



Copacabana Public School Newsletter

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Term 3, Week 9
Sept 24th, 2009

Connected Learning Awards

Once again congratulations goes to the talented students at Copacabana P.S. Five students, Matt, Hayley, Tara, Hannah and Amy, calling themselves the Copa Landscape Warriors have won the 2009 Connected Learning Award for primary schools in the Digital Art category.

On Wednesday 16 September the students attended the award ceremony at the Power House Museum. There were thousands of applications across the 5 categories of the Connected Learning Awards and our Copa Landscape Warriors were very successful in the Digital Art category. They have worked extremely hard over the past 2 terms to complete their landscape. Matt painted the landscape and approx.400 photos of Copacabana school were taken by the girls and downloaded and combined to make a mosaic art work to depict the way our school is part of the Copacabana Landscape. Well done and thank you to Mrs. Goffett for her advice and support. The art work can be found on the website and in the foyer at school.

NAP Results

Congratulations and well done also goes to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who recently received their NAP Literacy and Numeracy results.

Our Year 3 students were above the national, state and region averages in overall Literacy and Numeracy.

Our Year 5 students were above national averages in Literacy and Numeracy except in writing where we were just below the national average. State wide we were just below average but above the region average in overall Literacy and Numeracy results.

Being above or below averages can mean just one or two questions.

Our focus for 2010 and 2011 will continue to be writing and spelling.

Teambeats

The drumming program has been a great success. The students have thoroughly enjoyed the experience and their skills in rhythm and beat and an appreciation of another culture have all been enhanced.

Today was the culmination of the program with students showcasing what they have learnt. The fun and enjoyment of the program was seen today and enjoyed by all in the audience.

The school will purchase a number of drums that can be used in further productions and as part of music programs in the classroom.

Survey - School Management

The final survey for our school evaluation is attached to this newsletter. Thank you to all parents that have completed and returned previous surveys. This survey needs to be returned to school by **Friday 2 October**. If you have previous surveys please return those to school as well. These surveys are used to evaluate and improve programs, communication and the school environment for our students and are an integral part of our annual school evaluation. Your responses are valued and important to future school improvement.

P&C Fundraiser

Family Concert at School

Please put this date on your calendar.

Date: Sat 21 November

Time: 3-5pm

Who: Kasey Chambers, Poppa Bill and The Little Hillbillies Show

Where: Copacabana P.S. COLA

Cost: \$15 per person or \$50 a family (2 adults/2 or more children)

Tickets will be on sale to the school community in the school office from Monday 19 October for two weeks and then opened to the wider

community with tickets available at the school and Copa Food Stop until the 13 November or until sold out. Drinks, tea and coffee and chips will be available for sale in the canteen. All proceeds go to the Copacabana Public School P&C Association. A flyer will be sent home next week to remind you of this wonderful event. An alcohol free event.

Leave

I will be on Long Service Leave for a period of three weeks from the 19 October until 9 November at the beginning of next term. Mr. Graham, Mrs. Woodham and Mrs. Sutton will each relieve as Principal for a week so that the school will continue to function as normal.

As this is the final newsletter for this term thank you to students, parents and staff for making Term 3 a smooth and productive one.

I have included in this newsletter a Term 4 calendar for your information. The term is only 9 weeks long and we have a number of important and major events throughout the term.

Please make sure you add dates to your calendar as we all get very busy during November and December.

Sue Lewis

Principal

Dates for the Diary

Term 3

Week 9

Fri 25 - Canteen Flower Power Party

Week 10

Mon 28 - Premiers Spelling Challenge
Ettalong P.S.

Tues 29 - P&C Mtg - 1.00pm

Thurs 1 - Choice Time

Fri 2 - Last day of Term

Term 4

Week 1

Mon 19 - First day Term 4

Wed 21-Fri 23 - Yr5/Yr6 Myuna Bay

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Maths Olympiad

During the past two terms, 30 students in Stage 3 have met weekly to practise mathematical problem solving as part of the Maths Olympiad program. Five assessment tasks were completed, with Kirra achieving the highest score of 17 out of 25. Others to perform very well included Brittany and Kurt both on a score of 15, with Ella, Samantha, William and Matthew all achieving well on 14. This program is extremely challenging and it was great to see all students improving their mathematical and logical thinking. Congratulations to everyone for your interest and effort.

Jenny Chapman

PICO (Person In Charge of Olympiads)

ICAS English

25 students completed the ICAS English assessment run by UNSW. 3 students received a Distinction, with 4 others achieving a Credit.

DISTINCTION: (Top 10%)

Oskar (Yr 3)

Samantha (Yr 6)

Liam (Yr 6)

CREDIT: (Top 30%)

Lucas (Yr 3)

Tobias (Yr 3)

Casey (Yr 3)

Kurtis (Yr 6)

Congratulations to all those who participated. Certificates will be presented at tomorrow's assembly.

Jenny Chapman

Co-ordinator

Premiers Spelling

Good luck to Madeleine, Catelyn (Stage 2), Brittany and Cooper (Stage 3) who will be representing our school next Monday at the Regional Premiers Spelling Bee final, being held at Ettalong P.S. I know the girls have been studying the extensive wordlists and we all wish them well on Monday.

Jenny Chapman

Co-ordinator

Sport-Regional Athletics

Last Wednesday, 8 of our students represented Brisbane Water Zone at the Sydney North Regional Athletics Carnival. Commendable results included:

- Cooper 3rd in 11yr girls High Jump (1.30m)
- Tom 6th in 12 yr boys 800m
- Savannah 4th in 8yr girls 100m
- Shanaye reaching the final of the 9yr girls 100m.

The girls relay team of Shanaye, Savannah, Emma and Hayley just missed the final, despite an unfortunate fall at the final change. Emma also just

missed a place in the 8yr girls 100m final.

Congratulations everyone. I know you enjoyed the experience of competing at Homebush.

Cooper's 3rd place qualifies her to compete at the State Carnival early next term. Great effort Cooper and good luck! Jenny Chapman

Year 3&4 Bouddi Excursion

On Tuesday 15 September Year 3&4 enjoyed a great day at Bouddi National Park. Students, teachers and dads walked through the park, along the beach and learned about the Maitland wreck. Congratulations to all students on their exemplary behaviour and a thank you to the dads for attending.

Choice Time

On Thursday of Week 10 students who have demonstrated outstanding behaviour will be participating in choice time in line with our school Welfare Policy. On Monday of Week 10 students will be able to choose their activity from a list. There are limited numbers for each activity so students need to also be thinking of a second choice of activity.

Peter Graham

Central Coasts Gifted & Talented Camp

Next week three students from Year 6, Aviv, William and Samantha will be participating in the Central Coast GAT Camp. The students will be learning in tutorials on their specialisations such as Visual Arts, Maths and Science. Copacabana wishes them well for the camp.

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School Supporter

Thankyou to George Brand Real Estate for their donation to the school. George Brand has assisted in the purchase of a scanner for our technology program and for sponsoring the Copa Blues Program. We value the partnership and support for the students of Copacabana.

Bouddi National Park

Why we should have more State and National Parks.....

I strongly believe we should have more State and National Parks

Firstly, we should have more State and National Parks because with out National Parks all our native animals and plants will become extinct.

Secondly, National Parks protect Aboriginal sites, drawings, messages, stories, dreamtime stories and huts.

Thirdly, National Parks are great for studying animals, plants and Aboriginal sites.

In addition, National Parks give us exercise depending how much you walk. It's nice to see Native wildlife and plants and things that are not man made. You can camp as well. National Parks are public areas for all to use.

In conclusion, National Parks protect fauna and flora, gives us exercise, helps us study about native land and seas. That's why I believe we should have more state and National Parks.

By Sara 4W

I strongly believe that we should have more National Parks. The reasons are... Firstly, we should have more National Parks around the world so people don't have to come over to Australia to see our beautiful National Parks around us. They should be able to see it at their country too.

Secondly, I would like everyone to see or go to a National Park to see how beautiful and pretty National Parks are. Thirdly, if people are sad or angry they go in a national Park, they will get happy and refreshed not sad and angry.

Lastly, you can see native plants and animals.

You must go to a National Park to be happy not sad. You will love the animals and plants.

By Macy 4W

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOR SALE

4 year old mare

16 hands

Broken. Experience rider

Contact 0410 879 690

AROUND THE SCHOOL

MERIT CERTIFICATES



Term 3

Week 7

Week 8

KB	Laura Luke	Elijah Charlotte
KC	Zane Rylee	Mitchell Rylee
1E	Lars Darcy	Zoe Zayne
1/2S	Lily Aydin	Sophie Jhett
2L	Nathan Kyanna	Amy Nathan
2/3G	India Harrison	Savannah Oskar
3H	Keely Maddi Sarah	Adi Jack Mollie
4W	Melouise Jack Jasmine	Liam Ella Anna
4/5/6C	Lucie Damon Hayley	Cooper Emelia Cayla
5/6L	Julia Travis Alana	Olivia Keely Zack
5/6W	Jobe Taylah Gerogia	Peter Mia Ellouise

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster Term 3

Week 10

Mon 28 Sept
Wed 30 Sept

Amy Kidd
Margaret Hume
Susan Gibson
Kate Turner
Jodie Anderson
Creigh Shailer

Thurs 1 Oct
Fri 2 Oct

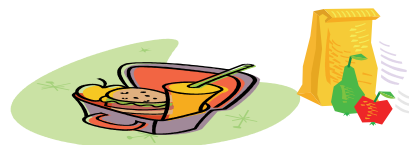
Term 4 **Week 1**

Mon 19 Oct
Wed 21 Oct

Cassie Smith
Marcelle McCarthy
Susan Gibson
Glynis Johns
Stephanie Dean
Janet Riches

Thurs 22 Oct
Fri 23 Oct

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED GRANDPARENTS, RETIREES, ETC



UNIFORM AWARDS

The uniform awards go to:

Week 9: Samantha
Lachlan

Congratulations on wearing your uniform so well.

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday & Wednesday

8.30am - 9.00am

Thursday afternoon 2.45pm - 3.15pm



COPACABANA P&C FUNDRAISER MCDONALD'S FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Fed up cooking! Fancy sitting together with family or friends. Well grab any meal or even just a treat between **5pm-7pm on Monday 28th September at McDonald's Kincumber** and McDonald's Kincumber will **donate 20% of all drive thru and counter sales from this 2 hour period, back to Copacabana P.C**

So whether you are able to eat in for dinner with your family or able to rush through drive thru, don't forget to drop in on

Email Addresses

The school would like to begin emailing the newsletter to parents in Term 2. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you could you please complete this tear off and return to school ASAP

To: **School Office**

RE: **Email Address**

Name of child _____ Class _____

Parent Name _____

Email Address _____