



# COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL

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“Light out of Darkness”

## newsletter



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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to students who were rewarded for their efforts at assemblies last week. Presentation Day is a wonderful opportunity to share with parents and the community the significant achievements of our school and its students and teachers. I would like to thank Mrs Jenny Murray, Director Public Schools, Cr Denise Knight, Mayor of Coffs Harbour and Mr Andrew Fraser, Member for Coffs Harbour, for making time to celebrate with us.

Dr Julia Caldicott from Southern Cross University awarded academic excellence prizes to Year 11 students William Dan and Chloe Seccombe. William was unable to be present on the day as he had been selected to attend the prestigious Honeywell Engineering Summer School at the University of NSW. Congratulations William.

I was delighted to present the Principal's Award to Jacob Shrimpton of Year 9. Jacob is a high achieving academic student and a very supportive member of our Garlambirla Youth Theatre where he contributes significant IT expertise. His work as a “tech go to person” for assemblies during the year has been highly valued by staff. Jacob also participated in the Youth Frontiers mentoring program, creating a “stop go” movie on litter and pollution.

A fitting finale for our assembly was Jacob performing one of his own compositions. He chose the same piece he played for His Excellency the Honourable General David Hurley and Mrs Hurley on the grand piano at Government House when students were invited to morning tea there.

Very best wishes to all families for the festive season.

**Patti Kearns**





# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Jacob Shrimpton receives the Principal's Award for 2015

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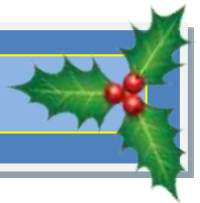
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## Merry Christmas

the teaching and support staff of coffs harbour high school wish everyone a happy and safe christmas holiday.

we look forward to an exhilarating 2016.



## PRESIDENT'S THANKS

Wow! Where did 2015 go? Firstly a huge thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave their time to help our canteen staff during the year. Your contributions are priceless. A special thank you goes to Michelle Waugh who has overseen the canteen operations and is always full of enthusiasm. This year it was with sadness we farewelled Deanna Watson.

Deanna has held a part-time/casual position in the canteen for the past few years and her tireless efforts were very much appreciated. Last week we welcomed Amanda Langfield who fills the vacant position and sincerely thank all those who applied for the role. Thanks also to Tracey and Maryanne for the assistance they give to Michelle in keeping hundreds of hungry students and staff satisfied and the office running smoothly.

The vast majority of our fundraising comes from our canteen and we continue to assist the school financially with infrastructure, furniture and equipment plus support students representing our school at sport, cultural and academic events.

Congratulations to the graduation class of 2015 and we wish you all the very best in your future endeavours. As we bid them farewell we also farewell three long serving P&C members, Bonnie Capell, Gordon Albon and Maryanne Spiteri. Thank you so much for your contribution and dedication over the years. I invite the incoming Year 7 students' parents and community members to join us at our next meeting to be held in the library at 7.00 pm on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016. It is always fun and informative and the cakes and biscuits are yummy!

It has been an enlightening and enjoyable year for me at the helm. Thank you to each and every P&C member who has helped in making 2015 a very fruitful year. My thanks to Treasurer Karen Bryant who spends many hours looking after our financials, Secretary Deanne Parker who has to make sense of it all and to our Principal Ms Kearns, Deputy Principals Ms Steward and Mr Wilson and the teachers who have given up their valuable time over the year to attend meetings.

## UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS

The uniform shop will open from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016. From Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January the canteen/uniform shop will be open school times.

Unfortunately due to price rises from our suppliers we have had to review our uniform and canteen price lists. Uniform costs are now as follows: boys' shirts \$30.00; girls' blouses \$30.00; skirts \$43.00; sports shorts \$25.00, polo shirts \$33.00 and grey shorts \$35.00. The new canteen price list will be displayed in the canteen.

A reminder to parents and students that the canteen and uniform shop are cash only and do not have EFTPOS available.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable holiday/festive season and may you achieve all your dreams and goals in 2016 or at least cross an item or two off the bucket list!

**Paul Covington**  
**PRESIDENT/PUBLICITY OFFICER**





## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The return to school for students in 2016 is again staggered, with Years 7, 11 and 12 returning on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January, followed by Years 8, 9 and 10 on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. On the first day of term next year, Year 11 will be participating in their Crossroads course. This is a mandatory Department of Education program targeting senior students to educate them in areas of road safety, drug and alcohol abuse, relationships and mental health. These students will also receive some advice on study skills, and will collect their assessment booklets and timetable for the preliminary course. The program will have a follow-up day later in the term, plus ongoing information sessions throughout the year. Year 11 students should all come to school in their new senior uniform, as they would for a regular school day.

It was a pleasure to welcome Year 6 students and parents to the school last Thursday for their Orientation Day for high school. Over 180 students from 18 different primary schools will join us in 2016 and it was great to see their excitement last week as they explored the school for the first time. Thank you to their Year Adviser, Adam Mason, for his organisation on the day, and for the support from Mel Garrels as Head Teacher Learning Support, the Year 9 peer support students, and many other teachers. The new students appeared to enjoy the activities, and their familiarity with the school grounds and teachers will hopefully reduce some of the anxiety around their first day at high school.

Both Kathy Steward and I would like to wish all Coffs Harbour High School families an enjoyable and safe Christmas. We always appreciate the support that we receive from parents throughout the year, and we look forward to working with you all again in 2016.

**Tony Wilson**

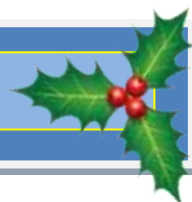
## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL

Our duty of care starts for students when they get off the school bus or are dropped off at school. Students are expected to come straight into the quadrangle area and remain in the school grounds (unless accompanied by a teacher or on excursion). Staff supervise students at the end of the day until the departure of the last bus.

*Students are not permitted to get off the bus and walk down to the local shopping centre, unless they have a note from a Deputy Principal, which may be given for students who have a valid reason.*





## ATTENDANCE

Students aged 6 to 17 years by legislation are required to attend school every day unless they are sick or have a valid reason to be absent. Parents are legally required to notify the school of every absence and we ask that this is done within seven days to ensure that the absence is not recorded as an *unexplained* absence.

If a student has a pattern of unexplained absences or their overall attendance rate falls below the Department of Education prescribed level of attendance of 80%, they may be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) for follow up with the family.

Coffs Harbour High School sends text messages to parents/carers of absent children at approximately 10.00 am each day. Parents are asked to ensure they have an up-to-date mobile phone number registered with the school.

## LATE TO SCHOOL

Students who are late are required to sign-in at the rolls office and must have a note to explain their lateness or risk it being recorded as *unexplained*. A pattern of late arrivals is considered to be of concern and may also be referred to the HSLO.

## BELL TIMES

<i>Monday to Friday</i>			
<b>9.05 am</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>9.20 am</b>	<b>R &amp; R</b>
9.20 am	to	10.10 am	Period 1
10.10 am	to	11.00 am	Period 2
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>11.20 am</b>	<b>RECESS</b>
11.20 am	to	12.10 pm	Period 3
12.10 pm	to	1.00 pm	Period 4
<b>1.00 pm</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>1.20 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH 1</b>
<b>1.20 pm</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>1.40 pm</b>	<b>LUNCH 2</b>
1.40 pm	to	2.30 pm	Period 5
2.30 pm	to	3.20 pm	Period 6



Every day is a 6 x 50 minute period day.

*Note:* The timetable will be based on a fortnight rather than a week to balance out the required time for courses set down by the Board of Studies.

Lessons will be organised as Week A and Week B which then repeats in that pattern — all students have their own individual copy.





## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
14 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	End of Year Interest Electives (EOYIE)
15 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Reports for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 posted home
16 <sup>th</sup> December	HSC results released
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day for students ~ Term 4
17 <sup>th</sup> December	ATARs released
25 <sup>th</sup> December	The big guy in the red suit comes to town!
<h1 style="margin: 0;">2016</h1> <p style="margin: 0;"><i>Please note that the 2016 dates are subject to change. We have placed them here so that you may have an idea what is coming up.</i></p>	
<b>TERM 1 SCHOOL DAYS 2016</b>	<p>Years 7, 11 &amp; 12 commence Term 1 on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016</p> <p>Years 8, 9 &amp; 10 commence Term 1 on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016</p>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	P&C Meeting ~ 7.00 pm ~ School Library
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	School Swimming Carnival
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	School Photo Day ~ Year 7
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Immunisation Day ~ Year 7 (Year 8 catch-up day)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photo Day ~ Years 8 to 12 + Year 7 catch-up day
TBA	Parent/Teacher Interviews ~ Years 11 & 12
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	School Photo catch-up day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 Camp ~ The Great Aussie Bush Camp

# IMPORTANT DATES



DATE	EVENT
21 <sup>st</sup> March to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016	Year 12 half-yearly exams
25 <sup>th</sup> March 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter ~ Good Friday } Easter ~ Easter Monday } PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	P&C Meeting ~ 7.00 pm ~ School Library
TBA	School Athletics Carnival — date to be advised
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	School Cross Country — date to be confirmed
<b>TERM 2 SCHOOL DAYS 2016</b>	All students return on Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Immunisation Day ~ Year 7 (and Year 8 catch up)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	P&C Meeting ~ 7.00 pm ~ School Library
10 <sup>th</sup> May to 12 <sup>th</sup> May	NAPLAN tests – Years 7 and 9
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	ICAS Digital Technologies Exam (previously known as Computer Skills)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 10 Careers Expo
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	ICAS Science Exam
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	P&C Meeting ~ 7.00 pm ~ School Library
TBA	Parent/Teacher Interviews ~ Year 7 & 8
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Holiday ~ Queen's Birthday
Week commencing 14 <sup>th</sup> June	ICAS Writing Exam ~ to be advised
20 <sup>th</sup> June to 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Work Experience

# IMPORTANT DATES



DATE	EVENT
<b>TERM 3 SCHOOL DAYS 2016</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
TBA	Parent/Teacher Interviews ~ Years 9 & 10
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	P&C Meeting ~ 7.00 pm ~ School Library
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	ICAS English Exam
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Half Day Coffs Cup Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> August to 19 <sup>th</sup> August	HSC Trial Exams
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	ICAS Mathematics Exam
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Induction Ceremony for Captains, Vice-Captains & Prefects
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Immunisation Day ~ Year 7 (and Year 8 catch up)
12 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 11 End of Year exams
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
<b>TERM 4 SCHOOL DAYS 2016</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	P&C Meeting ~ 7.00 pm ~ School Library
13 <sup>th</sup> October to 4 <sup>th</sup> November	HSC Exams
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 12 Formal
18 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Heron Island ~ to be confirmed
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Orientation Day for all students ~ Year 6 into Year 7 for 2017
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Assembly Presentation ~ Year 11 ~ date to be confirmed



## IMPORTANT DATES



DATE	EVENT
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	P&C Meeting ~ 7.00 pm ~ School Library
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Assembly Presentation ~ Year 8 ~ date to be confirmed
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Assembly Presentation ~ Year 9 ~ date to be confirmed
7 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Assembly Presentation ~ Year 7 ~ date to be confirmed
7 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Assembly Presentation ~ Year 10 ~ date to be confirmed
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Presentation Day
Monday to Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Year Interest Electives (EOYIE)
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Last school day of 2016
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Development Days ~ no students



**A Special Thank You**  
to Julie and the crew at

**REAP**

*The students and staff of Poff's Harbour High School  
thank you for your support and kindness during 2015.*

*Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year*

from

**The Breakfast Club**

# REMEMBRANCE DAY

As is tradition at Coffs Harbour High School, students marked Remembrance Day showing their respect for those who fought for our freedom. While Georgia and Billy, our vice captains, remained behind at school to help run the school Remembrance Day Assembly, the remaining prefects and captains travelled to the Cenotaph outside Coffs Ex Services to take part in the community service as delegates of Coffs Harbour High School.

Chloe Seccombe was asked by RSL sub-Branch President, Mr Bob Payne to read the prayer for the Queen, while Darcy Turner delivered the prayer for our Country and the soldiers still fighting overseas. Both captains presented their prayers with strength and emotion.

Danielle Polack and Hugh Davey laid the wreath for Coffs Harbour High at the Cenotaph. Following the ceremony, the prefects and captains were invited into the club for refreshments.

**Judith-Lyn Gough-Martin**  
**PREFECT COORDINATOR**



Mia Rigoni, Darcy Turner (Captain), Chloe Seccombe (Captain), Hugh Davey, Skye Rattenbury, Danielle Polack and Finn Appleton

*Lest We Forget*



L-R: Finn Appleton, Darcy Turner (Captain), Skye Rattenbury and Mia Rigoni



# REMEMBRANCE DAY



Below: Mr Bob Payne with ex-student Blake Hall



*They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.*





## IMMINENT RETIREMENT

28<sup>th</sup> January 1974 — the start of a teaching career when I walked into my first school, James Cook Boys' High, Kogarah.

18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 — the end of a full-time teaching career when I walk out of Coffs Harbour High School.

A career spanning nearly 42 years of teaching Mathematics and the Sciences, with stints at PD/H/PE, Sport, Music and Art (Ceramics) coupled with over 32 years as a Year Adviser, and various other positions within the school communities.

Throughout this time I have met many teachers, hundreds of parents and have taught over 6,000 students.

There have been many moments to cherish and, as in every walk of life, some times which were challenging.

I have dedicated most of my life to educating children. It has been a very rewarding experience to see students achieve their goals in life and to know that I am still respected by many with whom I keep contact. At a recent 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of a Year Group, I walked into the restaurant and was greeted with "Hello Mr Graham, glad you are here". When I said "call me Colin, you are nearly 40 now" the answer was "But we always thought your first name was Mister".

It is still very special to be stopped and greeted down the street and on the football fields.

To the parents I have had the privilege of meeting and knowing – thank you for allowing me help educate your children and for being a part of my life.

To the teachers I have worked with – you have helped me become the teacher and person I am today and I appreciate your passion for educating young minds. Keep up the good work.

To all students I have come into contact with – always strive to be the best you can be. Be tolerant and respectful of others; none of us are perfect.

I thank the students I have had the pleasure of teaching Mathematics and who I have coached at football and especially those students in my year groups. The bonds we have shared have made me, and I hope you, a better person.

And to the most important people in my life – my wife and family. I am now totally yours (well almost).

I will miss many people and aspects of school but there is a time to move on to another chapter in my life. And that time is now.

I leave you with two messages.

I was told many years ago when I transferred to Ashford Central School – "Col get involved in the town and school". Terrific advice which I am glad I took.

Secondly, at Katoomba High School and at Coffs Harbour High School, I was asked "How do you stay sane and cope?" My answer – "before you leave school of an afternoon, have a positive chat with some students or colleagues."

The messages – Get involved and don't take your troubles home.

Spending all but five years of my life at school is a long, long time.

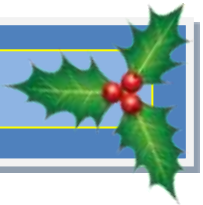
Not goodbye, but au revoir. See you around Coffs and on the football fields.

Cheers and Merry Christmas.

**Mr Col Graham**  
**MATHEMATICS TEACHER**







### DEAN COLLINS

Dean has had an unbelievable year in Moto Cross this year. He accomplished taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Queensland State Titles and being placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the New South Wales State Titles earlier this year. He also completed in the two day Open Junior Trials held in Sydney which saw the best riders from all around the country compete, where he placed second. These fantastic results mean that Dean finished the year ranked number 2 in the country!

It has no doubt been a very busy year travelling to the events but all that hard work and effort has paid off. Congratulations Dean - Great Effort!

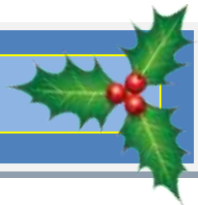


Dean shows us how it's done!

### ISOBELLE MULLER, JACKALYN PITMAN, ZOE CAMPBELL & DARCIE PITMAN

Year 8 students Isobelle, Jackalyn and Zoe together with Year 11 student Darcie, represented Coffs Harbour High School in the Clarence Valley Equestrian Challenge held in October this year. The girls competed in events such as dressage, show jumping, hacking and sporting events and whilst the competition was very strong, Isobelle achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> in dressage in her classes, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the paired event and was placed in the sporting and hacking events. Jackalyn achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> in the paired event (with Isobelle) and got a ribbon in each of her sporting events. Not to be out-done Zoe, competing in a different class, was also placed in the hacking events, 3<sup>rd</sup> in dressage, 1<sup>st</sup> in show jumping and won ribbons in the sporting events. Darcie also had a successful competition winning many events and being placed in all events that she participated in.

## SUCCESS IN YEAR 8



### Isobelle Muller, Jackalyn Pitman, Zoe Campbell & Darcie Pitman (continued)

The girls have already signed up to compete in the State which will be held in Tamworth next year, and the Clarence Valley Equestrian Challenge in Grafton, but would love to hear from anyone else who is interested in representing the school in these events.

Remember these names – I'm sure they will be representing Australia in the Olympics one day! Well done girls.



Above: Isobelle Muller, Jackalyn Pitman,  
Zoe Campbell, & Darcie Pitman



L-R: Jackalyn Pitman & Zoe Campbell



L-R: Jackalyn Pitman & Isobelle Muller

**Trina Neville**  
**YEAR 8 ADVISER**





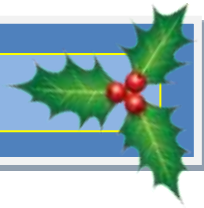
## ARTEXPRESS NOMINATION

Congratulations to Emma Knight from this year's HSC Visual Arts class whose work was nominated for Artexpress which is held across several venues in Sydney as well as going on a Regional tour around the State. Only the very best works are nominated so this is a huge achievement for Emma but very well deserved. Emma put hours of time into her Body of Work both at school and at home. Her work was titled 'Immaculate Conception'. This is Emma's artist statement which best describes the work. Well done Emma.

*Immaculate Conception' is a collection of works that reflect my interest in the controversy associated with human genetic engineering and the dangers of 'playing God'. By appropriating Giovanni Bellini's 'Madonna with Child' (1490), I have embodied the ethical debate surrounding scientific intervention on human creation. Alternate methods of conception, particularly IVF, are becoming increasingly prevalent within our society. Furthermore, scientists have predicted that parents will soon be able to select specific traits for their babies through genetic manipulation, as depicted in my drawings on sample paint cards. My large-scale drawings ultimately enhance the concerns addressed in my body of work, as they convey how such development is capable of overriding the natural individuality of human life.*



**Jan Chivas**  
**CAPA HEAD TEACHER**



## UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE

The success of our Garlambirla Youth Theatre (GYT) continues with The University of New England inviting our students to perform and present at a Higher Education Participation and Partnership Conference with a focus on 'Creating Pathways to University for low SES background Students.

The conference was held at Opal Cove Resort and provided an opportunity for the members of GYT to perform, explain their journey and mentor members of the audience in performing a scene from the musical.

The conference room was full with staff from universities, schools and community groups attending. We were also very proud to inform the audience that one of our GYT actors, Nina Gordon, has gained early entry to study Theatre at the University of New England.

The presentation was a great success, as stated in an e-mail from the conference organizer, Dr James White.

*"I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to you, your students and particularly Madge Hair and Simon Smith for the wonderful presentation from the Garlambirla Youth Theatre at our conference last Thursday. They stole the show! The feedback was exceptional and the students demonstrated what is possible when great teachers give so much extra time to make magic happen."*

*Dr James White PSM  
Director, Australian Leadership and Communications Training  
Adjunct Professor | School of Education | University of New England*



**Simon Smith**  
**MUSIC TEACHER**



## ENGLISH FACULTY

### ENGLISH ICAS TESTS

This year students from all years completed in the University of New South Wales ICAS tests. The English faculty ran the Digital Technologies, English, Writing and Spelling papers. All students who participated received a certificate celebrating their achievement of either Participation, Merit or Credit. Those students who performed very well in the ICAS tests were awarded Distinction or High Distinction.

Two students, Joshua Sechi in Year 10 and Thomas Capell-Hattam in Year 12, excelled in the English test coming in the top 2% and the top 1% respectively in their age groups. As a result Joshua achieved a Distinction and Thomas achieved a High Distinction. Congratulations to you both on your fantastic achievement and well done to all those who took part in the ICAS tests.

**Trina Neville**  
**ENGLISH TEACHER**

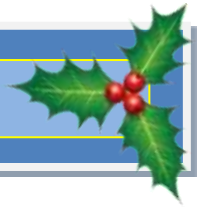
## SMOKE FREE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

The Department of Education's ban on smoking on all school premises and administrative areas is detailed in the Department's Drugs in Schools policy which states that: Smoking on school premises, including school buildings, gardens, sports fields and car parks, is prohibited. This includes students, employees, visitors and other people who use school premises, including community groups. This ban is reinforced in the Code of Conduct.

The agreement with community groups who use school's facilities includes the prohibition of smoking as a condition of use. Schools are also reminded of their legislative requirements under NSW smoke-free laws. The Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 requires enclosed public places to be smoke free. The Act also requires certain outdoor areas to be smoke-free including within 10 metres of children's playgrounds, public transport stops and stations, spectator areas of sports grounds and within 4 metres from an entrance used by pedestrians to get into or out of a building. From 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015, the 4 metre rule also applies to licensed premises including clubs and hotels, restaurants and cafes.

Within the Department, pedestrian access points include areas such as school gates where there is limited opportunity for people to avoid second hand tobacco smoke. NSW Health has processes to ensure compliance with smoking bans, including enforcement activity, compliance monitoring and education and public reporting of outdoor smoking ban breaches. A \$300 on-the-spot fine may apply for anyone who fails to comply with the law.





## ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

The ERC has had a very successful 2015. A wide variety of events were held such as awareness days, fundraisers and clean-ups days.

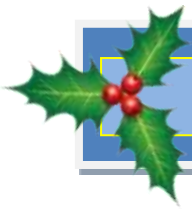
'Sea Week' from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> March was our first event for the year and it was based around raising awareness and encouraging an appreciation of the sea. The ERC made informative posters and put them up around the school. We also put several short messages in the daily notices during the week and sold "sea themed" cupcakes outside the canteen.

Our main event this year, as it has been in previous years, was 'World Environment Day' held on 5<sup>th</sup> June. This event was our biggest fundraiser for the year so the ERC made posters and put them up around the school, ran a raffle and a jelly bean guessing competition and also sold ice cups, jelly cups, cupcakes, brownies, biscuits and muffins from a stall setup outside the canteen. A mufti day was held on the day and we collected money, from mufti donations, in roll call. The fundraiser was a big success raising over \$530, which will go to a worthy cause to be decided at the end of the year, thank you to everyone for your help and support.



You guys are amazing! – thank you for your hard work.

We held a clean-up of Coffs Creek last week which was our last event for the year. ERC members spent the day kayaking down Coffs Creek collecting as much rubbish from along the creek bank as we could. We found plastic bags, old bottles, cans, old shoes, handballs and soccer balls, and one group even found an old fish trap. After we had finished our rubbish collection we were rewarded with pizza for lunch, as well as a nice swim on a very hot day.



## HSIE FACULTY

We ended our day tired, exhausted and with a few missing things, but in the end we had a lot less rubbish in Coffs Creek than there was to start with. A big thank you to Mrs Court and Mr Core for an awesome day!

We had a great year but we couldn't have done it without the mountain of support and help we had from teachers and students. Thanks to everyone and a very big thank you to Michelle and the canteen staff, Mrs Court, all the ERC members and last but not most of all, a massive thank you to Mr Core for running the ERC throughout the year.

**Jessie Robb**  
**STUDENT – YEAR 10**

Charlie



Nikoma and Lucy



Miranda, Laura, Stella and Miriam



Josh, Ned and Matt

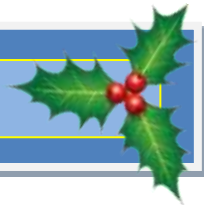


Jessie, Grace and Abbey



Annabel and Finn





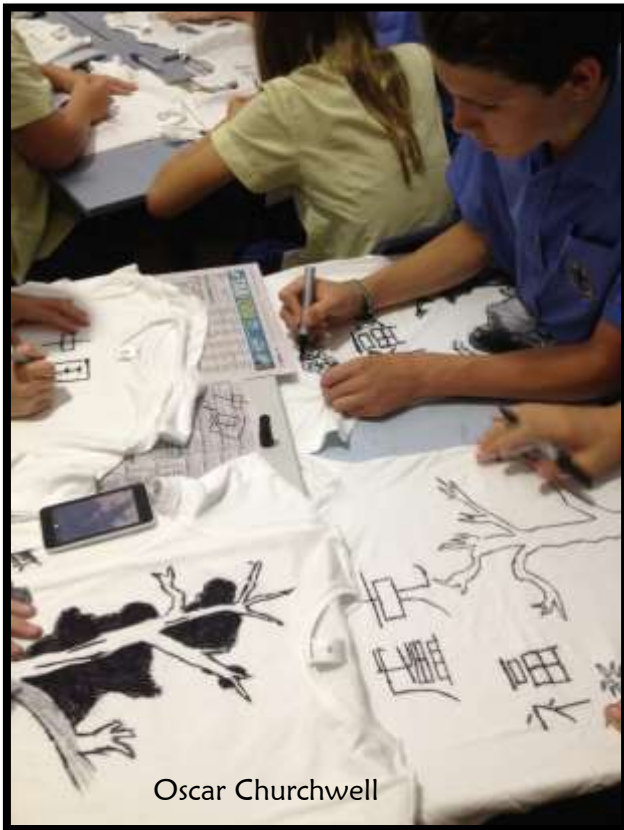
## CONFUCIUS DAY IN SYDNEY

On 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November, a group of very excited Year 8 students travelled to Sydney to take part in the first Confucius Day. The event was organised by the Confucius Institute and invitations were sent to all Confucius schools to attend. Coffs Harbour High School had the distinction of being the only non-Sydney school at the event.

On Monday night, students were treated to a fabulous Chinese banquet at the East Dragon Restaurant in Chinatown where a number of them were able to try using chopsticks for the first time. There is nothing like the threat of missing out on amazing food to motivate you to learn a new skill! The dumplings and the sweet and sour pork were the two most popular dishes.

On Tuesday we all headed to Homebush Boys' High School to take part in the day of activities, which had been organised by Confucius Institute volunteer teachers including our very own Miss Wang and Miss Guan. Our students got the opportunity to tie traditional Chinese knots, paint t-shirts, and learn a dance to the latest Mando-pop hit. There were quite a few tired bodies by the last activity, though, as not everyone had taken the advice to get plenty of sleep the night before!

Following the activities we were treated to a series of performances in Chinese from the other schools including the cutest ever production of the Three Little Pigs by kindergarten students! Thanks to the teachers who accompanied the group - a great time was had by all.



Oscar Churchwell

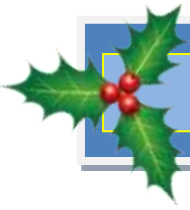


Tai Chi Dance



Knot tying





# LOTE FACULTY





Dining with Ms Scriven in Chinatown

## 2016 CHINA EXCURSION

Time is ticking on towards next year's China excursion. By the end of the term, students going should have paid a total of \$1,400. Over the holidays, if you have time please look into getting passport and travel insurance issued. Copies of our passports will be needed to confirm our booking with the travel agent.

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to our Chinese teaching assistants Miss Wang and Miss Guan. They have been a real asset to the school since their arrival and our students have learned a lot from them. We wish them all the best on their return to China.

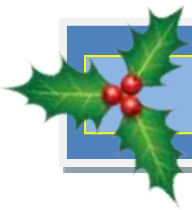
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

圣诞快乐!

**David Dun**  
**CHINESE TEACHER**







## YEAR 12 EXPLORING EARLY CHILDHOOD

On 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015, the Year 12 Exploring Early Childhood Class visited the Coffs Harbour Community Preschool in Brodie Drive. This visit provided the students with an opportunity to observe and participate in classroom and outdoor activities with preschool children and staff.

At first the senior students hung back, but the preschoolers were so happy to share their morning activities, they marched up and introduced themselves. From there it was a matter of trying to keep up!

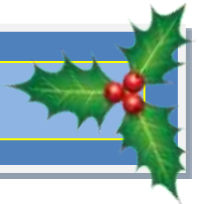
In my opinion these visits are an important part of the course and allow students to get first-hand experience working with small children. This is not the first year that we have visited the preschool and I am particularly thankful for the strong relationship that is shared between both educational facilities. We are planning to go back in the New Year.

A special thank you to Jacqueline Young and the team at Coffs Harbour Community Preschool for their support and assistance on the day.

**Denise Alchin**  
**TAS TEACHER**

Visit to Coffs Harbour Community Preschool





## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tara Hensby-Rose of Year 12 who recently was awarded a High Achiever's Scholarship from the University of New England. This \$2,000 scholarship recognizes Tara's commitment to her HSC study and can be used next year when she commences university study at University of New England where she will be studying a Bachelor of Science.

We would like to acknowledge UNE's commitment to our students and thank them for giving Tara this wonderful opportunity.



L-R: Tara receiving the High Achiever's Scholarship with her mother and inspiring Biology teacher, Ms Nataleigh Hoban (pictured right)

## READY ACTION WORK – RAW

Our Year 11 EALD students were fortunate to have attended this program at Orara High School over a five day period to better understand the demands of gaining employment. Key topics included career planning and goal setting, resume writing and cover letters, job advertisement analysis and appropriate dress standards in the workplace. Thank you to Orara High School for hosting this event and to Mr Justin Bulloch and Ms Deanne Ion for assisting students throughout the program. Coffs Harbour High School hopes to have the opportunity to host the event in 2016 and broaden the exposure to employment skills of students in Years 10 to 12.





# CAREERS

## BARISTA PHOTOS

Well done to students who participated in the recent Barista course at TAFE. Students developed their skills in making various kinds of coffees in readiness for finding employment over the holidays. Thank you to TAFE for offering this course to our students.



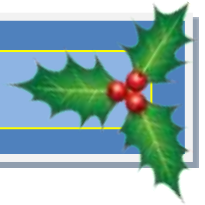
Lily Potger

Thursday group



Monday group

Hugh Churchwell & Will Paterson

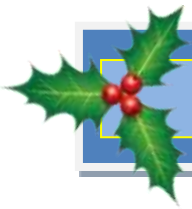


## ITRACKS PREPARATION FOR THE WORKFORCE DAY

The Smith Family has always offered their support to school aged students in gaining access to mentoring support and qualifications to help individuals succeed in the future. Recently, students who successfully completed the iTracks online Mentoring program or the Cert I Financial Literacy course were invited to attend the Preparation for the Workforce workshop at the CEx Club. Students learnt more about what employers want when applying for jobs, table and dining etiquette and fitness for personal health. Thank you again to Darrin and The Smith Family for their ongoing support of our students.







## CAREERS

### TIME TO PLAN AHEAD FOR WORK EXPERIENCE

Coffs Harbour High School prides itself on being one of only schools in the region that fully supports work experience for all year 10 students. All students in year 10, 2016 will be expected to undertake a one week placement with a business or organization either here in Coffs Harbour or anywhere else in the state. Please note that work experience is set down for 20-24<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and students are permitted to find a placement in Coffs Harbour and surrounding districts or can investigate a placement anywhere throughout NSW.

Further information will be distributed in Term 1 next year.

### TAX FILE NUMBERS AUSTRALIAN TAXATION OFFICE

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015, the Australian Tax Office has changed the way in which students can apply for a tax file number. Students can no longer complete a form and submit it to the school. Instead they must apply online and then attend an interview at an Australian Post Office.

**This is the easiest way to apply for a TFN. There are 3 steps in the process:-**

- 1 Complete the online form. You can access the form at:-  
<https://smarteform.com.au/onlineforms/ato/tax-file-number-application-or-enquiry-for-individuals/>
- 2 Print off the summary - after completing the form, you need to print off the application summary. You will need it for the next step.
- 3 Attend an Australia Post interview - you must attend an interview at your local Australia Post outlet within 30 days of completing your online application. Bookings are not essential, but are recommended. You will need to take two things with you to your interview:
  - a) Your printed application summary.
  - b) Your "Proof of Identity" documents (see notes on the website about what is required for proof of identity).

Please note that the Post Office located next to the school is not an authorised outlet for the Tax File Number Interviews. All interview bookings must be placed with the outlet in Coffs Central by calling 13 13 18.

Dionne Court  
CAREERS ADVISER



## CAREERS



### SWAP 2015

Over 40 students have participated in the SWAP (Student Workplace Assisted Program) this year, attending a work placement one day a week for a term in industries such as child care, hospitality, automotive, horticulture, building and construction and animal care. Students have gained invaluable skills and knowledge about the everyday operations of local businesses.

Congratulations to those students who participated in the program, you were a credit to yourself and the school. Special thanks to the businesses who hosted students over the course of the year, this program would not have been as successful without your willingness to take a student.

I wish you a very Happy Christmas and look forward to working with you in 2016.

**Trina Neville**  
**ENGLISH TEACHER**



## SPORT

### COFFS HARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL'S UNDER 16'S GIRLS FUTSAL TEAM

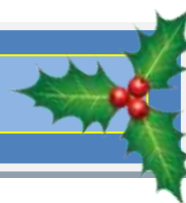
#### AUSTRALASIAN FUTSAL CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS IN QUEENSLAND

Tamara Skinner, Natasha Clancy, Matilda Lugg, Paige Channells, Paige Thornber, Jasmyn Atkins, Allissa Tate, Monica Weldon, (Greta Smith, Ellie Slattery team members who missed the A F C of C due to injury).

Coffs High Under 16 Girls' team fought it out with the best in Australasia after winning our way through the Northern NSW school titles to be finalists in the Australasian Champion of Champions.

After making the Finals of the Mid North Coast area held in Coffs Harbour in May, we progressed to the North Coast Finals in Port Macquarie in July where through skill and determination, CHHS again made the finals and progressed to the Australasian Futsal Champion of Champions in Oxley, Queensland in November.

Competing against teams from Queensland, Victoria and NSW, both government and private schools, the girls did themselves, their families and the school proud, coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition, missing out on the semi-finals by 2 points.



## UNDER 16'S GIRLS FUTSAL TEAM (continued)

Most players come from outdoor football backgrounds, with several playing in the Women's Premier League in the local NCF competition.

However most have only recently blossomed in the Futsal arena. With the combination of the experience of Natasha Clancy - who is a current and past Futsal representative player for NNSW and a current inclusion in the East Coast Eagles Open Women's Team competing in the National Futsal League - and the enthusiasm and commitment of the rest of the squad, we performed strongly against the other Australasian rep teams.

The girls were a credit to the school, both on and off the courts.

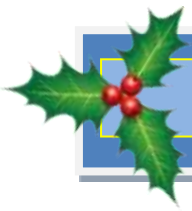
Special mention must go to Renee and Marguerite Markham, parents who came with the team and to Mrs Hayes, a teacher who also helped look after the girls. Also to Paige Thornber and Natasha Clancy who organised to raise money for the trip through cake stalls.

This was a special trip because it is the last time the girls and I will be together in Futsal and football – the end of an era. But a very special end to at least four years of being a team at Coffs Harbour High School.



L-R: Monica Weldon, Tamara Skinner, Jasmyn Atkins, Allissa Tate,  
Paige Thornber, Mr Col Graham, Natasha Clancy, Paige Channells and Matilda Lugg.

**Mr Col Graham**  
**COACH/MANAGER**



## COMMUNITY INFORMATION



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### Host Families Needed

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Why not host an overseas exchange student with AFS Intercultural Programs? We have participants due to arrive in February and they require volunteer host families for their stay in New South Wales.

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*See over next four pages*





## Can you host an exchange student from France?

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- ❖ Alice from France is 16 years old and is interested in playing the flute, skiing and horse riding. She also enjoy practicing with her band.
- ❖ Emilie from France is 16 years old and is interested in playing basketball and other team sports. She loves animals and enjoy playing with her cat.
- ❖ Hugo from France is 17 years old and is interested in skiing, hiking and spending time with his dog. He also love cars and motorbikes and share this passion with his friends.
- ❖ Margaux from France is 15 years old and is interested in synchronised swimming, horse-riding and cooking. She love being in the water and do activities such as surfing, kitesurfing or windsurfing.
- ❖ Marina from France is 15 years old and is interested in swimming, watching soccer and being active. She is looking forward to discover a new culture and improve her English.
- ❖ Amaury from France is 16 years old and is interested in sport and specially a new sport activity called "Parkour". He like spending time with friends and being social.
- ❖ Charlotte from France is 16 years old and is interested in reading, watching movies, cooking and listening to music. She also love being with her family and my friends.

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- ❖ Kino from Japan is 16 years old and is interested in reading, playing clarinet and watching movies. She is looking forward to learn about Australian culture and becoming better at English.
- ❖ Saki from Japan is 16 years old and is interested in science, sport and listening to music. She got the interest for science through the schools chemistry club.
- ❖ Shino from Japan is 17 years old and is interested in climbing, walking and reading. She also like to practice Japanese tea ceremony.
- ❖ Shotaro from Japan is 16 years old and is interested in cycling, swimming, and playing golf and tennis. He also likes to read comics and have been playing piano for 10 years.
- ❖ Toru from Japan is 17 years old and is interested in playing baseball and trumpet. He also like to go to the baseball stadium to watch baseball.
- ❖ Yoko from Japan is 16 years old and is interested in swimming, tennis, running, skiing and painting. She belongs to the skiing team at her school and practice every day.
- ❖ Yukina from Japan is 16 years old and is interested in playing dodge ball, and dancing Jazz and Hip Hop. She enjoy school and like to spend time with her classmates.
- ❖ Madoka from Japan is 17 years old and is interested in playing volleyball, reading books and listening to music. She is looking forward to learn more about Australia and improve her English.
- ❖ Miho from Japan is 16 years old and is interested in playing and listening to music. She loves playing clarinet and piano, and have been playing in the school band.

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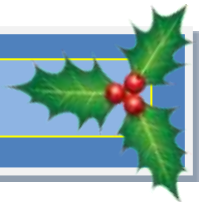
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- ❖ **Andrea from Costa Rica is 17 years old and is interested in dancing and acting. She is also active as a scout and enjoy nature.**
- ❖ **Alejandro from Costa Rica is 17 years old and is interested in playing basketball and watching soccer. He is also interested in gaining new experiences.**
- ❖ **Jordan from Costa Rica is 16 years old and is interested in playing soccer, basketball and swimming. He also love animals and specially dogs.**
- ❖ **Theo from Brazil is 15 years old and is interested in basketball, soccer and climbing. He is looking forward to learn about the Australian culture.**
- ❖ **Valeria from Costa Rica is 17 years old and is interested in sports and being creative. She is friendly and outgoing and enjoy spending time with friends.**

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- ❖ Senja from Finland is 17 years old and is interested in horse riding, thaiboxing and jogging. She has also participated in a few show jumping competitions since last fall.
- ❖ Viivi from Finland is 16 years old and is interested in playing piano, singing, drawing and going to the gym. She also like to spend time with her family.
- ❖ Hendrick from Germany is 15 years old and math and Science. He also love to play the trumpet and sailing is one of his hobbies.
- ❖ Maude from Switzerland is 16 years old and is interested in swimming, tennis, skiing and playing the flute. Dancing is her passion and she dance hip hop and modern twice a week.
- ❖ Rami from Switzerland is 17 years old and is interested in skiing, soccer and playing trumpet. He also have an interests for planes and technological things.
- ❖ Aurora from Finland is 16 years old and is interested in baking, downhill skiing and running. She also love to spend time with her dog.
- ❖ Stefania from Iceland is 16 years old and is very interested in Sports and the outdoors. She plays the piano, likes to cook and would really ike to do water sports while in Australia.

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