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Term 1 Week 5 2022

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**Our Kindergarten Children are
off to a flying start.**



Coming Events

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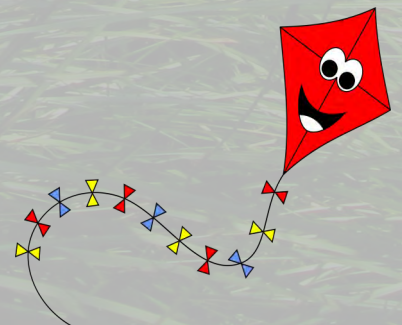
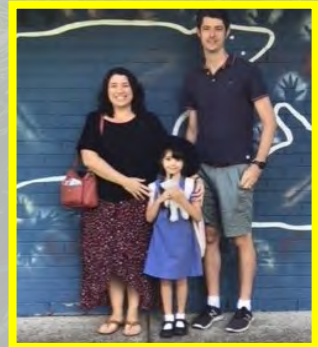
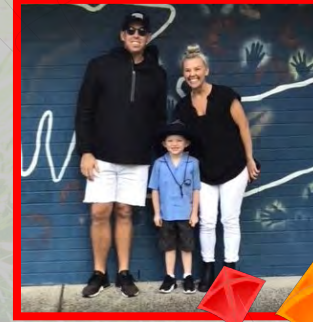
Week 10

Thursday 31st March

School Photos

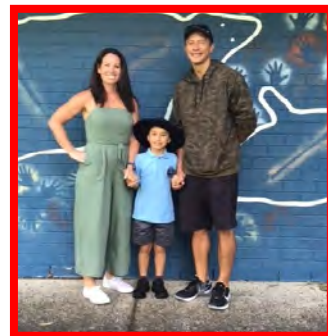
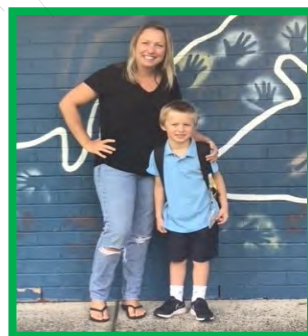
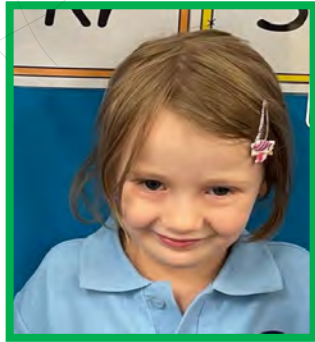
Friday 1st April

Cross Country



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Principal's Message

"The mind that opens to a new idea never returns to its original size." Albert Einstein

Our students have continued to remain settled and happy in their classes after a great start to 2022. Whilst COVID-19 has once again impacted the start to the school year it is amazing to see the resilience and love of learning both students and staff display. The students have embraced a new school year and are enjoying their new classrooms, new teachers and meeting new friends.

I also thank our parents and carers for your continued support of our return to school COVID-safe measures and guidelines for the start of the 2022 school year. In particular, the surveillance Rapid Antigen Home Testing (RAHT) has been a vital component of returning students and staff to school this year. I appreciate parents and carers committing to testing their children (using the supplied RAT kits) twice weekly across the first weeks of the school term. This is proving to be a beneficial process for our school community and an added layer of keeping students and staff safe.

Kindergarten students are enjoying their new school routines and having lots of fun in the playground socialising with their new friends. Thank you, to the parents who attended our virtual class information sessions, last Wednesday afternoon to meet your teacher virtually and hear about the exciting year ahead.

Rapid Antigen Test Kits

The final distribution of Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) kits will be delivered to students on Friday, 25th February. Staff and students can use their final bundle of Rapid Antigen Test kits should they be symptomatic. Further information has already been emailed to parents and carers in regard to the distribution of rapid antigen test kits. If your household is isolating during this time due to a positive COVID-19 case, please contact our school to arrange an alternative distribution method or to hold your RAT allocation until the time you're able to receive them. **Please contact the school prior to Friday at 10am if you do not require a rapid antigen test kit. An online opt out form was sent to all families via email.**

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated in our annual swimming carnival held yesterday. It was wonderful to see the high levels of sporting spirit evident and that the students really participated enthusiastically, supporting their team-mates throughout the day. Congratulations to all of the children who won their individual races or achieved a personal best. A huge thank you to Mr Andrew Smyth and Mrs Annette Sutton for their excellent organisational skills and to all of the staff for their assistance on the day.



Sports in Schools Program

The children at Copacabana Public School are enjoying weekly tennis lessons as a part of the Sports in Schools Program. The children are learning the fundamental skills of tennis, footwork, groundstrokes, volley and teamwork. Thank you, to Mr Mark Presdee for teaching tennis to our students.

Learning and Support Team News

Last week, the Learning Support Team worked alongside teachers to develop Personalised Learning Support Plans (PLSPs) for students and make appropriate adjustments to learning/teaching activities in the classroom. Learning adjustments are created when modifications are made to the instructions, the content or learning environment.

Throughout the term, teachers will continue to record the adjustments they make for students to access the curriculum. Teachers will contact you if your child has a Personalised Learning and Support Plan. Personalised Learning and Support Plans reflect the needs of students and the ways that will enable them to meet their goals.

At the start of this new term, we would like to remind parents to pass on any information which will assist our teachers to further understand your child and their individual needs. Reports from medical practitioners, occupational therapists and psychologists are some examples where teachers can accommodate specific recommendations and enable learning adjustments to occur. Reports should be sent in a sealed envelope marked **CONFIDENTIAL** addressed to the class teacher (or other relevant person of contact – Stage Supervisor) who will then refer to the Learning Support Team.

Five Weeks On – In Brief

Over the past 5 weeks of school, we have:

- Established 2022 classes across the school and children are settled in their new classes.
- Welcomed our new Kindergarten students into the Copacabana Public School Family
- Conducted Best Start interviews for all Kindy students.
- Provided annual training for all staff on CPR, Anaphylaxis, Code of Conduct, Child Protection Training and other DoE mandatory training.
- Commenced sporting trials and sports in schools – tennis program.
- Commenced Learning Support programs and COVID intensive learning program
- Annual Swimming Carnival
- Collaborative planning with teachers to develop and finalise personalised learning support plans for students.
- Collaborative professional learning planning days for Stages – Developing units of work, assessment tasks and held our virtual class information sessions.

School A to Z site

The Schools A-Z website has a wealth of information about supporting your child throughout their schooling. The site which has many useful articles about:

- Homework routines at home;
- Communication with your child's school;
- What to do when your child is sick;
- What to expect with the curriculum;
- Sensible use of technology at home;
- Wellbeing; and
- Plenty of other useful parent tips!

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>

News from the Office

Court Orders

If your child is subject to custody orders, could you please ensure a copy of these orders are lodged with the office staff. Custody orders and the like can often impact on school life in some form or another, so having them on site gives us the best opportunity to support your family.

Online Payments

It is very easy for parents to make online payments to the school via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa, MasterCard, credit or debit card and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/ debit card details are captured in a secure manner; these details are not passed back to the school. The DoE preferred method for all money coming into the school is the Payment On-line facility (POP) through the school's website: Copacabana-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Messages to students



Please contact the office as early as possible with any messages for students, particularly with alternative travel arrangements for how students are getting home, as this takes time to deliver these messages.

Helpful Hints

- If a POP payment is made before 6pm, your payment will be processed on the next day's school statement.
- If it is made after 6pm, the school will be notified two days later.
- Please ensure that on your child's permission note, you fill in the section for POP which will require the receipt number.

Other Important Information

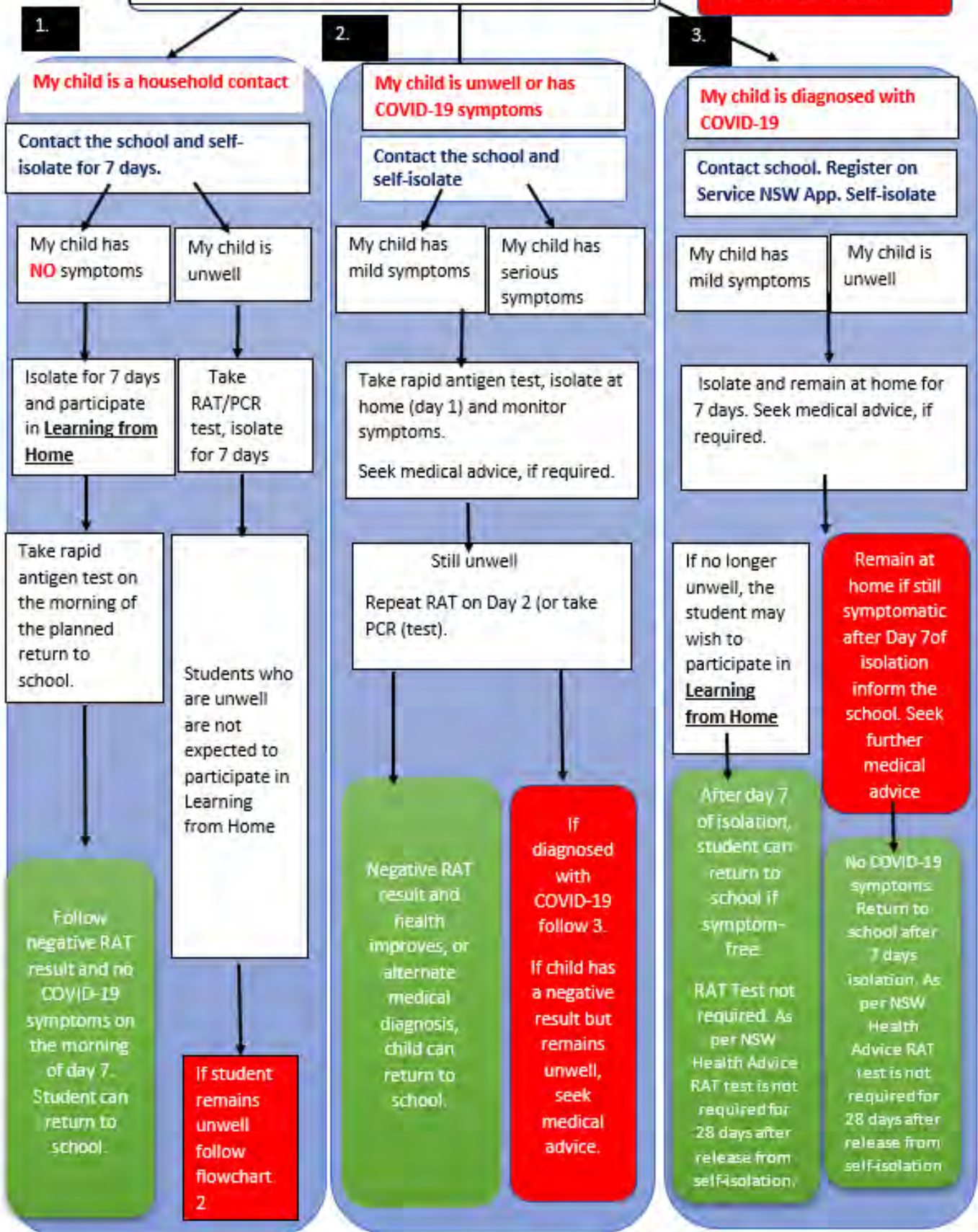
- If you have changed your phone numbers, address or emergency contact numbers phone the school office (4328 1766) or send a note to the office with updates. You can also email changes to email: Copacabana-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Are you receiving our newsletter by email? If not, please contact the office.





FLOW CHART... What to do if.....

Green = Return to school
Red = Remain at home



Travelling Safely to and from School

The start of the year is a great time to establish healthy routines. If your child walks or cycles to school, please read through the following information and discuss with your children.

When walking or riding with your children:

- teach and practice safe pedestrian or cycling behaviours;
- teach your child to look out for vehicles entering or leaving driveways;
- advise children not to use earphones, to avoid being distracted by music, texting etc when walking;
- use safe places to cross such as pedestrian crossings or traffic lights;
- show respect to other pedestrians.

As children get older, they naturally seek more independence and may want to travel to school without you. If your children are travelling independently to school, make sure your child:

- can manage the unpredictability of an ever-changing traffic environment;
- understands and can recognise potential dangers;
- travels in a group, if possible;
- understands not to accept rides, if not arranged by a parent;
- knows and can follow the road rules for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users;
- Can make safe decisions and can seek assistance, if needed.

We encourage families to discuss any possible unsafe situation where a child may need to seek help as well as discuss safe alternatives when something changes: e.g. missing the school bus, flat tire, footpath blocked.

Have fun and stay safe!



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Science & STEM News

Well done Copa on two great weeks in Science & STEM!

We are into the swing of things in Science and the students are loving this term's topic of "Living World".

Kindergarten enjoyed exploring our school and spotted many living and non-living things. In the next few weeks we will be discussing what living things need to survive. Kindergarten also experienced the computer room and are working hard to log on by themselves as well as working towards good mouse control and getting familiar with the keyboard.



Stage 1 learnt how some living things may seem the same but can be very different. We read the story *The Ugly Duckling* and gained a better understanding of the differences between ducks and swans.

Stage 2 had some great discussions in their lessons about what living things need to survive and which living things could survive if we were tasked with inhabiting another planet. There were lots of discussions and interesting points raised by different students on what the ultimate five things could be.



Stage 3 have been looking at extreme environments and the living things that can survive in these harsh places. In the coming weeks they will be doing further research on these environments, studying expeditions to Dallol in Ethiopia and further understanding survival.

I have set a challenge for all the students at Copa, to fill their class's jar with the most bugs by the end of term. Bugs are given for trying their best, respecting our school values and having fun in Science and STEM. I wonder which class will be my bug jar winner.

Mrs. Peta Mumford

Science & STEM Teacher

SPORT REPORT

SCCPSSA Rugby League

The Under 11s and Opens Southern Central Coast Rugby League trials were held at Woy Woy last week. We had Ethan, Beau, Kobie, Axl, Oliver and Charles participating in the trials. They all tried their best and played some great football, in very hot conditions.

Congratulations, to Beau, Kobie, Axl, Oliver and Charles on being successful in gaining selection into their respective teams. They will now trial for the Sydney North team. Good luck and go Copa!

SCCPSSA Touch Football

Last week we had Vera, Henrietta, Kobie and Axl travel to Ourimbah to trial for the combined Southern Central Coast/Brisbane Water zone teams. From all reports, the trials were of a very high level. Unfortunately, Vera and Henrietta just missed out on making the team. However, Kobie and Axl were both successful in gaining selection! **Congratulations** boys! Kobie and Axl will now trial for Sydney North later this term.

SCCPSSA Basketball

Congratulations to Beau, Kobie and Axl in the boys, and Lauren in the girls, who were all successful in being selected for the combined Southern Central Coast/Brisbane Water Zone Basketball team on Tuesday. They will now all trial for the Sydney North team in a couple of weeks. Great work guys!



Mr Mensforth



K-2 Assembly Week 4

Class	Student
KL	Connor S
	Oliver K
	Lenny C
	Billie G
KW	Allegra W
	Mia G
	Lewis S
	Theo C
1C	Jack D
	Ari L
	Isla R
	Zahli F
1/2M	Khalisha O
	Ethan K
	Arlo N
	Orlando A
2R	Annika D
	Ewan S
	Bella S
	Jack F
2/3S	Layla M
	Malia H



3-6 Assembly Week 4

Class	Student
2/3S	River M
	Isaac L
3/4M	Ryder M
	Braeden K
	Kalani C
	Oceana C
3/4J	Grace R
	Zara L
	Jack M
	Ezra T
4/5S	Sam C
	Lachlan W
	Isla C
	Rhys D
5/6F	Myall B
	Vera T
	Evie R
	Jack H
5/6K	Mitchell L
	Reef C
	Levi C
	Vivienne C
5/6W	Tia S
	Jack C
	Angela D
	Charles B
LAST/ SCI- ENCE/	Mitchell L
	Zara L
	Arlo N
	Connor S

A Message from the P&C

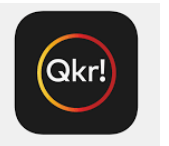
Annual General Meeting

The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 5th April (last week of Term 1) at 6:30pm. This meeting provides an opportunity to hear an overview of the P&C activities for 2021, as well as a report from our Principal, Mrs Hunt. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

All the executive positions (President, 2 x Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and General Executive members) will be declared vacant at the AGM and we will seek to fill those positions. If you are interested in holding an executive position on the P&C for 2022, please email us at copapandc@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you. Please note that, if you are not a current member of the P&C, you will need to join at our March meeting in order to stand for a position at the AGM. If you have any questions regarding the AGM, do not hesitate to send us an email.

Canteen

The canteen is open for lunch orders (including drinks) on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We offer a healthy and delicious menu, with many of the dishes cooked by Kim in the canteen. Due to covid restrictions, we are still unable to have frozen treats or over-the-counter sales. All lunch orders are to be submitted using the Qkr! app. If you have any questions regarding the canteen, contact Kim at copacanteen@gmail.com or via the Remind app (class code @copasnacks).



Birthday boxes will be back next week. Order on Qkr! to have a box of halved frozen Quelch sticks delivered to your child's classroom to celebrate their birthday – only \$10.

Please encourage your children to recycle their drink containers in the tub outside the canteen. They are recycled at a Return-and-Earn station and the money is returned to the P&C.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is still unable to open for walk-in customers. Order all your uniform needs on the Qkr! app and your order will be sent directly to your child's classroom. Order by Sunday night for Tuesday deliveries and by Wednesday night for Friday deliveries.

Please remember that the Uniform Shop is the only official supplier of uniform, with any small profits used by the P&C to help provide additional resources for your children.

If you have any questions regarding school uniform, contact our wonderful Uniform Shop managers, Beckie and Jem, at copauniformshop@gmail.com.

Next Meeting



Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March at 6:30pm. We are not sure yet whether this meeting will be in-person or over zoom. If you are interested in attending, please register with Linda at copapandc@gmail.com and we will be able to forward the agenda and meeting details.

If you ever have any questions about the P&C, please don't hesitate to contact me at copapandc@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

Lucy Wenzke

President

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