

COPA VILLAGE NEWS

TERM 4 / WEEK 6

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K-1 Athletics
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***"If you have a strong commitment to your goals and dreams.
If you wake up every day with a passion to do your job, everything
is possible." Chantel Pettitclere***

2021 School Leadership Speeches

Congratulations to all of our Year 5 students who presented their leadership speeches throughout the week. I was very impressed with the outstanding quality of each student's speech. Being a school leader is an excellent opportunity for students to showcase and develop their leadership skills and to work collaboratively with their teachers, students and the school community. Thank you, to Mrs Woodham for your organisation of this very important event.

Kindy Orientation

It was lovely to see our new Kindergarten 2021 students at the Head Start sessions over the past few weeks. They really enjoyed their time at "big school" and meeting the teachers. We welcome our new 2021 Kindergarten students and their families to the Copacabana Public School community.

Presentation Day Assembly

This year our presentation day assembly will be held on **Thursday, 10th December**. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite family and community members to the event. Although Department of Education (DoE) regulations allow for end of year award ceremonies to be conducted, we must comply to all of the NSW Department of Health regulations regarding attendees including the 4 square metre rule. Neither our school hall or under the COLA have sufficient capacity to accommodate such an event. Student achievements will be acknowledged and celebrated across each stage cohort, Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 (K-2) and Stages 2 and 3 (3-6). More details will follow in regards to Presentation Day. Our Presentation Day assemblies will be livestreamed. The Brisbane Water Local Management Group of Principals have agreed to a consistent approach with presentation ceremonies across each school.

Semester 2 Reports

Teachers are finalising students' Semester 2 reports. Throughout the semester staff have worked together in Stage teams to develop common assessment tasks and marking scales to ensure consistency of student assessment. This is followed by the collation of this information along with the assessment evidence teachers have gathered throughout the first two terms about each students' progress. This information is then used to report to parents. Reports will be sent home to parents on **Thursday, 10th December**.

Student Enrolments

Thank you to the parents/carers who have advised us of their plans for 2021. It is very important that we have accurate information about our student numbers for 2020 to assist us in planning. I am asking that you let us know in writing if your child is not returning to Copacabana Public School in 2021. Please email the school at Copacabana-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au

**THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
STAGE 1 INCURSION PAST &
PRESENT**

**FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER
LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS**

**TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
EARLY STAGE 1 REPTILE
PARK EXCURSION**

**WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
STAGE 2 PLANETS INCURSION**

**THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
STAGE 3 PLANETS
EXCURSION**

**FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
HOUSE CAPTAIN/LIBRARY TECH
SPEECHES FOR ELECTION**



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Planning for 2021 (Repeated Item)

Forming classes in schools is a complex process based on Department of Education staffing formula and guidelines. Decisions regarding class placements is taken very seriously with a variety of factors considered when placing students in classes. The school executive, in consultation with class teachers and support teachers take into consideration a child's academic, social and emotional needs when allocating students to classes. I am happy for parents to outline aspects of their child's learning and development that may need special consideration when forming class compositions. Please note that requests for specific teachers will not be met.

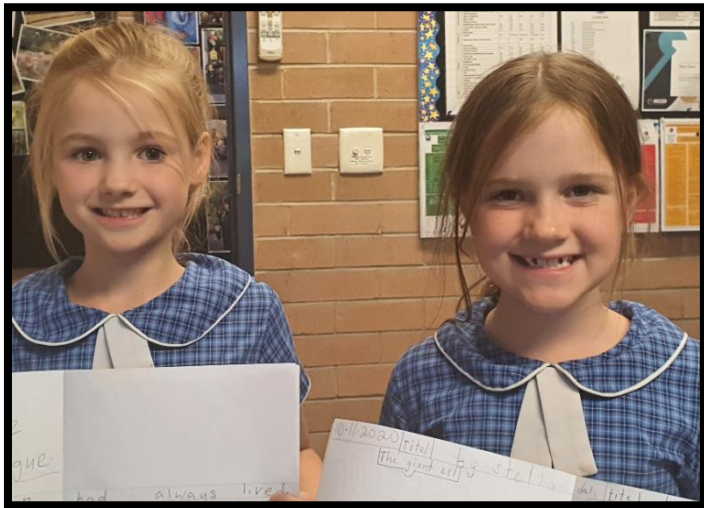
If you have additional information that you would like staff to consider when forming classes for 2021, it must be in writing to Stage Supervisors by **Friday, 27th November** through the school email – Copacabana-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au. Where possible teachers will consider your information, however there are many aspects to consider which may mean your wishes cannot always be accommodated.

Thank you, teachers...

I am constantly impressed by the levels of dedication and commitment shown by our teachers at Copacabana Public School. They are consistently going to great lengths to ensure our students receive a high-quality education in a caring, supportive and nurturing environment. At this time of year, when teachers are investing a substantial amount of their own time writing and proofreading student reports, it is particularly pertinent that I thank them for their continued professionalism and commitment to our students.

Great work

Throughout the week, I have enjoyed visiting classrooms to see the children engaged in their learning. I have loved reading the creative ideas in the children's writing. Way to go Copa Kids!



Yours in education,
Mary Hunt, Principal



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News from the Office

School Travel for 2021 Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online: <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/howToApply>



Payments to School

In keeping with our increased hygiene practices, we ask that you pay online with the secure Parent Online Payment (POP). Please see the 'Make a payment' link on our school website: <https://copacabana-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Updated Emergency Contacts

It is important that the school always has the most current contact details for all parents, caregivers and emergency contacts. Please email the school or complete the attached form and return it to the office if you need to update any new phone numbers, addresses or other contact details.

Swimming Carnival

Due to the carnival being held later in Term 1 2021, the notes for the carnival will not go out until next year.

HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME – How You Can Help*Each fortnight we will include some tips for helping your child at home.***Being Ready for the End of the Year– How You Can Help.**

The end of the year is a very special time with many celebratory activities scheduled. Both teachers and students eagerly await a well-deserved break. For some students, however, it can be a time of mixed feelings, sometimes including fear and anxiety. It is the perfect time to set your child up for a smooth transition from the end of one year leading to a great start for the following year.

As the end of year stresses begin to pile up, we must remember that an excess of caffeine, junk food and sugary drinks do not help children cope, nor parents cope with their children. Try hard to stick to the normal after-school routine. There tends to be more balls to juggle than usual which requires a commitment to maintaining routine and organisation.

School and the classroom culture can be an island of stability supporting a child's social and emotional needs. Some children may find the end of year frightening and quite stressful. Classrooms that nurture social-emotional growth and expression create a kind of belonging and when this comes to an end, students can feel an escalation of end-of-year stress.

Concerns may be vast, varied and personal. Some could be:

- What will my report say and how will my parents react?
- What if I do/don't get an award?
- Who will be my teacher next year?
- Who will be in my class and how will I make new friends?
- Will I feel good in my new class?
- How can I keep in touch with my old friends?
- Will I be accepted into my new class?
- Who can I trust and how will I know?



Children can start feeling uncomfortable and it may look like anger to an outsider. Children can have a powerful need for social contacts and the thought of leaving these close relationships can cause anxiety.

Strategies to lessen stress and ease the transition to the unknown could be helpful. Use a symbolic gift to help say so long for now. A talisman symbolizes ritual and ceremony, which our brains enjoy. A token such as a coin, stone, shell or a small hand-made object shared with another says that our relationship doesn't end – it simply changes. This could be a great resource for transition as students leave a class knowing that their friends will always be part of their journey even if they don't see each other daily. Use photos to send positive messages to friends that can be kept long after the end of the year.

Be sure your child knows you are proud of his or her accomplishments throughout the year and take the time to reflect. Give children specific praise for the skills they have improved upon and for their efforts during a unique year. A parent has the power to validate the feelings of their child in respect to both the difficulties and the upsides of the pandemic.



In this year of COVID, there have been and will continue to be, many changes. The end of the year is usually a time to showcase progress, celebrate accomplishments and reflect with classmates and teachers. For those receiving awards, no parents will be at the presentation assembly. Your child may need to be prepared beforehand to help him or her accept the new conditions.

Dopamine is a powerful chemical in the brain that brings feelings of satisfaction and increased motivation. Promote this chemical by setting your child up for the new year with a positive mindset. Talk about the positive side of having a new teacher and new class friends and the fabulous new challenges ahead.

Athletics Carnival

Last Wednesday Kindergarten and Year 1 students participated in a modified athletics carnival at school. The purpose of this carnival was to teach students the skills and techniques required to compete in the athletics carnival activities in coming years. The students had a great day and the teachers were so impressed by their efforts and the sportsmanship they displayed. True Copa spirit was shown as the children were cheering their friends on in the running races and helping each other during the activities. A special thank you to Miss Chapple and Miss Rose, who are currently completing their University Practicum with Mr Mensforth, for their help teaching the activities on the day and also to Mark, our school cleaner, for kindly donating ice blocks for all of our students to enjoy.



A Message from your P&C...

It's a long one this week as there's lots of exciting things happening to finish off the school year 2020.

Major Guessing Competition Draw

The P&C will draw the [Fete Guessing Competition](#) winners on [Monday Week 8](#) (30th November) at the COLA Assembly. [1st Prize is \\$500](#), [2nd Prize is \\$300](#) and [3rd Prize is \\$100](#). Prize winners will be notified directly and arrangements made for the delivery of the prizes. 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

[Congratulations to Kim Blom](#) who was successful in securing the role of Canteen Manager. It is not surprising given the wonderful job that Kim had been doing 'filling-in' the role since Kirsten left.

[Online ordering is here!](#) If you haven't done so already, download the free [Qkr! App](#), it is so easy to use. Instructions for setting up your account and profiles for each of your children are included in this newsletter. Orders can be placed anytime before 8:50am and if you need to cancel an order, that is possible up until 8:50am on the order day too. You will be credited the amount paid to use another day. The canteen is planning to shift to lunch orders being online-only for the start of 2021

The canteen continues to offer lunch orders on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with over-the-counter sales and frozen snacks on Fridays only. The [menu has been expanded](#) to include sandwiches, toasties and some additional healthy snacks.

[Is your child having a birthday soon?](#) Rather than sending in bags of Freddos, consider ordering a [Birthday Box](#) from the canteen. Only [\\$10 for a box of halved Quelch sticks](#), enough for the whole class. Birthday Boxes are available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and can be ordered on Qkr!

[Sushi Day](#) is coming up on [Wednesday 9th December](#). A note will go home – either return the note with money or order online with Qkr!

Lastly, please note that the [last day for canteen this year will be Friday 11th December](#). There will be no canteen on the last day of school (Wednesday 16th December).

Uniform Shop

During Term 4 the uniform shop is 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](#)

The P&C is also planning to add the Uniform Shop to Qkr! to allow online ordering and payment by the start of next year. Stay tuned for more information.

Are you interested in the P&C?

You can stay up-to-date on everything that is happening on our [P&C Facebook](#) page. You can also join our [Copa P&C Chat](#) page.

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

Lucy Wenzke
President

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Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school profile you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select 'Add student profile'

Add each child's details

Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen

Tap the green box to view your receipt or to cancel an order

Select a date for a child and order a meal

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next

Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.

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Online Ordering is here!

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IS IT TIME TO CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY?

ORDER A \$10 BIRTHDAY BOX

Now available to order from the canteen on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays.

They will be delivered to your child's class

IN THE BOX THERE WILL BE ENOUGH QUELCH STICKS (HALVED) FOR THE WHOLE CLASS

Order online on Qkr!



Can you volunteer? - We need your help with the School Banking program!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires a volunteer School Banking Co-ordinator to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards. The School Banking is processed at the same time each week and will only take a small amount of your time. The Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they practice saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

As part of volunteering you are eligible to receive a Certificate of Attainment that details the activities that you are involved in. For example: cash handling, program facilitation, account reconciliation and more.

Currently, School Banking day is Thursday. Changes to the day can be discussed based on the volunteer's availability

If you are interested in volunteering for this great program, please contact the school office or Gemma Colreavy directly at gemma.colreavy1@det.nsw.edu.au

School care News

The year is surely motoring along and we are all getting excited about the end of the year approaching. With all the changes we have endured this year we have all become stronger, more determined and so much more resilient.

The kindergarten children have grown in confidence and are excited that they will be in year one next year. The year 6 children will be moving onto High School, they will be dearly missed at our Centre.

Vacation care

The last holidays were a success and the children appeared to enjoy their time at the centre.



The veggie gardens

With all the wet weather the garden has become a little unruly. The educators and children are going to get organised to tidy and prepare the beds for some seedlings.

We have been enjoying snow peas, strawberries, cherry tomatoes and fresh mint. The children have tried organic nasturtiums, some children liked them and said they tasted peppery.

Enrolments

If you are looking at enrolling your child for next year please email avocaschoolcare@gmail.com or call in for the paperwork. Please be mindful to use the path way that runs along the new park fencing, to come to our centre. Parents are not supposed to walk through the school grounds or the oval to our Centre, due to strict COVID-19 regulations.

Vacation care program

The vacation care program is ready to go. Please take a look and book early to avoid disappointment. We will be open on the 17th, 18th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd December 2020 (closing at 5.30pm this last day).

We will resume Vacation care on the 11 th January!

Some parents requested the week of the 4th January 2021 to start back up but the service needs a minimum of 15 children each day to operate. To date we only had a maximum of 6 children and some days we had no children at all in that week. We will take a good break as well and will be back at the 11th to help you out again with your childcare needs.

Shoe box revolution

The children helped to sort out the yellow bin full of donations for the shoe box revolution. We are sure a lot of people in need have been helped by those donations and we are grateful for the children and their parents who filled up the yellow bin again.



The yellow bin is ready for new donations again!!!
Thank you....

Julee Dean

Bookings: Avocaschoolcare@gmail.com

AVOCA VACATION CARE 17th December – 23rd December 2020 11th January – 28th January 2021 Daily hour's holiday: 7am-6pm

Monday 14 th December	Tuesday 15 th December	Wednesday 16 th December	Thursday 17 th December \$65	Friday 18 th December \$65
School-day	School-day	School-day	Pupil free day Today we will make and share all things Christmas. We will make Christmas decorations. Enjoy making some Christmas treats to take home and sing carols. 	Pupil free day  The children will have a sausage sizzle and enjoy the new park with all the new equipment. (providing the park is finished)
Monday 21 st December \$70	Tuesday 22 nd December \$65	Wednesday 23 rd December \$65	Thursday 24 th December	Friday 25 th December
Wet and wild day With summer here what a great day to enjoy some water fun and keep cool. 	Movie and chill day Relax and enjoy the day before the excitement of Christmas really kicks in.  Bring your favourite movie or board game to play.	Mini Christmas party  The children will enjoy a mini Christmas lunch together to celebrate the last day of this year at the centre. 2020! PLEASE REMEMBER: WE CLOSE AT 5.30 PM TODAY!	We are closed  Christmas Eve	We are closed  Christmas day

Monday 14 th January \$65	Tuesday 12 th January \$70	Wednesday 13 th January \$65	Thursday 14 th January \$70	Friday 15 th January \$70
Robots and Aliens day  Children will dress up as an Alien or Robot and enjoy a day constructing and building robots (including a giant robot) and alien masks from recycled materials.	Picnic in the Park and playing tennis Our local tennis coach will give the children some tips on becoming a great tennis player. After the tennis we will have picnic in the park with a sausage sizzle. 	MasterChef Pizza & Pasta day  Attention all Master chefs. Today the children will prepare and bake their own pizza and pasta to enjoy at lunch time.	Paddle Boats @ Avoca Lake The children will enjoy spending the day at the Avoca paddle boats.  We will have lunch under the trees and play on the oval. This day fills fast so book early.	Bop till you drop  A fun filled 3 hours of dancing, singing and karaoke with Stacey from Bop till you Drop. 
Monday 18 th January \$65	Tuesday 19 th January \$65	Wednesday 20 th January \$65	Thursday 21 st January \$70	Friday 22 nd January \$75
Chloe's @ Teagan's art day The educators will have an array of art activities that will keep the children occupied for the whole day. Each child will take their pieces of art work home. 	All about strings  How many things can you do with strings? We will find out today what the possibilities are with a piece of string...	Dinosaur day. Explore all things dinosaurs. We will uncover dinosaurs in our archaeological dig, along with many other fun activities.  Bring your best dinosaur roar....	Wet 'n Wild day A fun day of water activities for the children to enjoy!  Please pack dry clothes and a towel @	Niagara Park This day is always a winner. Action packed from start to finish! Sausage sizzle and ice block provided.  Kids Fitness  Enclosed shoes and socks are a must!

Monday 25 th January	Tuesday 26 th January	Wednesday 27 th January \$65	Thursday 28 th January \$65	Friday 29 th January
 To be informed on a later date depending on the numbers. Minimum of 15 children to open. 	We are closed Australia Day 	Pupil free day As the day draws closer and we have an idea on numbers, I will organise the activity	Pupil free day As the day draws closer and we have an idea on numbers, I will organise the activity	School resumes 

Things your child needs to wear:

Tee shirt with sleeves.
Covered shoes.
Sun protection.
Hat.

Things your child needs to bring:

Drink bottle.
A healthy lunch and snacks unless stated on the program.
A happy personality and good manners.

Things to remember:

The service opens at 7am and closes 6pm. Please be prompt collecting your child as late fees may apply.

Remember once your child has been booked in, cancellations will still be charged with Child Care Subsidy being applied as normal.



Awards

K-2 Assembly Week 4

Class	Student
KB	Alec H
	Annika D
KW	Lulu B
	Saige M
K/1W	Olivia D
	Nikita T
1ML	Macey B
	Avery G
1/2C	Scarlett S
	Helena V
2A	Grace H
	Eddy K
2M	Amelia S
	Malachi K

3-6 Assembly Week 4

Class	Student
3/4A	Jonah W
	Flint M
3/4R	Henry C
	River L
3/4S	Archie M
	Kaj K
4/5M	Ethan G
	Lauren K
5/6F	Cohen H
	Oliver M
5/6M	Lucky P
	Billie H
5/6W	Townes W
	Tilly D



Happy Birthday to these students who recently celebrated:

Matilda D
Fraser M
Kael G
Eli F
River M

Henry D
Isabella W
Daphne B
Ryder M
Ezra T

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buy prepared snacks

choose **basic healthy food** instead

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Crunch & Sip
What is handy in your fridge...

- berries
- handful of grapes
- Carrot sticks
- Orange wedges
- Kiwi Fruit + spoon
- Broccoli trees
- Capsicum slices

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