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# Copacabana Public School

Term 4 Week 11 2021

**Effort Earns Success**

**Farewell Year 6 2021**

## Coming Events

**16th December**

*Students last day*

**2022**

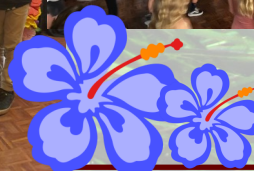
**1st February**

*Year 1-6 students  
1st day back*

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holidays!*





## Principal's Message



*"We are the shapers of culture, the workers for change, the dreamers of dreams"*

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this will be the last newsletter for 2021, I would like to say a huge thank you to our school community for your resilience, understanding and adaptability throughout the year.

Thank you to our amazing students at Copacabana Public School for their positive and happy approach to life and learning. Seeing the children engage and adapt to 'Learning from Home' was a major achievement and one that they should all be very proud of. It was so rewarding and heart-warming to see the children return to school earlier in the term and it brought a sense of normality back to school life that we as educators welcomed.

I am grateful for the wonderful staff at our school; their dedication and commitment to students is at the essence of our school. The way our staff have managed the complexities of COVID-19, changes to school routines to ensure the safety of our students through COVID safe practices and supporting students during the 'Learning from Home' period has been truly inspiring. The flexibility of the teachers, support and administration staff showed along the way was incredible as they maintained focus on students' needs.

A heartfelt thank you to our parents and carers for the huge contribution you have made to your child/children's learning throughout the year. It has been a challenging year and you have supported us from afar. While we were unable to hold community events throughout the year, we appreciated the ongoing support of the P&C, who purchased two interactive boards for the Kindergarten rooms and resourcing library books.

This year, we say goodbye to several families who have been with our school for many years, as their children move onto high school. As you begin your next journey, I would like to say thank you for the many contributions you have made to support our school community, be it through P&C, canteen, the uniform shop, sport, P&C fetes and so many other areas where our families become involved in the school.

To our outgoing Year 6 students I want to wish you all the very best for high school. Moving onto high school is a time for reflection, celebration and anticipation. I would like to recognise every student for the strengths and talents they have and for the contributions they have made to our school. As they grow into young adults, we trust that the skills, values and attitudes they have learnt and developed at Copacabana Public School will stand them in good stead for a bright, happy and successful future.

On behalf of our staff at Copacabana PS I wish everyone a safe relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to continuing our learning journey in 2022. Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a bright 2022.

Yours in Education,

Mary Hunt



## Presentation Day 2021

Congratulations to all our students for their achievements throughout the year. Last Thursday, we recognised students at our presentation day assemblies. I am very proud of every student in our school for their achievements this year. Once again, congratulations to all students who received awards. We have captured these very special memories in our photo gallery section in the newsletter and recorded this very special event which has been uploaded to the school's website. Photos of this very special day has also been uploaded on the school's website.

Thank you, to Mrs Walters and the staff for organising our Presentation Day assembly. Thank you, to our school captains – Josie and Will for leading the Presentation Day assembly and to the School Prefects – Tyler, Tristian, Ollie, Poppy, Zoe and Lucia.

## School Leaders 2022

Once again, congratulations to our newly elected student leaders, house captains, library, and technology assistants for 2021.

A huge congratulations to Finlay and Vera our **School Captains for 2022**.

Congratulations, to our new **student leadership team - Prefects for 2022** – Jamila, Tia, Charles, Jack, Raff and Axl.

Congratulations to our **Sports House Captains** for 2022:

**Chapman:** Taj and Levi

**Cullen:** Ziggy and Ethan

**Ross:** Millah and Kobie

**White:** Matilda and Georgia.

Congratulations to our **Library and Technology monitors for 2022:** Angela, Aiden, Henry, Leon, Mitchell, Aaliyah, Henry, Archer and Kye.

## Farewell Year 6

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who complete their primary school years on **Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December**. We are immensely proud of the students for their exemplary behaviour, commitment to their school and for being respectful role models. We wish them every success in high school for the years ahead. I would like to sincerely thank every parent for their wonderful support of their children and the school over the past 7 years.



## What a night... Summer Vibes and Good Times

It is hard to believe that it's time to farewell the graduating Year 6 class of 2021. Thank you to Mrs Woodham and the Year 6 Farewell parent committee for all your behind the scenes work to make this a very special and memorable night for Year 6. Finally, thank you to all the staff who have made this evening possible. Congratulations, Year 6 on your outstanding behaviour and attitude on the night. Best wishes for high school and your future adventures. We will miss you very much.

## Staff Farewell

*Best of luck!*

We wish Mr Jesse Reid the very best as he moves to teach at Gosford Public School. On behalf, of the staff and students at Copacabana Public School, I wish to thank Mr Reid for his dedication and commitment to making a difference at our school.

## Security

Over the holidays it would be appreciated if you could keep an eye on the school and report any suspicious activity to **School Security on 1300 880 021** or **Gosford Police Station on 4323 5599**.



## Last day of school 2021

The last day for students is **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December**.

The last day for teachers is **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December**.



## Starting Dates for 2022

Staff return to school on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday 31st January** for **School Development Days** where staff will be participating in professional learning.

**School resumes for Years 1-6 in 2022 on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.**

**2022** Kindergarten parents have been notified by a separate letter regarding starting date and time.

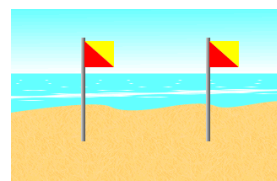
## Sports report

Congratulations to the following students who received medals at the Central Coast Nipper carnival last weekend at Terrigal.

Josie Kendal—3rd U12 Board race, 1st U12 Board Relay, 2nd U12 Swim Team

Henrietta Bure—3rd U10 Board Race

Cohen Henry—3rd U12 Beach Flags



## MOTIV8 SPORTS

Awesome End of Year Party Days at Copacabana with Motiv8 Sports. Beautiful behaviour and lots of fun.





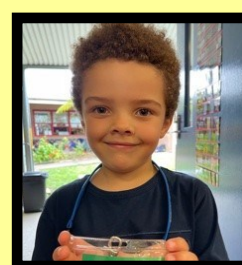
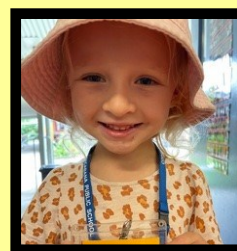
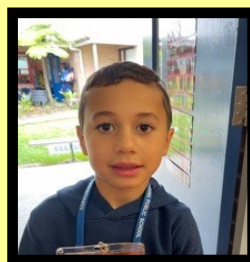
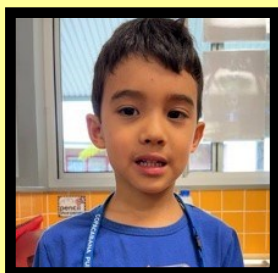
## HEADSTART 2021

Over the last three Wednesdays, we welcomed 37 new little people into our school community when we hosted Headstart. We were met at the gate each Wednesday morning with beaming faces, huge smiles and an eagerness to get down to the rooms for some fun and a little taste of what 'Big School' is all about. Mrs Lucas and I were impressed with the students' resilience and willingness to leave mum, dad or Grandma at the gate and how settled this new little bunch of eager poppets were. We are super excited for 2022 to begin and planning has already begun.

We wish all our families (both 'old' and 'new' to our school community) a wonderful Christmas and safe and enjoyable Summer holiday break and cannot wait to see you all when 2022 resumes. Please remember to check your child's library bag, as inside the folder of information to Parents, is the letter detailing your child's Best Start Testing time and School start time.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs Walters & Mrs Lucas



*Some of our 2022 Kindergarten children enjoying Headstart*





# *PRESENTATION DAY 2021*



*You can find more pictures from our Presentation Day on our Website*



## Library News



I would like to congratulate the following students for their amazing reading effort in completing the Premiers Reading Challenge for the fourth year. These students have been awarded a Gold Premier's Reading Challenge certificate. Vera, Saoirse, Leon, Olivia, Malachi, Anakin, Kai, Nami, Henry C, Miller and Samuel. We also have three amazing students who have completed the challenge for 7 years and have been awarded a Platinum certificate. A special congratulations to Oliver, Josie and Zac.

I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a wonderful school holiday.

Mrs Shearer

## A Message from your P&C...

As we reach the end of 2021, on behalf of the P&C, I would like to thank the school community for your patience and persistence through a difficult year. Thank you for continuing to support our Canteen and Uniform Shop and we thank you in advance for supporting our Christmas fundraiser – Santa Photos at Copa Green. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Matt B, Jodi B and Marlene D for their many years of service to the P&C. They are all moving on from Copacabana PS as their youngest children graduate Year 6 and their contributions have been greatly appreciated.

### Santa Photos

Don't forget to come and get your Santa Photos taken at Copa Green on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. You'll get a professional photograph, delivered directly to your inbox, for a minimum donation of just \$10. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Canteen

Thank you to the volunteers that have helped Kim on Fridays in the Canteen, and also to those who have expressed an interest in volunteering. We are hopeful that restrictions will ease in the New Year and that we might be able to resume over-the-counter sales and have more volunteers working. Any changes to the canteen menu or operation will be communicated via the newsletter, Facebook and Remind when school resumes in February.

### Uniform Shop



The uniform menu is now closed on Qkr! and will reopen for urgent orders in the last week of the holidays. Keep an eye of our [P&C Facebook page](#) for details of how to place and pick up orders in late January.

Thank you for continuing to support our school Uniform Shop, the only official supplier of Copacabana PS school uniform.

Our first P&C meeting for 2022 will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm in the Staff Room. Everyone is very welcome, and we would especially like to extend an invitation to any new Copacabana PS families. Come along and see what happens at a P&C meeting. It's a great way to meet other families and to find out what happens behind-the-scenes at our wonderful school.

On behalf of the P&C, I would like to wish every family a very happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday period.

Lucy Wenzke - President





## OOSH News

The school year has finally come to an end. May all good things come to each and every one for 2022.

The last two years have been a challenge for us all.

I would like to thank all the parents and the community for their ongoing support of the service, for your kind words of encouragement and your actions that keep the educators and myself going.

The school term officially ends on the 16th December, Friday the 17th is a pupil free day. The service will be operating a vacation care day for children whose parents will still be working.

Our last official day will be the 23rd December 2021. We will return back to work on the 17th January with a great fun filled vacation care program.

Several days are already filled and we have a waiting list. This is due to the shortage of child care Educators. It is said that 45 educators a day are leaving their chosen profession, this drastically impacts on adhering to correct ratios. 1 to 5 in the water, 1 to 8 outside the environment (away from the service) and 1 to 15 in the centre.

New enrolments. Please let us know if you need care next year for children beginning Kindergarten, you can email the centre. [avocaschoolcare@gmail.com](mailto:avocaschoolcare@gmail.com) or call in and collect an enrolment.


Lost property. We have a small amount of lost property at the centre. If you have lost any jumpers, hats or drink bottles please come have a look. We will return these items back to the lost property at the school before the end of next week.

Merry Christmas to you all.

Stay safe and happy.

Regards, Julee and the Team

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*If you need care for your children, when you are not there...*

Daily hours: Before School 6.30 – 9.30 am / After School 2.30 – 6.30 pm  
Vacation care: 7 am – 6 pm

Please contact us with your needs and we will send you an enrolment form and an information package.  
We have permanent and casual places available.

How you can reach us:

- \* Landline: 02-43826601
- \* e-mail (preferred): [avocaschoolcare@gmail.com](mailto:avocaschoolcare@gmail.com)
- \* Facebook: Julee Dean (Avoca School Care)
- \* Blog: <http://avocaschoolcare.blogspot.com>



## COME MEET SANTA AT COPA GREEN!

Create Christmas memories with a COVID safe Santa photo by a professional photographer in the fresh air with Copacabana Beach and Headland as a backdrop!

Avoid the long queues at the mall and support your local school community.

### FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2021

### 4PM – 7PM

### \$10 MINIMUM DONATION

### FOR A DIGITAL PHOTO EMAILED TO YOUR INBOX – CASH ONLY

This fundraiser will run in conjunction with Copacabana SLSC Christmas Week-Enders.

Celebrations will include:

- Live & Local Band - Three of Everything
- Gourmet BBQ from Copa Smoke
- Bar open from 5pm



Wet weather back up date will be Sunday 19th December  
Organised by Copacabana Public School P&C Fundraising Committee

This event is proudly sponsored by:



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# Summer Holiday Art Workshops



## Christmas Decorations

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 9.30-12.30pm \$40

3 hours of Christmas fun making Chrissy trees and table decorations.



## Christmas Craft

Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 9.30-12.30pm \$40

Our Christmas fun continues, this time making cards and wreaths.



## Space Whale Drawing

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 10-12pm \$30 Zoom 2-4pm \$25

Magical coloured pencil drawing of a flying whale.



## Cute Koala Painting

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 10-12pm \$30 Zoom 2-4pm \$25

Acrylic on canvas painting of an adorable Koala.



## Clay Cow

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 10-12pm \$30

We begin with this cute clay cow, adding other baby animals to the collection.



## Life Drawing

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2-4pm \$20

Students bring sketchbook and draw live model.



## Mixed Media Design

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 10-12pm \$30 Zoom 2-4pm \$25

Beautiful designs made with watercolour, gold paint, black pen and white acrylic paint.



## Gum Tree Watercolour

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 10-12pm \$30 Zoom 2-4pm \$25

Contemporary style watercolour painting of gum leaves and blossoms.



Treehouse Art Studio

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