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“Light out of Darkness”

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sincere thanks to the Coffs Harbour business sector, who last week welcomed 150 Year 10 students from Jetty High into their workplaces. Each year this splendid example of active collaboration between local businesses and the school gives our students valuable hands-on experience of the responsibilities of working life. Students almost always return to school with positive stories to tell, and clearly appreciate the way it helps them in the difficult task of choosing their senior subjects and future career goals. Thanks are due too to our Careers team, ably led by Ms Dionne Court and with great assistance from Ms Trina Neville and Mr John Mellalieu. Coordinating so many placements and ensuring all the paperwork is in place is a massive task. I marvel at how well they pull it off year after year.

NAIDOC week falls in the July school holidays. However this is such an important celebration for many of our students and parents that we always make special arrangements for the school to mark the occasion in the last week of Term 2. Our activities include a special school assembly that is led by our Aboriginal students.

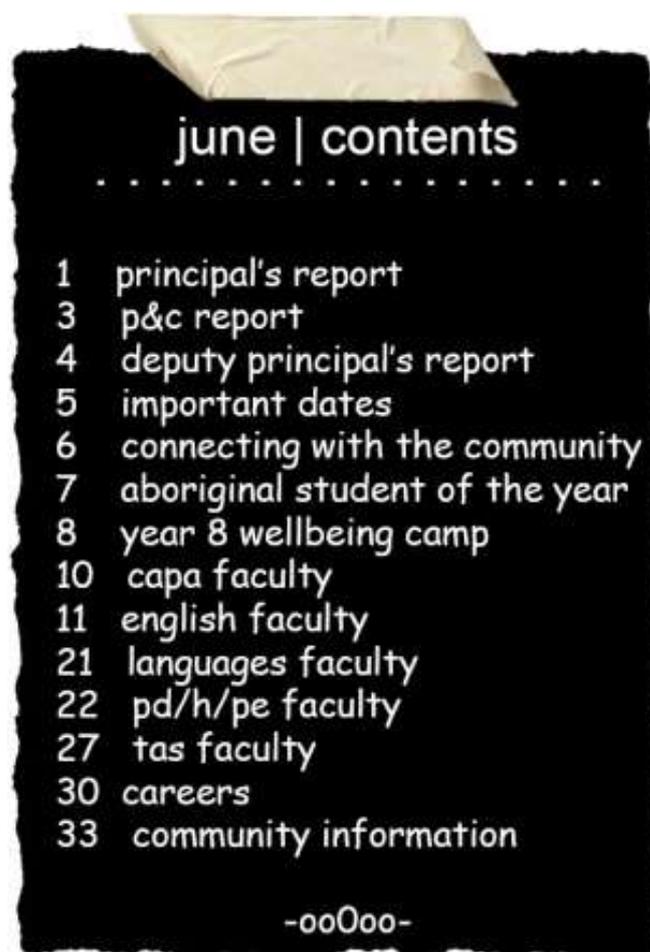
It gives me immense pleasure to notice that each year students grow in pride and confidence in this role, for it suggests that our general approach is contributing to the long-overdue recognition of the benefits Aboriginal people can bring to our life. It is clear that programs we run in the school, such as the Aboriginal dance program and the didge-making course, are helping with this growth — not just in specifically Aboriginal skills, but in helping young Aboriginal people find ways of showing that they have something to contribute. Respect develops self-respect. I extend my thanks to tutors Gloria Mercy and Kristian Benton for the opportunities they are providing to our students. Aboriginal teachers' aide Mr Merv Bolt, who also serves as Vice-President of the Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, provides untiring support, both in the classroom and in broader school matters. Teachers directly supporting programs for Aboriginal students include Ms Kate Pullinger, Mr Ben Cross, Mr Travis Mackay, Mr Simon Smith and Ms Madge Hair. They can be proud of the difference they are making in individual students' lives and future prospects.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Later in this newsletter you will read a detailed report of our first special assembly to mark Refugee Week. I firmly believe that this school, and indeed the general community of Coffs Harbour, can take great pride in the fact that in almost all cases students from refugee backgrounds feel welcomed here and are able to start rebuilding their lives after often horrific earlier experiences. Not many Australians have been through what these children have seen. Some have been there when family members were mutilated or killed, most have escaped danger only to spend years in tents in crowded camps often with very little food. Very few of them have had any decent opportunity to begin their education before arriving in Australia. They often show their gratitude to us by their determination to make an important return contribution to their new country. The mere fact that they are here is also a reminder of the devastating consequences for ordinary people of armed conflict and intolerance of all types, whether racial, religious, or political.

Best wishes to all our families for the vacation. I shall be on leave for the first four weeks of Term 4, and Deputy Principal Ms Kathy Steward will be taking over as Principal for that time. Head Teacher Administration Ms Denise Alchin will be assuming the Deputy's role.

Patti Kearns



P&C REPORT

YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW YOU GIVE A GONSKI

The Coffs Harbour High School P&C is committed to a properly funded education system - the full Gonski. Gonski funding began in 2014 after the independent Gonski Review warned too many children were missing out due to a lack of resources. Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level.

Schools can use these additional resources to better meet the individual needs of students. Things they can do include reducing class sizes, employing additional specialist teachers in areas such as literacy and numeracy, increased teacher training and support for students with disabilities.

Where the funding is being delivered, schools are reporting that it is making a real difference for students. This includes Coffs Harbour High School and we outlined some of the great Gonski funded programs being in the last newsletter.

The problem is that the Turnbull Government has said it will stop Gonski funding after next year. The impact of this decision will be huge because two-thirds of the Gonski funding is due to flow from the Federal Government to schools in the final two years.

CANTEEN NEWS

Our vibrant, efficient, happy team of volunteers and staff in the canteen continue to provide healthy, affordable, fabulous food for our kids. Canteen Manager Michelle Waugh does an amazing job, wonderfully supported by Amanda Langfield and Ros Rose. And just as a taster, here are the weekly specials: Monday – Sushi; Tuesday - Butter Chicken and Rice; Wednesday - hot dogs; Thursday – Nachos; and Friday - TGIF Surprise.

The P&C and Michelle sincerely thank all the volunteers, parents and students who volunteer in the canteen. The vast majority of P&C fundraising comes from our canteen. It relies heavily on volunteers. If you are a parent, carer or other family member who is able to spare some time, please call Michelle on 6652 4637.

For the convenience of parents, our treasurer, Karen Bryant has been investigating the feasibility of EFTPOS facilities for the uniform shop during orientation and the start of the school year. If it is viable, we hope to have something up and running before Year 7 orientation in Term 4.

NEXT MEETING 1ST AUGUST 2016

We are always excited to see new members to our meetings held in the library at 7.00 pm on the first Monday of the month except during school holidays. Entry is via the main office. Being involved with your P&C is an excellent opportunity to be part of your child's education and learn about the day to day running of the school, positive achievements and other relevant issues. P&C members are incredibly active in the school community. They have been invited to sit on panels to select staff; and they are involved in school planning.

Sally Bryant
PUBLICITY OFFICER

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Throughout Terms 3 and 4 we have an exciting initiative starting in the school around Indigenous language and culture. As part of the NSW Government's OCHRE plan, several language and cultural nests were set up around the State including one in Coffs Harbour. This local nest has provided Gumbaynggirr language lessons in several primary schools and high schools over the past two years and from Term 3 Coffs Harbour High School will be able to gain from this resource.

Between now and the end of the year students from Year 7 will receive Gumbaynggirr language and cultural lessons for one lesson per week for the duration of one term (ie 10 lessons). Coffs Harbour High School has a proud history of supporting Aboriginal education, and it is exciting that this initiative will provide another opportunity for all of our students to strengthen the connection with our local area, and allow for a greater understanding of the Gumbaynggirr cultural history.

I would like to wish all of our students a refreshing break, and look forward to working with you all again through a productive Term 3.

Tony Wilson

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that Coffs Harbour High School will close at 12.00 noon on Thursday 4th August 2016 and students will be required to go home early.

The school has been advised that the bus companies will operate the normal morning services to school but afternoon services are not guaranteed to run. Bus companies will contact the school at noon and ascertain how many students need to catch the bus home and they will schedule their afternoon runs accordingly. They will not collect students in the afternoon who have not attended school on the day.



IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 30 th June	Newcastle University Excursion
Friday 1st July	Last day of Term 2.
Monday 18 th July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 19th July	Term 3 commences – students return to school
Tuesday 26 th July	Years 9, 10 & 11 AIME Mentoring Program - CHEC
Tuesday 26 th July	Legacy Public Speaking Regional Final
Wednesday 27 th July	Year 8 Multicultural Day
Wednesday 27 th July	Post Options Expo – CHEC Gymnasium – 9.15 am to 12.15 pm
Thursday 28 th July	Australian Mathematics Competition
Monday 1 st August	P&C Meeting School Library – 7.00 pm
Tuesday 2 nd August	ICAS – English exam
3 rd & 4 th August	Junior Sydney Shakespeare Excursion
Thursday 4 th August	Half-day Public Holiday Coffs Cup
8 th to 12 th August	Year 9 Snow Excursion
8 th to 12 th August	SES Cadet Program
8 th to 19 th August	Year 12 Trial Exams
Tuesday 16 th August	ICAS – Maths exam
Tuesday 16 th August	Years 9 & 10 AIME Mentoring Program
Thursday 22 nd September	Year 12 Graduation Ceremony



MATHEMATICS IN NATURE GROUP

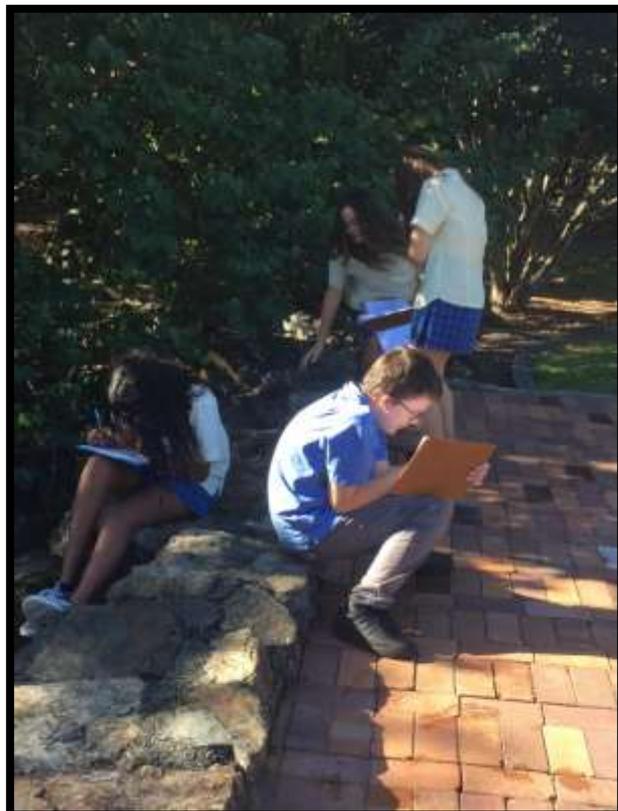
A group of students from 8MA6 have been out and about in Coffs Harbour exploring 'Mathematics in Nature'. Their project culminated in a visit to Coffs Harbour Botanical Gardens. The students investigated Fibonacci Numbers and their connection to nature, rainfall and weather tracking, tree removal, designing walkways and alternative uses for plants.

The students took part in an investigation of the mangrove walks, estimating the number of steps and total distance of the structure. They then calculated the cost and time it would take to produce the structure. Students had an opportunity to talk to volunteers at the gardens about projects and improve their estimates.

The volunteers were part way through completion of a new pathway so students took measurements and in class they calculated the amount of road base required to complete the project. They also witnessed a large tree being removed as it was causing possible risk to visitors. After the visit they estimated volume of timber removed, height, mass and age of the tree using the internet to research.

Students made claims like 'we should do maths like this all the time' indicating that they had engaged with the project and hopefully connected their classroom with the local community.

David Taylor
HEAD TEACHER MATHEMATICS



ABORIGINAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR

CONGRATULATIONS FAITH 2016 ABORIGINAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR FOR THE COFFS HARBOUR ELECTORATE



The Honourable Andrew Fraser MP, Member for Coffs Harbour,
Faith Hyland-Taylor and Ms Patti Kearns, Principal

Congratulations to Faith Hyland-Taylor for being the recipient of the 2016 Aboriginal Student of the Year Award for the Coffs Harbour electorate.

This award is a significant and well-earned recognition of Faith's commitment to her school and community. She is commended for being a positive role model and leader for her peers.

Faith has been invited to take part in the 2016 Emerging Leaders Forum which brings together the top 20 award winners from across the state to meet Aboriginal, business and government leaders at NSW Parliament House in early August.

The staff and students of Coffs Harbour High School congratulate Faith and wish her every success for the future.

YEAR 8 WELLBEING CAMP

EXODUS

From the very start of the Year 8 Wellbeing camp it was clear that our students would be learning about respect: for themselves; for their environment; for their teachers and for each other. Set on a huge private property and nestled on the Nymboida River, the Exodus Adventure Camp offered a range of challenging outdoor activities and the chance for students to take on leadership roles, manage their own camp and to tend to and cook on an open fire. It also offered the opportunity to leave screens behind and just enjoy nature, the outdoors and to prepare, cook and devour healthy food.

One of the most successful aspects of the camp was that it fostered team work and students had enough time at each activity to really learn valuable skills and overcome a range of fears. Activities included white water canoeing - yes, the river was cold but we had thermal gear to keep us warm, low-ropes, trust exercises and high ropes, an alpine tree climb and laser tag over a large



course that included scrub, forest, gullies and open terrain. Underpinning all activities was the focus on respect and self-reliance. Students learnt how and what to recycle, kept camp and activity sites clean, and learnt the value of honesty. Many also admitted that they learnt some very basic skills missing in so many of our convenient lifestyles including how to recycle properly, how to wash dishes and how to prepare and cook evening meals and pack picnic lunches. For a greater range of photos or for more information please visit the Exodus Outdoor Adventures Facebook page.

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

Thank you to the students and staff who attended and for making it so successful.

Kristin Vlasto
YEAR 8 ADVISER

YEAR 8 WELLBEING CAMP



SAVE THE DATE

‘ON SHOW’

RETURNS THIS YEAR

**Term 3 - Week 7
Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd September**



MORE INFORMATION NEXT NEWSLETTER

REFUGEE WEEK ASSEMBLY 2016

As I write, the Coffs Harbour High School community is mid-way through a memorable week in its commemoration and recognition of the trials, tribulations, joys and achievements of our refugee students and their families.

On Monday morning, the inaugural Refugee Week Assembly was held under the theme of “With Courage Let Us All Combine”. Both refugee and non-refugee students shared their stories through various media including short film, photography, student-conducted interviews and narrative.

This occasion was conducted with an equal measure of solemnity and celebration. The whole school’s singing of the national anthem was led by the talented voices of Grace Snowball and Georgia Bonser and allowed us to revisit the theme of this year’s Refugee Week in unison. The respectful and reflective tone was exemplified by our school captain Darcy Turner who delivered a rousing yet carefully considered speech urging his schoolmates to heed the words of our anthem and to imagine themselves in the place of their refugee peers. Accompanying him on stage were his fellow Year 12 students, Sadiqa Nadir Hussain and Mariam Ahmadi who each took great pride in introducing the various presentations in turn. Mr Smith led the Intensive English Class in a choral performance of ‘Count on Me’ which got everyone singing!

Ms Kearns reiterated the significance of this week’s theme and how our school has worked tirelessly over many years to ensure a safe and inclusive learning environment for all of our students.

Among those in attendance were parents and families of our refugee students as well as representatives from various community groups and organisations such as Anglicare, STARTTS and Coffs Coast Community College who form part of the vital network supporting refugee student and families’ participation and engagement in educational and community-based programs in the Coffs Harbour region.

Following the whole-school assembly, a beautiful morning tea prepared by our TAS staff and students was offered to our guests and this provided a chance for parents, support workers and teachers to chat and revel in the students’ combined accomplishments and hopes for the future.

While the first of its kind for our school, this year’s Refugee Week Assembly served to highlight Coffs Harbour High School as a shining example of a public school community coming together to celebrating its diversity and achievements, as reflected in the week’s motto – ‘With Courage Let Us All Combine’.

Raija Chapman
EAL/D TEACHER



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Brainstorm Productions

Award-Winning In-School Theatre Performances

STICKS & STONES YEARS 7 & 8

On 29th June, Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program 'Sticks & Stones' for Years 7 and 8.

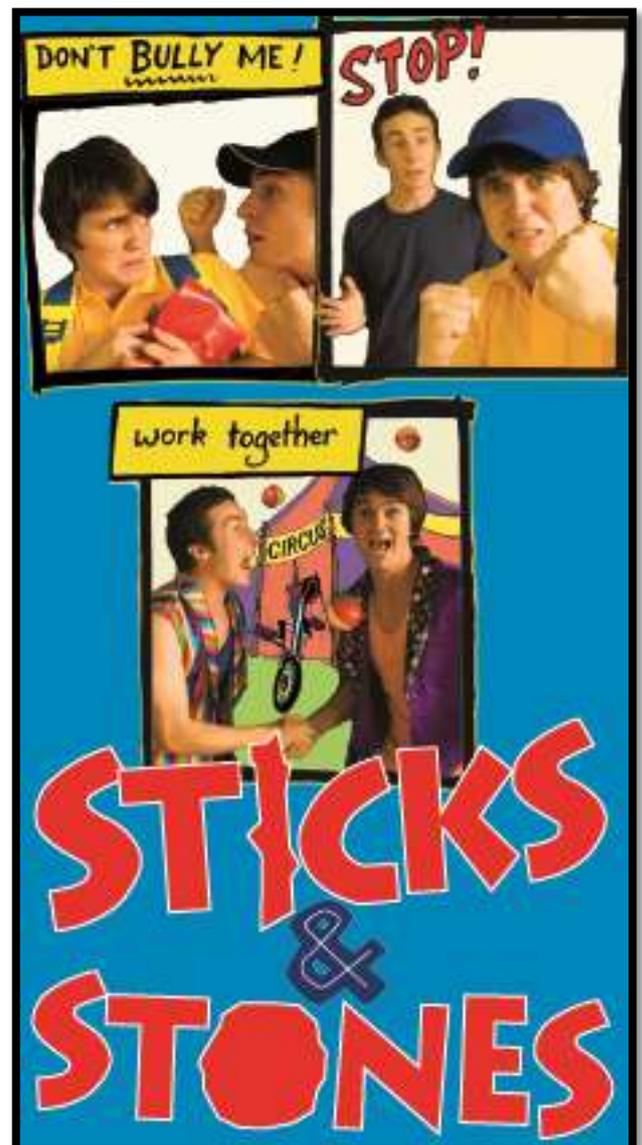
Seen and enjoyed by over 1.7 million students, Sticks & Stones is a fearless exploration of violence and aggression and its devastating consequences. The play is confronting and performed by two highly-trained actors, who as young role models, can genuinely connect with the audience and make it clear that masculinity and violence are NOT one and the same. The production encourages teenagers to re-think their views about violence, abuse and controlling behaviour. The performance is followed by an after-show discussion that examines student's attitudes, challenges stereotypes and aims to breakdown any pre-conceived ideas about violence being acceptable.

Sticks & Stones is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

Brainstorm Productions is Australia's largest educational touring theatre company. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at:-

www.brainstormproductions.edu.au.

Kristin Vlasto
YEAR 8 ADVISER



YEARS 7 AND 8 DEBATING TEAMS

Both our Year 7 and Year 8 debating teams secured victory in the second round of the Premier's Debating Challenge, held at the school recently. Orara High School's Year 7 team was pitted against the Coffs Harbour High School Year 8 team, ably represented by Kayden Manuel, Grace Wrathall, Joshua Milne and Abbey Pennington. Their topic was '*That no-one should be allowed to post online comments anonymously*', and in a hard-fought debate, the Coffs team cogently and eloquently argued the negative case. The praise of the adjudicator, Mr Ian Muldoon, focused on our team's ability to attack the model proposed by the opposition. The Coffs Year 8 team therefore remains undefeated going into the third round of competition.



L-R: Jake Franklin, Taylor Slattery, Eliana Gowers, Vida Tha (Orara High School Year 8 Team), Announcer Grace Wrathall, Timekeeper Grace Snowball, Tali Rea and Ruby Smith (Coffs Harbour High School Year 7 team).

Our Year 7 team, consisting of Tali Rea, Ruby Smith, Kalindi Izzard and Sophie Walsh, tackled the topic '*That we should ban TV from reporting violent news before 9:00 pm*'. Once again Coffs argued the negative case and managed to find sufficient weakness in the opposition's model to win them the debate, despite the greater experience of their older opponents. Teams from both schools are to be congratulated on the abundant enthusiasm, sportsmanship and collaborative skills displayed throughout the day.

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YEARS 7 AND 8 DEBATING TEAMS (continued)



L-R: Eliana Gowers, Vida Tha
(Orara High School Year 8 Team),
Announcer Grace Wrathall, Timekeeper Grace Snowball,
Sophie Walsh (standing) Tali Rea, Ruby Smith and
Kalindi Izzard(Coffs Harbour High School Year 7 team).

Kate Pullinger
ENGLISH TEACHER

MID NORTH COAST CREATIVE WRITING CAMP

On 8th, 9th and 10th June, 12 students from Years 9 and 10 were given the opportunity to attend the Creative Writing Camp at Valla Beach. As someone who loves writing and English, I was lucky enough to be invited to attend. Students from schools from across the Mid North Coast also came to the camp.

Over the course of the camp we were able to take part in a number of workshops. My favourite workshops were two held by the fantasy author, Lynette Noni, where we looked at world building and creating a character. I enjoyed getting to hear other students' answers to questions as well as their writing and then getting feedback on my own efforts from students who love writing as much as I do.

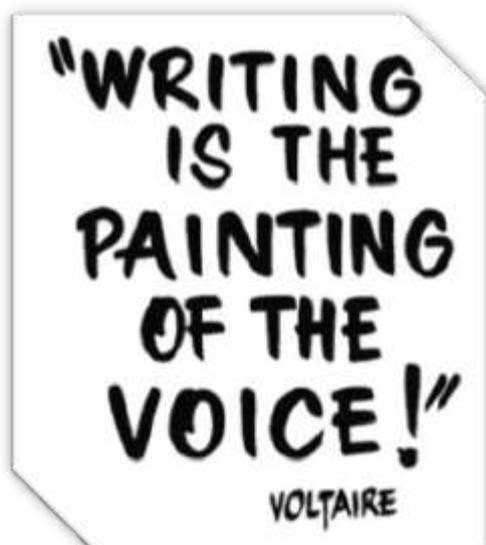
The camp has helped me independently improve my work through the skills and activities I learnt over the three days. It also gave us a chance to explore a social group of people with similar interests. I enjoyed getting to know my peers from Coffs High better as well as making new friends via the mentor groups.

Overall the camp was amazing and has helped me improve my writing. The trip was highly memorable and I hope that I get the chance to go again next year.

Annabelle Smith, Year 9

"I really enjoyed the camp; the cabins were nice, the food was good and the staff were helpful. I really liked the writing workshops and the beach walk. All in all, I think it was an experience I would like to repeat."

Roseleigh Priest, Year 9



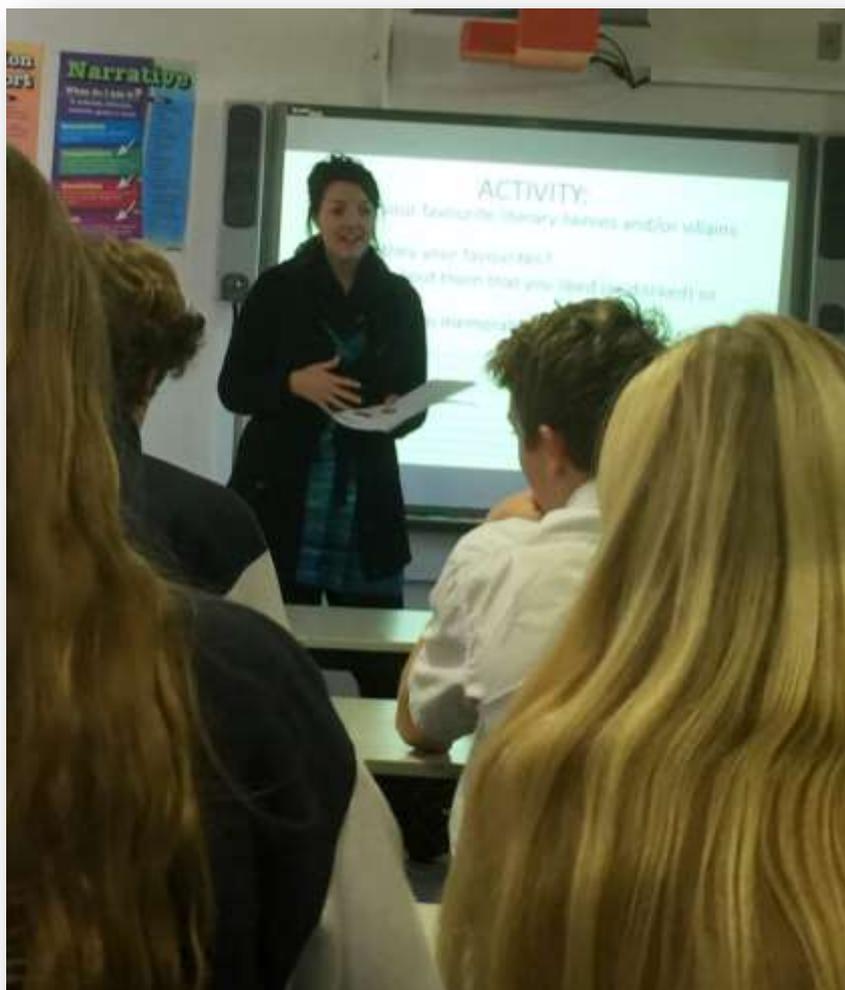
WRITER IN RESIDENCE – LYNETTE NONI

On 10th June 2016 the fantasy writer Lynette Noni spent the day working with students from Years 7 to 11. The day was made possible through the work of Mr Matthew Spooner and Officeworks who liaised with the Bellingham Readers and Writers Festival and helped fund her visit.

With the Year 11 Advanced students, Lynette explored how to build a believable character which was a great help in the lead up to their current assessment task. With students from Years 9 and 10, she also did a workshop on character building, using some of the great characters from recent fantasy novels, including her own, as inspiration. With Years 7 and 8 students, Lynette then focused on world building which again proved timely for Year 8 who are to write a story based on a genre.

Lynette Noni was passionate, enthusiastic and engaging. The activities were effective and the writing the students shared during the workshops was impressive! Her fantasy series is now hot demand at the Library as a result of the day.

Paula Madigan
HEAD TEACHER ENGLISH



PLAIN ENGLISH SPEAKING COMPETITION

Danielle Polack, Year 12, flew to Sydney to compete in the State Semi-Finals of the Plain English Speaking Competition on Friday 17th June. She was determined to improve on her efforts in 2015 when she again represented Coffs Harbour High School at the semi-finals.

Her speech on gun control was well received and she did an excellent job on her impromptu speech on "Joining the dots". The adjudicator comments were very positive, especially on her impromptu speech. The quality of the speeches was outstanding and the adjudicators struggled to separate the speakers. In the end, Danielle missed out on a spot in the State Final but she did herself and the school proud. She also made good on her promise to improve on last year's efforts and in our eyes that is as good as a win.

Paula Madigan
HEAD TEACHER ENGLISH

Gun Control by Danielle Polack

372 mass shootings were recorded in the United States of America in 2015, 64 of these were school shootings. In total 13286 people were killed from firearms in just one year. As Australians we have always believed that we live in a safe country or as Donald Horne described it, "the lucky country". However, this could be devastatingly compromised due to a massive increase in firearms. In NSW alone the number of registered guns has increased by 40%. Statistics have revealed that there are now 850 636 firearms registered to private owners across NSW. This equates to over 3 million nationwide. Have we not learnt anything from the devastating shootings in the United States and their government's reluctance to implement effective gun control laws?

Let's now go back to a date we should all sadly remember. On the 28th of April 1996 Martin Bryant executed the most horrific massacre in Australia's recent history. The lone gunman used a semi-automatic rifle to kill 35 innocent people. The families who have loved ones lost their lives that tragic day were shattered. Those injured, as well as witnesses, have been psychologically traumatized for life. Walter Mikac is a man who lost his entire world that day. He was at work when he received a phone call informing him that his much loved wife Nanette and two wonderful daughters Alannah and Madeline had been brutally murdered. Imagine how shattered that poor man would have been when he heard those terrifying words. Imagine if that was you and in a second everything you loved was ripped away, your wife, your children gone and you couldn't even say goodbye or tell them you loved them for one last time. How would you feel?

In November 1996, Martin Bryant was sentenced to life imprisonment and will hopefully never again see the world from outside his cell. This one man had one firearm and with it murdered 35 people and destroyed many lives. Then Prime Minister John Howard banned semi-automatic rifles and shotguns as a direct result of the massacre. In the resulting buyback program, 600 000 firearms were destroyed. This was a positive outcome that came from an awful tragedy. However, not all Australians thought or thinks so. Robert Borsak, head of the National Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party said that the 1996 gun campaign by the Howard government was, and I quote, "garbage and should be torn up". It was garbage he said. 600 000 firearms were destroyed and since then there has not been one mass shooting, yet it was garbage!

Unfortunately, due to gun lobby groups with leaders such as Robert Borsak pushing to americanise our gun laws, gains made by this gun buyback program to enhance safety in our communities have now been lost. There are now hundreds of thousands more guns in Australia than there were before Port Arthur. In an attempt to combat this alarming increase, New South Wales Greens MP David Shoebridge and his party have decided to introduce a legislation that will limit the number of guns that can be registered under one person's name and ensure that anyone wishing to become a private gun owner has good and genuine reasons for possessing a license. They are also working to ban a rapid-fire shotgun which allows eight shots in 8 seconds. 7000 of these weapons are set to be imported to Australia this month – what possible reason does anyone need for a gun that powerful? That deadly?

In our coastal city of Coffs Harbour it has been revealed that there are 5802 registered guns spread across 1413 owners, one of whom has 88 firearms registered in his name. 88! How could anyone possibly need 88 lethal weapons? I acknowledge, as does the Greens party that some people have legitimate reasons for owning guns. For example, farmers who often need firearms for the euthanizing of sick or injured animals and for controlling wild and invasive pests. But there is absolutely no genuine reason for anyone to have 10 or more guns, and specifically they don't need high powered assault rifles. It is preposterous and incredibly dangerous to the safety and security of our nation.

John Piper, member of the Newcastle Lake Macquarie Clay Target Club and Sports Shooters Association heavily contradicts this view with his statement, "Any attempt to put a limit on the number of guns I can register is ridiculous". Piper currently owns nine guns and says, "It's a lack of understanding as to why you need to own more than one or two guns". I agree. It is a lack of understanding. John Piper clearly does not understand the devastation firearms can cause. Perhaps he should watch the interview with Walter Mikac, the man who lost his entire family in a shooting. It's also a lack of understanding on my behalf. I do not understand, and will never understand, why anyone would need more than one or two guns, if they need any all.

As I have already acknowledged, farmers might need 1 or 2 guns but any more firearms are simply unnecessary. For those competing in target shooting or hunting, two guns is more than adequate. However, the Greens legislation will permit up to five. For the safety of our country we need this legislation to be ratified. In 22 of NSW's 600 postcodes registered firearms now outnumber people, including 4 postcodes where guns outnumber people 2 to 1. This is absurd. Newcastle has recorded an 81% increase in the number of people with registered firearms since 2010. An 81% increase. There are currently over 3 million guns nationwide. Firearms are lethal weapons. They are dangerous as they facilitate violence to be perpetrated on our citizens, often the most vulnerable in our society. Do we really want 3 million of them in our country for criminals to take advantage of?

Need I remind you what happened in 1996? Exactly 20 years ago a savage massacre of 35 people took place at Port Arthur as a result of one man wielding a single firearm. Innocent men, women and children were murdered that day. Need I remind you that in 2015 a total of 13286 people were the victims of gun violence in the United States of America and need I remind you of the 55 killed just this week in Orlando, Florida...and gun lobbyists want to americanise our gun laws.

It is vital that we don't let this happen. As a nation we must stand together to ensure the Green's gun legislation is passed for the safety of our country. We are the lucky country, so please let's keep it that way.

MULTICULTURAL DAY

Multicultural Day 2016 is coming up on Wednesday 27th July (Week 2 of Term 3). This is an activity for Year 8 students who will have the chance to experience different cultural activities from around the world such as tai-chi, calligraphy, salsa dancing or German games. Students will be able to come to school dressed up and the activities will finish with a Chinese lunch. Forms and permission notes will be sent home soon.



CHINESE EXCURSIONS

2016 - Mr Dun's group: passports are all in and flights are being finalised. The next step will be organising travel insurance and applying for Chinese visas.

2017 - Mrs Burnham's group: please keep those passports coming in.

David Dun
LANGUAGE TEACHER



2016 CHHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The school athletics carnival was held on 27th May and was a huge success. With so many talented students in our school, there is no reason why we wouldn't break 10 records dating back as far as 1974!

Kodie Vandenberg managed to break D Mortimer's record of 27.09 seconds for the 200m 17-19 years girls event with a new time of 26.56. Kodie also broke the 400m record on the day. Congratulations Kodie.

Our young stars, 12 year old Jorja Welch and Olissa Onley also broke the 200m, 400m and 800m respectively. The Churchwell brothers were also untouchable in all their events, with Jack breaking the 17-19 years boys 200m and 400m and Hugh being the new record holder for the 800m.

Our sprinter Jacob Riley-Hills also broke the 16 years boys 200m event, with a new time of 24.32 seconds.

Congratulations to all students who competed in events on the day.

Congratulations to the Age Champions for 2016

BOYS		GIRLS	
12 years	Luke Panozzo	12 years	Jorja Welch
13 years	Mabior Garang	13 years	Hayley Fischer
14 years	Zane Misios	14 years	Katelyn Eagles
15 years	Oscar Churchwell	15 years	Cassidy Ronalds
16 years	Andrew Mason	16 years	Allissa Tate
17+ years	Jack Churchwell	17+ years	Kodie Vandenberg

House Points

1 st place	Macauleys	723 points
2 nd place	Sapphire	688 points
3 rd place	Gallows	454 points
4 th place	Emerald	413 points

PD/H/PE FACULTY

MID NORTH COAST CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Coffs Harbour High School students for another fantastic performance at the Mid North Coast Cross Country in Week 5. Our school came third in the overall point score to Bellingen and Woolgoolga High Schools.

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13 years	Hayley Fischer		
17 years	Taylor Blay		

RESULTS					
GIRLS			BOYS		
Name	Age	Place	Name	Age	Place
Olissa Onley	1 st	12 years	Luke Panozzo	1 st	12 years
Jayla Cross	4 th		Levi Bannerman	5 th	
Sophie Walsh	9 th		Reuben Kelsall	6 th	
Hayley Fischer	1 st	13 years	Kye Parsons	8 th	
Arabella Marshall	13 th		Mabior Garang	2 nd	13 years
Madison Rose	15 th		Addison Tyas	4 th	
Indi Wightman	19 th		Cody Polkinghorne	6 th	14 years
Samantha Hickson	22 nd		Jaman Ngezahayo	8 th	
Grace Wrathall	5 th	14 years	Oliver Hulbert	11 th	
Jemma Rigoni	30 th		Clayton Barnett	12 th	
Lily Newman	31 st		Luke Austin	3 rd	15 years
Madison Robb	32 nd		Kaden Nolan	4 th	
Isobelle Muller	4 th	15 years	Oscar Churchwell	10 th	
Paris Henry	14 th		Bailee Palczewski	21 st	
Emma Caldwell	19 th		Bulcha Jamal	8 th	16 years
Ruby Roddenby	10 th	16 years			
Taylor Blay	1 st	17 years			

Jenny Pearce
PD/H/PE TEACHER

PD/H/PE FACULTY

MID NORTH COAST CROSS COUNTRY



Right: Olissa Onley
1st place 12 years Girls



Above: Luke Panozzo
1st place 12 years Boys



Below:
Jaman Ngezahayo



2016 MID NORTH COAST ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all students who competed at the MNC Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 14th June.

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GIRLS		BOYS	
12 years	Jorja Welch	14 years	Zane Misios

Hayley Fischer and Blair Boulton (13 years) came a close second place.

Olissa Onley's run in the 12 years Girls 800m proved too strong for her contestants coming first and setting a new record of 2.40.45 seconds.

Well done to these students.

This year Coffs Harbour High School placed third overall.

The following four relay teams have qualified for the Regional Carnival to be held in Lismore on 4th August 2016.

- 12 Years Girls Jayla Cross, Jorja Welch, Macy Donovan and Sophie Walsh
- 15 Years Girls Zoe Campbell, Cassidy Ronalds, Jackalyn Pitman and Alana Armstrong
- 12 Years Boys Kye Parsons, Reuben Kelsall, Luke Panozzo and Levi Bannerman
- 15 Years Boys Ethan Sechi, Angus Croak, Oscar Churchwell and Robert Baird

Jenny Pearce
PD/H/PE TEACHER



PD/H/PE FACULTY



TAS FACULTY

YEAR 7 MONSTERS

This term 7TEM3 have learnt how to successfully sew on a sewing machine and by hand.

The classes designed our own monsters and throughout the term we have brought them to life with the help of Mrs South, Mrs Herdegen and all of our class peers. It was a good experience and our whole class enjoyed it.

**Taneisha and Kalindi
YEAR 7 STUDENTS**



YEAR 10 COFFEE SHOP

Year 10 Coffee Shop students had the opportunity to visit Urban Espresso Lounge for a field trip during class. This gave the students a better idea of menu options, plating styles and suitable service levels. This ongoing field research provides the students with information they require to operate our school coffee shop successfully.

We are now open for business on Tuesday and keen to learn everyone's coffee orders.



Mikaela Mead
TAS TEACHER

TAS FACULTY

7TSKG1 CATERING FOR A CROWD

The students of 7TSKG1 were proud to have their parents come and visit to see what they had been doing in Technology Mandatory.

They served their parents a mixture of sweet and savoury food and tea and coffee. A big thank you to the parents who attended on the day.

Janice South
TAS HEAD TEACHER



CAREERS

EXHIBITORS ATTENDING THE POST OPTIONS EXPO WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY AT CHEC

Academy of Film, Theatre &TV was: International Film School/Actors College Theatre TV	North Coast Local Area Health
Academy of Information Technology	Novaskill
Academy of Interactive Entertainment	Paramedic Services
Academy of Music and Performing Arts	University of Southern Queensland
ANZ	University of Sydney
Apprenticeship Support Australia	University of Technology Sydney +Jimb
ASPIRE Institute	University of Wollongong
Australian Institute Personal Trainers	VERTO apprenticeship network provider
Australian Institute of Music	W.E.P exchange group
Avondale College	Whitehouse Institute of Design
Bedford College	William Angliss Institute
Blue Mountains Intn'l Hotel Mgt School	Student Exchange Aust/NZ
Bond University	POLICE
Campus Living Villages (SCU)	Raffles College of Design
Charles Sturt University	Regional Development Australia
Charlton Brown	Robert Menzies College
Christian Heritage College	SAE Institute
Coffs Coast Community College	SCU Marine Science Centre
Defence Force Recruiting	Southern Cross University
Dunmore Lang College	St Andrews College
Empower College	Student Volunteer Placements International
ETC	TAFE NSW
Griffith College (formally QIBT)	Teach NSW
Griffith University	THINK ED Group:
Hotel School	Total College
Hunter Valley Training College HVTC	TRACTOR Design
Indigenous Youth Mobility Program	Training Services NSW
Innovative Education Aust.	Trendz Beauty School
International College of Mgt, Sydney	Universities Admissions Centre
Lifehouse	University of Canberra
JMC Academy	University of New England
Key Employment	University of New South Wales + Rural Clinical School
Macleay College	University of Newcastle
Macquarie University	
National ART School	

Post Secondary Options Expo



Year 11 & 12

**Not sure what to do with yourself
when you finish school?**

Then come along to the:

POST SECONDARY OPTIONS EXPO

Wednesday 27th July from

9.15am – 12.00pm

CHEC Gymnasium

Hogbin Drive, Coffs Harbour

There will be representatives from:

**TAFE, UNIVERSITIES, Employment Service Providers, Private
Colleges, APPRENTICESHIP GROUPS**

To talk to students and provide information about:

**COSTS, accommodation info, SCHOLARSHIP INFO,
Avenues of entry, EMPLOYMENT, COURSES, HEAPS MORE**

Parents and students welcome!

Return permission note to Mrs Court by Monday 25th July if you require transportation, otherwise transport is the responsibility of students and parents



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WEDNESDAY 13TH

THURSDAY 14TH

GAMES NIGHT 3:30-6PM

SURF LESSON & BBQ (\$20 COST) 10:30-2PM

ROCK BAND 3:30-6PM

BBQ & BEACH GAMES 11-2PM

KAYAKING & LUNCH (\$15 COST) 12-3PM

SKATE CLINIC 1-3PM

ROCK BAND 3:30-6 PM

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Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability Notification for Parents and Carers

All Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

General information about the national data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website at <http://education.gov.au/fact-sheets-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002*. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988* when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department's website at <http://education.gov.au/notices>

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Melissa Garrels, Head Teacher Learning Support.

Disability Expo

2016

Toormina High School Library



Date: Friday 9th Sept
9.30am – 12.30pm

Information will be available for young people with a disability (aged 15 – 18 years) and their parents/guardians to assist with the transition from school to a range of post school options which may include the pursuit of further education, employment, volunteering and/or prevocational training.

Service Providers who attended in 2015:

ACCnet21, ADAHC, Ability Options, CHESS, Carers NSW, ETC Ltd, TAFE NSW, Nambucca Valley Phoenix Ltd, Key Employment, On Track Community Programs Ltd, Community Care Options, New Horizons Enterprises Ltd, Northcott Disability Services, Coffs Harbour Support Services, Nambucca Valley Disability Services, Lifestyle Solutions, Mid Coast Communities, NDCO (National Disability Coordination Officer), R & R Disability Services

Including schools from Maclean to Macksville

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until next time ...