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Coming Events

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER LOUD SHIRT DAY

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER WORLD TEACHERS DAY

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER LIFE EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER HEAD START SESSION 1



Principal Report

"The ability of a group of people to do remarkable things hinges on how well those people can pull together" Simon Senek

Welcome

I would like to welcome everyone back to a new term of learning for students. I hope that everyone enjoyed the unhurried schedule that school holidays provide and managed to spend some quality time together with family and friends.

Term 4 COVID19 School Update

There has been some minor easing of current restrictions about what schools can and can't do in order to maintain a safe and healthy workplace. Listed is a brief outline of some school activities that can now take place this term with ongoing safety measures which are in line with AHPPC and NSW Health guidelines.

Some of the activities that can now proceed for Term 4 with restrictions are:

- Kindergarten orientation
- Year 6-7 transition will occur after 12 November.
- Year 6 Farewell in line with restrictions.
- Interschool activities where there is a COVID safe plan can occur.
- Singing and chanting with restrictions
- School formals, dances and graduations with a COVID-19 Safety Plan
- Excursions and day camps with strict restrictions
- P&C Meetings to be on-line only.

Remaining:

- It is important to note that non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events except for parent/teacher/executive meetings that are deemed essential.
- All visitors must sign the external visitors' form at the front office and leave contact tracing details.
- Parents and carers who need to be on site for canteen or uniform shop must sign the external visitors' form at the office and leave contact tracing details.

MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER – FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER NAIDOC WEEK

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER K-1 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER HEAD START SESSION 2

WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER HEAD START SESSION 3



School Banking is still on Thursdays Prizes to be won for consistent bankers



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Activities on hold

- Interstate excursions
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school barbecues, large parent information evenings and large on-site cultural events.

In accordance with the advice form NSW health, parents and carers are reminded not to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID19 clinics. The school should be provided with a negative COVID-19 test result once is obtained by families.

Selective High School Applications for 2022

Applications are now open for parents or carers of Year 5 students that wish to have their children considered for placement in Year 7 Selective High Schools for 2022. Parents must apply online on the following link: https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7 and should read the instructions carefully. Here you will register to receive a password, then log in to complete the application and submit it.

The application website will **close on Monday 16 November 2020**. Late applications will not be accepted. Applicants will be required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test on **Thursday 11 March 2021**.

Opportunity Class Placement Test

The Opportunity Class Placement Test has been set for November 18th at school for students who have registered online. Families will receive an email with all the information in the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience.

Apply now to enrol in Kindergarten 2021

It is very important that you apply to enrol your child as soon as possible so that your child can attend the Head Start Kindergarten transition program which starts on **Wednesday 4th November**. The online application process is currently available to:

- Enrolments into local schools only
- Children who are Australian citizens, New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW

Planning for 2021

We are currently planning classes and staffing for 2021. In order to do this, we need to know who is not returning to our school next year. If you are leaving Copacabana Public School and not returning in 2021 please email the school at <u>Copacabana-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au</u>

NSW School Updates App

The NSW School Updates app allows parents and carers to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools. NSW families can now get notified when their school becomes non-operational. The app will complement the other means of communication available to parents and carers from schools and the Department of Education to ensure families receive timely, accurate information in a crisis. The app is free and available for iOS and Android users. Download for iOS – App Store. Download for Android – Google Play

World Teachers' Day – Friday, 30 October 2020

World Teachers' Day recognises the high quality of teachers and the significant contributions they make in classrooms and communities. In 2020, World Teachers' Day will celebrate teachers with the theme: "Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future." Australia will celebrate and thank the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day – Friday, 30th October.

On behalf of our school community I would like to say a very big thank you to the dedicated staff here a Copacabana PS, who go above and beyond each day to ensure all of our students receive a quality education.

Yours in education,

Mary Hunt, Principal

Internet Safety

The following points are great reminders for parents when monitoring and keeping our children safe online:

- 1. Engage in your child's online activity and discuss the types of apps, websites and games they are viewing to ensure content is age-appropriate.
- 2. Make use of parental control on devices to help limit your child's online exposure.
- 3. Help your child report and block inappropriate content on social media or apps.
- 4. Encourage your child to talk to you about anything upsetting they view online.
- 5. Visit <u>www.esafety.gov.au</u> for further advice on apps, social media and online safety issues.

Lost Property

There has been a huge increase in jumpers and jackets in lost property without a name. If there is no name on your child's and they are lost, there is no way of returning it to them. Can all parents please check their child's name is clearly written on all uniform items, especially jackets and jumpers.

Water Bottles

Please ensure students bring their own drink bottle to school – clearly labelled their name. Students are asked to bring their water bottle as the bubblers are still non-operational due to COVID guidelines.

News from the office

If your child has brought home a note and it has been misplaced there are copies of all notes on our website under the Parent Information tab.

Our students enjoying their Golf lessons











COPACABANA PUBLIC SCHOOL

The pathway to learning starts with the first steps in Kindergarten



Kindergarten 2021

Pueblo Street, Copacabana NSW 2251 Ph: 02 4382 1766 E: copacabana-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au W: copacabana-p.schools.nsw.gov.au **HEADSTART DATES:**

Wednesday 4th of November 2020 Wednesday 11th of November 2020 Wednesday 18th of November 2020

Time: 9.15 - 10.45am

Current COVID-19 guidelines are allowing schools to proceed with modified 'Transition to school' programs. At Copacabana Public School we are adhering to the strict guidelines from NSW Health and the Department of Education.

All children attending 'Headstart' <u>must</u> be enrolled at Copacabana Public School prior to Wednesday the 4th of November.

Please visit the school's website to complete your child's enrolment as soon as possible.

On the days of Headstart...

- 1. your child will be welcomed and collected from you at the front gate by the teachers and walked down to the Kindergarten classrooms by the school leaders
- 2. please make sure your child has a water bottle and a sun-safe hat (clearly labelled with their name). No food will be required
- 3. your child will be walked back to the front gate for you to collect at 10.45am. It is imperative that you are on-time for pick-up
- 4. we would kindly ask that you leave the school as quickly as possible after drop-off and pick-up and adhere to the 1.5m social distancing rules

Please refer to the School website for the Parent information component of Headstart which has been developed to replace the face-to-face sessions. Additionally, please take the virtual tour of our school with your children. There is a Frequently asked Questions (FAQ's) section on the website, however, if you require further information, please contact the school office.

Continue to check the school's website and Facebook page for any further updates or information.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child into our beautiful school.



Copacabana PS - Term 4 2020									
WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN		
1 OCTOBER	12	13 P&C Meeting	14	15	16	17	18		
2 OCTOBER	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
3 OCT/NOV	26	27	28	29	30 World Teachers Day Values Awards	31	1		
4 NOVEMBER	2 Life Ed Van	3 Life Ed Van S2 History Incursion	4 Life Ed Van Head Start – Session 1	5 Life Ed Van	6 Life Ed Van	7	8		
5 NOVEMBER	9 CV's out for Students leaders	10 S2 History Incursion P&C Meeting	11 K-1 Athletics Head Start – Session 2	12	13 Values awards Student leaders CV applications due	14	15		
6 NOVEMBER	NAIDOC Week 16 2021 Leadership Speeches	NAIDOC Week	NAIDOC Week 18 Head Start Session 3	NAIDOC Week 19 Stage1 Incursion Past & Present	NAIDOC Week 20 2021 Leadership Elections	21	22		
7 NOVEMBER	23	24 ES1 – Reptile Park Incursion	25 S2 Planets Incursion	26 S3 Planets Incursion S1 Planets Incursion	27 House Captain/Lib tech speeches for election	28	29		
8 DECEMBER	30	1	2	3	4 Values Awards	5	6		
9 DECEMBER	7	8 P&C Meeting	9	10 Presentation Day Reports go home	11 Motivate Sports Day S2/S3	12	13		
10 DECEMBER	14 ES1/S1 Motivate Sports Day	15 Yr 6 Farewell	16 Last Day for students	17		19	20		

Copacabana PS - Term 4 2020

*All events on this calendar are subject to change as we adhere to The Department of Education Policies and current COVID-19 guidelines. These guidelines are regularly reviewed when there are changes to the health advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC).

P&C News

Welcome back to Term 4

Welcome back to all our fellow parents and carers. This strange year seems to have gone particularly fast, I can't believe it's Term 4 already. Since restrictions regarding parents at the school have not changed substantially, I'm afraid there will definitely not be a fete this year. Let's keep our fingers crossed for early next year, but...who knows? To all our wonderful families who sold raffle tickets earlier in the year, we will draw the raffle shortly and notify the lucky winners. If you sold a whole book of tickets and are entitled to a wrist band, please be assured that a free wrist-band will be coming your way whenever the fete finally goes ahead.

Canteen

The P&C is currently seeking a **Canteen Manager**. Kim Blom stepped into the position on a short-term basis when Kirsten left and we are now undertaking a merit-based selection process to fill the role. The position description and selection criteria were emailed to all families and posted on the school and P&C Facebook pages. **Applications** for the position are **due at 3pm on Monday 26th October**.

Sushi Day at the end of Term 3 was a great success. This term we are planning a Burger Week, Pizza Week and another Sushi Day so keep an eye on Remind app and the newsletters for updates on what is happening in the canteen.

The **limited menu will continue** this term for lunch orders on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. **Icy treats** and other over-the-counter sales will continue to be available on **Friday only** at this stage.

Uniform Shop

Have the kids gone back to school and you've realised that dresses and shorts seem to have shrunk over Winter? Or perhaps their school hat is looking a bit worse-for-wear. Drop into our uniform shop. During Term 4 the shop will be open on **MONDAY and THURSDAY mornings** between **8:30 and 9:00am**. Please see staff at the front gate before visiting the Uniform Shop, or alternatively, make use of our online order form and your items will be delivered to your child's classroom.

Follow this link to the Uniform Order Form

Are you interested in the P&C?

You can stay up-to-date on everything that is happening on our <u>P&C Facebook</u> page. You can also join our <u>Copa P&C Chat</u> page.

If you are interested in finding out more about the P&C, feel free to contact me at copapandc@gmail.com

Under the current Covid-19 restrictions, our P&C meetings have moved online. Our next meeting is in Week 5 on **Tuesday 10th November** at 6:30pm. If you are interested in joining us, please email copapandc@gmail.com so we can ensure you receive a Zoom invitation.

Lucy Wenzke President

School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now <u>apply</u> online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should <u>re-apply or update their details</u>.

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <u>https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails</u>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.



Happy Birthday to these students who recently

Archibald S Tommy D Marx G Iluka C Aaliyah B Henry C Jack H Sianna C Joey C William D Tia S celebrated: Finn Brown Laura W Meg B Zoe B Kai H Lennox M Bailey B Nanami C Fletcher M Elkie F

Malachi K Taylen D Cienna C Angela D Kobie M Kiara P Poet N Eli D Drew C Alexander D

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