

# Coffs Harbour Public School



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## SOME DATES TO REMEMBER - 2009

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Book Club Orders Due
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Questacon (no cost)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	UNSW International Competitions closes
1 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	Life Education Van (no cost)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2009	Family Fun Evening 5.30-8pm
8 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	P & C Meeting Scripture Concert Easter Celebration
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	2009 School Photos
12 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	NAPLAN Testing
18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	Major excursion for Yrs 3 & 4 to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. Expressions of interest were given out this week.
24 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2009	Education Week 2009
End of Term 3	Yrs 5 & 6 Sydney Trip

### A Message from the Principal

Our school will celebrate the cultural diversity of our students and the wider community as part of Harmony Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of March. Our community is changing and we are now welcoming students from many different countries to our school.

One in four Australians were born overseas or have parents who were born overseas. Harmony Day allows us to celebrate that as an Australian everyone has a voice. Australians are all equal, no matter what religion you are, what language you speak or what country you came from.

This is a wonderful strength of the Public School system that welcomes students from all walks of life.

**Ms Elaine Norman**  
(Principal)

### School Uniform

We are expecting a delivery of new school uniforms shortly. We will be sending home order forms for parents to pre order and pay for uniforms to simplify the ordering process and to

take the guesswork out of how many uniforms should be ordered.

The cooler mornings and the wet weather have resulted in a lowering of the standards of uniform wearing. We are very particular about our dress standards and parents are requested to check the correct wearing of uniform before children leave home. Please do not listen to cries of "everyone wears this" (often a favoured fashion item) or "the teachers don't care" (we all do). Shabby worn hats spoil our uniform. New hats may be purchased for \$12.00 or are free with the purchase of any 2 uniform items.

Please also make sure children's hats and warm tops are clearly labelled. Warm tops are best labelled in large letters on the inside of the waistband. We have a large collection of unlabelled tops in lost property – your child's missing top may be one of them.

### Easter Hat Parade

As part of our CAPA program, (Art and Craft component), all students will make a hat, bonnet or mask to wear in our Easter Parade. This year the task of constructing these will be done in the classroom. Many senior students will assist younger students.

As this is a very costly activity we ask that each student brings in a donation of \$2 to cover items purchased by their class teacher. If you wish to donate materials they will be gladly received.

### School Tennis Competition

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March our school tennis team played Narranga at the Westside Tennis courts. Unfortunately we lost the match 6 sets to 2. The team members were Danielle Polack, Christie Haisman, Jakota Darcy-Townsend and Dray Riley. All members displayed excellent sportsmanship and behaviour.

### Mid North Coast Tennis Trials

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March Danielle Polack and Christie Haisman attended the Mid North Coast Tennis trials at Sawtell. Both girls made it through to the play off stage of the competition. Danielle finished third in the play offs and now goes onto the North Coast trails in two weeks time.

**Mr Murphy**

## Stage 2 Excursion

Tickets for the Year 3-4 Self Help Raffle have been sent home this week. This initiative helps students to reduce the cost of their excursion which is scheduled for early next term. Please support our students by purchasing tickets if you can. We would also like to thank our sponsors very much for generously donating the prizes for this year's raffle.

The sponsors are:

- Mr Roger Atwal of "Rogers Travel" - \$100 worth of travel/accommodation.
- Mr & Mrs Taylor Windmill Motor Inn - \$50 dining voucher.
- Kegel Barn - \$35 voucher 9 Pin Bowling
- Mal Durie KIC - Mobile Car Wash
- Mr & Mrs Sercombe – Baby Quilt
- Debbie Newton – Soft Toys
- Morrisons Mega Store – Snow Cone Maker.

**Mrs Lacey, Mrs Newton, Mrs Grace**

## Book Club

Book Club orders are due back at school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2009. Thank you

**Mrs Nash**

## Premier's Reading Challenge

Students from Stages 2 & 3 are now beginning to enter the books they have read into the Premier's Reading Challenge web site. This can be done from any computer with internet access .If you have the internet at home please help and encourage your child to do this.

Here are the instructions for recording Premier's Reading Challenge Books.

Students log into their portal. (Go to google and search for "portal". Choose the first suggestion: My Portal Login Page) When in their portal find "**other sites**" and click on **Premier's Reading Challenge**; on the top left hand side click on **Student records**; students enter name of book and click add after each entry.

Click on **Book Lists** to search for books by author or title. These books can be found alphabetically (see on right hand side of page). The ID number for each book is written beside it. If you enter this number instead of writing the title it is easier and quicker. Sometimes if a book doesn't come up when you write the title you can find the number by looking in **Book Lists** and enter this number in the student records.

## Library days

**Monday:** KN, KW, 3/6C, 3/6S, 5/6F

**Tuesday:** 1/2H, 1/2G, 1/2E, 3/4N, 3/4L, 5/6W, 5/6M

**Wednesday:** K/3N, 3/4G

**Enjoy!!!!**

## Clothing Pool

If anyone has second hand uniforms at home which they no longer require, your donation would be greatly appreciated.

Our clothing pool could really do with a top up.

## UNSW (University of New South Wales) International Competition

Does your child enjoy a challenge? If so, it's time to apply for the International Competitions for schools run by UNSW (University of New South Wales). Please obtain a permission note from the office with details of costs.

***The closing date for ALL competitions is 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009. The competitions run from 27<sup>th</sup> May until 19<sup>th</sup> August 2009.***

**Mrs Firkins**

## Swimming for Sport Stages 2 & 3 -Term 1 2009

Notes have been sent home in relation to Friday Swimming for Sport for Stages 2 & 3. Children are reminded to wear their school uniform.

Please ensure your child has an extra t-shirt or rash shirt, school hat and covered in shoes as well as sunscreen, swimmers and towel. Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. The children will walk to and from the pool.

**All children are expected to participate each week.**

## P & C News

Our Family Fun Night is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April from 5.30pm to 8.00pm. This is a change from the previously advertised date so make sure you have it written in your diary. It is a very enjoyable evening and we would like to see all our families come along on the evening to enjoy the children's disco dancing, sausage sandwiches and the company of the parents of your children's friends and classmates.

**Joe Parry – P&C President**

## Canteen Volunteers

Canteen volunteers are also always needed so if you can help weekly, fortnightly or monthly please phone Amanda on 66526913. Our team of helpers are a wonderful group of people and they warmly welcome newcomers to the team.

## CANTEEN ROSTER – TERM 1 WEEK 9

Mon 23/03	Marg, Kerrie
Tues 24/03	Robyn, Mark
Wed 25/03	Phil, Judy, Pia
Thurs 26/03	Frank, Katrina
Fri 27/03	Frank, Joe, Caitlin Mackie