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“Light out of Darkness”

newsletter

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Term 3 — 2013/06

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the entire school community for the wonderful experiences we have shared during Term 3.

Education Week this year had several highlights:-

- the Induction of Dr Judy Henderson into the Hall of Fame;
- the celebration of our 75th Anniversary; and
- the school musical, *Garlambirla*.

All of these events involved honouring and reflecting upon our history, sharing stories of past and present, and working towards futures we can be proud of.

Dr Henderson was modest about her own quite extraordinary achievements, but she encouraged students to seize opportunities, and to have the courage to take the more interesting pathways in life—even when they may look daunting.

Hundreds of ex-students visited the school on Open Day, including three students from the very first class of 1938 who participated in the march up Harbour Drive from Coffs Primary School. Our honour boards which hang proudly in the front foyer of the school came alive as former students came to find their names and tell their stories.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful coordination work of our library staff, Mrs Gail Latham and Mrs Helen Quinn, and all the people of our community who supplied the fascinating memorabilia on display. Hearty thanks for all your efforts, which were instrumental in making our anniversary such an exhilarating success.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL (continued)

And then the school musical, staged by Drama teacher, Ms Madge Hair and Music teacher, Mr Simon Smith was a brilliant culmination of this parade of our achievements. Entirely created within the school, but made possible by the irreplaceable help of the local Gumbaynggirr people, it was an extraordinary example of reconciliation and deep learning for all involved. I am sure it was an event that will live on in the hearts of everyone who took part — but it has also enhanced the school's reputation well beyond our own city. The new Director of Schools, Ms Jenny Murray, said it was the most inspirational student performance she had ever seen. She added:-

“Quite apart from the wonderful acting, singing, music and production values, this performance shows more clearly than anything else how the school has embraced Indigenous culture as a foundation to teaching about local history and how our local society works today. A school could not produce a piece like this without the recognition of past and present Aboriginal culture in all aspects of its day to day operation. It is testimony to the progress that has been made in our schools in recent years, and everyone involved deserves congratulations.”

Judy Isabel Henderson AO, MBBS, FRACP

Judy Henderson attended Coffs Harbour High School from 1957 to 1961 graduating with honours in mathematics. She studied at Sydney University obtaining her medical degree in 1968.

In 1974 she qualified as a Paediatrician and worked for 10 years in Nepal and established a training program for village health workers in the remote far west of the country. On her return to Australia Judy became involved in international development and was the inaugural Chair of Oxfam International in 1995.

She was a Commissioner on the World Commission on Dams in 1997 and a member of the Asian Development Bank's Inspection Panel in 2001. She was the inaugural Chair in 2002 of the Amsterdam-based Global Reporting Initiative which is setting global standards for sustainability reporting.

Judy was a board member of the NSW Environment Protection Authority and Chair of Australian Ethical Investments Ltd.

From 2004 to 2011 she was the Chair of the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority and a member of the Australian Landcare Council from 2010 to 2013.

In 1998 Judy was made an Officer of the General Division of the Order of Australia for her services to developing countries and to the community.

Patti Kearns



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

We wish to thank the many students who contributed to our Open Day on 3rd August. Many visitors commented on the friendliness and confidence of our student guides and the wonderful slide show predominantly put together by Stephanie Hoad in Year 11.

Year 12

Our thoughts and best wishes are with Year 12 who have just completed their trial HSC exams and who have major works due in Textiles, Visual Arts and Industrial Technology over the next few weeks. We encourage students to stay focused and to continue to work hard in the last few weeks as this can make a difference to their achievement. Students or parents are encouraged to contact the Year 12 Year Adviser, Ms Dionne Court or the Year 12 Deputy, Mr Tony Wilson, should they have any concerns during this important time.

Year 11

With the Preliminary courses coming to an end this term, students need to ensure that they have met requirements in their subjects before the start of the exam period, and thus make sure they are eligible to commence Year 12 studies in Term 4. Any N Award warning notices need to be attended to, with students having the responsibility of speaking with teachers and completing the work needed. The Year 11 Deputy, Ms Steward will continue to interview students who have been identified as needing support to meet requirements. Parents are often invited to these interviews to develop a shared approach.

Year 10

Students have now chosen subjects for Year 11. While most students choose an academic pathway, others require an alternative program and are liaising with Ms Court about TAFE and other options. The school has established links with organisations including Key Employment and Youth Directions which can be useful for students who are seeking transition to work programs.

Year 9

Half of the year group attended the Skiing and Snowboarding excursion to the NSW ski fields and had some very wild weather while they were there. Teachers report that students were very responsible and well behaved and enjoyed themselves immensely. Some of the students who did not attend the excursion were involved in making documentaries at school which were very clever and in some cases very amusing!

Year 8

Students will shortly be receiving information about elective choices for Year 9. They are able to choose three electives, two of which are studied for two years and the third is only for one year. Year 8 students recently benefited from participation in the enrichment activities known as "Agstravaganza" and "Multicultural Day". These activities may have assisted some students in making choices for Year 9.

Year 7

We have many wonderful emerging leaders in Year 7, including four students who volunteered to be guides at our recent Open Day. Most of our Year 7 students are settled and enjoying High School and are making good choices about their behaviour and learning. A small number have required intensive support to assist them to follow the school code and socialise safely and appropriately. We hope that students who are placed on monitoring cards and suspension for poor behaviour are able to learn from their mistakes, before they run out of chances at our school.

Kathy Steward

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS

◆ IMPORTANT INFORMATION ◆

❖ PLEASE READ ❖



During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems in response to new Department of Education requirements to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

Parents will be forwarded the new forms by email and you are requested to complete and return them to the school as soon as possible. A form for every student (Years 7 to 11) **MUST BE COMPLETED** and returned to the school. Year 12 students DO NOT need to complete these forms.

The new forms will help the school collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we will be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information.

Should you require further information, please contact the school on 6652 3466.

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
20th August	Year 11 Business Studies "Market Day" lunch stalls
27th August	Year 12 University Parent Information Evening 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm lower library
30th August	Accounting and Administration Career Talks - lunchtime in school library
2nd September	P&C Meeting - 7.00 pm - School Library
10th September	Jeans for Genes Day
19th September	Art & Cultural Festival Day 1 (SLIKK)
19th September	YEAR 12 - FAREWELL ASSEMBLY



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION WEEK



Indigenous and non-indigenous students at Coffs Harbour High together learning about Aboriginal culture with Lewis Parter



Mark Flanders teaching our Garlambirla musical students about stories and traditional practices of our local area. This has given our students a greater understanding of the themes and stories in the school musical.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Kasey and Jalea Dickson getting involved in traditional painting using ocre at Red Rock.



Day 2 of AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) saw our Indigenous students continue to build upon their knowledge and skills in areas such as self-confidence, leadership, engagement, tertiary options and career opportunities.

Left: Elijah Gray and Ashlie Leach are seen here with Luke Hartsuyker, MP, Federal Member for Cowper, discussing what they should include in a speech if they were elected as the first Indigenous Prime Minister.



IDEA CONFERENCE REPORT

During the July school holidays, I was privileged to represent the school at the 8th world congress of the International Drama/Theatre and Education Association in Paris, and I would like to thank the school for sponsoring my registration. This conference had four main themes – arts education as a global issue; drama/theatre and education practices as transformative learning processes; a dialogue between neuroscience and arts education; and languages in drama/theatre highlighting diversity and blending cultures. My colleague, Catherine McSkimming from Nambucca Heads High School, and I presented a workshop called *Keeping It Real: Two Way Learning*. This workshop focused on our experience as drama teachers working on Gumbaynggirr country, and collaborating with our students and community in trying to create colour-blind theatre which contributes to the process of reconciliation. The participants came from Colombia, Finland, Sweden, France, Greece, Singapore and Russia! It was amazing to see a scene from our school musical transformed by these professional actors and directors.

Many of the workshops and keynote speeches were inspirational, and Cath and I made some good contacts from Turkey, South Africa, France, Finland and Australia who can offer extension work to our students. We also attended a performance at the beautiful old theatre, Comédie Français. In Finland we watched a rehearsal at an open air theatre with a revolving stage and a real train engine as part of the set.

Hopefully, all these experiences will filter through and enrich our current and future drama teaching work. Of course, we did also go up the Eiffel Tower!



Sacré Coeur

Madge Hair
DRAMA TEACHER

University Early Entry and alternative entry programs

Over recent years many universities have offered students alternative programs to assist with entry to university. Current participating universities include Southern Cross University (Star Entry Scheme), Charles Sturt University, University of Canberra, University of Wollongong, University of Sydney (E12), and University of New England. Representatives from Charles Sturt University, Southern Cross University and University of New England will be at Coffs Harbour High School during the 22nd & 23rd August to answer any questions students may have regarding alternative and early entry processes.

Year 12 students are encouraged to seek advice from the Careers office when making applications to any of these universities.

University Applications

This is a reminder to all students in Year 12 considering applying for University. On time online applications can be made via www.uac.edu.au (NSW institutes) or <http://www.qtac.edu.au/> for QLD institutes up until September 27th 2013. UAC applications cost \$28 and QTAC applications cost \$34. Applications made after this date will incur a late fee. If any student has concerns or questions about the application process, please see Mrs Court as soon as possible. Parents are welcome to email Mrs Court at dionne.court@det.nsw.edu.au should they have any questions or attend the Upcoming Parent Information evening.

Year 12 Parent Information Evening

To assist parents of current Year 12 students with the process of applying to universities and TAFE, we will be holding a Year 12 Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 27th August at Coffs Harbour High School in the library from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Parents and students are encouraged to attend, ask questions and seek advice.

TAFE Vocational Education and Training

Applications for TVET courses for 2014 for current Years 10 and 11 students are now open. All year 10 students who indicated they would like to complete a TVET course should now have returned their application forms for next year. Current Year 11 students already completing a TVET course as part of their senior studies will be requested by TAFE to complete a Continuation Form if they would like to continue with the course for 2014. Should you have any questions regarding this process please contact the Careers Office.

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 in Coffs Harbour.

Ten Coffs Harbour High School students have been fortunate to participate in the program, with four students being offered casual employment as a result of their efforts in the program. We would like to thank Woolworths Coffs Harbour and Youth Directions for their ongoing support of the program.

CAREERS (continued)

Girls in Trade



Women currently make up only 13% of trade apprentices and trainees in NSW, with most women opting to pursue apprenticeships in areas such as hairdressing and beauty therapy. Less than 2% of automotive, construction and electro-technology trade workers in NSW are female.

The NSW Government is committed to increasing the number of women and girls working in non-traditional trades where women are under-represented. Examples of non-traditional trades where women are under-represented include chefs (17%), electricians (2%) and plumbers (1%).

Current female year 9 students are encouraged to learn more about non-traditional trades by attending the Girls in Trade day on September 13th. The day includes information from a panel of local tradeswomen who will discuss career options in electro technology, automotive, plumbing, horticulture and construction, as well as a tour of the trade facilities at TAFE. Interested students should see Mrs Court as soon as possible to register their interest.

SES Cadetship Program

Coffs Harbour High School is fortunate to have a strong relationship with the local State Emergency Services division. During November we will be hosting the third annual SES Cadetship program. The program is open to current year 10 students who are at least 15 years and 9 months of age as at the beginning of November. Should any student like to participate in this free, week long learning event, please register with Mrs Court as soon as possible.

Tax File Numbers

The school has information and application forms for students who require tax file numbers for employment and Centrelink purposes. Please note that applications can take up to six weeks to be processed the ATO, so it is recommended all students aged 14 and over apply sooner than later to avoid being taxed at the commencement of employment. Should any student need to apply for a tax file number, please contact Mrs Court in the Careers Office.



Dionne Court
TEACHER/CAREERS ADVISER

CAREERS (continued)



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The UNSW School of Mining Engineering is hosting a

Mining Engineering Information Dinner

A great opportunity for Year 10-12 students in the Coffs Harbour area to meet with current UNSW students, staff and industry professionals to get the dirt on Mining Engineering. Find out about entry options, campus life, study, career options and what it's really like to work in the Minerals Industry. The dinner will be held at:

Coffs Harbour: C.ex Coffs, 1 Vernon Street on Friday 20 September, 2013 (6:30 PM for a 7:00 PM start)

Space is limited so book early – *Parents and Teachers welcome.*

RSVP by Friday 13th September by emailing mining@unsw.edu.au with your name, school, year, number of seats required and any dietary requirements.

For further information please contact: School of Mining Engineering
e: mining@unsw.edu.au or by p: 02 9385 5006 www.mining.unsw.edu.au

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CAREERS (continued)

FUTURE PLANNING RESOURCES

Do you want help working out what kind of career suits you best?
As parents, do you want assistance giving your children the best advice about career planning?

THEN CHECK OUT THESE TWO HELPFUL WEBSITES

1. www.coffsharbourhighcareers.com



2. www.seek2b.com

Note: After the end of August you will need to use this password to gain access :
GAZELLE



ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS RESULTS



ICAS, commonly referred to as the University of New South Wales competitions, is conducted annually in Australia and over 20 countries globally. 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.

Twenty students sat the ICAS Computer Skills Test this year and our school has achieved some very pleasing results.

Max Tavener and **Alex Spiteri-Albon** of Year 10 and **Joshua Sechi** of Year 8 achieved Certificates of **Distinction**, which placed them in the top 10% of participants. Max is to be especially congratulated for placing in the top 4%. **Regan Arnold** of Year 7, **Ari Street** of Year 8 and **Thomas Capell-Hattam** of Year 10, achieved Certificates of Credit.

Congratulations to these students and all the students who participated. Their certificates will be presented at an upcoming assembly.

Students from Coffs Harbour High School have also entered the Science, English, Writing, Spelling and Mathematics competitions. We will let you know about achievement in these tests as the results come in.



A big 'Thank You' goes to Ms Neville who has coordinated the Computer Skills, English, Writing and Spelling tests this year.

Deanne Ion
RELIEVING HEAD TEACHER ENGLISH



‘A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM’

*There’s never a dull moment!
‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ Trip
Ay me! for aught that ever I could read,
Could ever hear by tale or history,
The course of true love never did run smooth.*

(‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’, Shakespeare)

Forty-two students from Years 7 and 8 have recently returned from a trip to Sydney to see **Bell Shakespeare’s ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ at the Sydney Opera House**. The play features young lovers who fall comically in and out of love in a ridiculously brief period of time - over the course of a single, enchanted midsummer night. It’s a great introduction to Shakespeare and this was a particularly wonderful production which had the audience enthralled and laughing out loud, particularly in one of the final scenes in which a group of craftsmen (the "Mechanicals") bumble their way through a ridiculous performance of ‘Pyramus and Thisbe’, Shakespeare's light-hearted and silly mock-up of ‘Romeo and Juliet’. Natasha Newman from Year 7 has contributed an article about the trip (see below), so I will not go into detail here, except to say from Ms Vlasto, Mr Browne and me, that it was an absolute pleasure to accompany the group. The feedback from students has been very positive and we will definitely plan more trips like this in future.

Public Speaking and Debating

Our students have been showing their talent in public speaking and debating this term, too. Danielle Polack of Year 10 and Lisa McDonald of Year 7 represented our school last month at the **Local Area Final of The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards** at Nambucca High School. Both girls spoke extremely well and the adjudicator was very impressed. The competition involves a 5 minute prepared speech and a 2 minute impromptu speech, and entrants come from public and private schools across the region. Lisa won on the day and will travel to NSW Parliament House in Sydney next month to compete in the State Semi-finals. A big congratulations to both of these girls!

In debating, our Year 7 Red Team – Hayley Millington, Michael Ylinen, Lisa McDonald and Sam Dyball – are **Zone Champions**. They will move on to the second round of debates soon. They have proven to be a very strong team so far, so we have high hopes for their continued success. The Year 10 Red Team was narrowly defeated in their final debate. Well done to all of our debaters this year.

What’s happening in English lessons this term?

Many English classes are studying **novels** this term, with lots of fun things happening. Some Year 8 students may have a hard time convincing their parents that they are actually doing homework when they have been playing Minecraft, but it’s actually true! 8EB2 have been re-creating the world of their novel ‘Hatchet’ on Minecraft Survival. The protagonist of ‘Hatchet’ is stranded in the wilderness after a plane crash, so 8EB2 and 8EB3 will soon be going on a bush tucker walk so that they can imagine and write about how they would survive in a similar situation. Other classes are studying a variety of **picture books** and **films** and learning about how composers make meaning through visual and filmic techniques.

ENGLISH FACULTY (continued)

All junior classes will have assessment tasks coming up in weeks 8 or 9, and will be receiving notification of these tasks from their teachers soon, if they haven't already. The results of these assessment tasks, as well as class work, enable the teachers to monitor progress and determine class placement, so all students are encouraged to prepare well to ensure that they do their very best in these tasks. Students should talk to their teacher before the assessment task date if they need any clarification or assistance.

HSC Trial Examinations have just finished so by now students will have received their results, feedback on their performance, and 'feed forward' on what they need to do to improve on their Trial results. With just over seven weeks to go until the start of HSC exams, it's a busy time and Year 12 students are reminded of the importance of preparation, and of writing and submitting practice essays to their teachers. I can't emphasise enough the importance of writing practice essays in the lead up to the exams, it's really the only way to adequately prepare for the HSC English exams. Teachers are always willing to help their students, especially their seniors.

Keep up the good work everyone! I started with a quote from Shakespeare, and I'll finish with a quote from another wise figure in literature, Dr Seuss:

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."*

Deanne Ion and the English faculty



Bell-Shakespeare cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

ENGLISH FACULTY (continued)

'A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM'

Recently, 42 lucky Years 7 and 8 English students were taken on an excursion to Sydney. We travelled six hours by bus there and back and were told that our behaviour in public places was most admirable. The main purpose of this trip was to see the Shakespearian play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. This was performed at the Sydney Opera House by the wonderful Bell Shakespeare company.

We also caught a ferry to Cockatoo Island - an old naval dock - and explored. The island was covered in old machinery and one small family of ducks! Many people enjoyed standing at the very front of the ferry, despite the freezing wind. Sydney was very cold on the Thursday afternoon and it even began to rain on the way to back to the hotel but nobody got too wet.

The group stayed the night at the Sydney YHA, which had a wonderful rooftop view of Circular Quay, beautiful when lit up at night. Breakfast was at the YHA and on Friday morning we walked to the Opera House (the weather had cleared up, thank goodness) and viewed the play, which was funny, mysterious and full of distraught lovers; a great success with everyone. The teachers let us loose in the streets for lunch and we enjoyed a variety of expensive Sydney cuisine. We then walked back out to the Opera House for a full guided tour and learnt all about how this amazing piece of architecture was designed and constructed. We visited several enormous theatres and were below sea level at one point of the tour.

On the ride home we watched lots of good movies and arrived at school at 10.30 pm. This trip was a great experience and we all learnt lots of things, as well as enjoying ourselves immensely. Watching 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' was a wonderful introduction to Shakespeare and I hope this excursion continues to happen.

Natasha Newman
YEAR 7 STUDENT



Years 7 & 8 students outside the Opera House

A BUSY TIME FOR LANGUAGES!

Over the past six weeks, the languages staff has been extremely busy. We have hosted two groups of students visiting from China. Multicultural Day occurred for Year 8. We have also welcomed our Chinese teaching assistant Mr Maoheng Huang.

As part of our ongoing collaboration with Southern Cross University's International Students' Office, we recently hosted two groups of visiting students from China. The first group of students visited the school on Tuesday 23rd July. These students were from Tung Wah and were aged 9-12. Our visitors were escorted on a tour of the school by some of our Year 10 students, who are studying Chinese. A morning tea was served where everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Lilly Henderson in Chinese. Our visitors also had a chance to watch some lessons and then have an informal chat with our students.

The second group of students from China visited our school on 30th July, which happened to coincide with Coffs Harbour High School's Multicultural Day. These students were escorted by our Year 9 elective class on a tour of the school. Our visitors were served morning tea by our Year 9 Chinese class and then our visitors were able to participate in Multicultural Day activities with Year 8. So much fun was had, that our visitors did not want to leave! Spontaneous gift-giving occurred and contact details exchanged!

Year 8 enjoyed Multicultural Day starting with a fashion parade and games. Students participated in various activities including: Tai Chi, Aboriginal Ceramics, Salsa Dancing, Fan, Lantern and Canvas painting and Chinese Calligraphy. Students enjoyed the day and some have suggested that the best part of the day was the delicious Chinese meal that was provided at the beginning of lunch. 中国菜是真好吃!

Coffs Harbour High School is known as a Confucius Classroom School. Mr Maoheng Huang, from Sichuan province in China, has now arrived at our school. Mr Huang is fully funded by the Chinese government and is placed in our school as a teaching assistant to develop Chinese language and Culture. Mr Huang is a welcome addition to the Languages faculty.

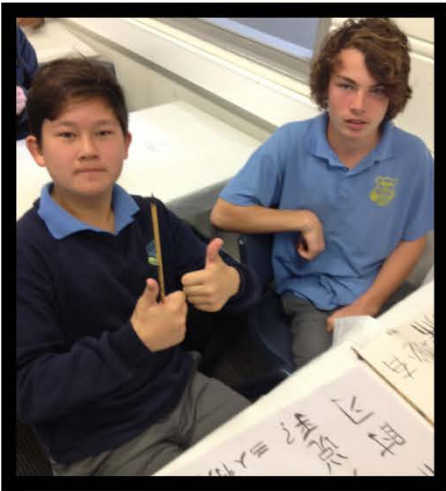


Where are our classes up to? Thirty of our year 10 students are busily preparing for their upcoming trip to China. The students are very excited and are certainly in countdown mode! Year 9 students volunteered to assist Mrs Burnham with the organisation of Multicultural Day. They enjoyed communicating with our Chinese visitors on this day. Year 8 students have just participated in Multicultural Day. Take a look at the photo collage!

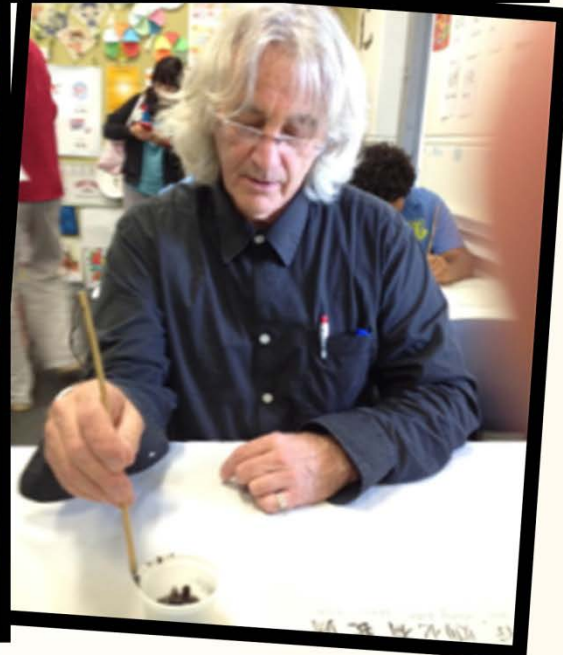
Left: Mr Maoheng Huang, our Chinese teaching assistant

Sheree Burnham
LANGUAGES

LANGUAGES FACULTY (continued)



LANGUAGES FACULTY (continued)



2013 NORTH COAST ATHLETICS

Coffs Harbour High sent a strong athletic team to the North Coast Carnival earlier this month and the results were impressive.

Three of the four relay teams made it through to NSWCHS Athletics. Teams on their way to State are the 14 Years Boys, 15 Years Girls and the 16 Years Girls.

Individual competitors also did extremely well with the following students making it into the North Coast Team. We wish our students all the very best of luck at the championships.

Name	Age	Event	Place
Sarsja Rackham-Ralph	13 Years	Shot put	1 st place
Lauren Winter	13 Years	800m	2 nd place
Greta Smith	14 Years	200m	1 st place
Greta Smith	14 Years	Javelin	2 nd place
Kodie Vandenberg	15 Years	200m	2 nd place
Callie Winsor	15 Years	Shot Put	2 nd place
Bree Watters-Campbell	16 Years	100m	2 nd place
Hugh Churchwell	14 Years	800m	1 st place
Jai Lyons	17+ Years	3000m	2 nd place

Jenny Pearce
PE TEACHER



PD/H/PE FACULTY (continued)

MATTY COX WINS GOLD AT INTERSCHOOLS

Matty Cox placed 1st in the Regionals for BX representing Coffs Harbour High School at the Interschools



On Friday, 23rd August 2013, Matty will compete at State level. We wish him well in this event. Overall Matty placed 2nd in the Australian Junior Series. This is a three discipline event (½ pipe, slope style and BX). Last Sunday (18th August) Matty came 2nd in a one-off Individual Boarder Cross Event (BX).

This Saturday 24th August, Matty will be competing in the World Rookie Fest Event which can land him an invitation to compete in Russia next year. Matty has previously won this event and we wish him all the best.



Matty in a somersault in the ½ pipe at Perisher in his winning run at the Australian Junior Series 2013

PD/H/PE FACULTY (continued)

JOSH, SHAUN & ETHAN PEDAL TO A MEDAL

Coffs Harbour High School students excelled again with Josh Leckenby winning the gold medal in the U17 NSW Country Road Championships at Sutherland and Shaun Cameron winning the silver medal in the U15 section. Ethan Berands travelled and competed in the U17 Qld Road titles and came 2nd. A great result for the Split Espresso Team and Jetty High. Well done guys!



L to R: Josh Leckenby wins Gold and Shaun Cameron wins Silver



Josh racing

Open Boys' Softball

This year Coffs Harbour High School again participated in the NSWCHSSA Boys' Softball Final 16 Knockout which was held at Stevenson Park, Newcastle on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th August 2013. The boys managed to easily account for Macksville in the third round of the competition played back on 5th August which booked their place in the final 16.

As is usually the way when competing at State level, the boys opened the tournament with a massive challenge of playing Camden High School, a team who has won three State titles since 2005 and played in the final on four other occasions! To our boys credit they went into the game in a positive frame of mind and played with enthusiasm, however Camden were too strong – particularly their pitchers – and won 11-1. It is worth noting that Camden ended up going on to win the title this year against Westfields, 3-2.

The loss meant that the boys would contest for the plate and came up against Callaghan College in game two. They were keen to improve from the previous game and that they did. They ended up winning 19-6 in a dominant display.

The win kept the boys alive in the challenge for the plate and meant they would take on Glenmore Park High School on Wednesday morning, needing a win to book a place in the plate final. After returning to the accommodation and enjoying some ten pin bowling followed by pizza for dinner, the boys were well and truly ready for a good night's sleep.

Wednesday morning began with a frantic pack up of our belongings before heading to the grounds and the boys were ready to give it their all against Glenmore Park. Their best turned out to be more than enough as they ran out winners 9-2 and booked a place in the plate final against Richmond River High School.

So, it was to be a North Coast final and the 'Jetty Boys' started positively. The final was a tight contest but Richmond River seemed to be able to make the most of their opportunities whether in the field or when batting. Richmond River managed 4 runs in the first innings to our 1 and looked as though they may run away with the game. However our boys upped their intensity and managed to restrict Richmond River to just one more run for the next two innings whilst scoring three more runs themselves. This left the score at 5-4 at the bottom of the third with an innings to play, but with runners on second and third bases Richmond River managed to close out the innings to keep us scoreless. This proved to be the match-winning innings for them and they eventually ran out winners 9-4 which meant that Coffs Harbour High School would have to be content as 'plate runners-up' for a second year running.

All boys deserve to be congratulated on their sportsmanship and also their conduct off the field as they represented Coffs Harbour High School with respect, maturity and pride. I would also like to say a huge 'thank you' to Sharon Vandenberg and Louise Gresty for transporting the boys from Coffs to Newcastle and also running them around for the three days. Sharon was also a significant help with coaching the team. Without parents like these, our students would not get the opportunity to represent the school in events such as this.

Adam Mason
ENGLISH AND PE TEACHER

PD/H/PE FACULTY (continued)

Open Boys' Softball (continued)



**Back Row (L - R): Mr Adam Mason, Ryan Vandenberg, Rory Tolhurst,
Jackson Nicholls, Harley Norton, Matt McAtear,
Sharon Vandenberg (Coach)**
**Front Row (L - R): Jordan Andrews, Lachlan Skinner,
Cameron Jones, Connor Smithers, Casey Eggar**

THE 'ROBOT BOYS' HIGH FLYING WIN

Last weekend, the 'Robot Boys' presented this year's project for the Young ICT Explorers Competition held at the University of Queensland in Brisbane. Year 10 students Alex Spiteri-Albon, Davis Howlett and Max Tavener designed, constructed and programmed a hexacopter (helicopter with six rotors) called the AUSRAID (AUStralian Reconnaissance Aerial Investigation Drone).

AUSRAID uses the Arduino prototyping platform and incorporates numerous onboard sensors such as GPS, gyroscope, air pressure, infra-red and 2 x video cameras. All data from these devices is transmitted 'live' to the controlling laptops. AUSRAID can be programmed to follow a pre-determined course using its GPS module and its location in the world can be viewed on Google Earth.

The boys were entered in the Years 10, 11 and 12 division of the competition and there were 12 other groups in this division, all from non-government schools. As expected, projects in this division were of an extraordinarily high standard and included a robotic hand, an image compression program, advanced web page design and educational computer games. As a part of the judging process, the boys had to explain their project and answer pertinent questions about the design and function of AUSRAID to a team of three judges. We were all taken by surprise when the judges asked to see AUSRAID fly. Max took up the challenge and expertly flew the 'perfect flight'.

I am delighted to announce that Coffs Harbour High School's 'Robot Boys' won their division of the Young ICT Explorers Competition. The award was presented by the Queensland Minister of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts, the Hon Ian Walker, MP.

Thanks must go to Ms Kearns, our P&C and our SRC for assisting financially in getting the boys and myself to the competition held in Brisbane.

Well done 'Robot Boys'.

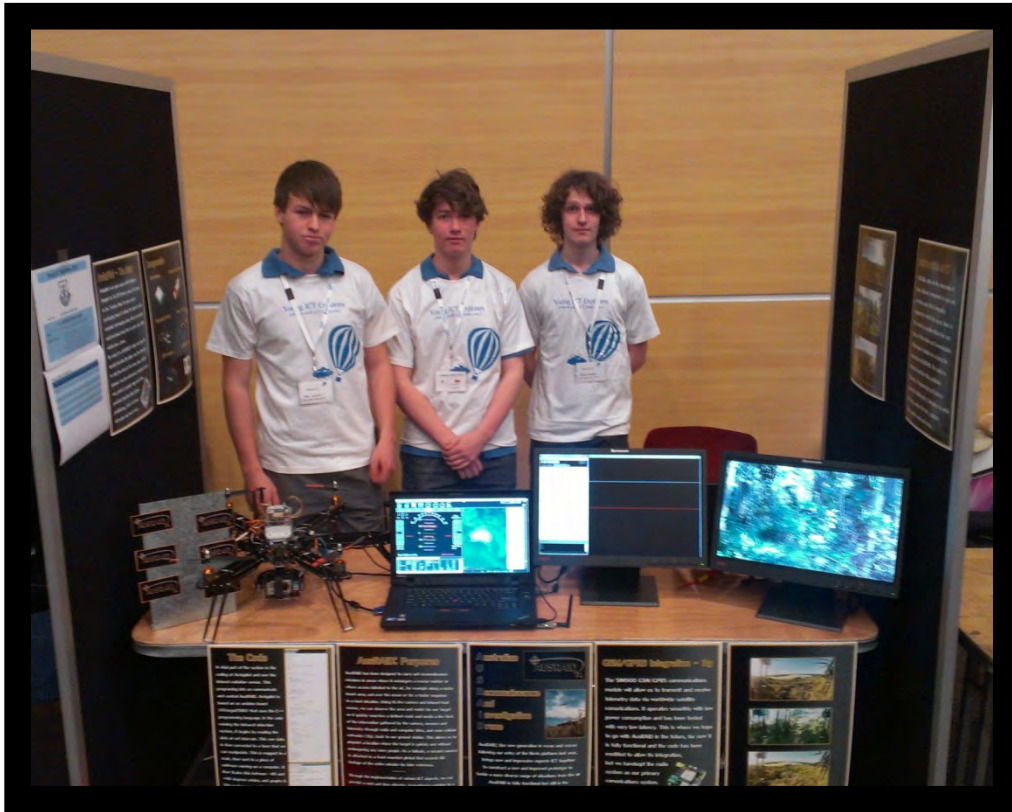
Gary Lyne
TAS TECHNOLOGY TEACHER

*and the winning entry -
the 'Robot Boys'
hexacopter*

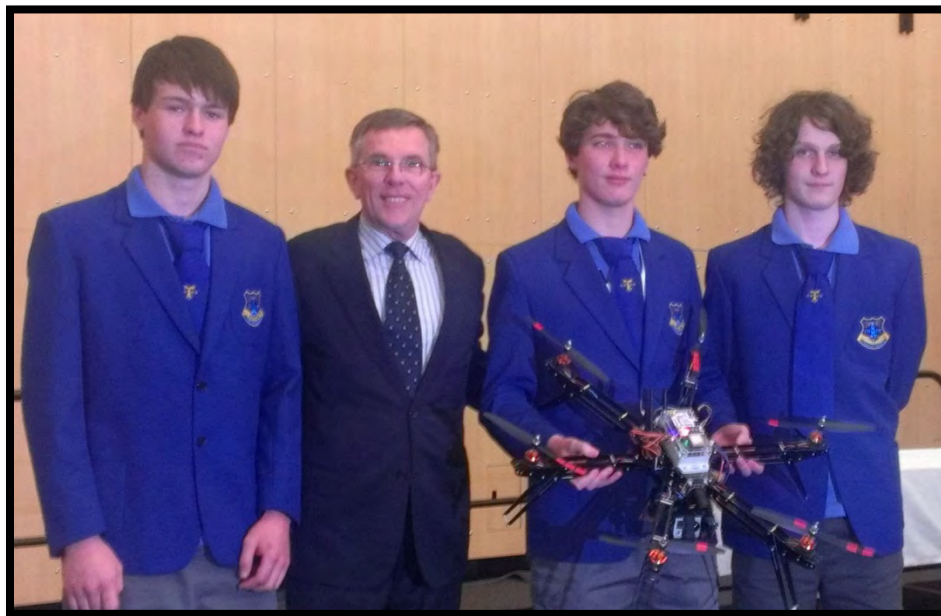


TAS FACULTY (continued)

THE 'ROBOT BOYS' (continued)



L to R: Max Tavener, Alex Spiteri-Albon and Davis Howlett showing their hexacopter at the University of Queensland



L to R: Max Tavener, the Hon Ian Walker, MP, Queensland Minister of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts, Alex Spiteri-Albon and Davis Howlett

TAS FACULTY (continued)

HOSPITALITY NEWS

Term 3 has been a busy time for Hospitality students, but a good reminder of just what teamwork can accomplish.

Education week saw our 75th Anniversary celebrations kick off with the induction of Dr Judy Henderson to the school's Hall of Fame. Both Years 11 and 12 hospitality students were involved in catering for 100 people. With the weather being undecided, the function was set up in the lower library by Karly Amos (11) and Simon Thornton (12). With the aid of Judi Martin (TAS Teacher) and Barb Dent (Kitchen Assistant), students were kept busy preparing a range of light refreshments including jam drops, spicy meatballs, mini quiche, savoury bread cases, melting moments, fresh fruits, cupcakes and a range of open sandwiches.



L-R: Kaylee Wear, Karly Amos, Jessica Hearn, Jessica Young, Jed Venn, Jamie Wicks

The following Saturday our Open Day for the Anniversary Celebrations, saw Karly Amos back in the kitchen with Jed Venn (11) and Cara Alchin (10). This terrific trio prepared a range of appetizers continuously for several hours. Their enthusiasm and energy saw them not only preparing the food but serving it as well. Once again we received assistance from Barb Dent, Janice South (Head Teacher, TAS). Shaun Hardy, his wife Suzanne and daughter Kate, also assisted by whipping up some pizza pinwheels.

Week 5 and Year 12 into their second week of trial exams, it fell to Year 11 to prepare appetizers inspired by indigenous foods for the school's musical "Garlambirla". With some product testing prior to the event, on opening night students presented a variety of dishes. These included lemon myrtle cheesecake, kangaroo meatballs, bush tomato, lemon myrtle and wattle seed muffins, aniseed myrtle shortbread, lemon myrtle slice and jam drops with rosella and Davidson plum jam. A big thank you to our taste testers over the past couple of weeks. It is always good to get constructive feedback. All Year 11 hospitality students were involved in preparing the dishes. On opening night Karly Amos, Jed Venn, Jamie Wicks, Jessica Young, Kaylee Wear and Jessica Hearn, plated up and served guests during intermission.

We have been invited back to Korora Primary School on Wednesday 28th August, Week 7, for their Kindergarten Orientation Day. This was a very successful activity last year that our current Year 12 students really enjoyed. I am sure that Year 11 will have the same positive experience.

It is only halfway through the term. The time where we start to prepare Year 12 for their upcoming exams and Year 11 start getting nervous about the year ahead. I am sad, excited and a little weary. I appreciate their resilience, enthusiasm and willingness to experiment. I am very proud of the way both year groups have come together this year and embraced the ethic of teamwork.

Denise Alchin
HOSPITALITY TEACHER

TAS FACULTY (continued)

HOSPITALITY NEWS (continued)



Kaylee Wear, Year 11 Hospitality student

SCIENCE FACULTY

YEAR 9 MARINE STUDIES STUDENTS

Year 9 Marine Studies students doing their Bronze swim at Coffs Harbour Jetty under the supervision of Mr Austin, Mr Mackay and Mr Jason Phillips of Royal Life Saving Australia.



SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)

“AGSTRAVAGANZA”

The Science Staff have been busy again! In

Week 2 this term we held the school's fifth annual “Agstravaganza”. All students in Year 8 Science are currently doing an Agriculture unit and this event was especially for them. The Agstravaganza is designed to promote Agriculture in the school and supports many components of the curriculum.

The school farm was a hive of activity with all students involved in various fun and educational activities including:-

- *horse husbandry and care presented by Dr Fitzgerald, Mr Baker and assisted by Heidi Drews and Casey Smith;*
- *camp fire and damper cooking with Ms Bailey assisted by Isaac Polkinghorne, Chakotay Jordan and Daniel Darrington;*
- *games with Miss Gherke assisted by Taneesha Jolly, Tara-Rose Hensby-Davies and Chenia Borgas;*
- *tractor driving presentation by Mr Parish, Mr Edmonds and assisted by Myles Bowden and Elii Gray;*
- *meat rabbits with Miss Joyce assisted by Jasmin Durant, Jamie King and Kerissa Austin;*
- *Aqua-culture with Ms Richardson assisted by Cara Alchin;*
- *working in their plots with Mr Hundle assisted by Rory Midson, Brendan Leach and James Gaunt;*
- *free BBQ catered for by Miss Woodward assisted by Laura Driscoll and Tiarne Hely; and*
- *fancy dress competition – judged by Senior Constable Snow, Senior Constable Brooker, Home School Liaison Officer Michael Gibbs and Principal Ms Patti Kearns.*

It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members come and join in on the day. Thank you for your attendance and we hope you enjoyed the activities.

Finally, thank you to all of the teachers involved, especially Mr Parish who supported all the activities. Thanks also to our presenters and the students themselves. Congratulations to everyone for making Agstravaganza such a huge success!

Amanda Joyce
SCIENCE TEACHER



SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)



These two cute little babies (Elsie and Bully) were brought in by Farmer Gary Eichmann

Snr Constables Snow and Brooker pulling over Kasey Dickson to make sure this tractor is roadworthy!



Mopsy, Flopsy & Cottontail being cuddled by Georgia Sellings, Melanie Corbett and Shaelea Ralston



Horse care

SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)

More cute bunnies



Faith Day, Imogen Webster, Laura Carr, Tianna Andrews



Having fun ! Wheelbarrow races!



Jacob Blay assisted by Mr Parish & Mr Edmonds

SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)

Mr Mackay is more than impressed with the size of the megalodon jaws. The Science Faculty now has a megalodon tooth that adds to the department's Palaeontological and Geological evidence of past life.

This photo of Mr Mackay was taken at Underwater World during the Self-Select Excursion last term.



Left: Hugh Davey, Olive George, Hunter Smith and Jai Lyons, involve themselves with this 'hands-on' turtle dissection.

SCIENCE FACULTY (continued)



Year 9 Marine Studies students, Jai Lyons, Hunter Smith and Hugh Davey are assisting Duan to perform a turtle dissection at Dolphin Magic to determine why the green sea turtle died.

Duan March is the Science faculty's 'Scientist in Schools' partner.

This program allows students to get the chance to see scientists working in the real world.

SCHOOL NOTICE

REMINDER TO PARENTS RE TEXT MESSAGES SENT BY THE SCHOOL

Coffs Harbour High School's mobile phone number from which the office staff send SMS texts to parents, is ONLY available as a number to which parents can respond to the text message the school has sent out, when a child is absent from school.

The mobile number is not functional if you initiate a text to explain an absence. You can only respond to a text the school has sent to your phone in the first instance.

Please note you cannot use this mobile number to send the school a text.



P & C NEWS

Is it just me or is this year flying along at a rate of knots? We are now well into Term 3, our Year 12 students have finished their trial HSC exams (good luck everyone!!), our senior SRC have been chosen (congratulations to you all) and our school has celebrated its 75th Anniversary...

...and what a wonderful community event our anniversary was! Literally thousands of ex-students flocked to our school on Saturday 3rd August to meet up with old friends, tour through the classrooms, wander around the hall looking at all the booths that were set up for each decade and to buy some memorabilia. The buzz in the hall was palpable and the variety of history and memorabilia on display was truly wonderful. We were also regaled with many stories about students catching the train to school from Nambucca, Dorrigo, Bowraville and surrounds, stories about old friendships, rivalries, headmasters, teachers and sports – to name but a few. We heard the joyous sounds of old friends who had not seen each other in a very long time, for some it was over 50 years, and there was laughter, tears and a lot of reminiscing. We even had students there who had been at school in 1938!!! The day was then followed up by a cocktail party at the Cex Club and a myriad of decade parties happening all around our region.

The P&C would like to congratulate everyone who was involved. Thanks to everyone on the committee, in particular Gail Latham and Helen Quinn who worked tirelessly to coordinate all the celebrations and collect and collate the wonderful memorabilia that was so beautifully displayed on the day. Special thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped in the canteen, on the P&C booth, and in decorating and helping with the cocktail party: Janet Austin, Maryanne Spiteri, Gordon Albon, Catherine Long, Chelsea Long, Emma Knight, Andrew Lugg, Deanne Parker, Jude Turner, Karen Bryant, Jacqui Young, Michael Young, David Bourke and yours truly. We would like to acknowledge the dedication of so many teachers including Jan Chivas and Simon Smith and all the students who were involved over the weekend including our very talented music students and our hard working hospitality students who provided some lovely finger food for all our visitors.

The P&C is also very grateful for the generosity of local businesses who donated prizes for our Monster Raffle. Huge thanks go to:-

- *Dene Zahner, General Manager at Novotel Pacific Bay Resort*
- *Lee Winkler Surf School*
- *Park Beach Surf Club Restaurant and Bar*
- *The Big Banana*
- *Kororo Bay Village*

Our prizes and lucky prize winners are:-

1. *Novotel Pacific Bay Resort - 2 nights accommodation in a one bedroom Spa Suite for 2 Adults and 2 Children valued at \$500*
Winner: *Kathy Steward*
2. *Korora Bay Village - 3 nights accommodation in a one bedroom self-contained apartment.*
Winner: *Lindy Clark*
3. *The Big Banana - 5 “Whole bunch of Fun” family passes*
Winners: *P Lester, L Hayes, Gloria Buchanan, John Brewer, Wendy Allison*

P & C NEWS (continued)

Prize winners continued:-

4. *Lee Winkler's Surf School - group surf lessons for 1 person*
Winner: *Dena Webster*
5. *Park Beach Surf Club Restaurant and Bar*
Winner: *R Partridge*

Don't forget that our new school uniform will be available during Term 4. The style and design of our new school uniform was on display in the hall on the day of our Anniversary and the feedback we got was all positive! I cannot wait to see our kids proudly walking around our school and community wearing our new uniform with pride.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to farewell our fantastic Canteen Manager, Gail Swan, who will be leaving us soon. Our canteen is the envy of schools across the region for its innovative, fabulous food and in large part this is due to Gail's flair and commitment. For over 10 years Gail has led a wonderful team to provide not only varied and healthy food for students and staff, but to create profits that go back to the P&C and from there into new equipment and services for our children's education. We would like to invite any canteen volunteers who have worked with Gail to come and farewell her at 4.00 pm on Friday 30th August in the foyer of the school hall.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 2nd September in the school library 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



IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICE

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

~ Important FACTS & Information ~

We want to remind parents and students of the importance of regular attendance at school.

- The Education Act (1990) establishes that parents of children of compulsory age are legally responsible for their regular attendance at school.
- The school age is now 5 to 17 years.
- It is compulsory for students to complete Year 10.
- Because there is no longer any school certificate exams, students need to attend regularly in order to meet the outcomes of each course, ongoing class work and participation are essential to pass.
- If the school has your mobile number you will be sent a text to inform you whenever your child is away.
- Any days missed need to be explained or justified. You can do this through a phone call, a written note, or by responding to the text message sent to your mobile: press reply, type your child's name, date they were away and reason for absence.
- The school runs Non-Attendance Interview Programs (NIPs) each term. On these days home school liaison officers and school personnel draw up a list of students to be interviewed.
- Your child may be interviewed if they have: less than 85% attendance, a number of unexplained or unjustified absences or a regular pattern of absences explained or not.



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL (continued)

~ Important FACTS & Information ~

- To help ensure your child has a satisfactory attendance record you are able to seek "leave" if, you know in advance, that your child will be missing school.
- If your child is suffering ongoing illness and is often away, you may be asked to provide a medical certificate.
- The school may also send home a letter or request an interview if your child is away too much. This is important as they need to have attended enough days to meet the requirements of their chosen and compulsory courses.

How can I support my child's attendance?

1. A routine at night: dinner, relax, shower, bed by a reasonable hour 9:00 pm.
2. Avoid letting them be on electronic devices phone/laptop/games late at night. Reading, however, is good as it helps the brain relax.
3. Make it non-negotiable unless they are sick - school.
4. Find out if there are any problems at school and get help to deal with them quickly.
5. Help them be organised books/equipment, homework, uniforms ready to use each day.
6. Be positive in how you speak about school, teachers and the importance of an education.
7. Remind them that it is the law to attend.
8. Remember you can get help and support, contact your year advisor to discuss any issues.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ryans Bus Service now have a facebook page to keep parents, students, school and everyday passengers informed of up-to-date information regarding their services. This will ensure that any unscheduled delays or changes can be sent to all parties quickly through the social media network.

Please get on board. The link for Ryans Bus Service is:-

<https://www.facebook.com/ryansbusservice>

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SAWTELL TOORMINA/COFFS COAST LITTLE ATHLETICS

Sawtell Toormina/Coffs Coast Little Athletics Centre will be conducting Registration Days on:-

Thursday 5th September 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm at Toormina Oval
Saturday 7th September 9.00 am to 2.00 pm at Centro Toormina
Thursday 12th September 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm at Toormina Oval

Ages 5 to 17 years welcome. Proof of Age (birth certificate, baby book) required for all new athletes. Should you require further information please telephone Greg Robson on 0407 882 460 or email gregrobson2@bigpond.com.

Website: www.coffscoastathletics.org.au



MORE COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF !

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student arriving into Australia in February 2014 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February for one term, one semester or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the USA, South America and Japan. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

until next time