



COPMANHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter,

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Principal's report

Small Schools Cross Country

Yesterday 30 runners competed in the Clarence Small Schools cross country races at Coutts Crossing. The weather was kind to us and Coutts Crossing school staff had designed a fun and challenging track. We now have 20 runners progressing to the Clarence District cross country races which are being held at Junction Hill early next term. Plenty of time over the next two weeks for some practice runs!

Old School Day tomorrow!

Tomorrow is the last day of term and this is traditionally what we call 'Old School Day'. We don't want to sit inside watching movies all day on the last day of school so we have a day of old school fun. Building cubby houses, riding bikes and skateboards, cooking marshmallows over a fire, cracking whips and getting grubby. Children are to wear mufti clothes that can get dirty and remember to BRING YOUR LUNCH AND RECESS. Bikes, scooters, rip sticks, skateboards can be brought along but anyone riding must wear a helmet. Please ensure your child wears covered shoes tomorrow. If your child is in Crocs or thongs they may not be able to participate in all activities.

Excursion costs

Our school, like all schools, organises additional activities and opportunities for our students that sometimes come with an additional cost. School staff spend their time organising these activities, including applying for funding grants to make them cheaper. We were successful in gaining another Sporting Schools grant to enable us to take the whole school surfing twice this year. This grant has completely covered the cost of the surf instructors saving our parents \$2750. The cost of the buses to go surfing last week was \$2100 and parents were asked to pay \$30 for this. The shortfall of \$300 was covered by the school. Since the inception of the Sporting Schools grants program we have managed to secure around \$50 000 in funding to provide our students with coach delivered sporting programs. Most of these occur at school but occasionally we need to travel and parents need to pay for transport if they want their children to participate. Our P&C often subsidises buses, as does our school, but neither group has an endless supply of funds to make everything 'free'. Choosing to live out of town will incur greater transport costs if we want our kids to have these opportunities. Myself and my staff spend a considerable amount of our time organising funding and logistics for excursions and sometimes days away from our own families so that our kids have such great opportunities. If paying for your child to attend such excursions, subsidised as they are, is going to be too much, contact the school so we can be of assistance. We are under the impression parents want these opportunities for their children. If there are enough families who don't want us to organise such activities, please come along to tomorrow's P&C to discuss. It would certainly make my job easier if I didn't have to organise all the 'extras'. It is also worth noting that our school does not charge 'school fees' or 'voluntary contributions' like many others do.

Cheers,
Andrew

SCHOOL NEWS

CANTEEN: TERM 2

5th May – Vashti

12th May – Nicole & Jennah

19th May – Narelle & Tegan

26th May – Julie & Laurelee

2nd June - Jess

COMING EVENTS – TERM 1

Friday 11th April – Old School Day, P&C AGM, Easter egg hunt and last day of term 1.

ANZAC services 25th April.

Dawn : 5:00am march – 5:15 service.

Morning: 10:30am march – 10:45am service.

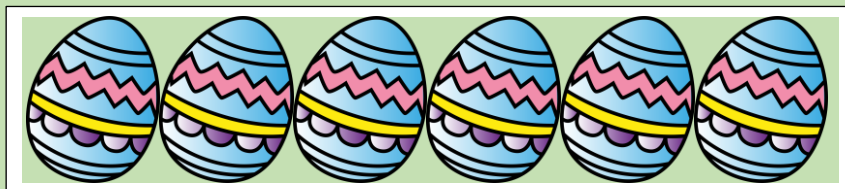
Students please attend the morning service in school uniform.

P&C Easter Raffle winners! – Congratulations to the following winners in our raffle:

1st – Amber Woods

2nd – Peter Collie

3rd – Bianca Carnaby



A big thank you to everyone who supported our raffle by buying or selling tickets. This raffle has raised \$830 for our school P&C to spend directly on our kids.



Thank you to our wonderful P&C who have provided all of the Easter eggs for our Easter egg hunt at school tomorrow!