



COPMANHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's report

Welcome back to Term 3. The first half of the school year has flown by and it doesn't look as though the second half is going to be any slower!

Athletics representatives

The Clarence District athletics carnival is being held at Junction Hill next **Friday, August 2nd** for all events except for the discus and 1500m events. These will be run next **Tuesday, July 30th** at Junction Hill. All competitors will have received notes regarding these days last term.

STEMshare workshops

On Monday our staff and teachers from other Clarence small schools received training around robotics kits that are available for loan through the NSW Department of Education's STEMshare program. Last term we had one of these kits in our school and it was lots of fun. Our trainer, Kath, came back on Tuesday to run all classes through sessions using different robotics programs and from the comments I heard on the day this was a real success. I was really impressed with some of the problem solving skills of our older students and the way in which they persevered with a problem, trying different solutions until a desired outcome was achieved. Kath is running similar days in our other small schools during this term and it looks as though she will be back at our school next term to run the kids through some programs we didn't get a chance to fully explore including 3D printing and virtual reality. As the STEMshare program is fully funded through the department, this didn't cost us anything!

Brisbane excursion

Students from years 5 and 6 will join students from Nymboida, Tucabia and Baryulgil on our excursion to Brisbane in 4 weeks time. This time will be upon us very quickly so it is important to finalise payment before we depart. Final permission and medical notes are going home today to be returned by the end of next week. Along with these notes is a handy 'packing list' to help those who want to start packing their bags early.

Small Schools Big Impact concert

Our combined bi-annual Small Schools Big Impact concert is on again this term and, as in previous years, Mrs Andrews is getting a dance crew together to perform. Children have signed up and auditions will be held to determine the final team who will perform at the Saraton Theatre on Wednesday night the 28th August. More details will come home shortly for those students interested.

YPEP Child Protection program

This term our students will be receiving Child Protection education through the YWCA Protective Education Program (Y-PEP). Y-PEP is a child protection education program for children and young people in Government, Catholic and Independent schools across NSW. Funded by NSW Government, supported by the Department of Education and, offered free to schools, Y-PEP aims to strengthen the existing PDHPE child protection education content delivered by teachers, with a specific focus on Power in Relationships, Recognising Abuse and Protective Strategies. Initial and follow up lessons will be delivered by your child's teacher, with a child protection educator delivering lessons on the 29th-30th August at school.

**Cheers,
Andrew**

SCHOOL NEWS

CANTEEN – TERM 3

July 29 Rachael Moss & Tanya Amiet

Aug 5 Kate Knight & Emma Farmer

Aug 12 Jessica Fahey & Lucy Ellem

If you are available to work in the canteen this term, can you please contact Rhonda

COMING EVENTS – TERM 3

July 30 Discus and 1500m events

Aug 2 Clarence District Athletics Carnival

Aug 20-23 5/6 Brisbane Excursion

Aug 28 Sml Schools Big Impact Concert

Sept 19 School Photos

Our Athletic Champions

Michał, Olivia, Łaczy, Lukę, Georgia, Stan, Emily & Eric



The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box

The average school child will eat more than 2,500 lunches during their 13 years at school.



Cancer Council's website healthylunchbox.com.au is a one-stop-shop for everything families need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.

Parents will find information on the five food groups, what constitutes a healthy lunch box, sandwich alternatives, sandwich filling ideas, snack ideas, swaps for unhealthy snack foods, recipes and tips. The website features an [interactive healthy lunch box builder](http://healthylunchbox.com.au) where parents can get their kids involved in planning the lunch box and choosing foods they will eat and enjoy.

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