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Copacabana Public School

Term 4 Week 10 2022

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THANK YOU

Dear Copa families,

The staff at Copacabana Public School would like to wish you all a wonderful and safe holiday. Thank you for all your support in 2022.

Coming Events

TERM 4

Week 10

**LAST DAY FOR
STUDENTS —
16 December**

**Year 6 tunnel @
2.30pm**

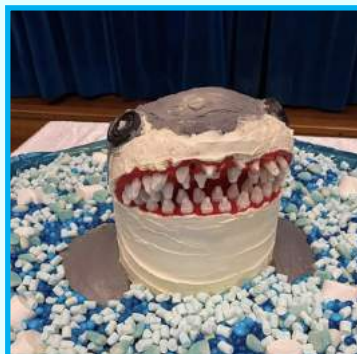
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Week 1

**FIRST DAY FOR
STUDENTS -
Tuesday 31st
January 2023**

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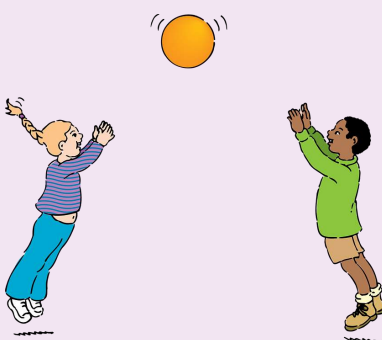
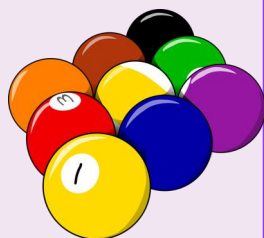




Copatacular



The battle between Year 6 students & teachers



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 2022, I would like to say a huge thank you to the Copacabana Public School community for a fabulous year.

Firstly, thank you to the staff of Copacabana Public School. Thank you so much for your dedication, hard work and generosity which you display every day. The teachers, support staff and administration staff all willingly go above and beyond each day to ensure the success and wellbeing of every student. I wish them a well-deserved happy holiday break.

Thank you to all parents and carers. Your support and partnership is greatly appreciated and is a major contributing factor to the success of Copacabana Public School. A big thank you to our parents and carers who have volunteered throughout the year in various capacities including canteen, uniform shop, cooking BBQs, or helping with the Colour Fun Run to name a few activities!

I would also like to thank our marvellous P&C as they have worked tirelessly to support the goals of the school. Valuable funds have been raised throughout the year to ensure quality teaching and learning resources have been purchased to support teaching and learning which has a direct impact on students.

Finally, to the students at Copacabana Public School, you are the heart of our school. I thank you for your positive and happy approach to learning. Congratulations on a very successful year of learning and working so hard to achieve your personal goals. I am incredibly proud of you and I have loved seeing your academic progress and growth throughout the year. It has been a privilege to be your principal and I will miss seeing you each day, your smiles, hearing your laughter in the playground and visiting you in classrooms.

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 your strengths, talents and for the contributions you have made to our school over the past seven years. On behalf of the staff and students at Copacabana we farewell all Year 6 students with hope for a wonderful future ahead. 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.

As the school year draws to end, I would like to farewell the following staff members – Ms Michelle Robins, Mrs Kelli Wilson, Mrs Jocelyn Campbell, Mrs Dee Bryson, Ms Brodie O'Donnell (SLSO) and Mr Ben Francis (front office). I wish Mrs Michelle Robins the very best on her permanent appointment to St John the Baptist (Woy Woy) and to Mrs Kelli Wilson who will be teaching full time at Valley View PS. Mrs Bryson will be taking leave next year.

Mrs Robins, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Bryson have all been invaluable staff members in their respective roles, contributed to many committees, coached various sporting teams, coordinated carnivals and other major school events. They have been devoted, hardworking and compassionate teachers who have always made the children in their care their main priority.

We also farewell to Ms Brodie O'Donnell as she awaits the arrival of her new baby and to Mr Ben Francis who will be attending university next year. Thank you, for your commitment to making a difference at our school. We will miss you very much.

Congratulations, to Mrs Jocelyn Campbell who was successful through the merit selection process on gaining a permanent Assistant Principal position at Woodport Public School. Mrs Campbell will be greatly missed for her enthusiasm, passion and commitment to our students, staff and families.

On behalf of the school community, I wish them all the best and thank them for their outstanding contributions. Each staff member has contributed so comprehensively to the betterment of the Copacabana Public School community and we thank them for their dedication and hard work.

In closing, from the bottom of my heart I would like to sincerely thank you for the opportunity to lead this great school over the past four years. It has been an honour and privilege to work alongside such caring and passionate staff, supportive parents and students who show a genuine love of learning.

As a school community, we have navigated our way through some extraordinary events – bushfires, extreme weather conditions, COVID and Learning from Home. I am extremely grateful for the support shown to me as Principal, during these times.

Next year, I will commence my new role as Principal, Education Officer (PEO)– Teaching, Learning, and Leading at Macquarie Park Office. I will announce the relieving Principal to the community when I am notified.

I trust you will have a happy holiday and enjoy spending quality time with your family. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a bright 2023.

“May your holidays sparkle with moments of love and laughter and may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy.”

Yours in Education.

Mary Hunt

Principal

Presentation Day 2022

Last Thursday, we acknowledged and celebrated students, their achievements and hard work throughout the year. I am very proud of every student in our school for their achievements this year. Once again, congratulations to all students who received awards. Thank you, to Mrs Walters and the staff for organising our Presentation Day assembly. Mrs Sutton for organising the beautiful Presentation Day certificates and Mrs Isbester for the amazing floral arrangement. Thank you, to our school captains – Vera and Finlay for leading the Presentation Day assembly and to the school prefects – Charles, Raff, Jack, Jamila and Tia.

School Leaders 2023

Once again, congratulations to our newly elected student leaders, house captains, library, and technology assistants for 2023

A huge congratulations to Eddie and Chloe our **School Captains for 2023**.

Congratulations, to our new **student leadership team - Prefects for 2023** – Charlotte, Koh, Jack, Hallie, Bob and Lachlan

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our **Sports House Captains** for 2023:

Chapman: Sienna C and Charlie B

Cullen: William F and Beau H

Ross: River L and Kiara P

White: Maya T and Tom R



Congratulations to our **library and technology monitors for 2023:** Daphne B, Reef C, Sophie C, Caleb D, Charlie R, Alara T

Farewell Year 6

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who complete their primary school years on **Friday, 16th 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... Good times and Good vibes!

It is hard to believe that it's time to farewell the graduating Year 6 class of 2022. All students looked fantastic and had a fabulous night. 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. 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.

Year 6 Farewell Tunnel

The Year 6 Farewell Tunnel will take place on **Friday 16th December**. Year 6 students will walk through a tunnel created by students and teachers in K-5 while parents and families can watch on the outside. We will begin the tunnel at 2:30 pm.

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 2022

The last day for students is **Friday, 16th December**.

The last day for teachers is **Tuesday, 20th December**

Starting Dates for 2023

Staff return to school on **Friday 27th and Monday 30th January** for **School Development Days** where staff will be participating in professional learning.

School resumes for Years 1-6 in 2023 on Tuesday, 31st January 2023.

2023 Kindergarten parents have been notified by a separate letter regarding starting date and time.

Back to School NSW Vouchers

Service NSW is helping families with children enrolled in NSW primary or secondary school pay for school supplies. The vouchers program provides 3 x \$50.00 vouchers, totalling \$150.00 for each eligible child. You will be able to apply if your child is a NSW resident, enrolled in a government or nongovernment school and is listed on a valid Medicare card. The vouchers can be used towards the cost of school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks and stationery at registered businesses before June 2023. Applications open in December 2022. Further information is on the Service

Quick Links for Parents

The Department of Education has an A-Z index which provides a list of common topics of inquiry. You can access it through the following link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/a-z-parents-guide>

NSW website or read the program guidelines.



HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

A few tips for helping your child at home during the holidays

Happy Holidays – How You Can Help

Children are not the only ones who want fun and need a break!! Here are some activities that will keep you and the kids amused and hopefully give you a bit of a break.

- 1. Lots of outdoors:** Outdoor activities gives children fresh air, builds general knowledge and presents problem-solving opportunities. Take a trip to the local park, fly a kite, the zoo, the Botanical Gardens, go to the beach, take a bush walk, have a picnic, go snorkelling or fishing, build a natural shelter or collect natural items to use in a craft project. The local council often has outdoor holiday activity programs for children.
- 2. Play Games:** Do word searches or crosswords together. Word games like Boggle and Scrabble build word knowledge. Card and dice games involving numbers help to keep number facts fresh. Try Yahtzee, Cribbage, UNO, Monopoly, etc. games like Battleships, Ludo and Pictionary are fun. Have the kids make up their own quiz questions.
- 3. Do puzzles:** Word puzzles, crosswords, word searches, picture puzzles.
- 4. Games in the Car:** Keep the kids from getting bored on trips by playing number plate games, I Spy games, borrowing story or song CDs from the library. They can listen on headphones to give you a break.
- 5. Read, read, read: Read together.** Read books and magazines to the children and with the children: on-line or off-line. Read the TV guide, poetry, magazines, newspaper articles, topics that they are interested in. Visit the library, which often has holiday activities on and to borrow books.
- 6. Visit museums and Galleries:** Build general knowledge and vocabulary. The Gosford Regional Gallery and Edogawa Commemorative Gardens in East Gosford often have exhibitions as well as a garden walk. The Ken Duncan Gallery has photography exhibitions, or a BIG day out to Sydney city museums, the aquarium, the Powerhouse Museum, the Australian Museum, the Maritime Museum, etc. or how about a trip on the Manly ferry.
- 7. Problem-Solving Activities:** Set age-appropriate problems. Look on-line for STEM activities that use everyday objects, e.g Lego, paddle-pop sticks, newspaper and sticky tape, build a kite or a marble run, etc.
- 8. Invite friends over:** Help the children to set up a shop, an outdoor tent/fort, make an obstacle course or a putt-putt course in the backyard.
- 9. Visit the local sports parks:** The cricket nets, the running track, the bike track, basketball hoop, skate park, etc.
- 10. Cooking:** Make some yummy treats. Look up recipes and cook dinner or lunch together. Get Grandma or Grandpa to step in. Involve your children in deciding healthy menus for meals and making the shopping list for the week.
- 11. Give your child some holiday pocket money:** Let them decide how to spend it. It will promote a value of money and develop the maths concepts of how much is left.
- 12. Find a way to help others:** Help an elderly neighbour or relation, donate some old toys and pack up your old clothes for charity, help a younger child to make something. Encourage them to be of service to the community in some way.

A Message from the P&C

Thank You Everyone

The P&C has had a very busy year and achieved a lot in 2022. We have raised significant additional funds for our school, having donated \$20,000 for new technology, paid for all students to attend Life Education and subsidised the cost of Swim School. We have run events that kids love and which bring the school community together including a school disco, Colour Run, Mothers and Fathers Day Stalls and Santa Photos. We have also gifted our new 2023 Kindergarten students with a special t-shirt, set up online ordering and Square payments for the Uniform Shop and commenced a review of our school uniform. Furthermore, we have been successful in securing \$40,000 for the installation of an electronic school sign under the Community Building Partnerships grant program.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has volunteered their time and energy over the past 12 months to make all these things happen – Thank you, your efforts are truly appreciated.

Canteen

It has been another successful year in the Canteen. Kim would like to thank all her volunteers, it wouldn't be possible without you.

Uniform Shop

Thank you to everyone who has ordered House Shirts. They will be delivered in Week 1 of Term 1, 2023, in time for the Swimming Carnival.

Also, we are registered to accept Back to School Vouchers. These can be used in the uniform shop only (not on Qkr!) to purchase any school uniform items (including School Bags). If you haven't got your vouchers yet, you are entitled to \$150 of vouchers for each school-age child. Apply through Service NSW.

Facebook

To stay up to date with everything happening at the school and with the P&C, make sure you like the school Facebook page, and our [P&C Facebook page](#).

Next Meeting

There are no more meetings this year, but we look forward to welcoming you at our first meeting of 2023. It will be Tuesday 14th February at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions about the P&C, don't hesitate to contact us at copapandc@gmail.com

Lucy Wenzke - President

THANK
YOU!








AVOCA VACATION CARE**19th December- 22nd December 2022****16th January – 27th January 2023****Daily hour's holiday: 7am-6pm****PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:**

- *Once you book, the fee will still apply even if you cancel.*
- *Children are to bring lots of healthy food & water as they get very hungry.*
- *Covered in foot wear must be worn at all times, no thongs. Bring a hat to play outside.*
- *Sunscreen is supplied by the centre; please bring towel & extra clothes for water play.*
- *Please arrive 20 mins prior to departure of all excursions.*

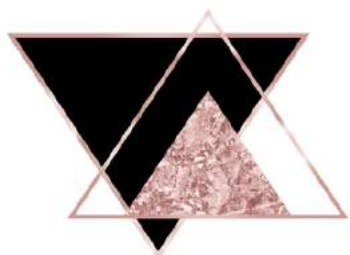
Bookings: Avocaschoolcare@gmail.com

	Monday 19th December \$80 <u>Water slide day</u>	Tuesday 20th December \$90 <u>Niagara Park stadium</u>	Wednesday 21st December \$90 <u>Woy Woy indoor pool</u>	Thursday 22nd December \$80 <u>Christmas baking</u>
	 <p>It is the perfect weather for some water fun.</p> <p>A double water slide is coming for maximum fun for all children.</p> <p>Bring some spare clothes and a towel, just in case!</p>	<p>Today the children will be playing all day. Wheel chair basketball, trampolines and foam pit.</p>  <p>A sausage sizzle and an ice block are included in this day</p> <p>The bus leaves at 9.30 sharp, please don't be late! Returns at 3.30 pm</p>	<p>Today the children will swim indoors, we will eat our lunch outside undercover.</p> <p>Children that attend this day must be able to swim and follow instructions.</p> <p>This day is governed by Strick ratios to ensure all children are safe. Limited places available.</p>  <p>Bus leaving at 10 am, back at 3pm</p>	<p>Today the children will enjoy making edible Christmas treats to take home.</p> <p>This day is always fun and gets everyone into the Christmas spirit.</p>  <p>All children will have an interactive day in the kitchen!</p> <p>The Service will be closing at 4 pm, to give the educators a chance to get organised for Christmas too!</p>

Monday 16 th January \$90	Tuesday 17 th January \$90	Wednesday 18 th January \$80	Thursday 19 th January \$90	Friday 20 th January \$80
Niagara Park stadium This day is always so popular we booked it again. A sausage sizzle and an ice block are included in this day  The bus leaves at 9.30 sharp, please do not be late. Returns at 3.30pm	Bubbsocc Something new to try. Bubble soccer is action packed. The children will feel invincible as they bounce around the oval.  Google: <i>Ultimate bubble soccer Sydney</i> to find out what this is all about. Adventure fun for everyone.	Bike and skate board Day Bring you bike scooter or skate board. A Helmet and safety gear must be worn. Depending on the number of children we may take small groups of children to the skate park. 	Let's go iceskating  Today the children will have the opportunity to stay cool whilst skating at Erina Ice Arena. We will travel by bus to the Arena. Bus leaving at 11 am, back at 3 pm	Freaky Friday It's creepy and it's spooky, The games we play are kooky.... Come in if you dare!!!  Dress up, watch a movie and enjoy the ghostly fun!!!!

Monday 23 rd January \$90	Tuesday 24 th January \$80	Wednesday 25 th January \$90	Thursday 26 th January	Friday 27 th January \$80
Seeing Sound The Sonic Kitchen will conduct science experiments where children can see sound and interact with it.  Seeing Sound involves 1. discussion about vibration 2. making slime 3. making the slime dance using loud speakers 4. making sand pictures using a Chladni plate and iPads. <i>" Seeing Sound takes children from ecstasy to awe! It also demonstrates the unbreakable link between movement and sound and is guaranteed to surprise!!"</i>	Reptile man - afternoon At 2 pm, we have Kym the reptile man visiting us with some pretty special creatures.  <i>"Over 16 years of experience captivating the imaginations of children by displaying a variety of wildlife in a fun and safe hands-on environment. Learn, connect, explore".</i>	Woy Woy indoor pool  Let's head back to the pool for some wet and wild fun. Children that attend this day must be able to swim and follow instructions. This day is governed by Strick ratios to ensure all children are safe. Limited places available. Bus leaving at 10 am, back at 3 pm	AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY 	Mystery day  Depending on the number of children we will make a decision closer to the day.

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