What a truly vibrant place Coffs Harbour High is. Read on to discover how this newsletter celebrates student involvement in artistic, sporting and academic endeavour over just the last four weeks. For my part, I want to emphasise how much of their success is due to the enthusiasm of our staff, who put in immense efforts organising these opportunities for students, and to community members who give generously to support us. My sincere thanks to them all.

Recent support from the community includes Gumbaynggirr Elders helping with the school musical, guest speakers visiting Science classes, the business and professional community of Coffs Harbour generously finding places for 180 Year 10 Work Experience students, and our irreplaceable parent helpers who volunteered so many hours in the canteen during the Dance Eisteddfod. Strong partnerships with all sectors of our community are very important to us, and we welcome parent feedback on ways for further strengthening them.

Special congratulations to the Open Girls’ Softball Team who have performed brilliantly, defeating highly rated schools (including specialised Sports High schools) to become State champions. In addition to the wonderful efforts by the girls, I acknowledge the team manager, Ms Amanda Munro, of the PE department, and our two extraordinary parent coaches, Ms Sue Winsor and Mrs Sharon Vandenberg.

Library staff Mrs Gail Latham and Mrs Helen Quinn, are also toiling away in the lead-up to our approaching celebrations for the School’s 75th Anniversary. We do hope many current parents and students will join former staff and students visiting the school on Open Day, 3rd August. For details keep watching the local papers or visit the School’s website. Thank you too to Mr Dave Randall, who has done a sterling job as General Assistant since the beginning of the year. Dave has been outstanding in this role, one which is vital for the effective and safe running of our school. The position is now about to be filled by the Department through a transfer.
Finally, I must again mention Gonski. Teachers in NSW were thrilled when the Premier, Mr Barry O’Farrell, signed up on behalf of students in New South Wales to the Federal Government’s proposed educational reforms. The implementation of these reforms will constitute a very significant improvement to the funding system of all schools. Numerous studies have shown that equity — which amounts to a fair chance for all students — is not as evident in Australian education as it used to be. Research has also established that the strongest performing education systems build their success on high levels of equity. Excellence follows.

I would therefore urge parents to help ensure that our Federal Member, Mr Luke Hartsuyker, listens to the well-founded statements of his State National Party colleague and state Education Minister, Mr Adrian Piccoli, who stated: "[The Federal Coalition] will do what they think they need to do, but what I need to do is have the facts out there as to why NSW signed up for it. I hope other states embrace it and I would hope the federal opposition embraces it too, because it's a good deal for schools." The minister's statements make it plain that the Gonski improvements to school funding are not a matter of one political party’s preferences over another’s. They came from many months of careful work by a panel of highly-respected Australians who throughout their deliberations gave priority to finding the best possible outcomes for the nation’s future educational system.

A final point that is relevant to Coffs Harbour High: because our school proudly welcomes all students, regardless of their parents' income, we would receive significantly more funding under the new Gonski model than we do at present. All of our students would benefit from this.

Patti Kearns

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

At the halfway point of the year we begin to organise the subjects available for students next year. The first process is to offer Year 10 students a choice of subjects that they will attempt as senior students. The Year 10 students have made their initial choices, and early next term the number of subjects available will be narrowed down, with the subjects most requested by the students available for their final selection. It can be a confusing time for students as they try to decide on subjects for 2014; however Ms Dionne Court (Careers Adviser), Ms Jenny Pearce (Year Adviser) and I, are all available to help the students with this process. Once these selections are completed we will then make available the choices for our Year 8 students, who will choose elective subjects for Year 9. These Year 9 elective choices will be made later in Term 3.

Many of you would now know that we will be introducing a new school uniform from next year, phased in over two years. One part of the uniform, the school jumper, will not change. Being the middle of winter we are starting to see some students arrive at school in different coloured jumpers. We regularly enforce the wearing of correct uniform with our students to develop pride in their school, and for early identification in the unlikely event that intruders come into the school. I would like to remind parents that school jumpers are available for purchase in the school canteen. If any families are unable to buy a jumper, students can see Mr Browne (Head Teacher Welfare) to request the loan of a jumper for the winter months.
The sporting highlight of the year undoubtedly occurred early this month, as the girls’ softball team travelled to Newcastle to contest the State Final 16 tournament in the CHS competition. The girls lifted to the challenge, winning each game and improving on each occasion, until they won the tournament, thereby being the State Champions. It was certainly a wonderful effort from all of the girls. Congratulations to all of them and a special thank you to their teacher, Ms Amanda Munro and to the parents who supported the team along the way. Well done.

Mr Tony Wilson

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Garlambirla Cultural Excursions Report

As part of our cultural awareness training before performing our Garlambirla musical, we have been privileged to have two excursions with Gumbaynggirr elder and knowledge holder, Mark Flanders. The first excursion we went south to Valla Beach, Nambucca, Muurrbay Language and Cultural Co-op and Stuart Island. At Valla, Mark advised how the old people would sing a special song in language to the dolphins, so that they would help to round up the fish. At Muurrbay we were welcomed by Aunty Pauline and Aunty Maxine, who told us the stories of The Two Sisters Who Made the Sea and Birrugan, the Southern Cross. We also learned about the importance of Stuart Island, as a former Aboriginal reserve and place where cultural knowledge was preserved.

On our northern excursion we visited Boonyoon Miirlarl, Macauleys Headland, Moonee Beach, Look At Me Now Headland and Red Rock. At each of these locations, Mark told us stories about the creation ancestors, like the giant goanna who now forms Macauleys Headland, and about cultural practices at these sites. For instance we learned about the huge ‘axe factory’ at Moonee and how it was virtually destroyed by rutile mining. From Moonee we could clearly see Split Solitary Island, where The Two Sisters Who Made the Sea crossed their digging sticks before going up into the sky. At Red Rock we visited the ochre site and everyone had fun painting up. Here Mark told us the tragic story of the Red Rock massacre. The men and boys then went onto the headland to pay their respects. At Yarrawarra Cultural Centre, Aunty Sue Tomkins made a beautiful bush tucker lunch for us with kangaroo meatballs, lemon myrtle cheesecake, native mint cakes, damper and lemon myrtle cordial.

These two excursions have given us invaluable insight into the history and cultural importance of our local area. Hopefully we can now follow Mark’s advice and start to look after country. Hearing the creation stories from elders, on their locations, has been very important in preparing to perform them.

Thank you to Uncle Mark and to Uncle Ben Ferguson for sharing their knowledge with us.
SCHOOL MUSICAL GARLAMBIRLA

Tickets for our original musical based on Garlambirla (Coffs Harbour) histories are now on sale through Coffs Harbour High School, telephone 6652 3466. The story begins with the Creation Ancestors and traverses time, touching on some important cultural contact points. Soul, reggae and some classic Aussie standards like Solid Rock, Yil Lull and Blackfella Whitefella. Bet you didn’t know that the Two Sisters Who Made the Sea could sing like Aretha Franklin!

Opening Night will be held on Thursday 15th August 2013, at the Jetty Theatre, commencing at 7.00 pm, with bush tucker being provided by Coffs Harbour High School hospitality students during interval.

Matinees will be held on Wednesday 14th August and Thursday 15th August at 11.00 am. CHHS students will attend on Friday 16th August. All tickets for the matinee shows will be $5.00.

Evening shows will be held on Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th August at 7.00 pm. Ticket prices will be adults $10.00 and children/concession $7.00.

The musical runs for approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are available at the Administration Office during school hours.

Madge Hair
DRAMA TEACHER
Coffs Harbour High School entered two dance groups in this year’s Coffs Harbour Eisteddfod. We were successful in gaining first and second place. The smaller of the groups was choreographed by Year 10 student Rachael Fear and was awarded first place. The other called ‘Elements’ was choreographed by Ms Belinda Lemair, a local dance teacher. This was a highly complicated dance that involved four costume changes, one for each of the elements. This dance was also presented at the North Coast Dance Festival at Coffs Cex Club and at the Gala Performance Evening at the Jetty Theatre.

All dancers must be congratulated on their commitment to dance and the wonderful performances that they gave.

Jan Chivas
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 students and their parents should be congratulated for a highly successful Work Experience week between 17\textsuperscript{th} to 21\textsuperscript{st} June this year. Feedback from employers was commendable and some students have been offered casual employment and opportunities for future employment as a result of their work. The success of this program relies heavily on the goodwill of local employers, many of whom continually demonstrate their commitment to our program.

On behalf of the school we would like to thank local businesses and parents for all their assistance in making this program a success. Included in this newsletter is a selection of photographs of students in the work place.

Back row (L-R): Jack Vandermaat, Ben Wilson, Lachlan Lugg, Dylan Thompson, Angus Field, Liam James, James Langfield, Rachael Fear, Emma Knight.
Front row (L-R): Myles Bowden, Chelsea Rose, Lilly Henderson, Courteney Treadwell, Gabe Ellicott.
Work Bites

Work Bites is a program devised by Youth Directions to provide ‘supportive’ and ‘positive’ work sampling opportunities within local retail business Woolworths, for Aboriginal and refugee school students living in Coffs Harbour.

Ten Coffs Harbour High School students have been fortunate to participate in the program, with two students being offered casual employment as a result of their efforts in the program.

UNSW Nura Gili “Light and Fire” Roadshow

Indigenous students in Years 10 – 12 were given the opportunity to find out more about university life at the University of New South Wales Fire and Light Roadshow. All attendees were given a goody bag from the university and gained a greater understanding of courses available for the future.

Nura Gili representative, Takisha Bale, Ashlie Leach, Jaymin Hyland-Taylor, Maddie Ross, Brendan Leach, Elijah Gray, Leearna Williams (UNSW Nura Gili Program)
UNSW Winter School Success

Congratulations to Alysha Pearson and Ashley Halpin on their acceptance to attend the UNSW Winter School program. Both students will travel down to Sydney and spend a week of their school holidays at the university with more than 150 students from around NSW. The university covers all airfares, accommodation and meals and will open the student eyes to university life in the city.

School Based Apprentices & Trainees (SbAT)

Well done to the following Year 11 students for being offered school based traineeships as part of their senior schooling. Each of these students get the value added benefit of achieving both their HSC and completing the first year of a traineeship all at the one time. Each student attends regular classes at school and at least one day a week of paid employment.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

University of Newcastle Excursion - 17th July 2013

Year 12 students are invited to attend an excursion to visit the University of Newcastle, Callaghan campus on Wednesday 17th July. As it is only a one day excursion it does involve both an early start and late return but it is well worth the visit. Cost is $45.00 per person. Permission notes are due by late June and can be obtained from the Careers Office.

Post Options Expo - 24th July 2013

All students from Years 11 & 12 are encouraged to attend the Post Options Expo at the Coffs Harbour Education Campus on Wednesday 24th July. Representatives from universities, NSW and Queensland TAFE, private colleges, employment providers and the University Admissions Centre (UAC) will be available to talk to students about ideas and options once completing secondary school. As the excursion is held on a Wednesday, students can arrange their own transportation, however students can elect to pay $3.00 for transportation provided by the school. Parents are also welcome to attend.
Year 12 ‘What Next’ Information Sessions

In Term 3, Year 12 students will be encouraged to attend weekly sessions at school on a range of topics relevant to post school options. Topics include the university application process, applying for University Early Entry, searching and applying for scholarships, TAFE courses and applications, résumé writing, employment applications, and the use of various websites that assist with career decision making.

Some sessions will also include guest speakers. All sessions are held during lunchtime and run by the careers department as a service to assist students. A session brochure will be distributed to students at the beginning of Term 3. We also hope to hold a parent information evening outlining the university application process for parents in late August. Parents are also welcome to request an interview with our Careers Adviser for further clarification of the process.

Dionne Court
CAREERS ADVISOR
Year 11 & 12

NOT SURE WHAT TO DO WITH YOURSELF WHEN YOU FINISH SCHOOL?

Come along to the

POST SECONDARY OPTIONS EXPO

Wednesday 24th July

9.15am – 12.00pm

CHEC Gymnasium

FREE ENTRY

There will be representatives from:

TAFE UNIVERSITIES Employment Service Providers
Private Colleges APPRENTICESHIP GROUPS

To talk to students and provide information on:
COSTS, accommodation info, SCHOLARSHIP INFO, Avenues of entry, COURSES HEAPS MORE

Parents and students welcome

See Mrs Court if you require transportation
Upcoming courses at CHYFM 104.4
Contact the radio station directly to make a booking

EXISTING AND NEW STUDENTS

We have refresher and upgrading courses for Bronze and Silver in July. New students are also welcome!

BRONZE COURSE

- Thursday, 6th of June from 4pm till 6pm (Introduction and Orientation)
- Thursday, 20th of June from 4pm till 6pm (Second Session)

Cost: $100 for new students, free for existing Bronze students

Please come to Bronze if you would like a refresher on the basics.

SILVER COURSE

- Thursday, 13th of June from 4pm till 6pm (Introduction)
- Thursday, 27th of June from 4pm till 6pm (Second Session)

Cost: $100 for new students, free for existing Silver students

NEW STUDENTS!

We have classes running for new broadcasting courses this June. They will be fortnightly classes on:

BRONZE COURSE

- Monday, 1st of July. From 9am till 12noon (Introduction and Orientation)
- Tuesday, 2nd of July. From 9am till 12noon (Second Session)

Cost: $100

SILVER COURSE

- Wednesday, 3rd of July. From 9am till 12noon (Introduction)
- Thursday, 4th of July. From 9am till 12noon (Second Session)

Cost: $100

Please contact Becky at the station on (02) 6651 1104, to verify that you are coming.
On Friday 7th June, Coffs Harbour High School played Toormina High in the third round of the interschool Chess Knockout. Students representing Coffs Harbour High were:

John Davies, Harold Darrington, Harly Roe and Daniel Darrington.

We dominated play on all four tables and were victorious on three - a great result for our school. Winning Round 3 puts us into the top 3 schools in the North Coast for the next round. It has been a pleasure watching our chess players develop their skills over the last few months.

Good luck to the boys in Round 4.

Anthony Baker
SCIENCE GUEST SPEAKERS

Climate change and global warming still seem distant problems to some, however, even in Coffs Harbour we are starting to question whether recent events such as flooding, extremely hot days and severe storms are being influenced by global warming. Coffs Harbour has wonderful and renowned ecosystems from rainforests to eucalypt forests to coastal areas abundant in biodiversity.

Two Year 9 Science classes explored the impact of pollution on the Coffs Coast region with community guest speakers attending to share insight into the conservation of various ecosystems in the Coffs Harbour region and their own part in preserving our environment through their employment.

First speaker, Ashley Love from the National Parks Association offered useful information about conservation groups in the local region, particularly those dealing with forest ecosystems. He shared facts and results from studies conducted in Coffs Harbour on eucalypts and koala population. (Further information on either of these studies can be found on the school website). Most of all, he emphasised the importance of trees in reducing pollution and supporting ecological sustainability for future generations.
SCIENCE GUEST SPEAKERS (continued)

Second speaker, Aaron Tolley from Dolphin Marine Magic (formerly Pet Porpoise Pool) discussed marine creature injuries and rehabilitation. The majority of these injuries are due to human pollution such as plastic, fishing nets and fishing line. Aaron spoke of community action and volunteering as pathways for marine conservation. We were informed of future plans for Dolphin Marine Magic in providing a more extensive treatment and rehabilitation facility for injured marine life.

Final speaker, Brett Vercoe from the Solitary Island Marine Parks discussed the diversity of marine life present in the local region and their inter-species interaction. This diversity in marine life on the Coffs Coast is what makes it unique. He showed several clips of operations in regards to freeing marine wildlife from fishing nets in particular. The injuries to the marine animals were horrifying, and shocked some students. Many students now feel motivated to play their part making a difference to protecting our environment.

Thank you to the guest speakers for devoting their time, expertise and passion for conserving the plant and animal ecosystems of the Coffs Harbour region.

Natascha Gehrke
YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

As part of the unit called “Our Changing Food”, students were asked to develop a new food product. They worked in pairs and completed the steps in Food Product Development, to achieve this. This involved market surveys, prototypes, taste tests, costing and suitable packaging. The culmination of this unit was their product launch, where they submitted their new products and packaging, to the close scrutiny of guest judges Mrs Anne Stenning and MasterChef’s Mr Matt Preston (aka Gary Lyne).

The judges sampled each new food and questioned students on the reasons for their choices and the processes involved. They were full of praise for the efforts of all the groups and were very complimentary on their end results. This was a highly successful unit of work where the students learned a lot about food product development, as well as having lots of fun.

Nerida McKee
FOOD TECHNOLOGY TEACHER

Guest judge Matt Preston (aka Gary Lyne) from MasterChef visits Coffe Harbour High. L-R: Danielle Goulding and Mikaela Delolmo

Nice cravat Mr Preston!!
Year 10 Food Technology (continued)

L-R: Matt Preston (aka Gary Lyne) judges Daniel Darrington’s cooking

L-R: Anne Stenning, Cara Alchin, Taylor Vandenberg

L-R: Danielle Goulding, Mikaela Delolmo, Anne Stenning
Under 15 Girls’ AFL Gala Day

On Wednesday 5th June 2013, 18 Coffs Harbour High School girls participated in the Under 15 AFL Girls’ Gala Day held at Leisure Park. There was great interest and representation with a total of five teams from schools around the region. Our girls played games against Camden Haven, Maclean, St Paul’s and Orara. Unfortunately they did not make it through to the final, needing to win the last game against Orara, but losing by a couple of goals.

The girls should be congratulated on their behaviour throughout the day and their development in terms of the level of skill, game sense and tactics. All girls showed significant improvement from the first bounce of game one to the final game against Orara – which was probably game of the day!

Well done girls on a great day of Aussie Rules.

Adam Mason
Open Girls’ Softball State Carnival

After a successful season Coffs Harbour High School’s Open Girls’ Softball Team finished the New South Wales Combined High Schools Softball Knockout Competition, in winning style. The girls made the trip to the Final 16 State Championships on 11th and 12th June, after being crowned North Coast Regional Champions earlier in the school term. Convincingly winning three previous rounds against teams from Orara, Melville and Banora Point High Schools, the girls remained well grounded and were prepared for stiff competition at the State Finals.

The Finals Knockout draw meant that each team played four games over the two days. Newcastle put on a beautiful display of weather for our first day of play, with the girls facing Mudgee High. The girls started off steady with a three run lead, and strong fielding efforts held Mudgee at two runs for the rest of the game. The girls found form mid-way through the match, kicking it up a notch in the final innings to take the game 19-2. The convincing win strengthened the girls confidence and self-belief and placed them as one of the top eight teams in the State.

The girls second game fell later that day with the increasing strength of the competition assured. The Hills Sports High School team from Western Sydney were the girls closest match over the two days, with our girls having to come up against the strongest pitcher in the competition. Both teams put on an excellent display of fielding, Kodie Vandenberg putting on a flawless display in the outfield and Greta Smith making a brilliant play to Fiona Whalan at first base to end the game. Our girls had steadily crept players across the plate throughout the innings to win the game 4-2. The girls were overjoyed with their win as this now meant that Coffs Harbour High School was in the top four teams in the State.

Our second days play saw our girls facing another strong Sydney High School team, Cheltenham High who were last year’s runners-up in the State Knockout Softball Grand Final. Having built their confidence after two wins the previous day, our girls went in hungry to win. This game really saw the girls step up their game, with strong and consistent batting from all members of the team. Cheltenham came out batting as well, but solid fielding displays from our infielders Greta Smith, Fiona Whalan, Georgia Neef and Bree Watters-Campbell and brilliant catches by outfielder Kristen Firth, kept their runs at bay. Coffs Harbour’s strong start to the game saw them maintain their lead throughout the game to win 14-8 and cementing their place in the 2013 State Grand Final!

As the afternoon’s Grand Final neared so did the inclement weather. By game time the grounds were well soaked, the weather cold and the rain still falling. With the umpires giving the game the go ahead the girls prepared to take the field against Northern Beaches Secondary College, who have featured several times in the State Grand Finals over the past five years, with some trepidation. The wet weather increased the risk of misfields and made accurate pitching difficult for both sides. Our strong pitcher and catcher combination of Callie Winsor and Taylor Vandenberg were the backbone of the game. Good composure and an outstanding and consistent display of pitching from Callie was a solidifying strength for the team. The girls were ably supported throughout the game by consistent backing-up and efficient plays from the outfield by Grace Hoskin, Brianna Jamieson, and Tamara Skinner. Again, the girls stepped up to the challenge, closing out the third innings with another brilliant display of batting from all team members, especially Eliza Hall.
Open Girls’ Softball State Carnival (continued)

With a good lead, the girls now needed to shut down the opposition in their final stint at bat. As three of their runners crossed the plate and our lead narrowed, tensions rose, and two outs seemed so far from three. An outfield hit in the final minutes of the game, that could have easily been more runs across the plate, was captured by the safe hands of Kodie Vandenberg. The winning catch ending the innings and the game 12-8, sealing the Girls victory as State Champions!
Open Girls’ Softball State Carnival (continued)

The girls were presented at the Finals with Gold Medals and the NSWCHSSA Teachers Mutual Bank Shield for 2013. Their sportsmanship, team cohesion, persistence and determination throughout the two day tournament are to be commended. Callie Winsor and Kodie Vandenberg were voted most valuable players and Kristen Firth our Most Improved player. Appreciation also goes out to the parents who helped to make the whole endeavour possible. A special thank you must be given to coaches Sue Winsor and Sharon Vandenberg for their amazing work with the girls and our scorer Tanya Hodgson.

Our Open Girls’ Softball Team consisted of Kristen Firth, Grace Hoskin, Georgia Neef, Eliza Hall, Bree Watters-Campbell, Callie Winsor, Fiona Whalan, Taylor Vandenberg, Brianna Jamieson, Kodie Vandenberg, Tamara Skinner and Greta Smith.

The girls have done themselves, Coffs Harbour High School, all country high schools and Coffs Harbour extremely proud!

Amanda Munro

Open Boys’ Football

On Tuesday 28th May 2013, Coffs Harbour High played Orara High School in the third round of the interschool knockout. Conditions at Orara were atrocious - the field was waterlogged and pools of water stopped us from playing our usual flowing, passing game. The boys played valiantly but Orara scored twice in the last 10 minutes to eventually win the game 3-2.

Notable performances were Rory Tolhurst in the centre of mid-field, Steven Shute up front and Jack Vandermaat out wide. Special thanks to Zack Smith for his expertise as team manager. All games this year were played in good spirit and all players showed the highest level of discipline and sportsmanship. A disappointing end for our Year 12 boys but for the rest of the team — there’s always next year!

Anthony Baker
**Cross Country**

On the 24\(^{th}\) May 2013, Coffs Harbour High Cross Country Team travelled to Woolgoolga in torrential rain to compete at the MNC Carnival. Despite the rain and freezing winds all runners competed in their races, with our students coming in the top ten runners for nearly all events. The teams were assembled inside the school campus to keep warm and dry.

A special thank you to Ms Gehrke who stood out in the blistering weather for nearly three hours! Jai Lyons was awarded the Age Champion for the 16 Years Boys, after completing the course in 22.18 mins.

Congratulations to the 12, 14 and 16 Years Boys who made the school teams for the next carnival.

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North Coast Cross Country Team

Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the North Coast Cross Country Team and will compete at the NSW CHS Championships at Eastern Creek on 19th July 2013.

Jacob Blay, Hugh Churchwell, Peter McKenzie, Jack Pavey, Ethan Berends, Caitlin Lobb, Kieran Bellemore, Josh Leckenby and Jai Lyons.

Open Girls’ Basketball

Congratulations to our Open Girls’ Basketball Team who are North Coast Champions. The girls were due to play Hunter Sports High who forfeited last week due to commitments.

Open Girls’ Volleyball

Elana Forrest was selected to be a representative of the North Coast Volleyball Team, which competed at CHS Volleyball in Nowra. The team played eight games against teams from all over NSW, winning three games in total. The team placed 6th overall.

North Coast Squash Trials

Connor Herring is now in the Open North Coast Squash Team after another student has withdrawn. Andrew Ritchie and Jacob Ford have been invited to try out for the 15 years NSW CHS team. Well done boys!
2013 CHHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Despite the rain and grey skies, Coffs Harbour High School students were out and about in vibrant colours and costumes for this year’s annual Athletics Carnival. What a fantastic display of sportsmanship and pride for our school houses. We would like to thank the staff for braving the weather and giving our students an opportunity to shine.

Congratulations to the students who were the Age Champions for 2013. Many students have made it through to the Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival to be held on 20th June 2013 at the BCU International Stadium. We wish you all the best of luck.

Congratulations to two upcoming athletes in Year 7, Erin Vitnell-Phillips, who broke the record in the Under 13 Years Girls’ Javelin. Erin threw a distance of 23.78 m, smashing the existing 2005 record by 1.48 m. Sarsja Rackham-Ralph easily won the Under 13 Years Girls’ Shot Put by a distance of 2.0 m, throwing a huge 8.28 m. Well done to both girls.

Jenny Pearce & Amanda Munro

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POINT SCORE

1st place Gallows 572 points
2nd place Macauleys 562 points
3rd place Sapphire 405 points
4th place Emerald 343 points
PD/H/PE FACULTY (continued)

This girl has a great attitude!
Love Bites is a Social Skills Program aimed at our Year 10 students. Four groups do the program over a full day of activities and over four separate days. It is delivered across the North Coast by the “Growing Respect Team”, which consists of highly qualified staff in the areas of psychology, social work, nursing, adolescent health, social sciences and of course, teaching. Love Bites is an extremely successful school-based domestic and family violence and sexual assault prevention program that has been delivered in our school. Love Bites is based on best practice standards for education programs as recommended by the Federal Government. This is a federally funded program which we are honoured to have presented in our school.

Over 90,000 students throughout Australia have participated in this program. The program aims to raise awareness of domestic and sexual assault, to promote and model respectful relationships and provide a safe environment in which young people can talk about issues surrounding healthy and unhealthy relationships.

The day consists of a group of 35 or so students being involved in a variety of activities. They watch and discuss two short films relating to unhealthy relationships, engage in fun group activities which encourages participation and the day finishes off with painting and song writing activities. Overwhelmingly, students have responded positively to the program.

Many thanks to Libby Knight and her team for offering Coffs Harbour High School this great opportunity.

Chris Browne  Jenny Pearce
HEAD TEACHER WELFARE  YEAR 10 ADVISER
As we near the end of Term 2, the winter woollies are appearing – including our fabulous new school scarf which is already being worn with pride - and everyone is getting ready for a well-earned break.

The annual Dance Eisteddfod was held on the June long weekend and once again was a huge success. A BIG THANK YOU must once again go to our amazing canteen ladies – Gail, Deanna, Tracey and Michelle – for working tirelessly all weekend to provide a delicious range of hot and cold food to everyone who was part of the Eisteddfod. This included contestants, judges, families and friends who came back for seconds (and even thirds)! A BIG THANK YOU also to the wonderful parents / grandparents / carers who spent time baking and contributed to our cup cake drive. The amount and quality of cakes was overwhelming and these were a great favourite for young and old alike. And last but not least, a BIG THANK YOU must also go to all our volunteers who gave up their time on the long weekend and helped out in the canteen. It just goes to show that if many people contribute we can do great things for our school. Final profit amount is not known yet but sales for the weekend were just over $11,000.00!!! WOW! What an amazing effort and one that is appreciated by us all!

Our 75th birthday celebrations are looming ever closer and on Saturday 3rd August the school will be open from 10.00 am – 2.00 pm to enable former students to take the opportunity to visit and reminisce about their school days. The P&C will be running a stall where people can purchase some memorabilia or raffle tickets for our Monster Raffle. We will also be selling our new school scarves! Our canteen will be open during this time and we would appreciate any assistance from volunteers to help run the canteen. Don’t forget that a Cocktail Party will also be held on Saturday 3rd August in the Rainbow Room at the Coffs Harbour Ex-Services Club from 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm at a cost of $18.00 per head. This time was chosen to enable people to attend class or decade reunions which will be held in venues around Coffs Harbour. Tickets for the Cocktail Party can be purchased through the Club. Please check the Club’s website for details.

The style and design of our new school uniform has now been finalised and our kids are going to look amazing! We will have new skirts, blouses, shirts and a new sports uniform which will set us apart from the rest of the schools whilst retaining our unique identity. Thank you so much Sharon Vandenberg, Leanne Bourke, Janet Austin and Denise Alchin, for the hours and hours of work and dedication that went into researching suppliers, sourcing fabric, trying out different styles and considering our whole student body and all their different shapes and sizes. All your hard work has definitely paid off and I cannot wait to see our students wearing it around with pride. Remember that there will be a phase out time of two years so kids can still get plenty of wear out of their old uniform if they choose to.
At our last P&C meeting it was decided that the P&C would spend up to $10,000 for new furniture in the entrance of the Library. After consultation with Gail Latham, our librarian, we have started some preliminary discussions with furniture companies and hopefully before the end of Term 3, we will have some new, modern furniture that everyone will like and be proud of.

The popular (and delicious!) chicken noodle box is still on the school canteen menu every Tuesday for just $5.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 5th August 2013 in the school Library commencing at 7.00 pm. We welcome new and familiar faces and look forward to a fun and informative meeting.

Hope to see you there!

Cheers
Jen Woschitzka
P&C Publicity Officer

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The Royal Far West is a children’s charity that supplies free health care to country children who cannot get their treatments for specialized medical and learning difficulties needed in their local area.

Funds are raised locally at the Royal Far West Op Shop located on the corner of Moonee and West Streets, Coffs Harbour. We are in need of URGENT donations of men’s and children’s clothing, also school uniforms, household goods, including linen, craft items, bric-a-brac, books, etc. Please drop your donations into the Op Shop now.

Please support the charity that supports our sick local children