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## PLEASE PRAY

- *Pray for our students who will be competing at the State Athletics Carnival this Friday*
- *Pray for Year 12 students as they begin their trial HSC exams*

# Coffs Harbour Christian Community School

## *Junior School Newsletter*

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Week 5 of 10 Term 3

### Belonging

All children need to feel that their world is a safe place where people will care about them, where their needs for support, respect and friendship will be met, and where they will be able to get help to work out any problems. When these needs are met, children develop a sense of belonging. Children who feel that they belong are happier, more relaxed and have fewer behavioural problems than others. They are also more motivated and more successful learners.

During Term 1 we asked our Year 1 – 5 students to complete a 5-10 minute KidsMatter survey. The results were extremely positive and provide clear evidence that our students are connecting with their peers and teachers. Following is a summary of the student responses to the survey.

*Student Summary – Years 1 – 3 (>95% response rate).*

Our students identify as being happy at school and describe enjoying their school experience. They look forward to school and feel safe at our school. The students were confident that their teachers care about them and are available any time they have a problem or when something is worrying them. Our Students identified understanding the importance of listening when others are talking, taking turns and sharing with others and were confident that they can cheer a fellow student up who is sad. The majority of students can identify at least one other student who cares about them and describe having friends to play with at recess and lunch time. Our students report always trying their best at school and like themselves as people.

*Student Summary – Years 4 - 5 (>95% response rate).*

Our students reported feeling a strong sense of belonging to school. They feel safe and cared for and think that our school deals effectively with bullying and harassment problems. Students stated that they feel listened to by their teachers, felt their opinions are valued and are encouraged to take on new challenges. Students believe that they are learning how to make friends and manage emotions via school programs while also feeling confident that their teachers support students who are worried or upset. Students felt comfortable going to their teachers for help or support and were confident that they could identify friends who need support. Students knew who to talk to if a friend needed support and felt strongly that our school supports the parents of students who are worried or upset.

**We all want to belong and as adults we're often worried about whether our children and students are happy, have friends and fit in.** When children feel included, they are able to develop a sense of pride in who they are, which helps build positive self esteem. The results of our KidsMatter surveys are really encouraging and provide clear evidence that as a Christian Community School we are supporting your children and our students to feel a strong sense of belonging.

Blessings  
Paul Edwards  
Supervisor of Student Behaviour Services



# Week 5



## Parent/Teacher Interviews

## Enrolments 2017

### *Have you booked your interview yet?*

**The final evening for Parent/Teacher interviews will be Wednesday 17 August.**

Bookings close Tuesday, so you will need to make your appointment either today or tomorrow. The school sent emails home a few weeks ago with a link for parents to make their own booking.

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.**

As classes for 2017 are already being formed, and some grades have waiting lists, we are encouraging any families considering enrolment to call the office for a Prospectus. Any families considering moving are also reminded that the school requires a terms notice prior to withdrawal. Your cooperation is appreciated.

## Science Week

## Olympic Plane Challenge

This week is **National Science Week**. This Wednesday our students will be treated to a Science display like no other, with Mr Green and Mr Salaun from our Senior Campus performing some amazing acts of science wonder! Students will have some interesting stories to tell when they get home, so be prepared!



Last Friday, Year 5 held an Olympic paper plane challenge. Students worked hard to create planes of various sizes and shapes. The goal was to create a plane to pass the qualifying length of 12 meters. The third place Bronze medal goes to Noah Jones with a distance of 14.6m, second place Silver medal went to Jesse Child with a distance of 15.12m, and our first place Gold medalist was Elvis McDonald. His plane flew an impressive 21m.

**Well done Year 5!**



## Great Cause...

## Christmas Child Boxes

## Calendar Dates



Many students are already busy collecting money for the 40 Hour Famine. It's not too late to request a permission note and start raising much needed funds for third world countries. Money can be returned to school anytime and we'll give you a progress report over the coming weeks.

Gift boxes are available in the office for anyone wanting to collect gifts for needy children. We would love to see an overflow of boxes returned to us by the end of term. If you are still unsure of how this works, pop into the office and we'll be happy to explain.



Wed 17/9 - Science Day  
 Wed 17/8 - Parent/Teacher Interviews round 2  
 Fri 19/8 - State Athletics  
 Fri 26/8 - Brainstorm Productions Performance  
 Tue 6/9 - Assembly  
 Tue 7/9 - Mini Market  
 Wed 22/9 - 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