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# Copacabana Public School

Term 3 Week 2 2022

## Effort Earns Success



*"Education brings about opportunity, and in turn inspiration." – Bill Frist*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a pleasure to welcome families back to a new school term. I hope you enjoyed quality time with family and friends during the holidays. It is lovely seeing our students with smiling faces and engaging so enthusiastically in their learning. Teaching and learning programs are well underway for the term and there is a buzz of excitement as students were reunited with friends.

### Excellence in Practice – Staff Development Day

Term 3 kicked off on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> July with a school development day for our staff. This provided a fabulous opportunity for our school to reconnect and participate in valuable professional learning across the day. Our staff participated in value professional learning around the '6 elements of effective assessment', school planning and evaluative practices.

The Learning Support Team also presented a student wellbeing workshop on the Zones of Regulation. Zones of Regulation teach students about the vocabulary of emotional terms, how to recognise their own emotions, how to detect the emotions of others (read others' facial expressions), what may trigger certain emotions, how others may interpret their behaviour and problem-solving skills.

Thank you to all our hard-working teachers who are so passionate about making a positive difference every day for our students.

### Celebrating NAIDOC Week – 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!'

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on Earth.

During NAIDOC week, all classes celebrated through participating in a range of cultural activities. The theme for 2022. Thank you, to Mrs Wilson for your organisation of NAIDOC week activities.

### Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival was a huge success! It was fantastic to see the school community come together and seeing our students step way outside their comfort zone to participate to the best of their ability, while striving to do their best for their sport house. Congratulations, to our Sports House Captains who put on a riveting performance when proudly leading their House chants. Thank you to everyone who assisted on the day and a special thank you to Mr Mensforth and Mrs Wilson for their wonderful organisation of the carnival. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the Kincumber High School students who helped on the day. Copacabana PS spirit was alive and well!

## Coming Events

### TERM 3

#### **Week 3**

**1-5 August**

**Education Week**

#### **Week 4**

**9th Aug**

**P&C Meeting**

#### **Week 5**

**Science Week**



**Welcome to our school**

We would like to welcome Miss Millie Powell to our school who is completing her teaching internship with Mrs Campbell and 1C. We wish her the very best during her time here at Copacabana Public School.

**Staffing Updates**

There are a few minor changes of staffing this term. Please find out an outline of the following staffing updates.

Mr Bragg and Mrs Butler will be teaching 5/6 W whilst Mrs Woodham is on leave. Mrs Kelli Wilson will be relieving as the Stage 3 Assistant Principal during this time.

Mrs Sandra Way is teaching 2/3S while Mrs Sutton is on leave. Mr Andrew Smyth is relieving as Stage 2 Assistant Principal during this time.

Miss Emily Blair continues to teach KW while Mrs Kim Walters is on leave. Mrs Jocelyn Campbell is relieving as ES 1 & Stage 1 Assistant Principal until Mrs Walters returns.

**Annual Report 2021**

The 2021 Annual Report has been completed and is now published on the Copacabana Public School website.

**Enrol now for Kindergarten 2023**

If you have a child who will be starting Kindergarten in 2023, now is the perfect time to complete your enrolment. Please contact the school via email ([Copacabana-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Copacabana-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) or phone 4382 1766 for further information.

We look forward to welcoming new students and parents to our school.



Yours in Education,

Mary Hunt

Principal

## Education Week –



This year Education Week will be held from August 1-5 celebrating theme: “Creating futures - education changes lives”. At Copacabana Public School we have a few special events planned to celebrate the growth and achievements of our children.

We hope you will be part of our Education Week Celebrations.

## Education Week Information



<b>Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> August</b>  <u>Spelling Bee</u>	<b><u>Session 1 – Stage 2</u></b> <b>Time: 12: 30 – 12:45</b> <b>Venue: Hall/ COLA</b>  <b><u>Session 2 – Stage 3</u></b> <b>Time: 12:45 -1:30pm</b> <b>Venue: Hall/ COLA</b>
<b>Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>  <b>Education Week – Celebration Afternoon</b>	<b>1:00 –1:30 Outdoor picnic with students</b> <b>(Students to provide their own food and rug)</b>  <b>1:30 - 2:00 Outdoor Assembly (COLA)</b> <b>Principal's Address</b> <b>Performances by:</b> <b>Star Struck Dance Group</b> <b>Copacabana PS Choir</b> <b>Copa Dance Group</b> <b>2:00-2.35 Activities</b>
<b>Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>  <b>Athletics Carnival – Ribbons Assembly</b>	<b>2:45 Ribbons Assembly Hall/COLA</b>

Students will be participating in a “Creating Futures – Changing Lives” fun day on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August in their Stage groups throughout the day.

We look forward to seeing parents at our Education Week events. We kindly ask that parents consider the current covid advice and the health and safety of our school community. The following COVID-Safety measures will be in place during our education week event/s;

- All visitors on site must check-in (QR Codes/Sign in sheets will be located at the front entrance).
- Anyone with symptoms is not to attend
- Visitors who are a close contact with someone with COVID need to inform the school and conduct a rapid antigen test (RAT), returning a negative result in the morning before attending
- All visitors are encouraged to wear a mask while at the event and on school premises
- Hand sanitising

In the upcoming week, we will monitor any changes to departmental policy and communicate, as necessary.



## Athletics Carnival





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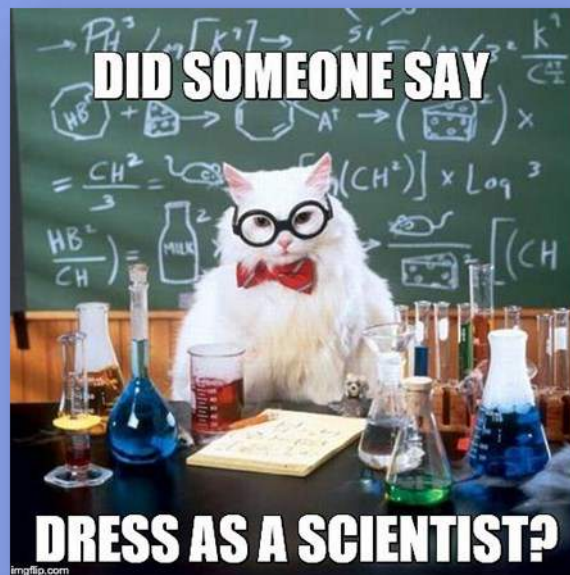








**National Science Week**  
**Fizzics Education Show, I Spy Showcase and Science Mufti Day**



National Science Week is from the 13<sup>th</sup> August till 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022. This year Copacabana Public School has some events planned to coincide with National Science Week. This year's theme is *Glass: More than Meets the Eye*.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in Science themed activities with their teacher, watch a Science Show presented by Fizzics Education and to dress like a scientist for the day. Science covers a huge range of areas, ideas include zookeeper, crazy scientist, engineer, astronaut, archaeologist, geologist, electrician and many more.

Last week students received a permission and information note for the events that will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Notes and payment are due back by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

Mrs Peta Mumford  
Coordinating Teacher





# NAIDOC WEEK







## A Message from the P&C

### Interested in P&C but can't make it to meetings?

Are you keen to know what goes on behind-the-scenes, but you are unable to attend meetings? If so, please contact us at [copapandc@gmail.com](mailto:copapandc@gmail.com) and ask to be put on our distribution list. We'll email you the minutes and reports from each meeting so you can stay up to date on what is happening.

### Zone Athletics BBQ Volunteers Needed

The P&C will be running the BBQ at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August and we need your help. If your child has qualified for Zone athletics, we would love for you to volunteer on the BBQ for an hour or two. That way, you can be at Mingara to see your child compete and help out the P&C at the same time. Please send us an email at [copapandcfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:copapandcfundraising@gmail.com) if you are happy to help and we will slot you into the roster closer to the date.

### Kiss-and-Drop Zone

To all families who drive their children to school, please ensure you are using the Kiss-and-Drop Zone correctly. You should not leave your vehicle, just quickly drop off your child(ren) and drive away so that another car can pull up. This will reduce congestion in the area and improve safety. If you are concerned about your child crossing the staff-carpark entrance unattended, please park elsewhere (adjacent to school oval) and walk your child to the gate if desired.

Furthermore, please do not use the bus zone for dropping off, and do not do a U-turn in front of the school. Children move quickly and unpredictably, and U-turns put them in danger.

### Canteen

A big thank you to Glen Jones from Masterfoods for the generous donation of a large supply of sauces for our Election Day BBQ earlier in the year, and more recently, lots of herbs and spices for Kim to use in the Canteen! We really appreciate your support.

Warm Milo in the mornings will continue this term. \$1 – cash only (not available on Qkr!) – 8:30 to 9am

### Uniform Shop

In Term 3, the Uniform Shop will be open Thursdays only, 8:30am – 9:00am. All orders placed on Qkr! will be delivered to your child's classroom on the following Thursday.

Please continue to donate good-quality second-hand uniforms for the Uniform Shop to sell. Just drop bags to the Shop or the school office. And if you are interested in purchasing second-hand items, drop into the Shop on a Thursday morning to see what is available.

If you have any questions about anything uniform related, contact Beckie and Jem at [copauniformshop@gmail.com](mailto:copauniformshop@gmail.com).

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 6:30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August.

Everyone is very welcome – just come along and listen to what goes on. New faces are always welcome. If you have any specific questions or issues that you would like raised at a P&C meeting, please email them to us in at [copapandc@gmail.com](mailto:copapandc@gmail.com) so we can add them to the agenda.

Lucy Wenzke - President



## COVID-SMART Measures for Term 3

In Term 3 2022, we will continue to operate with a number of COVID-smart measures that have been developed with NSW health to minimise transmission and keep schools open.

### These key measures include:

During Term 3, we continue to prioritise student and staff learning and wellbeing with our layered COVID-smart measures, which will include:

- Rapid antigen tests (RATS) for symptomatic testing and daily testing for close contacts returning to school
- maximising natural ventilation
- enhanced hygiene and cleaning
- strongly encouraging vaccination for students and staff
- staying home if unwell
- strongly encouraging mask wearing for staff, students and visitors, particularly in the first four weeks of school

staying home and getting tested if unwell, and only attending school when symptom-free

Enhanced cleaning focuses on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.

Another round of RATs have been delivered to our school, which we will provide to you in the form of 1 multi-pack of 5 RAT kits per student. Families who do not require RAT kits to be sent home are asked to advise the school through the online form which has been emailed to families.

## NCCD (National Consistent Collection of Data)

The teachers at Copacabana Public School have been busy providing the state and federal governments with data for the NCCD.

The NCCD collects data about school students with a disability who are receiving adjustments across Australia. The NCCD data is collected and collated each year in July/August. The data includes information about all the adjustments and accommodations that teachers make to cater for the individual needs of students.

It enables schools, education authorities and governments to better understand the needs of students with disability and how they can be best supported at school.

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD website: <https://www.nccd.edu.au/>

## News from the Office

Parents and Carers wishing to help out with transporting students to events can complete the WWCC Declaration form which can be accessed on the school's website under forms. Attach/Email your Drivers Licence, NSW Registration details and Comprehensive car insurance and return to the school. This will be kept on file for all future volunteering for the school. Thank you.





NSW Department of Education

# COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents, carers and students



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



## Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying even mild COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID test (PCR or RAT) and isolate.
- Your child should only return to school once they have returned a negative test and they are symptom free.



## Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and flu are the best way of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against viral illnesses.
- All eligible staff and students are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.



## Close contacts

- Students identified as close contacts can attend school providing the school is informed, they return a negative COVID-19 test result and wear a mask, except when eating/drinking or exercising (if in Year 7 and above) for 5 consecutive school days, and they do not attend high risk settings.
- Students in schools for specific purposes and support units cannot attend school as a close contact and will be supported to learn remotely during their self-isolation.



## Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying even mild COVID-19 symptoms, or daily if they are attending school as a close contact.
- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they must not attend school until their isolation period finishes and they are symptom free. Positive rapid antigen test results must be registered with Service NSW.
- If your child tests negative but is still showing symptoms they should not attend school until symptom free.
- Staff and students will be provided with 1 multipack of 5 RAT kits by their school in early Term 3.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



## Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and water, and to use personal protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will focus on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas.



## NSW Department of Education

**Ventilation**

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the colder months, heating will be used in conjunction with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in public schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.

**Masks**

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all staff and students, particularly in indoor spaces and other instances where ventilation and distancing is not possible.
- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged for visitors, particularly when they are interacting directly with students, and is required when interacting with students who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19.
- Masks are required when indoors for students attending school as a close contact in Year 7 and above and are strongly encouraged for younger students.
- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged for all students for the 3 days following their recovery from COVID-19.

**Visitors**

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.
- Visitors who attend school as a close contact are required to inform the school and follow certain guidelines, including wearing a mask when indoors.

**Activities**

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated into planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.

**Responding to local situations**

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures as a 'circuit breaker', including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing cohorts to learn remotely.

**Learning remotely**

- The department continues to develop digital learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

For more info, visit [education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families)

**Telephone interpreter service**

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff.





## 3-6 Assembly

### Term 3 Week 1

Class	Student
2/3S	Airlie O
	Aurora F
	Isaac L
	Harrison G
3/4J	Fletcher M
	India S
	Katja W
	Estelle S
3/4M	Tommy D
	Miller F
	Holly S
	Teddy S
4/5S	Charlie B
	Nelly J
	Frankie K
	Banjo W
5/6K	Hayden A
	Flint McG
	Kye G
	River L
5/6W	Ruby C
	Robert S
	Noah H
	Matilda R
5/6F	





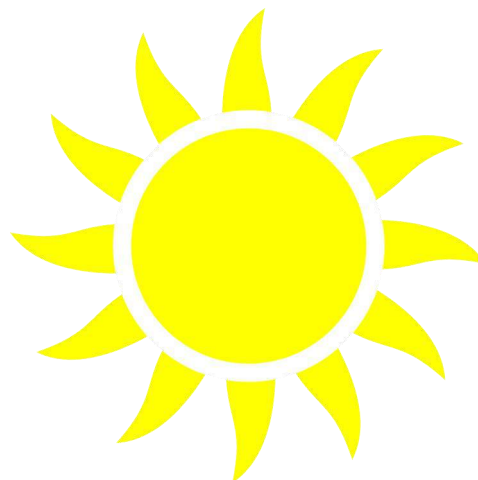
**Avoca Beachside Markets**  
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JAN 23rd > FEB 27th > MARCH 27th  
APRIL 24th > MAY 22nd > JUNE 26th  
JULY 24th > AUG 28th > SEPT 25th  
OCT 23rd > NOV 27th  
DEC 10th (twilight)

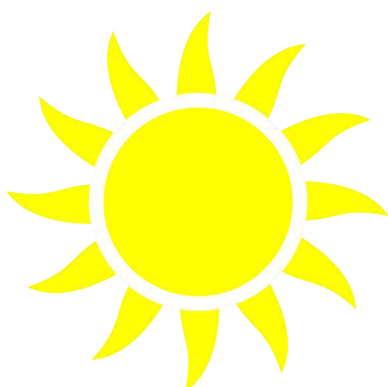
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**TUESDAY**

**5:30pm – 6:30pm**

**8<sup>th</sup> DAN MASTER CHRIS PENNINGTON**

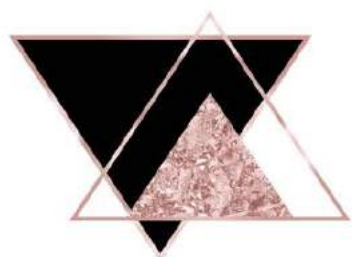
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