Last Tuesday we were able to welcome our new Kindergarten students and their parents and families to our School. We have a wonderful group of 28 students already enrolled in Kindergarten for next year and similar to this year we will be able to form a Kindergarten and a Kinder/Year 1 class in 2016. Our enrolments are increasing considerably and there is a strong likelihood of forming an eighth class in 2016 if our enrolments continue to increase. The new students enjoyed the morning with their Year 5 buddies while the parents received information about the procedures and requirements of starting their child in our school. We extend a warm welcome to all new families and those families who already have connections with our school (quite a few parents are ex-students of our school).
Premier’s Reading Challenge

Our whole school student body successfully completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge in 2015 and were awarded their Certificates at a special Assembly last Thursday. We were lucky to have Angie Meers from the Kempsey Shire Library attend our assembly to assist with the presentation and to inform the students of the Summer Holidays Library program. The students received awards to acknowledge the number of years that they have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. At the end of the ceremony the students participated in a Read-in where they chose a favourite book and were matched up to other students from different grades to read to. It was stunning to look out on the playground and see every child engaged and engrossed in their books. The joy of reading is certainly alive and flourishing at CHPS.
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Congratulations to all students who received their Bronze, Silver and Gold Icon Awards last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many parents present to share in this acknowledgement of our students’ 5C behaviour and we are delighted to see the number of students receiving Gold in 2015. Well done to all!

Our School Concert is on this Wednesday and all students need to arrive at their allocated change rooms by 6.30pm to allow make up and costumes to be sorted. Year 5 students will need to arrive by 6pm at the latest. The concert will commence at 7pm. Students will remain with their teachers throughout the Concert and will all be included in the finale at the end of the performance. We are looking forward to a fun night of entertainment and know that you will enjoy the effort put in by the students and the teachers. Please ensure that all students have a water bottle with them.

All parents are welcome to join the students and staff for the official opening of the Goolawah Eco Learning Space after the Presentation Ceremony on Monday 14th December at approximately 11.15am

All students will receive an individual note explaining the Rewards Day on the student’s last day of School for 2015. Please ensure that you read this note carefully as it explains that choices can be made by students receiving Gold and Silver. The permission notes must be returned promptly to enable buses to be finalised for each venue. Please note that there will be teachers from each Stage group present at each venue and extra support from School Learning Support Officers to provide a very high level of supervision. Please complete and return the Rewards Day Notification by Thursday this week and note that there is no charge for any students on this Rewards Day.

The Year 5 students are working hard to prepare for this special evening. This function is for the students in Years 5 and 6 and is being staged in our school hall. The evening commences around 5.30pm for the traditional photos with the dinner commencing at approximately 6pm. A disco will follow the formal part of the evening. Year 5 students will have separate notes from Mr Cross regarding the organisation on the night.

School Presentation Award Ceremony
Monday 14th December @ 10am
The Major Presentation Award Ceremony will take place next Monday 14th December. At this presentation the major Academic Awards for each class, Sporting Awards and Citizenship Awards will be presented. Students receiving awards will be notified by letter before next week’s ceremony. Our School Leaders for 2016 will be announced and all parents and community members are most welcome to attend.

Goolawah Eco-Learning Space Opening
Monday 14th December @ 11.15am

Rewards Day
Wednesday 16th December

Year 6 Farewell
Thursday 10th December

2015 School Evaluations
School Satisfaction Survey

The School Satisfaction Survey for 2015 will be sent home today. We would appreciate families completing this anonymous survey and returning it to the school office to provide feedback for our future planning and improvement.

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**Carols by Candlelight**

**This Sunday 13th December**

Carols by Candlelight will be held this Sunday 13th December on the Golf Course (1st tee) commencing at 7pm. All welcome.

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**Student Semester 2 Reports**

Teachers are presently completing the Semester 2 reports for all students K-6. These reports will be sent home at the end of Week 10 on Friday 11th December.

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**Please return all overdue Library books**

This week will be a challenging week in the library as we change operating systems so a big thank you to the parents and students who have returned their library books. BUT it is not too late. Overdue notices came home last week and will be updated and sent home again tomorrow so would you please have a big, big look for the books and return them. The cost of the books is also on the overdue notices so if the book has managed to get totally lost or destroyed perhaps you would like to make a donation so we can replace the book?

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**New Enrolments for 2016**

Any parents with students wishing to enrol in Kindergarten or any year group at Crescent Head Public School need to contact the Office and complete enrolment forms as soon as possible. It is important that enrolment figures are formalised before the end of the year as this impacts on the level of staffing for our school in 2016.

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**CRESCENT HEAD PRE-SCHOOL 2016**

Our pre-school is now taking enrolments for 2016. In accordance with State Funding Guidelines, priority access is given to children who will turn 4yrs by the 31st July 2016 and children from families who hold a Low Income Health Care Card. For all enquiries, please call Trisha or Tracie on 65 660 596

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**Canteen Roster**

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**DEAR VOLUNTEERS** If you are unable to make it on your rostered day please try to organise your own swap of day. Alternatively, if you are unable to volunteer on the days nominated on the canteen roster, please contact: Donna Rhodes on 65669017 or donna.m.rhodes@gmail.com or the School Office on 65 660 255 - THANKS!

**LUNCH BAG WINNER**

Gianna Moore

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Lunch bag winners can now come and choose an ice-cream of their choice. A token will given to the winning student to use in the canteen.

**THE LIONS CLUB OF CRESCENT HEAD**

Always a proud sponsor of Crescent Head Public School since 1979
The generosity of the families at our school is always heart-warming and last week was especially gratifying to see so many donations of non-perishable food come in for the Salvation Army Christmas food drive. THANK YOU. If you still have some donations then they will be gratefully received please drop them up to school and leave them in the library or foyer. It is also fine to bring them up during the many trips you will be making to our school for award ceremonies and concerts. Just leave them in the classrooms, foyer or library and we will make sure they go to someone who really needs some cheering at Christmas. Mrs. V will be looking after the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal so if you have any questions, please contact with Mrs. V.

Please donate ASAP as the donations will need to go to the Salvation Army early in December so they can get hampers together.

Some ideas of what to donate include:

**Tinned foods**
- Tinned fruit/fruit salad
- Tinned vegetables (eg peas, corn, beetroot, carrots)
- Packet and tinned soups
- Tinned tuna, salmon, ham

**Beverages**
- Long life milk
- Tea, coffee, sugar
- Milo, quik
- Soft drink, cordial
- Long life juice

**Cereals and carbohydrates**
- Breakfast cereals and muesli
- Instant noodles, 2 minute noodle, instant pasta packs
- Rice, pasta/spaghetti, pasta sauce
- Rice sauce (eg Kan Tong, Chicken Tonight)
- Muesli bars
- Rice cakes

**Treats**
- Chocolate
- Bags of lollies
- Sweet and chocolate biscuits
- Savoury biscuits/crackers
- Popcorn (pre-popped or microwavable)
- Fruit cups, jelly crystals, Ice Magic, cake mix, pancake mix, Vegemite, Peanut Butter, jam, honey

**Extras for Christmas**
- Bon bons
- Christmas pudding
- Long life custard

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**CRICKET COACHING AND TRAINING DAYS**

The Macleay Valley Cricket Association in conjunction with Troy McKiernan and Troy Dufty are running school holiday coaching and training days for players 10-16 years of age - boys and girls.

**When:** 21-22nd December 2015

**Times:** 9am to 3pm on both days

**Where:** Verge St cricket nets, Kempsey

**Cost:** $90 for the two days, lunch and fruit provided

Please supply own water, sunscreen, snacks, cricket kits and plenty of energy.

Please see Mrs Munday if you would like a form. Forms and payment need to be returned to the address noted on form by Friday 8th December.
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FREE fun program for kids to become fitter healthier happier. Do you have children aged 7 to 13 years and worry they may be above healthy weight range?

Go4Fun provides a fun approach to learning skills for life. Each week involves fun games including free water sessions at the local pool. Mid North Coast families highly recommend the program, describing improvements in their children’s fitness, physical activity levels, nutrition and self-esteem.

A parent or carer must attend with their child. Parents receive $15 fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers for each session attended.

**REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 1, 2016!**

**Venue:** Kempsey McElhone Pool

**Starting:** February 1st

**Register:** Contact Go4Fun

on 1800 780 900

or text 0409 745 645

for a call back. Register online at: www.go4fun.com.au

Local contact: Margo Johnston P: 0427 929 313

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URGENT, URGENT, URGENT!
Our lesson spaces are filling up really quickly. If you would like your child to continue to strengthen with their swimming skills please consider our:
Learn to Swim & Stroke Correction Lessons
Learning to swim is learning a skill for life
Spaces are available during the Christmas school holidays (Jan) and February. Please contact us ASAP to put your names down.

AQUA FITNESS CIRCUIT:
Good for the body and soul
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am – 10am

Personalised fitness training programs available.

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE WEEKEND IN COFFS HARBOUR AT THE SNC LC AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS!
It was a very positive and successful weekend of fantastic achievements with loads of PB’s, smiles and AWESOME team spirit.
Our girls MEDLEY RELAY team made it a very exciting day and all members should be super proud of their strong swims.
WELL DONE to Shae-ala for her Bronze medal in her 200m Backstroke! A 15sec PB gave her this result along with her dedication and commitment to her love of swimming!