



# Newsletter



**Week 3 Term 4, 22th October 2014**

Dear Parents,

Over the course of the next two weeks, teachers and students will be involved in the assessment of student learning. The information gathered in a more formal assessment period adds to the ongoing and cumulative picture that teachers have of their students.

*Assessment* is the process of collecting evidence of student learning in order to draw an inference about an individual's (or a group's) current level of attainment. The fundamental purpose of assessment and reporting is to improve student learning. This is true at the system, school and classroom level. It is Department of Education and Training policy that assessment and reporting of student learning be undertaken formally and informally for all learners, including students with disabilities. Assessments gathered during this period of the school year are just one part of the information that teachers have gathered about your child. Regular spelling tests, maths topic tests, oral assessments and project /assignment work all add to the three dimensional picture of student progress.

As much as teachers try to alleviate the pressures around assessment time, some children find this period of more formal assessments to be stressful. It is important to talk to your children about what the next couple of weeks hold for them. Each class will pace the assessment tasks across the couple of weeks in order to maintain routines as much as possible.

Assessments are draining on energy. Children put a lot of effort and concentration into doing their very best on the day. It is very important to look after your child's physical health during 'exam' time. Whether it's a HSC exam or a Year 2 reading assessment, it is important for mental health to eat well, get lots of sleep and remember to exercise each day. We could all take a leaf out of that book at times. Very apt for Habit 7 – Sharpen the Saw!

Enjoy a great week,  
Sue Mackay  
Principal

## Quote for the week:

**'The time to relax is when you don't have time for it'**  
— Jim Goodwin

## Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw



Suppose you came upon someone in the woods working to saw down a tree. They are exhausted from working for hours. You suggest they take a break to sharpen the saw. They might reply, "I do not have time to sharpen the saw, I'm busy sawing!"

Habit 7 is taking the time to **sharpen the saw**. By renewing the four dimensions of your nature - physical, spiritual, mental and social/emotional, you can work more quickly and effortlessly. To do this, we must be proactive.

**Act Responsibly - Be Respectful - Think Smart**



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## Year 7 2015 Coffs Harbour High School

It's that time of the year for the Year 6 students who are probably feeling a mixture of excitement and anxiety about going to high school next year. The following information is for those students who will be attending Coffs Harbour High School in 2015.

### KEY DATES

- **Parent information evening** in the school hall from 6pm Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. This will be a chance to meet Mrs Kathy Steward, the Deputy Principal for Year 7 and Ms Kristin Vlasto, the Year 7 Adviser for 2015. School book packs are \$85 and uniforms will be available to buy on the night. Light refreshments will be available and the SRC will be providing tours of the school from 5 pm
- **Small schools orientation** 25<sup>th</sup> November
- Orientation day for all students in Year 6 who will be attending Coffs Harbour High School is 3rd December. Transport to and from Coffs High School is a **parent responsibility**



## Selective High Schools 2016

If your child is currently in Year 4 and you may be contemplating high school options, the applications for Selective High School in 2016 are now open. If you would like more information a paper is available from the principal. Parents must apply online at

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement)



### Students in Years 2–4

Please return your swim school notes and money as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

### Important Dates



|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| Thursday, 23rd October | * Year 5 Art Gallery Excursion                             |
| Monday, 27th October   | * Lighthouse Performing Arts Festival at the C.E.X. at 7pm |
| Monday, 10th November  | * Swim School commences                                    |

## CANTEEN NEWS

### SUSHI FRIDAY



Don't forget to pre-order your sushi on Thursday for Friday's lunch – \$2.50 per roll.

Flavours are Chicken Teriyaki, Tuna and Mayo and the Kororo Roll – (Carrot, Cucumber, Cream Cheese) 10c for soy sauce.

## DEPUTY'S REPORT

### GRANDPARENTS DAY

Thank you to all the wonderful extended family and friends who came along and celebrated GRANDPARENTS DAY on Monday. The children had a fabulous time showing off their workbooks, dancing expertise and sharing a yummy picnic morning tea.



### Grandparents Day Favourite Recipe

#### Jam and Coconut Slice

100g butter  
1/2 cup castor sugar  
1 egg  
1/3 cup SR flour  
2/3 cup plain flour  
1/2 cup strawberry jam



#### Topping:

2 eggs  
1/3 cup castor sugar  
2 cups coconut

#### Method:

Cream butter, sugar and egg in small bowl with electric mixer until light and fluffy. Stir in sifted flours. Spread mixture evenly over base of a greased slice pan (19cm x 29cm )  
Spread evenly with jam, then topping. Bake in moderate oven 30 mins or until golden on top.

#### Topping:

Beat eggs lightly with a fork, beat in sugar and coconut.

*Kindly donated by Mrs Randall*




## DEPUTY'S REPORT CONTINUED

### STATE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL


Last week a small contingent of dedicated Kororo P.S. athletes represented our school in the State Athletics Carnival in Sydney. Congratulations to all those participants and in particular, the junior relay team who achieved 'gold', coming first in the 4 X 100m relay. Special thanks goes to Tracy Grace for sharing her expertise and time coaching all the relay teams.



Pic: Jorja, Bella, Maddie and Alyssa




## Lighthouse Community of



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**Monday, October 27th 2014**  
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### AUTISM WORKSHOPS

Free autism workshop for Coffs Harbour families. Like all school-age students, children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community. Sessions will include understanding behaviour and sensory processing as well as strategies that can be applied in home and school settings. For more information please view the workshop flyer or go on line at [www.positivepartnerships.com.au](http://www.positivepartnerships.com.au) to register for the workshop. The details for the upcoming 2 day workshop are:

**Dates:** 12th & 13th November 2014

**Venue:** Australis Sanctuary Resort  
250 Pacific Hwy (South) Coffs Harbour



## Starworkers



|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| <b>KC</b>    | Eva S, Sam C, Caleb P, Sophie N.                |
| <b>KG</b>    | Tyler C, Elizabeth L, Bailey C, Allira L.       |
| <b>KR</b>    | Ruby K, Finn P, Beau M, Tyson S.                |
| <b>KS</b>    | Andrew M, Liam W-H, Evie R, Oliver C.           |
| <b>K/1MW</b> | Annalise C, Brandon M, Madelyn V, Sienna V.     |
| <b>1JB</b>   | Hudson G, Chloe C, Jai C, Lily G.               |
| <b>1RP</b>   | Mia D, George C, Harmony C, Amelia C.           |
| <b>1/2CB</b> | Ashton W, Sebastian W, Evelyn L, Jack P.        |
| <b>2GH</b>   | Connor M, Alice L, Nissiah K, Jeremy M.         |
| <b>2LB</b>   | Riley N, Zahli D, Ajay A, Mollie O.             |
| <b>2VW</b>   | James D, Ashlee G, Lily V, Alexandra W.         |
| <b>5BT</b>   | Tibby H, Bailey C, Marcus T, Alex B, Tyson H.   |
| <b>5LF</b>   | Emily W, Alyssa W, Jasmin S, Callum M, Kasey M. |
| <b>5/6LS</b> | Noah L, Hunter C, Courtney S, Jacob H.          |
| <b>6DD</b>   | Kade P, Shaun C, Henry M, Ethan B.              |
| <b>6HG</b>   | Kaitlin C, Megan D, Ebony C, Imogen L.          |

### VEGEMITE/QUIKSILVER SURFGROMS

TERM 4 STARTS: SAT 25TH OCT!

Choose a day and time that suits you (8 week course, weekends and after school)

Start days: October - Sat 25th, Sun 26th, Wed 29th, Thur 30th or Fri 31st

Ages: 5yrs to 12yrs

Beginners and intermediate (levels 1, 2 + 3)

Limited spots available per class.

Bookings essential [www.surfgroms.com/surf\\_schools/lee-winkler-s-surf-school](http://www.surfgroms.com/surf_schools/lee-winkler-s-surf-school)

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