



COPMANHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Principal's message

Speech Therapy Program

Many parents of our older students may not realise that we run a speech therapy program for a number of our infants students here at school. Through our partnership with SPOT4KIDS, a speech and occupational therapy practice based in Yamba, we screen all new kindergarten students and then have individualised speech therapy programs designed by a speech therapist and delivered by our School Learning Support Officer; Lin Foley, three mornings per week. Improvements in not only speech but all aspects of literacy for children involved have been very pleasing. A program of activities is now being developed for parents to use with these children at home in order to support their speech and literacy development.

School cleans up!

Today all children took part in the annual program – Clean-Up Australia. Thank you to everyone who brought in bags for us to use. Our K/1 students cleaned the school playground whilst students from years 2-6 went out into the village. Well done all kids for participating in this activity which benefits the whole community. Once again students were really pleased to see that the amount of rubbish collected was less than in previous years. This is a trend that has been occurring for a while now in Copmanhurst and our community should feel proud of their efforts to keep our part of Australia clean.

Writing takes off!

Your primary child may be coming home talking about 'sizzling starts' and 'sticky situations'. If not – ask them about it. Classes have been involved in writing very quick (1 minute) story starts that begin right in the middle of the action. They have been looking at stories in our classes and library that begin with a 'sizzling start' rather than just 'One day', 'Once upon a time' or similar because we know that if an author doesn't excite the reader or make them curious within 7 seconds – they will choose another book. As we move into learning about 'tightening tension' and 'exciting endings', teachers are looking forward to reading some good quality written texts. When your child is reading, or when you are reading with them this week, ask them whether their book begins with a sizzling start and why?

Cheers, Andrew

Dear Parents

**You are invited to help us
CELEBRATE SENIOR CITIZEN WEEK
APRIL 7th - 10.00AM
Copmanhurst community hall**

Invitation will go out next week!

**If you have a Grandparent, senior neighbour/friend, who
would like to join us, please pass their name on to the
office.**

**To help us with the morning tea, each family is asked to
supply a cake, slice or a small plate of sandwiches.**

Canteen roster – Term One

Mar 7	Michelle Roberts & Christine Roberts
Mar 14	Amber Biggs & Kerrie Mclean
Mar 21	Franca Scalia & Kate Knight
Mar 28	EASTER MONDAY
Apr 4	Paula Clausen & Trudy Clydesdale

**COPMANHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C AGM
MARCH 8TH – 6.00PM**

**Do you want to be involved in the decision
making at your school, then stand for a
position on our P&C Committee.**

SCHOOL NEWS

COMING EVENTS

- **Mar 4th** Clean Up Australia Day
- **Mar 8th** P & C AGM
- **Mar 9th** Visiting Performance – ‘A Fish Outta Water’
- **Mar 14th** Year 6 – Young Leaders Excursion - Brisbane
- **Mar 23rd** K/1/2 Wooli Mini Olympic Excursion
- **Mar 25th** - **EASTER BREAK**
- **Apr 1st** - Copmanhurst Cross Country – Rodeo Ground
- **Apr 7th** - Senior Citizens Concert/Morning Tea.

Wooli Public School – Mini Olympics Day

March 23rd – Wooli Oval

(K-2 STUDENTS ONLY)

Students will travel by bus

The bus will leave school at 9.00am & return by 2.30pm in time for normal bus runs.

PERMISSION NOTE: ‘MINI OLYMPICS DAY (K-2 STUDENT ONLY)’

I give permission for my child/children to attend the Mini Olympics Day at Wooli Oval, March 23rd. I understand the students will travel by bus at a cost of bus \$5 per child, (normally \$12 per child). I enclose \$.....

Parent's signature:.....

PERMISSION NOTE: ‘A FISH OUTTA WATER’

I give permission for my child/children to attend the Visiting Performance - ‘A FISH OUTTA WATER’ – March 9th.

Cost per child \$4.50.

I enclose \$.....

Parent's signature:.....



Enjoy your week