



COPACABANA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Stage 3 Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome to Stage 3 2021. This stage includes all students in Years 5 & 6. The teaching staff on Stage 3 for 2021 include:

- Mr Andrew Smyth – 4/5S
- Mr Mitch Frew – 5/6F
- Mr Jesse Reid – 5/6R
- Mrs Vicki Woodham – 5/6W

Key Learning Areas

To provide the students with a broad and balanced education, curriculum is defined in terms of seven Key Learning Areas.

- English
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Geography
- History
- Creative Arts
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD/H/PE)

Library Lessons

Mrs Shearer is currently our teacher/librarian. The library provides a stimulating area for children to develop reading and research skills. With inquiry terminals and the internet, children will quickly learn how to find useful material or a book they will enjoy reading for leisure. This year, the main focus will be the development of information technology and research skills in preparation for high school.

STEM (Science Technology Engineering Maths)

Mrs Mumford will be taking small groups of Stage 3 children throughout the year. The children will be participating in STEM activities. All students will have the opportunity to participate in this program at some stage this year.

Technology Teaching and Learning

Technology education is enhanced with our extensive network, Computer Lab, our classroom laptops, iPads and interactive SMART Boards. Teachers will concentrate on the acquisition of computer skills to enhance access to learning.

Senior students will be able to access the internet through the internet network established in the school. This is now a most technologically up-to-date facility where a whole class can research and work independently or as a class. Students will also be using Google classroom for multiple tasks, including homework tasks, throughout the year.

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SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Ms Sharon Read is qualified and experienced in both education and psychology and attends the school one day per week. Sharon works with teachers and parents to help students with learning, concentration, behaviour and social difficulties.

SUPPORT TEACHER (LAST)

Mrs Isbester and Mrs Wilson will be working with children who would benefit from individual assistance to improve Literacy and Numeracy outcomes.

HOMEWORK

This year, homework assignments will be set twice a term. The students will be provided with a marking criteria to guide them to their finished products and they will have between 3 and 4 weeks to complete each task. Late submissions of assignments will have a 2 mark deduction per day, for each day that the assignment is late.

EXCURSIONS

Educational visits are an important part of the school program and are selected to broaden students' understanding of classroom studies. Anticipated planning for this year include:

- Term 1 - Yr 6 High School Visits, PSSA, Inter-school and house sports
- Term 2 – PSSA, Inter-School, House Sports
- Term 3 - Yr 6 Building Positive Relationships Day at KHS
- Term 4 - Stage 3 excursion to Morisset, High School Orientation Day

These excursions (along with sports knockout teams) are a privilege and children must display exemplary behaviour throughout the year to be able to join their classmates on these worthwhile educational experiences. Children who do not meet the standards set by Copacabana Public School will be unable to attend.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's academic progress at parent teacher interviews at the end of Term 1 and will receive written reports in Semester 1 and Semester 2. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with their child's teacher to discuss their concerns or questions about their child's progress at a mutually convenient time, if necessary.

STUDENT EQUIPMENT

Throughout the year the following items will be needed. Please ensure your child has all of the following items each day.

- 2 blue and 2 red ball point biros
- Coloured pencils/ textas
- 2 HB lead pencils
- 30cm ruler with mm
- Eraser, glue stick & scissors
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencil case
- Box of tissues
- Egg cartons (for Art lessons)
- Ice cream containers & lids (for Art lessons)

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SET ACTIVITIES

- Scripture - Thursday 11.45am-12.20pm
- Sport - Friday (WEAR FULL SPORTS UNIFORM)
- **Library** -
5/6W - Tuesday
5/6F - Tuesday
5/6R - Wednesday
4/5S - Monday
- **Science** -
5/6W- Wednesday
5/6F- Thursday
5/6R- Thursday
4/5S- Thursday

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Term 1:

School Photos
Swimming Carnival
High School Info. Night
Maths Olympiad
Selective H.S. Test
KHS Sports Day
Harmony Day
Easter Scripture Service

Term 2:

Premier's Debating Challenge
Sports Knockouts
NAPLAN Test (Yr 5)
Sport Knockouts
Peer Support Leadership
Training
Maths Olympiad

Term 3:

Premier's Sport Challenge
Sport Knock Outs
Education Week
Book Week
Athletics Carnival
Father's Day Breakfast
KHS Building Positive Relationships Day

Term 4:

Morisset Excursion
Yr 6 Mini-Fete
Copatacular
High School Orientation
Yr 6 Farewell
Presentation Day
Life Education Van

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE:

Your child will be encouraged to enter the Premier's Reading Challenge. To receive a certificate, students must read 20 books. A full list of books is available with more information from the Department of Education web site: under heading Premier's Reading Challenge. Mrs Shearer will be coordinating this event.

Please note: Our school is a '**NUT FREE ZONE**'

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