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Copacabana Public School

Term 3 Week 4 2022

Effort Earns Success

Principal's Report

"No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world." Robin Williams

Dear Parents and Carers,
Education Week 2022 – 'Celebrating Futures – Education Changes Lives' has been celebrated to the fullest at our wonderful school last week. A massive thank you to everyone who visited the school, whether it was at the Spelling Bee, our Open Day celebrations or at the end of the week for the Athletics Carnival Ribbons assembly. It was lovely to see families connect with each other at the picnic lunch and outdoor games afternoon.

Our outdoor Education Week assembly showcased the performing arts. Once again, congratulations to our Star Struck dancers, Copa dancers and the Copacabana Public School Choir for your fabulous performances. What a talented group of performers we have here at Copacabana PS, and I thank our dedicated teachers for preparing our students to do their absolute best.

Another highlight of the week was our student 'Fun Day'. Last Wednesday, students participated in a fun day of life-long learning by participating in a variety of workshops which included cooking, technology, drumming, creative arts and music in their Stage groups. A great day of teamwork, problem-solving, creative and critical thinking.

Education week was a fabulous celebration of our school, and we were thrilled to be able to share it with you.

Central Coast Public Education Awards of Appreciation

Each year, all schools on the Central Coast are asked to nominate two members of their school community who they would like to recognise for the contributions they make in helping their school be a better place. On behalf of the Copacabana Public School community, we would like to congratulate Kellie Pink (Relieving School Administrative Manager) and Lucy Wenzke (Copacabana P&C President) for their tireless work and dedication shown towards our school.

Lost Property

As it becomes warmer children are taking their jumper off in the playground and many are left behind at the end of each break. Please make sure all items of clothes are labelled with name and class so we can return them.

Coming Events

TERM 3

Week 5

Science Week

19 Aug

Incursion—
Fizzics
Education, I Spy
Showcase &
Science Mufti
Day

Week 6

22 Aug

PSSA Basketball
Copa v
Woodport

25 Aug

Zone Athletics
Carnival

31 Aug

Book Parade

Kincumba
Shines

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) or phone 4382 1766 for further information.

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



Moving out of the area

We are commencing our planning process for 2023 and student enrolment numbers have a large impact on this planning. To assist us with planning for 2023, we ask if you could notify the school office by phone or email if your child/children will not be returning to Copacabana Public School next year.

The school email is copacabana-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au and the office phone number is 0243 821766.

Yours in education,
Mary Hunt
Principal



Attendance Matters

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day

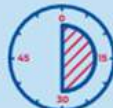


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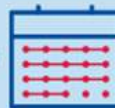


30 mins
per day



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18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

A reminder that it is vital for students to arrive at school on time each day. Students arriving at school after the bell need to go to the office for a late note. When children are late, the school record will reflect as a partial absence.

Education Week 2022





Sports Report

Softball

Last week our girls Softball team competed in the 3rd round of the NSWPSSA Softball Knockout competition against Harbord PS. Harbord were the stronger team and came away with the win. Well done to our team, many of whom had never played softball before joining the team this year. Even with the oval and general weather conditions limiting our preparations the girls still had a wonderful time, displaying outstanding sportsmanship and friendship throughout their games.

Thank you to the parent volunteers for helping transport and creating a wonderful cheer squad.

Well done Copa softballers, we are proud of you!

Mrs Mumford and Mrs Wilson



Science & STEM News

This term in Science students will be looking at the unit Material World.

We have already had lots of discussions about what materials are around us, what materials jobs are and what happens when materials mix.

Stage 1 had a great time mixing playdough and learnt that once the materials all mixed it was tricky to tell what was in it.



Stage 2 have learnt about repurposing materials and how everyday objects can be changed but still have a purpose.

Last week Stage 3 discussed gases and the different odours they can smell around their homes.

If you have any cardboard, excess craft materials or items that you think may be useful for STEM challenges I would love them. If you are unsure if the items you have are useful I can be reached by phone through the school office.

Mrs. Peta Mumford

Science & STEM Teacher

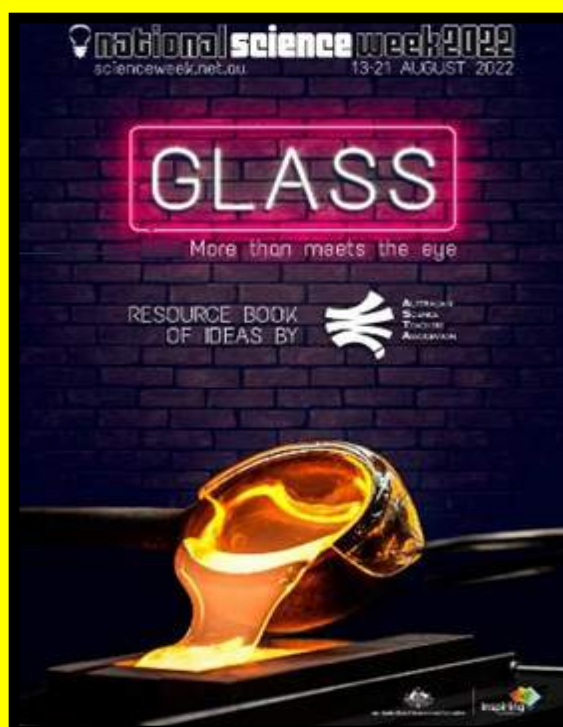


Next week is National Science Week! This year Copacabana Public School has some events planned to coincide with National Science Week. This year's theme is *Glass: More than Meets the Eye*.

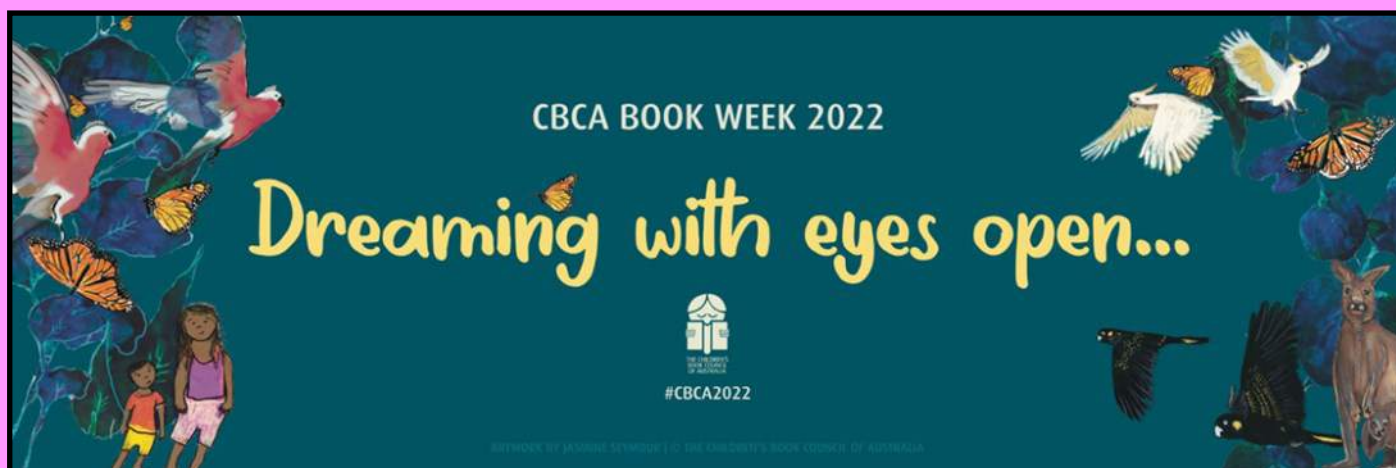
Students will have the opportunity to participate in Science themed activities with their teacher, watch a Science Show presented by Fizzics Education and to dress like a scientist for the day. Science covers a huge range of areas, ideas include zookeeper, crazy scientist, engineer, astronaut, archaeologist,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

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

Mrs Peta Mumford
Coordinating Teacher



Celebrating Book Week at Copacabana Public School



BOOK WEEK is the longest running children's festival in Australia.

To celebrate BOOK WEEK and the Children's Book Council of Australia Awards, Copacabana Public School will hold our annual Book Fair, where students and parents can purchase books to raise funds for our school. This year the money raised from the sales at the Book Fair will go towards purchasing new resources to enhance and support learning and teaching programs. You may also like to support the school by purchasing a book for our library; an acknowledgement will be placed at the front of every book donated.

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair is on in Week 7! In the library!

The Book Fair will be held in the library and will be open from Monday afternoon 3pm-4pm, Tuesday morning from 8.20-8.50. Tuesday afternoon from 3pm. Wednesday morning from 8.20- 8.50, Wednesday afternoon from 3pm-4pm.

BOOK PARADE

SAVE THE DATE—Tuesday 30th August.

The theme for book week this year is “**Dreaming with eyes open...**”

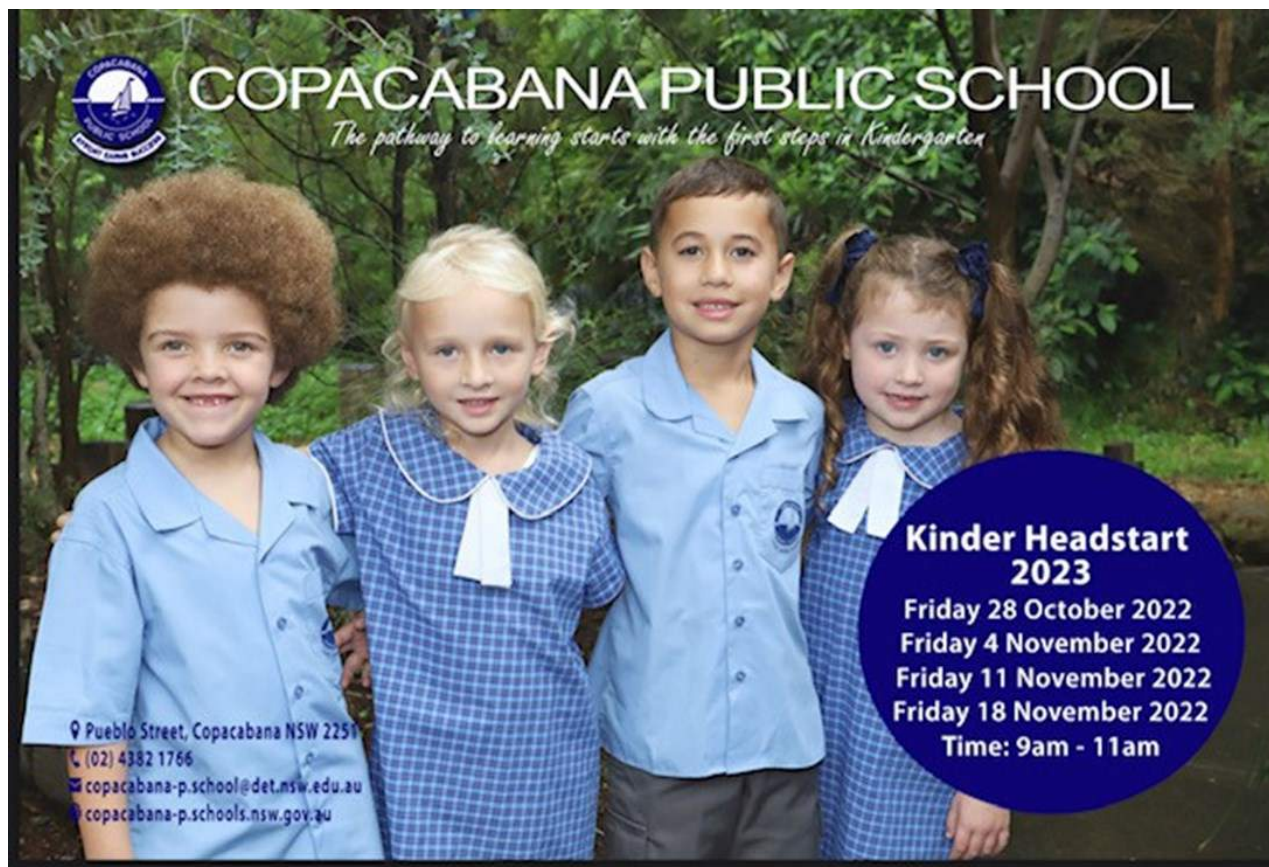
The book parade is an event that all the children look forward to each year. On Tuesday 30th of August (week 7) the children will come to school dressed as their favourite book character. In past years children have created spectacular costumes and I know this year will be no exception. Thank you for your support!

Teacher Librarian

Cathy Shearer

Kinder Headstart 2023

Please see our Kinder headstart dates and times below,



COPACABANA PUBLIC SCHOOL
The pathway to learning starts with the first steps in Kindergarten

Kinder Headstart 2023
Friday 28 October 2022
Friday 4 November 2022
Friday 11 November 2022
Friday 18 November 2022
Time: 9am - 11am

Pueblo Street, Copacabana NSW 2251
Ph (02) 4382 1766
copacabana-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
copacabana-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

All children attending 'Headstart' must be enrolled at Copacabana Public School prior to Friday the 28th of October.

Please visit the school's website to complete your child's enrolment as soon as possible.

On the days of Headstart...

1. your child will be welcomed and collected from you at the Kindergarten classrooms at the back of the school at 9.00am. We kindly ask that you do not arrive any earlier than this.
2. it is advised that you make the 'kiss and drop' as quick as possible to minimise any anxiety. We promise you, we will look after your precious bundles.
3. please make sure your child has a water bottle and a sun-safe hat (clearly labelled with their name). A small fruit/vegetable snack will be required for 'Crunch and Sip'. Please note we are a 'nut free' school.
4. your child will be walked back to the front gate for you to collect at 10.45am. It is imperative that you are on-time for pick-up.

Please refer to the School's website for the Parent information component of Headstart. Additionally, please take the virtual tour of our school with your children. There is a Frequently asked Questions (FAQ's) section on the website, however, if you require further information, please contact the school office.

Continue to check the school's website and Facebook page for any further updates or information.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child into our beautiful school.

A Message from the P&C

We Need Your Help! Zone Athletics BBQ Volunteers Needed Urgently



Calling all parents, grandparents, anyone! The P&C will be running the BBQ at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Thursday 25th August and we need your help. If you have an hour or two to spare, please send us an email at copapandcfundraising@gmail.com.

Do You Know a Bookkeeper?

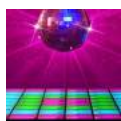
The P&C is looking for a bookkeeper. We are hoping to find someone who can set up our books and create some simple bookkeeping procedures that we can use into the future, and which will allow for easy hand-overs as people come and go from the P&C. We are willing to pay for a bookkeeping program subscription along with consulting fees (we are not expecting to find a volunteer!). If you are that person we are looking for, or you know the right person, please get in touch at copapandc@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Father's Day Stall



The Father's Day Stall will happen on Thursday 1st September. Stay tuned for more information.

Kid's Disco



Save the date. The P&C is organising a disco for Wednesday 7th September. This will be a FREE event, funded by your P&C. Stay tuned for more information.

Canteen

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.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at 6:30pm on Tuesday 13th September.

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 so we can add them to the agenda.

Lucy Wenzke - President



Education



| Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Information for parents and carers

Phonics knowledge and skills are essential for learning to read and write. To be effective readers, students need to learn how to blend sounds together in words quickly so that they can read and understand the meaning.

About the assessment

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a quick assessment that tells teachers how your child is progressing in phonics.

Phonics is important for students who are learning to read. This screening check observes how your child can read words with different letter combinations.

The main purpose of the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is to provide your child's teacher with information which will allow them to plan for your child's learning.

Each child is individually assessed by a teacher and all Year 1 students will be assessed.

Why is phonics important?

To be successful readers, students need to learn the code for the English language - the sounds represented by individual letters or different letter combinations - and the skill of blending these sounds together to read words.

It is important for students to develop quick recall of the sounds represented by different letters and letter combinations, to support successful reading.

Developing blending skills, which is the ability to blend together sounds to read words, is also important. Beginning readers need to learn how to blend sounds together in words quickly and fluently, so as not to disrupt the flow of reading and their comprehension of the text.

How will I support my child?

Children need frequent opportunities to practise and apply their developing phonics knowledge and skills. You may like to try some of the following activities at home with your child:

- Encourage your child to play games with letters such as bingo, snap or scrabble. Support them to say the correct sound represented by individual letters and different letter combinations.
- Practise blending the sounds in simple, one syllable words together. For example, by first pointing to each letter in the word cat and saying each individual sound 'c-a-t', then reading again by blending all the sounds together 'caaaaat', and finally reading the word nice and fast 'cat'. When your child is confident with blending 3 letters together, support them to blend and read 4 letter words like frog (f-r-o-g, fffrrrog, frog).
- Model being a word detective and point out special letter patterns found when reading with your child. For example words with a 'ch' sound on the end are sometimes spelt with the letters tch, like the words match, catch and hatch.
- Support your child's reading success by providing them with plenty of opportunities to practise their phonics knowledge and blending skills by reading decodable books together. Decodable books are written using words with letters that your child has learnt. Ask your child's teacher to suggest decodable books with the correct phonics focus for your child.
- When reading books encourage your child to look at the words and 'sound out' any unfamiliar words, blending those sounds together, from left to right, to read the word. This is the best strategy and more helpful than looking at the pictures to guess the meaning.

Useful resources

Resources for helping your child with phonics at home can be found on the following NSW Department of Education webpages:



[Helping your child with literacy and numeracy at home](#)



[Phonics](#)



[Decodable texts](#)



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- Players receive a playing shirt and a training shirt. New players receive a club cap.

All Girls Cricket **Ages 9-15**
All Girls Cricket is just for girls. It is fast, exciting and gives girls a fun and friendly environment to play Australia's favourite game with all their friends!

- One day games of cricket commencing 8 October 2022
- Formats vary with age. Shorter pitch and fewer players means more action
- Players receive a playing shirt and a training shirt. New players receive a club cap.

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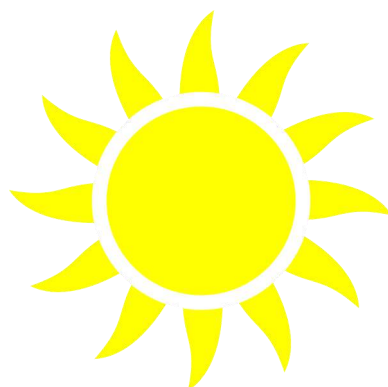
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TUESDAY

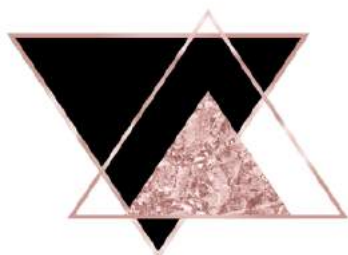
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