



# COPMANHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Principal's report

### Small Schools Swimming

Best of luck to our 11 swimmers who are competing at the Clarence Small Schools Swimming Carnival in Grafton tomorrow. The carnival starts at 9:30am and children will need to bring \$3 pool entry fee, towel, hat swimmers, sunscreen, water bottle and lunch. The canteen at the pool will be operating.

### Welcome back BBQ

Next Tuesday evening we will be holding a welcome back BBQ at school, kindly hosted by our P&C. There is no cost but if parents could return the note at the end of this newsletter indicating numbers, it would be appreciated. The BBQ is a chance to meet new families and catch up with teachers and friends at the start of the year.

### Surviving the heat

On these really hot days at school it's important for everyone to stay cool so children are regularly reminded at the start of the day to drink plenty of water. They are allowed to bring water bottles into class if they are just filled with water. All of our classrooms are air-conditioned and on really hot days the kids have the option of spending their play time in class on computers or playing with construction equipment, reading or drawing. Our kids are really good at remembering to wear their hats in the sun and during the warmer months we try and timetable outdoor activity and sport to earlier in the day.

### Golf!

This term all of our students will enjoy a 4 week golf program delivered at school by a local golf coach. The final of the four sessions will involve all students travelling by bus to the Grafton Golf Course to practise what they've learned. This program has been made possible due to our successful grant application to the 'Sporting Schools' program funded by the Federal Government.

### Aboriginal Cultural Experience

On Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup>, our whole school will be travelling to the Yarrawarra Cultural Centre at Corindi to learn a bit about local Aboriginal culture and history. On the day we will learn about bush tucker and medicine as well as paint boomerangs and make 'Mook Mooks' (clay pendants). More information will be sent home, including a permission note, closer to the date. There will be no cost to parents for this excursion.

### Getting Along

It has been a very pleasant and calm start to the school year! The kids have been playing well together and working well in class and it feels that the playground is a very peaceful place at the moment. One of our *You Can Do It* keys to success is 'Getting Along' and the children understand this and are acknowledged for demonstrating it in class and in the playground. Well done kids – keep it up!

Cheers,  
Andrew