



COFFS HARBOUR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Documentaries

I love documentaries. I especially love documentaries about all the weird and wonderful creatures that God designed and breathed life into. Did you know a lobster's blood is clear until it is exposed to oxygen, then it turns blue? Did you know camel's milk doesn't curdle? Did you know frogs can't swallow with their eyes open? Or that hippopotamus skin is 3.8cm thick? And did you know koalas have fingerprints like humans and even forensics detectives can't distinguish between them?

So I am very excited to introduce the new weird and wonderful resident in the office. He is red, he is scaly and he likes to eat cockroaches. He is a bearded dragon named Jagger.

It's well documented that animal ownership has many benefits. Animals of all types can promote empathy in children, have a direct link to their improved self-esteem, enhance social skills and help them see, feel, touch and make connections to the world around them. 40% of children turn to their pets for companionship when they are feeling down. And as an added bonus, most pet owners have stronger immune systems than non-pet owners!

Studies have long shown that bringing therapy animals into school helps developmentally challenged kids learn. Reading dogs are becoming increasingly popular in schools across the world. In one study, children were asked to read to a peer, an adult and a dog. Researchers monitored their stress levels, and found that children were most relaxed and made fewer reading errors around the animals. Perhaps it was the comfort of being curled up next to a dog, or the sensory benefit of running their fingers through the animals fur, or the fact that dogs do not correct mistakes!

While he's not as good as a therapy dog, I hope our students can benefit from having Jagger in our school. I have told them all that they are welcome to come into my office any time to meet him, and I hope they do! Because he is a pretty cool example of God's amazing handiwork!

God made you special and He loves you very much,
Terrence Yardley
Head of Junior School

2017 DATES

TERM 2

FRI 9 JUN—DANCE
EISTEDDFOD
TUE 13 JUN—ASSEMBLY
FRI 16 JUN—CHOIR
ESITEDDFOD
THU 22 JUN—MUFTI DAY
FRI 23 JUN—LAST DAY TERM
2 (STUDENTS)
FRI 30 JUN—STAFF FINISH

TERM 3

MON 17 JUL—TERM 3 STARTS
FRI 21 JUL—RESPONSIBLE
PET PROGRAM
TUE 25 JUL—ZONE ATHLETICS
CARNIVAL
WED 26 JUL—PARENT/
TEACHER INTERVIEWS
THU 21 SEP—MUFTI DAY
FRI 22 SEP—LAST DAY TERM 3

TERM 4

MON 9 OCT—FIRST DAY
TERM 4
THU 7 DEC—LAT DAY
TERM 4 TBC

KINDY MEASUREMENT LESSON



There have been some exciting lessons happening recently.



Last week Kindy were studying area. They had to measure things in the classroom using informal units. Kindy students in KF measured their hand area using cereal and compared the area of each of their hands. They found that Maths can be fun and exciting and had plenty of practice



counting, laughing, eating and comparing hand sizes.



WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR



If you haven't already attended one of their concerts, please make sure you get along to Lifehouse Church, Orlando St, Coffs Harbour on Thursday 15 June at 6pm. The choir are made up of mostly orphans and now live in a Watoto village in Uganda. There is no cost for their performance, however merchandise is available for purchase, and proceeds go to support the children.

The energy and soul of each child is contagious! Despite their circumstances, they sing and dance with such gratitude to God. This is a great family event.

COMING UP...

- ∂ Monday 12 June is the Queens Birthday long weekend. We hope you enjoy it!
- ∂ Thursday 22 June is our next Mufti Day. The theme will be 'Multicultural' so have some fun and start planning your outfit.
- ∂ Student Reports are due out on the last day of this term. Parent/Teacher interviews will be in Week 2 / Term 3, and we will let you know next term when the online booking system opens.

WELCOME

Welcome to Pak Cahyo from our sister school in Indonesia. Pak Cahyo will be at our High School 4 days a week and will spend each Thursday at the Junior Campus working alongside Mr Pratley, until the end of the term. Please say hi to him if you see him at Churchtime or in the playground.

We would also like to welcome the Indonesian exchange students who arrived last Sunday. They are here for 2 weeks and will be visiting our Campus this week.

MEET DEB ABELA

at The Book Warehouse, Coffs Harbour



Tuesday 13 June from 4.30pm
Come and meet the bestselling author of Max Remy Super Spy, Grimsdon and her new picture book Wolfie. Deb will be happy to sign books on the day, so bring



your own copy or you can purchase one at the Book shop.