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PLEASE PRAY

- *Pray for Parent/Teacher Interviews next week*
- *Pray for your child's class teacher*
- *Pray that Mrs Allen enjoys her LSL this term*

Coffs Harbour Christian Community School

Junior School Newsletter

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Week 3 of 10 Term 3

From Sand to Reports...

Sand. Love it or hate it, we have just bought more of it! Mr Warner worked very hard over the holidays to make sure the new sand play area was ready for the students as they returned to school this term. We owe him a huge thank you! Children have always been drawn to sand play. They dig in it, they sift it, they build with it, pour it, pretend with it, feel it and explore how it moves.



Eva Balke was the president of the World Organisation for Early Childhood Education between 1990-1993. She contends that, "The culture of children is threatened by mass media and overproduction of plastic playthings that are ready-made and demand nothing of the child."

Sand, on the other hand, requires a child to think. There is no right or wrong way to use it. It stretches the imagination, invites participation, and provides a soothing sensory experience. Sand play can go in any direction a child imagines and has the power to hold the child's attention for far longer than any man made toy. So let this be an official apology for the sandy piles that are going to show up on your front door steps as your children remove their shoes at the end of each day. Sorry!

On another note, your child's report was sent home last week. When our first child comes along we are astounded by every little thing they do. We think they are the cleverest, most talented little human on the planet. But by the time the third or fourth comes, we realise that each of them learns and develops in their own time. We realise that the things we think are amazing, are actually normal age appropriate developmental stages, and we can roughly expect each child to be at a particular stage in a certain timeframe. I want to remind you that when you read through your child's report. If you see a C grade, know that it indicates your child is able to work at the level expected for their year level half-way through the year. B indicates that your child is above what is expected for that year level at this time, and an A indicates that your child is gifted in this area. C grades are not bad marks or an indication of your child's lack of effort. We have given marks for effort as 1, 2, 3 or 4. As a parent I focus more on this number because this, in my opinion, is the most important grade. I want to know that my children are giving their best and using the gifts and talents God has given them well.

Inga (Remember)
God made you special and he loves you very much!

Terrence Yardley
Co-Head of Junior School

Week 3



Parent/Teacher Interviews

An email was sent to all Junior School families giving access to interview times for each child's teacher. **The Parent/Teacher interviews will take place on Tuesday 9 August and Wednesday 17 August.** Please note that you will be unable to make appointments after these dates. We suggest you take the time to book these appointments as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

By clicking on the link embedded in the email you will have a table appear which has your child/rens class teachers. You simply click on the time which suits you and it will block this time out.

What do you do if you need to change a booking?

Simply re-click on the booking to remove it and then click on the new time.

If you did not receive this email please check 'Junk email', or if you do not have an email address could you please contact the Junior School office on 6652 6433 to either check we have your correct email address, or to make appointments over the phone.

Don't Forget



Our Canteen will now be open each Monday for hot

lunch orders and we have attached a new canteen menu to this Newsletter. Lunch orders for next Monday will need to have name, class & order on a paper bag (please no plastic bags or envelopes) with correct money and handed to class teacher in the morning. Thank you to Stephen and Coria for offering your to serve in our school canteen.

Operation Christmas Child

We are very excited to be launching this wonderful program in our school again this year. Just how does it work? Shoe boxes are filled with suggested gift items and given to children in 3rd world countries—simple. These children would normally never be able to receive such a gift, and it brings immeasurable joy. A Gospel track is also enclosed. We have 75 pre made boxes in the office, however please ensure your child only takes one if you plan to fill it. Alternatively, you can cover any shoe box with Christmas paper. Please read the attached brochure and remember to mark the box with the gender and age group of the child it is to go to. All boxes will need to be returned to school by the end of Term 3.



Playground Updates

Have you noticed the garden near the stairwell closest to the Kinder rooms, has been turned into a sandpit! See the photo on the front page. Also, the mirrors at our CA-PA area have been installed and are ready for 'viewing'! Our students are already enjoying the makeovers. Thanks to our Maintenance team for all their hard work.



Arrival Time

All families are once again advised that children are not to arrive at school prior to 8.15am. A teacher is on duty from this time onward. Unfortunately, the office is not available for students to wait, due to the amount of students arriving early. This is an important safety issue and we require cooperation from all parents. Thank you, Mr Yardley

Coffs Race Day

WE ARE OPEN
On Thursday 4 August 2016 CHCCS, Junior, Middle and Senior Campuses will have a normal school day. Even though it's **Coffs Cup Race Day** our school will function under normal arrangements. All school buses (including the OOSH bus) will run as per normal scheduled timetables.

Update Your Calendar

Tue 9/8 - Assembly
Tue 9/8 - Parent/Teacher Interview 1
Wed 17/8 - Parent/Teacher Interview 2
Fri 26/8 - Brainstorm Productions
Tue 6/9 - Assembly
Wed 7/9 - BASSA Yrs 3 & 4
Fri 23/9 - Last Day Term 3
Mon 10/10 - First day Term 4
Tue 6/12 - Last Day Term 4