



# COPMANHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Newsletter, May 23rd, 2019



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### Principal's report

#### Ten-pin bowling

Next week we commence our four week program of Ten-pin bowling at the Grafton Bowling Centre. Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their bus money. Just a reminder that Ten-pin bowling will cost \$5 per week per child to cover our bus. The cost of the Ten-pin bowling sessions has been covered by our Sporting Schools grant of \$2200. Over the next 4 Wednesdays children will commence the day with regular Literacy lessons and then at 10 am we will catch the bus to bowling. At 12pm we will leave the bowling centre and return to school to re-commence regular lessons after lunch. We will have an early recess before we head into town and lunch when we get back so the kids won't need to take bags with them.

#### Luke Kennedy

Luke is a motivational speaker who travels to schools sharing his story and inspirational messages with students in primary and high schools. He is at our school next Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am to speak with our primary (3-6) students. Luke has kindly agreed to allow parents of Copmanhurst Public students to attend as well and I would encourage anyone who was available to come along and hear his message. There's bound to be some wise advice in regards to supporting and relating to your kids. If you'd like to come, please give Rhonda a call or reply on our facebook page and let us know.

#### Handball

Yesterday and today we held our school handball competition. We had three divisions running; K/1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 with over 40 competitors in total. A big thank you goes to our senior students who helped with organising and encouraging the younger competitors. Our school handball champions for 2019 are:

K/1/2: Olivia Fahey, 3/4: Jeffery Ferguson, 5/6: Georgia Ellem.

#### Go 'Tech free'

Our children have access to a considerable amount of technology for their education and entertainment at school and at home. This is great, but we also recognise that children can become too reliant on technology to the detriment of other skills. At school we will be implementing 'tech-free' days where students won't have access to computers and will have to undertake learning tasks the way we all did before computers. Some of the kids have asked could they take their laptops to the library at lunchtime and we have said 'no' to this to encourage them to pursue other activities such as playing in the playground, reading or board games. At home it is great fun to have a Play Station or X Box but it is very important to ensure time spent on these devices, or iPads or laptops, is strictly monitored. The best thing you can do at home to support student learning in the primary years is still reading each day. Try making a deal with the kids that whatever time they spend gaming they must also spend the same amount of time reading a book beforehand! Or, have a couple of tech or TV free days each week. It may be painful at first but worth it in the long run.

#### Cross Country runners

Best of luck to Wroxton, Lacey, Luke and Brodie who are competing at the Mid North Coast Primary Schools Cross-Country competition at Nana Glen tomorrow. We are proud of you, whatever the result!

**Cheers,**  
**Andrew**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CANTEEN – TERM TWO

May 20 Kate Knight & Emma Farmer

May 27 Michelle Roberts & Rachael Moss

June 3 Jenny & Terri Quiring

June 10 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

June 17 Tanya, Lucy & Kate Knight



## COMING EVENTS – TERM 2

May 29 10 Pin Bowling, bus departs school at 10.00am – returns 1.00pm

May 30 Luke Kennedy – Inspirational Speaker  
Primary students (Yr3-6). 9:30am  
**All Parents Welcome!!**

Jun 5 Bowling continues

Jun12 3rd week of 10 Pin Bowling

Jun 19 10 Pin Bowling

July 1 Half Yearly Reports go home

July 5 Old School Day – Kids, don't forget your billycars!!

**Parents- don't forget to send in your  
Earn & Learn stickers!!**