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COFFS HARBOUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

# SCHOOL NEWS

## *Parent Teacher Connections*



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It is hard to believe we are nearing the second half of the school year already. Where did the first six months go? Our students will have the opportunity to consolidate their learning during Semester 2 and build on from the progress that has been made so far this year. Student reports will be distributed this Tuesday and they are a good guide to use when setting goals for the rest of the year. The reports look back at progress that has been achieved and this information gives direction in knowing what the focus should be for the rest of the year.

Parent/Teacher Interviews provide an ideal forum for establishing good goals for future learning. As well as providing a good opportunity to build on the partnership between home and school, the interviews are very important in the process of making sure we are clear about what needs to be done at home and at school to give the children the best opportunity to learn and grow as well as possible.

It is always important to remember that the students are more than just a number or a grade and ultimately are on a journey of learning. Progress is sometimes rapid and at other times slower, but often there are many factors influencing its flow. As well as this, gifts and talents other than the academic ones sometimes shine brighter, despite the busyness of school, and need to be nurtured with just as much enthusiasm in order to provide a breadth of growth.

Please remember this is a document that is both an indication of a semester's work as well as a marker of where the child is at this point of time in a yearlong curriculum. All parents are encouraged to make an appointment to meet with the class teacher. Details about this are included in this newsletter, and you would have received an email with the booking link. The bookings close at 12 pm Tuesday night. Please take the opportunity to build on the positive partnership between home and school during this valuable conversation.

God made you special and He loves you very much,

*Mr Terrence Yardley*  
Head of Junior School

### CALENDAR DATES:

#### Term 2

**Tue 20/6** Reports to be sent home

**Tue 20/6** Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

**Wed 21/6 Year 3** Pioneer Park Walking Excursion

**Thu 22/6** Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Finish—23/06** Muffi Day

#### Term 3

**Start—Mon 17/07**

**Finish—Fri 22/09**

#### Term 4

**Start—Mon 9/10**

**Mon 11/12** Presentation Night

**Finish Tue 12/12** Last Day

#### **2024 Proposed Dates\***

Term 1 29 Jan—12 Apr

Term 2 29 Apr—28 Jun

Term 3 22 Jul—27 Sep

Term 4 14 Oct—13 Dec

*\*These will be finalised at a later date*

### SCHOOL HOURS

Gates open at 8:15am

Students are not to arrive prior to a teacher on duty.

Depart by 3:40pm

All students must be picked up by this time.



Warning: Some people do not like us.

There is a move afoot to restrict the rights of Christian Schools and educational institutions under the guise of anti-discrimination.

Some people want to force us to accept ideologies that appear insane to common sense but may be enforced under the guise of being “anti-discriminatory”. The Federal Government has put proposals to the Australian Law Reform Commission for consideration by December 2023. If enforced, they would discriminate against the rights and values of Christian Schools.

Christian schools are different. It's this difference that is the reason why you choose to send your children to Coffs Harbour Christian Community School.

Christian schools also make a difference. According to the Cardus Education Survey, graduates of Christian schools:

- Feel better prepared to find meaning, purpose and direction in life
- Are more likely to volunteer with organisations that help the elderly and care for the environment
- Are more likely to belong to a trade union or political party

This difference isn't an accident. The gospel shapes our lives with an eternal purpose, transforms our relationships and compels us to love our neighbours (and even our enemies).

At the heart of this difference is the authentic faith of our teachers and staff. But some “experts” don't value this difference. They want to take away the ability of schools like ours to be able to hire teachers and staff who not only believe but also live these life-changing values.

In December, the Australian Law Reform Commission will be making some recommendations to the Australian Government that could have big changes to the future of our school.

My Christian School is a new grassroots movement of Australians who believe in the difference Christian schools make. Coffs Harbour Christian Community School is a part of this movement and your help is needed to pass on this difference for future generations.

Please visit the My Christian School website ([www.mychristianschool.au](http://www.mychristianschool.au)) and sign-up to show your support. Together, we can preserve the precious difference of Christian schools.

Shadow Education Minister, Sarah Henderson, says: “The continuing presence of religious schools is also a reminder that the purpose of education is more than just the satisfaction of metrics and standards, student employability, or some other measure of material success.”

Sir Robert Menzies, speaking on the topic of freedom of worship said that: “we are a diversity of creatures, with a diversity of minds and emotions and imaginations and faiths. When we claim freedom of worship we claim room and respect for all.”

I agree with Sarah and Robert.

God loves you and so do I.

*Rodney Lynn*

Chief Executive Officer, Coffs Harbour Christian Community School

# SCHOOL NEWS...

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will take place this Thursday 22 June.

There are 10 minute allocated per child, and the event is held in the Library. **Please be on time or you will forfeit your booking.**

Semester 1 reports will be sent home tomorrow ahead of interviews.

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



We are happy to be hosting a Biggest Morning Tea **tomorrow** at recess and lunch. For this to work well, we ask that families send in bikkies, fruit, cakes, slices, muffins, etc.

You can drop off the goodies tomorrow morning to the JS Office. Kinder, Years 1 and 2 will be served at recess, Years 3-5 will be served at lunch. A donation of \$5 is required to participate.

## End of Term Mufti Day

This Friday 23 June is our last day of term and Mufti Day. Students can come dressed in their casual clothes and please don't forget to bring a gold coin, which will be sent to the schools we support in Indonesia.

## Year 3 Excursion to the Big Banana



Year 3 had a marvellous History excursion to the Big Banana and the Coffs Harbour Jetty, exploring how our local community has changed over time since the early settlers.

## Position Vacant



**Full Time Bookings Coordinator (Maternity Leave)**

Detailed position descriptions and an official application can be obtained by emailing [info@coffscoastadventurecentre.com.au](mailto:info@coffscoastadventurecentre.com.au)

The successful applicant will be subject to a cleared Working with Children Check and a Criminal History Check.

## Celebrating Mr Rodney Lynn!



Last Thursday we celebrated a very important birthday for Mr Lynn, with songs at Churchtime and a festive morning tea with the staff at Recess. We appreciate all that Mr Rod Lynn continues to do for the school, encouraging our leadership team and still meeting face to face with our students. A highlight for him that day was the gift of 31 Freddo Frogs and 31 birthday cards from Mrs Kalanj's Year 4 class, in true birthday style!

## Indonesian Cultural Lunch and Fashion Parade

Our students were treated to a delicious Indonesian lunch and our whole school along with family and friends enjoyed an amazing fashion parade where some students were selected to wear traditional outfits.



## K-2 Athletics Carnival

Last Friday we held our K-2 Athletics Carnival. We were blessed with glorious weather and the students were full of excitement and enthusiasm. There were many races and games for the students to participate in and support their peers. The first rotation featured 50m sprints, a 400m race, over and under, relays and tunnel ball. Then egg and spoon and sack races, shot put, frisbee and vortex events were held. We greatly appreciate the assistance in running events from all our parent helpers and their contribution to the success of the day. Our age champions for the day are:  
Kindy – Chloe D, Neo G, Year 1 – Alexis W, Hugo F, Year 2—Ethan F, Edith M.  
The Kindy to Year 2 house winner was **Green** by 10 points!



Celebrating our Kindy - Yr 5 Athletics Age Champs (pictured left, absent Marni R).

Congratulations to our terrific **Zone Cross Country Reps** (pictured right, absent Airlie B).



### Indo Word of the Week

**Asyik!**

It means: Awesome!



### English Word of the Week

**Context**

It means: the parts of having something written or spoken that explain it's meaning.



### BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'I will go to the house of the Lord'"

Psalm 122:1