed The Great Wall of China. This was my favourite part of the trip. The view was amazing and I will tell you now, it is 20 times harder than climbing the school stairs and Mutton Bird Island put together!.....Year 7 Maths in China is harder than our top Year 10 Maths, but the students did not seem to struggle with it at all!"*(Ashleigh Smithers).

*The markets were definitely an experience and we all enjoyed using our Chinese and scoring bargains. The phrase 太贵了(too expensive) was something we often said, as people would jump out from behind the counters and lure us into their stall, determined to sell us something."*(Emma Knight).

*"Candy (our Beijing tour guide) taught us some Chinese games and as we raced around the wide footpath we attracted quite a crowd - at least a dozen people, three security guards and a cleaner were openly laughing at our "strange foreign ways".....(at the sister school). This day was an absolute culture shock! We had the opportunity to sit in on the students classes. Although some were fortunate enough to have classes such as English and Music, I was among the less fortunate and sat through nearly two hours of Maths followed by Computers, completely in Chinese of course. Despite this, the chance to really practice our Chinese was a welcome one and everyone enjoyed themselves."* (Chelsea Rose).

*The school China trip is honestly the best experience I have ever had and I highly recommend that everyone who does Chinese as an elective, attend the trip. You will not regret it."*(Ashleigh Smithers).

**Sheree Burnham**  
**TEACHER AND COORDINATOR**  
**LANGUAGES**

# LANGUAGES FACULTY (continued)



Tai Chi at the Temple of Heaven



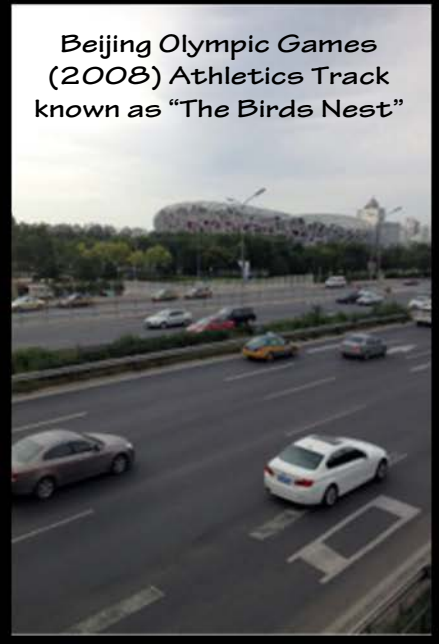
A small section of The Great Wall of China



Acrobatic Show



Beijing Olympic Games (2008) Athletics Track known as "The Birds Nest"



## LANGUAGES FACULTY (continued)



## LANGUAGES FACULTY (continued)



The group at The Great Wall, Jugong Pass



## LANGUAGES FACULTY (continued)



*The Terracotta Warriors in Xian*



## LANGUAGES FACULTY (continued)



Kaine Hedger & Gabe Ellicott



Maya Taylor-London



## LANGUAGES FACULTY (continued)



Chelsea Rose & Emma Knight visiting a beautiful garden in Xian



Amelia Grohn & Bree Watters-Campbell  
cycling around the walled city of Xian

## YEAR 9 SNOW EXCURSION

# APOLOGY

In the September issue of the CHHS Newsletter, the “Year 9 Snow Excursion 2013” article was written by Ms Erin Richardson, Year 9 Adviser and not Jenny Pearce, Teacher, PD/H/PE, as was stated in the article.

Please accept this apology Erin.



## SCIENCE FACULTY

### JOSH LECKENBY WINS YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

Students from across NSW from kindergarten to Year 12 choose an area of interest and conduct an original, open-ended scientific investigation in a creative manner to be selected in the Young Scientist Awards. Teachers assess their students' work at school level and send the best for state judging. Young Scientist Awards are presented to students from the following years of schooling: K-2, 3-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

On 28th October, Josh Leckenby attended The University of Wollongong Presentation Ceremony as a finalist in the Years 10 to 12. Josh from Year 10 won the “*Most Promising Young Talent*” for his project on GPS accuracy, which is awarded to a secondary school entry that demonstrates a particular initiative.

Josh was also runner-up in the “*National Measurement Institute Award*” which is awarded to entries that demonstrate an excellent understanding of measurement.

Congratulations Josh for an outstanding achievement.



**Amanda Joyce**  
**SCIENCE TEACHER**

## SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)

### OPEN CHESS KNOCKOUT

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Coffs Harbour High School's chess team played Trinity Catholic College, Lismore in the play-off for second place on the North Coast. The boys played exceptionally well but eventually lost the day by the narrowest of margins, winning tables 2 and 4, but losing tables 1 and 3.

The players participating in the tournament were: John Davies, Harold Darrington, Harly Roe and Daniel Darrington. As always, the boys represented the school with distinction and showed the highest standard of sportsmanship.

Well done to the chess team for making it so far in the tournament!

It has been a pleasure watching the boys develop their skills and become genuinely good chess players.

A special thanks to the staff that covered classes in my absence. Without those teachers volunteering to do "above and beyond", events like this would simply not happen."

**Anthony Baker**  
**SCIENCE TEACHER**



Players are Daniel Darrington foreground (blue shirt) and Harold Darrington background (blue shirt).

# CAREERS

## YEAR 10 EMPLOYMENT SKILLS WEEK

From 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013, Year 10 students will be participating in a range of extracurricular activities that will enhance their skills ready for the work place. Each day will be broken up into three sessions, with activities including makeup lessons, food demonstrations, résumé writing workshops, mock job interviews and guest speakers from a wide range of local businesses and organisations.

Most activities are free of charge, however some activities will have a fee as they will be delivered by outside providers. Fee paying courses include: Safe Food Handling certification, Wait Serving certification, Senior First Aid and Barista courses. Accounts will be set up at the front office for parents and students to start paying for activities.

A full program will be handed out to students in mid-November and will also appear on the school website.

## OPTIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK - YEAR 10

Year 10 students not attending the Year 10 Camp during the week 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November are able to complete an additional week of Work Experience. Insurance paperwork and information is available from the Careers Office. Students are encouraged to find a placement as soon as possible and return signed paperwork to the Careers Office by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

## QLD UNIVERSITY EXCURSION - 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

This is a two day regional school excursion that visits a selection of NSW/Gold Coast and Queensland based universities. Tours will be conducted at SCU on the Gold Coast, Griffith University, University of Queensland, as well as a number of smaller institutions. Invitations are open to all 2014 Year 12 students. Places are limited so students are encouraged to submit payment and permission slips as soon as possible.

## UNIVERSITY OFFERS

Congratulations to the following outgoing Year 12 students:-

- Emma Hayes has been advised she has been offered a conditional offer to University of Wollongong to study Civil Engineering;
- Emma Miller has been advised that she has been offered a conditional offer to University of Sydney as part of the E12 program to study IT Engineering; and
- Asha Midson has been advised that she has been offered a three year Undergraduate Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship from the Australian College of Nursing.

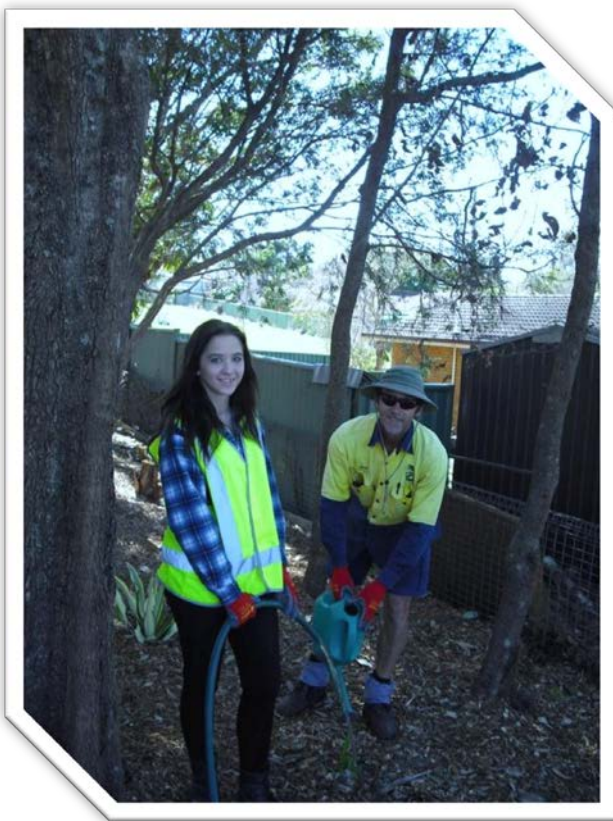
## CAREERS (continued)

### VET WORK PLACEMENT

Every year approximately one third of our senior students undertake a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course as part of their pattern of study.

For all Board Developed courses, work placement is a mandated part of the course. For each year of a VET course a student must undertake a minimum of 35 hours in a work place related to their field of study. VET courses at Coffs Harbour High School include Hospitality and Primary Industries (Horticulture). Many VET courses are also delivered by TAFE (TVET) including Automotive, Aged Care, Construction and Retail.

Kaity Baldwin is a Year 12 student who recently completed work placement with Coffs Harbour City Council. Kaity writes here about her positive experience in the work place as told to Youth Directions, our local Partnerships Organisation that assists with work placement arrangements.



**Kaity shows the council's staff how it's done!**

"Hi, my name is Kaity Baldwin. I attend Year 12 at Coffs Harbour High School. One of my current subjects is Primary Industries; Horticulture Certificate II.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> August, I did work placement for this class at the Coffs Harbour City Council for one week. I was very nervous not knowing what to expect working with total strangers and not knowing what my duties would be. Straight away the staff put my worries at ease with their positive attitudes and friendly approach. I worked in the Horticulture section, which involved round-a-bout, garden, pathway and park maintenance, generally improving the appearance of the Coffs Harbour Region. Throughout the week I learnt so much, and it was a very rewarding experience. The people there were approachable and encouraging. All the jobs I was assigned to, I put in 110% effort and did the best I could.

When my family and I drive past some of the locations I helped to improve I feel a sense of pride and achievement. I feel I have gained a lot of skills which will not only help me with my course but will benefit me in a future career.

I enjoyed work placement very much and am considering volunteering with the council."

## CAREERS (continued)

### THE SMITH FAMILY iTRACKS PROGRAM PREPARATION FOR THE WORKFORCE WORKSHOP

Congratulations to the five students who completed The Smith Family *iTracks* online career mentoring program. Students met one period per week and interacted with online peer mentors to assist them in making decisions that will assist them with further education and career prospects.

The program culminated in a one day Preparation for the Workforce workshop with students from Orara High School where students were treated to a two course meal at Coffs Ex Services Club and information from local business people on how to make the most of their future.

Special thanks to Darrin Allen from The Smith Family for his continued support to students from our school.



Back L-R: Darrin Allen, Ashlie Leach, Shawn Stibbe, Takisha Bale, Hayden Moulds, Tamara Elks-Wade and Mr Dennis Silver from the Fairbridge Foundation.  
Front: Jessica Young and Brendan Leach.



## CAREERS (continued)



Keisha Amos with Fi from SALT



Taylor Dickson with Fi from SALT



L-R; Mrs Trina Neville, Taylor Dickson, Kiana Gray, Emily Triplett, Savannah Hobson, Kaity Baldwin, Mrs Dionne Court with Fi and Fred from SALT



# SPORT

## JUNIOR GIRLS' NETBALL TEAM

Congratulations to the Junior Girls' Netball Team who travelled to Grafton to compete in the Knockout Gala Day. The team played Toormina in the first game, winning easily with a score of 46 - 4. We played South Grafton in the second round and won 37 - 18. The third game was a tough one, with each team matching scores each quarter, until the final quarter where we went down by 6 goals.

Thank you to Danielle Goulding for refereeing and to the parents who travelled to the carnival and supported the girls.



Back row L-R: Hannah Archibald, Greta Smith,  
Haneen Shatry, Caitlin Stuart, Olivia Stuart.  
Front row L-R: Sophie Cameron,  
Zali Rigoni and Amelia Newman.

**Jennifer Pearce**  
TEACHER ~ PD/H/PE

## SPORT (continued)

### OPEN GIRLS' CRICKET

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, the Open Girls' Cricket Team travelled to Woolgoolga to take on Woolgoolga High School in Round 1 of the Knockout Tournament. After winning the toss and electing to field the girls were in good spirits. Unfortunately, the opposition had an opening batter who settled well into our bowling. Our first wicket (from an excellent catch by Kodie Vandenberg) didn't come until 41 runs were scored. Wickets were also earned by Taylor Vandenberg and Lily Potger. After 20 overs, we were left to chase 117 runs. After a well-earned break and snacks, our girls were ready to take to the batting. Not to be outdone, Matilda Lugg stepped up to the crease and settled into a fine rhythm, retiring after 53 runs. Unfortunately, as we closed towards the end of 20 overs and still needing 30 runs, our girls pushed as hard as they could but fell just short ending on 102 runs. It was a well-played match by both sides. Well done girls! A special thank you to parents who transported the girls on the day.



Back row L - R: Taylor Vandenberg, Greta Smith, Taylor Williams, Callie Winsor, Paige Channells, Bree Watters-Campbell.  
Front row L - R: Matilda Lugg, Tamara Skinner, Samahra Bye, Lily Potger and Kodie Vandenberg.

**Natascha Gehrke**  
**SCIENCE TEACHER**

## SPORT (continued)

### UNDER 14 GIRLS' CRICKET

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, the Under 14 Girls' Cricket Team travelled to Bellingin facing Bellingin High School in Round 2 of the Knockout Tournament. Again, we were fortunate enough to win the toss and elected to field. After a slow start to the match, the girls began to communicate as a team and after 19 runs scored their first wicket with the duo of Greta Smith bowling and Sarah Fear in the field. This pair proved too good taking another wicket immediately after. Unfortunately, the girls were not able to finish with a hat trick. With 2 wickets out of the way, the girls stepped up and played a good fielding game to finish 20 overs with Bellingin only scoring 78 runs. Wickets were taken by Cheyenne Sodeau, Matilda Lugg, Lily Potger, Lainey Prendergast and Paige Channells. Excellent bowling by Matilda Lugg during the match ended with 1 for 5 and 2 maiden overs.

Heading into bat, the girls were confident to go for their shots. Matilda Lugg and Paige Channells as opening batters sent Bellingin repeatedly to the boundary. Paige's luck ran out and was bowled after scoring 19 runs leaving at 1 for 65 runs. Unfortunately, a lack of communication between the batters saw another 3 wickets drop quickly. Greta Smith then stepped to the crease and showed some outstanding batting again sending Bellingin for fours ending on 29 runs. All the girls played extremely well and won the match with 10 for 142 runs. Thank you to the parents who provided transport for the match and all the girls with their shout outs encouraging each other.



Back row L - R: Sarah Fear, Greta Smith,  
Emily Joseph, Skye McRae-Mitchell, Lily Potger,  
Paige Channells and Cheyenne Sodeau.  
Front row L - R: Caitlin Parker, Layla George,  
Matilda Lugg, Jess Beehag and Lainey Prendergast.

**Natascha Gehrke**  
**SCIENCE TEACHER**

## SPORT (continued)

### MATTY COX WINS FIVE GOLD MEDALS AT THE NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR NATIONALS



Above: Matty in his winning jump in the Free Ride Competition in Cardrona Wanaka, New Zealand.

Right: Matty's winning medal collection from the Junior Nationals in New Zealand.

Matt competed in the following five disciplines against the best from Australia and New Zealand and won gold for each one:-

Slopestyle; Boarder Cross; Giant Slalom; Free Ride and Half Pipe.

Congratulations Matty on another outstanding performance.

