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# Copacabana Public School

Term 4 Week 8 2022

## Effort Earns Success



### Coming Events

#### TERM 4

#### Week 8

2 Dec—Mini Fete

#### KEY DATES

13 Dec —  
YR 6 Farewell

Motivate Sports —  
15 Dec - S2/3  
16 Dec - ES1 & S1

LAST DAY FOR  
STUDENTS —  
16 Dec



**SCHOOL  
FUN RUN** CRAZY  
COLOUR  
DAY!





## Principal's Message

*"You got to try and reach for the stars and achieve the unreachable" Cathy Freeman*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we have only a couple of weeks left of the term. Our students are addressing the final aspects of their personal goals ready to celebrate their many achievements. Our Year 6 students are preparing for the switch to high school, creating their final primary school memories and we have welcomed our very excited 2023 Kindy students and their parents/carers as part of our Transition to School program – Head Start.

Our dedicated teachers are finalising student progress reports for Semester 2 and preparing for the many end of year events ahead, including: our Annual Presentation Assembly, Year 6 Farewell, Motivate8 Sports Day/s and so much more.

## Colour Fun Run

Last Friday, Copacabana Public School was transformed into a world of colour. The students had so much fun running through the course, being splashed by water and squirted with vibrant colour. Thank you so much to our amazing P&C and to the parents who volunteered their time to help with the Colour Fun Run organisation. Special mention to Lucy Wenzke, Charlotte Morgan, Briar Forrester, Dee Bryson and Peta Mumford for your amazing work behind the scenes. An afternoon of true community spirit, fun and engagement was felt by all. Thank you to all our Copa families for your fundraising efforts. I, also acknowledge and thank the Copacabana staff for your amazing effort and helping on the day.

## Copacabana Public School Choir – Copacabana Christmas Carols

The Copacabana Public School Choir will be performing a few Christmas Carols this coming Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3:10pm to 3:30pm. Thank you to Mrs Allison McCarthy for your organisation. We hope you can see the children perform at Copa Green.

## Presentation Day

Our Copacabana Public Annual Presentation Day Assembly is a much anticipated opportunity to recognise students' achievements throughout the year. Students and teachers are looking forward to hosting you under the COLA on **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Volunteers Morning Tea

On Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December (today), we will be showing our appreciation for the parents, friends and community volunteers who have helped us at Copacabana Public School this year by hosting a thank you morning tea. On behalf of the staff and students, I would like to thank everyone who has assisted us throughout the year. You are truly appreciated!



## Student Enrolments

Thank you to the parents/carers who have advised us of their plans for 2023. It is very important that we have accurate information about our student numbers for 2023 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 2023. Please email the school: [Copacabana-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Copacabana-p.schools@det.nsw.edu.au)

If you are having an extended holiday and your child **will** return in 2023, but not in the first two weeks of school, we need this information in writing for auditing purposes. This helps the school let the Department know the exact number of students who will be with us in 2023 to ensure we can make the correct number of classes (we can't count students in our numbers who are on holidays without written notice from parents indicating their return).

### Classes 2023

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. As we start to look forward to 2023 at CPS, we appreciate your ongoing support in valuing our dedicated and experienced teachers to use their educational expertise and professional knowledge to best place your child/ren into class groupings.

### Reporting to parents

The Semester 2 reports will be sent home on **Wednesday, 14 December**. Please ensure that you read through these reports with your children and celebrate their successes for the year.

### Planning Ahead

We are well into our planning and preparations for 2023 and we thought we'd help you get in on the act too! Below is a link to an excellent NSW Department of Education web page with lots of information on:

- Starting preschool
- Starting primary school
- Starting high school
- Wellbeing
- Self-Care Tips for Parents and Carers

School transitions

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/going-to-school>

### Attendance Matters

Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g., attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

### Science & STEM News

It has been a fun year of Science and STEM learning in the Griffin and Computer Rooms. In the coming weeks we will be completing some Christmas themed STEM activities to finalise our Science and STEM learning for 2022.

Some students in Stage One have showed a keen interest in the Leafy Stick Insects that I acquired in April. They are growing and changing rapidly, with the students noticing changes each week when they visit. They are gentle insects and the students have enjoyed interacting with them and allowing them to crawl. Students have learnt to handle them softly ensuring not to damage their delicate leaf-like bodies.



Last Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November was National Fairy Bread Day, a day to come together and have some fun and raise awareness for youth mental health. Some students in Stage Two during their Science lessons, discussed the significance of fairy bread and the science behind the delicious treat. They all made and enjoyed some fairy bread and had a great time.



Mrs. Peta Mumford  
Science & STEM Teacher



## A Message from the P&C

### Crazy Colour Day Fun Run

Our Crazy Colour Day Fun Run was an amazing success. A huge thank you to Charlotte Morgan from the P&C and Mrs. Danielle Bryson for the many hours of organisation and planning that went into making this such a wonderful afternoon. The kids had a fantastic time and it was great to see so many parents there, as well as the teachers getting into the spirit of the day. Thank you all for your support. It was also a highly successful fundraising event with approximately \$13,000 profit being made. We'll be able to provide a more detailed figure in the next newsletter.

### Santa Photos

Don't miss getting your Santa Photos taken overlooking beautiful Copacabana Beach. Only \$20 for a digital copy of your photo. Santa Photos are happening in conjunction with the Copacabana Christmas Carols this Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Carols from 3pm, Santa Photos from 4pm – see you there!



### Family Picnic

P&C Members and their families, along with anyone who's interested in joining us next year, are invited to our Family Picnic to celebrate the end of 2022. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 5:30pm on the Copa Green. Bring your own everything.



### Canteen

The Canteen has been successful in achieving a Central Coast Healthy Canteen Award for 2022. This is testament to Kim's hard work to provide a healthy, varied menu with lots of in-canteen prepared meals and snacks.

Burger Day – Next Wednesday, 7th December – Beef or Chicken Burgers only \$6. Order on Qkr! There will be no other lunch options that day.

Sushi Day – Week 10, Wednesday 14th December - \$4 per large roll or packet of mini rolls. Order on Qkr! by Monday 12th December. There will be no other lunch options that day.

### Uniform Shop

House shirts are now available to pre-order. Only \$15 for a cotton t-shirt in your child's house colour, with the school logo on the front and house name across the back. No need to search for an appropriately coloured shirt each time a carnival comes around. These shirts are not compulsory and are for wearing to carnivals only, not for sport at school.

Order now on Qkr! and shirts will be delivered in Week 1 next year in time for the Swimming Carnival. Orders close on 14th December – don't miss out.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:copapandc@gmail.com)

Lucy Wenzke - President





## Values Education Assembly

Class	Student	
KL	Connor S	Oliver K
	Olivia M	Jaxson G
KW	Michel K	Dusty M
	Lewis S	Liam W
1C	Rueben R	Mila G
	Cohen O	Amaya G Flint F
1/2M	Kiarna S	Eric H
	Drew Mc	Khalisha O
2R	Elijah K	Isabella S
	Jordan S	Isabelle S
2/3S	Ethan B	
	Bella F	
3/4M	Lyla P	Eddy K
	Josh W	Elian C
3/4J	Scarlett S	Grace R
	Imogen P	Max Mc
4/5S	Koh E	Charlie B
	Eddie R	Jack Mc
5/6F	Rylan W	Lauren K
	Henrietta B	Nami C
5/6K	Jesse T	Daphne B
	Caleb D	Levi C
5/6W	Kiara P	Georgia S
	Boston S	Ruby C

Science— Reef C and Jessica K



# Burger Day

Wednesday December 7th

All orders need to be placed on Qkr before 9:00am on Wednesday December 7th

## Beef or Chicken

homemade patties

**\$6**

Option to add: tomato, lettuce, beetroot, cheese and any sauce

No other lunch options available this day

# Sushi Day

Wednesday December 14th

All orders need to be placed on Qkr before 9:00am on Monday December 12th

## Large Rolls, \$4:

Chicken & Avocado

Salmon & Avocado

Teriyaki Beef & Lettuce

## 6 Mini Rolls, \$4:

Avocado

Cucumber

Tuna

No other lunch options, sushi only



COPACABANA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C PRESENTS

## Copacabana Santa Photos

TAKING PLACE AT

*Copa Community Carols*



SAT 3RD  
DECEMBER  
3PM - 7PM

SANTA ARRIVING  
3:30PM  
PHOTOS FROM  
4PM - 7PM

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# Summer Holiday Art Workshops

## Christmas Craft 1

21<sup>st</sup> Dec 9.30am-12.30pm \$40 Students have fun for three hours making a selection of decorations. BYO Jar.



## Christmas Craft 2

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 10am-12pm \$30

We continue our Christmas theme with these beautiful tree decorations and Santa stones.



## Aussie Christmas Wreath

23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 9.30am-12.30pm \$40 In the last of our Christmas decoration workshops students make this uniquely Australia wreath. BYO gum leaves.



## Animation Drawing

11<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-12pm \$30 This is a great class for the cartoonist out there, where we draw a movement process involved in an animation.



## Soft Pastel Dragon Drawing

12<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-12pm \$30 Students create this striking drawing using soft pastels on watercolour paper.



## Enchanted Clay House

17<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.30am-12.30pm \$40 In this three hour workshop the magic continues with our clay cottage. BYO plastic bottle.



## Tie Dye

18<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-12pm \$30 Bring in something white for us to Tie Dye. Pillowcase provided.



## Fantasy Mixed Media

19<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.30am-12.30pm \$40 More fantasy with mermaids, unicorns, and a flying whale in a starry night sky.



## Boho Mobile

24<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am-12pm \$30 Kids create their own clay discs, decorating with natural colours and design.



## Turtle Drawing

25<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am - 12pm \$30 We finish the school holidays with a detailed drawing of a sea turtle with an ocean forest on its back.



Morning Tea Provided

Creative Kids Vouchers Accepted

Treehouse Art Studio  
 Joanna Francis  
 ABN: 54571200992  
 BSB# 012473 Acc # 382696156  
 Ph: 0466247716  
 Email: treehouseartstudio@gmail.com



**AVOCA VACATION CARE**

**19<sup>th</sup> December- 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**

**16<sup>th</sup> January – 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Avocaschoolcare@gmail.com)**



	Monday 19th December <b>\$80</b> <u>Water slide day</u>	Tuesday 20th December <b>\$90</b> <u>Niagara Park stadium</u>	Wednesday 21st December <b>\$90</b> <u>Woy Woy indoor pool</u>	Thursday 22nd December <b>\$80</b> <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><b>Bring some spare clothes and a towel, just in case!</b></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><b>The bus leaves at 9.30 sharp, please don't be late!</b> Returns at 3.30 pm</p>	<p>Today the children will swim indoors, we will eat our lunch outside undercover.</p> <p><b>Children that attend this day must be able to swim and follow instructions.</b></p> <p>This day is governed by Strick ratios to ensure all children are safe. Limited places available.</p>  <p><b>Bus leaving at 10 am, back at 3pm</b></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><b>The Service will be closing at 4 pm, to give the educators a chance to get organised for Christmas too!</b></p>

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

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January <b>\$90</b>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January <b>\$80</b>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January <b>\$90</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January <b>\$80</b>
<p><u>Seeing Sound</u></p> <p>The Sonic Kitchen will conduct science experiments where children can see sound and interact with it.</p>  <p>Seeing Sound involves</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. discussion about vibration</li> <li>2. making slime</li> <li>3. making the slime dance using loud speakers</li> <li>4. making sand pictures using a Chladni plate and iPads.</li> </ol> <p><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></p>	<p><u>Reptile man - afternoon</u></p> <p>At 2 pm, we have Kym the reptile man visiting us with some pretty special creatures.</p>  <p><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></p>	<p><u>Woy Woy indoor pool</u></p>  <p>Let's head back to the pool for some wet and wild fun.</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 3 pm</p>	<p><b>AUSTRALIA DAY</b></p> <p><b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b></p> 	<p><u>Mystery day</u></p>  <p>Depending on the number of children we will make a decision closer to the day.</p>



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