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2018 TERRIGAL PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 1

MONTH /Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MARCH 7	12 Syd Nth Cricket trials - Girls	13 Syd Nth tennis trials – B&G	14 League Trials W/Wallahah CC B&G Soccer Gala Day	15 Selective High School test for 2019	16
MARCH 8	19 P&C AGM 7pm Girls Cricket Game Bus Safety Talks	20 Syd Nth AFL trials Bus Safety Talks	21 Harmony Day Syd Nth Soccer trials - boys	22 Syd Nth Cricket trials - Boys	23 5 Lands Photography workshop
MARCH 9	26 Bus Safety Talks	27 Syd Nth Hockey trials B&G New building info booth 8.30am Scripture Easter Service Bus Safety Talks	28 CC Rugby 7's Classic Shield RL Easter Raffle Draw	29 Easter Hat Parade Syd Nth Swimming	30 GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 10	2 EASTER MONDAY	3 CC Rugby 7's	4 Zone Netball trials Syd Nth R.League trials 11's 7 opens	5 Canteen – Special Lunch	6 TPS Cross Country Carnival
APRIL 11	9 Rugby trials Combined zones	10 AFL Paul Kelly Cup Gala Day	11 NSW Swimming Championships S3 Cyber BULLYING Workshop	12 NSW Swimming Championships	13 Last Day of Term ANZAC Service
Term 2 APRIL/MAY 1	29 School Development Day	1 Student return for Term 2	2	3 Syd Nth Soccer Trials Girls	4 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
MAY 2	7 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion	8 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion ICAS Digital Tech test	9 Yr 6 Canberra Excursion	10	11 Mother's Day Stall
MAY 3	14 P&C Meeting 7pm	15 ICAS Spelling Test	16 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5	17 NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5	18
MAY 4	21 Syd Nth Rugby Trials	22 Syd Nth Netball Trials NSW PSSA AFL	23 NSW PSSA AFL	24 NSW PSSA AFL	25 Yrs 5/6 Netball Gala Day Zone X Country

WHAT'S ON WEEK 7 OF TERM 1

Monday 12 th March	Tuesday 13 th	Wednesday 14 th	Thursday 15 th	Friday 16 th
Syd Nth Girls cricket trials	Syd Nth Tennis Trials B&G	League trials with Wallarah	Selective HS test for 2019	

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Bunnings BBQ – Thank You

I hope you had a chance to get out to Bunnings West Gosford on Sunday to grab a great sausage sandwich from our P & C.

It was great to see many of our regular volunteers and even greater to see so many new parents jumping in to help out.

Thank you to Bunnings West Gosford for providing the opportunity to hold the BBQ.

Thank you to Trisha Payne for organising the BBQ on behalf of the P & C. Thank you to all of the helpers on the day and those that loaned a trailer, esky or other equipment.

Congratulations Virginia Hunt

One of our amazing P & C volunteers Virginia Hunt was selected as the Central Coast P & C Volunteer of the Year nominee. This was a great honour to be selected from all of the volunteers across the Central Coast.

Last Friday Virginia attended the state volunteer awards and whilst Virginia didn't win the state award we are very proud of her and her contributions to make our school a great school.

Zone Swimming

Congratulations to our swimmers who represented us at the Tuggerah Lakes Zone swimming carnival on Tuesday. We sent a team of 40 swimmers. Thanks to Mrs Haines, Mr Krisher and Ms Neale for their work with the team.

This Friday ribbons from our swimming carnival will be presented at assembly.

Communicating with Families

Our official communication channel is via school diaries. Some teachers choose to supplement this method with other means such as Class Dojo. This is an option for staff but is not compulsory. Some of our families don't have access to technology and hence we use the diaries as our official communication channel to ensure equity.

Waste-Free Wednesday



Every Wednesday we are encouraging students to bring less packaging and other items that end up as waste in the rubbish bin.

After last week's Clean up Australia Day it was obvious that we are still generating a lot of rubbish.

We have compost bins around the school, so students can place their banana skin or apple core in for composting.

Try using containers (with names on the container and lid) that can be re-used rather than wrapping in cling wrap.

Selective High School Test

Students in Year 6 who previously applied for the Selective High School Test will sit that test next Thursday 15th March starting at 9.00am.

Families involved should have received information about the tests. If not please contact Mr Lowe.

Chess Club

In my list of extra-curricula activities last week I missed Chess Club. Chess club teaches students to play chess and provides opportunities for students to play against other students. Mrs Nugent runs the chess club.

Triple Zero Kids Challenge App

The Australian Government supports a smartphone app and website called Triple Zero Kids Challenge. A number of people have mentioned that they find the app useful in teaching children what to do in an emergency. I thought parents might be interested in downloading the app from their favourite app store or visiting the website from the link below:

<http://kids.triplezero.gov.au/>

Success in and out of School



We enjoy celebrating success at school and also recognising success outside school.

Congratulations to Mrs Woodward on her son Brad being selected in the Australian swim squad for the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast next month. We wish him well and now have a renewed interest in the games.

Congratulations to our many Nippers on their performances at last weekend's State Nipper Carnival.

Congratulations to the many students on having success in cricket and oztag grand finals.

Congratulations to Jesse Mantell who travelled to the UK at the end of last year to trail in the football academies. By all reports Jesse did a great job and impressed those running the trial

Michael Burgess
Principal

K-2 Choir



K-2 choir begins Thursday 15th March. Choir takes place in KW at 8.30am.

Thank you

Helen MacDonald
Karen Woodward

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) **2018**

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2018 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 15-17 May 2018.

TUESDAY 15 MAY	WEDNESDAY 16 MAY	THURSDAY 17 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	Reading test	Numeracy test
Writing test		

In the numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be one numeracy test with two parts: Part A calculator is allowed and Part B where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 18 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, **or**
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

MERIT AWARDS



Stage 3

6B Aden
Lily
6H Jake
Grace
6K Angus
Makayla
6L Ava
Charlie
5C James
Ashlyn
5D Jayda
Julia
5S Island
Kannon
5T Summer
Maxwell
4-6K Lara

Stage 2

4C Tilly
Jimmy
4E Cooper
Shia
4L Charlie
Max
4M Nia
Will
3/4DL Tamatoa
Maggie
3N Talia
Lachie
3S Kobe
Jade
3W Joel
Kudha
1-3H Matthew

Stage 1

2D Max
Leon
2GR Sean
Isla
2H Dexter
Aro
2SM Phoenix
Maddie

1A James
Elizabeth
1B Heidi
Jasper
1C Matilda
Xavier
1M Arabella
Mitchell
1W Cooper
Mia
K-1M Corey

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



The Principal's Award is presented to a student who has helped to make our school a happy and safe place to learn.

Well Done Lucy – 4M!

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK



Jade is a caring, considerate member of the school community. She consistently follows school rules and willingly supports students and staff with a smile and positive attitude.

Congratulations Jade – 6L!

P&C Hotcross Bun Drive and Canteen Meal Deal

Please do not use the school's online payment system for the hotcross bun drive and the canteen meal deal.

Any money received through the school's online payment system will be refunded straight back. You will receive an email confirming this. ***Payment can be made through Flexischools or in cash.***

The P&C has a different bank account to the school. Thank you for understanding.

Money Due

Support Unit

- Book Pack - \$15
- RDA Term 2 - \$ 84

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

- Book Pack - \$ 45

Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)

- Book Pack - \$ 45



Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)

- SAKG - \$ 20 *(for the whole year)*
Your are more than welcome to pay \$5 per term
- Book Pack - \$ 45

Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)

- Book Pack - \$ 45
- Yr 6 Jumper - \$ 42
- Canberra - \$ 340 - ***Full Payment due by Monday, 9th April 2018***

Ulrike Myers

School Admin Manager



Canteen Roster

Term 1	Week 7
Mon 12	Sophie
Tues 13	Louise
Wed 14	Mel P, Rebecca C
Thurs 15	Jenni
Fri 16	Naomi, Narelle, Tina
	Week 8
Mon 19	Raelene
Tues 20	Kristie
Wed 21	Jo W, Nic – Harmony Day!!
Thurs 22	Rebecca W, Pavarne
Fri 23	Lynley, Wendy
	Week 9
Mon 26	Kristy R
Tues 27	Kerrie
Wed 28	Chun, <i>Helper needed</i>
Thurs 29	Erin
Fri 30	Closed – Good Friday

Did you know...?

The Hunger Haven (your TPS canteen) runs a summer and a winter menu!

We are currently operating on the Summer Menu, and will be for the remainder of Term 1.

Our Winter Menu will be advertised soon, and will come into effect from Term 2 & carry through Term 3.

Although we're loving the cooler options on the Summer Menu right now, we're looking forward to offering some cosier, warming options again soon.

We have some favourites coming back (think pastas and nachos), and a few new things to try out.

Bring on Winter!!

Harmony Day – Wednesday 21 March

We had such a fantastic response to our lunch specials last year, that we will be doing this again to help celebrate Harmony Day on Wednesday 21st March.

The usual 'Daily Specials' on that day will be unavailable, however the rest of our normal menu can be ordered, as well as our Harmony Day specials.

We will be serving Beef Burritos for \$4.50 or Butter Chicken for \$5.00. The flier with more information on these is attached to this newsletter.

Please note – we will have limited serves of these specials available. Once we reach our limit, our normal menu items will be offered instead.

You can now order on Flexischools (under 'Daily Specials' for 21/3/18 only) or over the counter until sold out. Please order soon to avoid disappointment!

Meal Deal Day

Our Meal Deal options for **Thursday 5th April** (week 10) are now available to be ordered online on Flexischools. Apologies for any confusion caused by the delay in getting this onto Flexischools – it always takes around a week for this to be completed.

Our Easter themed Meal Deal can be ordered over the counter with the form that came home to every student at the end of last week, or online via Flexischools. Please do not use the school's parent payment portal – any orders received by the school will be reimbursed directly.

Please note – we do not run our normal menu on this day, it will be Meal Deal orders only available, which must be pre-ordered by Tuesday 27th March. If you choose not to order from the lunch specials on this day, please pack your child's lunch for this day. Recess specials will also be available for everyone to purchase on the day.

Volunteers needed

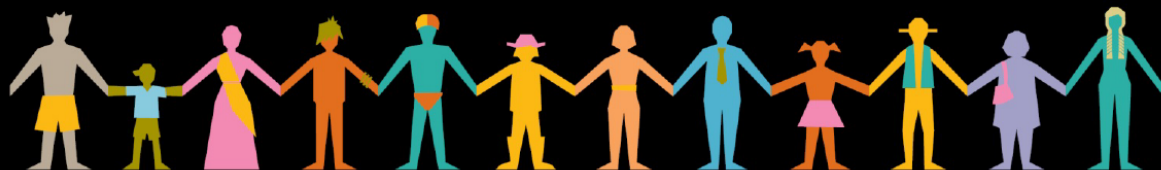
We still have a few days each month that we need some extra help from volunteers. If you're available, please let me know!

You can contact me in the canteen, from 8am-2pm, or on my mobile **0414 855 629**. Thanks, Lyn



Australian Government

HARMONY DAY



Canteen Specials

Wednesday 21 March

Beef Burrito

\$4.50

Burrito with Mexican spiced beef mince, red kidney beans,
lettuce, tomato, cheese and salsa

Butter Chicken

\$5.00

Mildly spiced Butter Chicken style curry with chicken & potato, served with rice

Wednesday 'Daily Specials' will not be available, however the rest of our normal menu can still be ordered on this day.

Limited serves will be available, so please order soon.

When we have reached our limit of serves, normal menu items will be offered.

**** Flexischools (under 'Daily Specials' for 21/3) and over counter orders available now ****



EVERYONE BELONGS
www.harmony.gov.au





Bunnings BBQ RAFFLE

Congratulations

1st PRIZE WINNER
Flynn from Bunnings
Surfboard
(Ocean Blue longboards)



2nd PRIZE WINNER
Jeannette Buys
Wetsuit (Adult)
(Slimes – Erina)



3rd PRIZE WINNER
Gustav
\$100 Voucher
(Casey's Toyworld)



CASEY'S EST. 1974 **TOYS**

BUNNINGS BBQ- West Gosford Saturday 3rd March

What a team effort!! We raised over \$2000.....

It was so great to have so many wonderful smiling, happy and hardworking helpers from 7am. The day was a great success and a massive THANKS to everyone who set up, served and cooked. It was great to see some new faces and of course our regulars who are always so reliable and contribute in numerous ways at the school. As the customers rolled in all day, the BBQ and sausages did not stop. It was a scorching day and we really appreciate the many dad's & Mr Burgess who slaved over a very hot BBQ over the duration of the day.

Thanks to our suppliers (Sutcliffe Meats & Coles Erina) who continue to support us with great products, service and excellent prices.

These events are always a team effort and we would like to make a special mention to

- Lynley Blow & Masterfoods.
- Sacha Royce for the use of their trailer.
- Tonia Barclay for sourcing all of our wonderful donations for the raffle.



SUNSCREEN

The P&C is here to represent the parent community and we value everyone's ideas and contributions. We recently received a request from a parent to consider buying sunscreen for every class. It was discussed at our last meeting and unanimously approved.

The P&C has now purchased and distributed sunscreen to each classroom the canteen and sports shed. Children will be encouraged to apply sunscreen before going outside for lunch and sports/class activities.

Do you have an idea to improve our school? Come along to the next mtg it's that easy.



HOT CROSS BUN FUNDRAISER

MMMMM do you love the smell of fresh Hot Cross Buns??

Get your orders in NOW, forms are available at the school office or log on to Flexi-schools.

6pk for \$7 (\$2 from each pack sold will be donated back to TPS)

Flavours available

- **Traditional**
- **Fruitless**
- **Apple & Cinnamon**
- **Choc Chip**

Make sure you get your order in on time as unfortunately we cannot accept late orders.

Orders close Friday 16th March

**Delivery to classes
Thursday 22nd March or**

**Pick up from school hall
Friday 23rd March (8:30am -9:30am)**

P&C AGM & Meeting

Monday 19th March 2018, 7pm – 9pm in the staff room.

All Welcome.

There are several different ways parents can assist and contribute directly to the P&C.

1. Attend P&C meetings as a non-financial member (no voting rights).
 2. Become a financial member (\$1 annually) and make your vote count.
- P&C meetings are held every 3rd and 8th Monday during school term.
3. Attend and nominate for a position on the committee. (President, Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer)
 4. Volunteer at one of our many events, canteen, uniform shop or take on a project. For further information or questions please contact the P&C Secretary on trisha.payne@me.com

AGM

The Following positions will be declared vacant at the AGM

- President
- 2x Vice Presidents
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Uniform shop
- Canteen
- Events committee
- Regional P&C

P&C positions

Role of the President

The President is elected at the P&C Association's Annual General Meeting. Duties The President is responsible for:

- The successful functioning of the P&C Association meetings
 - The attainment of the P&C Association's objectives
 - Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
 - Fostering fair participation of all members and ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
 - Supporting volunteers
 - Consistent adherence to the constitution
 - Acting as the P&C Association's spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed •
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being signatory on the Association's bank accounts
 - Chairing meetings, in the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents will chair the meeting or the meeting can elect a chairperson from the members present for that meeting

Role Of The Treasurer

Whilst all P&C members must be mindful of complying with financial accountability requirements, this is the Treasurer's primary responsibility. The Treasurer receives and deposits monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts. The Treasurer also ensures that all funds held and handled by P&C are properly and openly accounted for as the Treasurer is responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C Association. This includes all P&C Association committees.

This does not mean that the Treasurer must undertake the actual bookkeeping themselves but they must ensure that the various sub-committee financial records have been kept to the Treasurer's satisfaction. The Treasurer is a signatory on the P&C accounts and should not

delegate this responsibility. The Treasurer should encourage members to understand the state of the P&C Association finances. The Treasurer must ensure a case book or books are kept, recording all financial transactions of the P&C Association.

Role Of The Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for carrying out the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings as resolved. The Secretary prepares, in consultation with the President, all meeting agendas. The Secretary is required to attend P&C Association meetings and take notes of the discussions in order to produce a set of Minutes for subsequent distribution to members and for receipt, possible amendment and adoption at the following meeting. (In the absence of the Secretary the meeting should elect a person to take the Minutes, this person should be identified in the Minutes.)

Further, the position includes receiving and tabling all correspondence as well as writing and dispatching outgoing correspondence as resolved/appropriate. The Secretary also issues notice of all meetings and maintains official records of the P&C Association such as the constitution, by-laws, rules of subcommittees, Incorporation Certificate, ABN details, list of financial (voting) members, Minutes, Attendance book.

For more information on P&C committee and positions please visit www.pandc.org.au

The school office also has a folder providing membership and detailed information regarding TPS P&C.

CANTEEN

Helpers needed
Mon-Fri (8:30am -12:30)

All canteen orders can be made via
www.flexischools.com.au

Facebook page
TPS~~Canteen ~~

Contact: Lyn Loveland
Lyn_loveland@icloud.com



IGA Ritchies – Stores (Erina Heights & Erina) Sign up for a Community Benefit Card- – Nominate Terrigal Primary your school and we will receive 0.5% of your purchases in a donation to the P&C.

UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY (During school terms)
8:30am – 9:15am

Remember all uniform options are available on Flexi schools. Order and pay online we will deliver to your child's classroom.
www.flexischools.com.au

2nd hand uniforms available from facebook page
[tps-pre-loved uniforms \(for sale or free\)](#)

Contact: Nicole Hilder
Nicole.McDonald@lendlease.com

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NAPLAN on paper – information for parents and carers

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

2018

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN tests also provide schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What will be tested?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

To give you an idea of what the tests look like, see example questions at nap.edu.au/naplanexample

How can I help my child prepare for NAPLAN?

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend the use of services by coaching providers or excessive preparation. NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress.

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN tests.

Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

Your child will sit the NAPLAN paper tests in 2018.

However, children in some other schools across Australia may sit the NAPLAN online tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online over the next two to three years. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are presented with questions that test the same range of difficulty, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats will be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale.

To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au/online-assessment

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ASSESSMENT AND
REPORTING AUTHORITY

What if my child is absent from school on test days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 18 May 2018.

NAPLAN 2018 tests timetable

	Tuesday 15 May	Wednesday 16 May	Thursday 17 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy 60 minutes

How is my child's performance measured?

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your school.

How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at myschool.edu.au

Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at nap.edu.au/TAA
- visit nap.edu.au

For information about how personal information for NAPLAN will be handled by ACARA, please visit nap.edu.au/naplanprivacy



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Does your child catch a school bus? Help them keep it!

As the bus operator that providing your child's school bus services, we're asking for your help getting your child to use their Opal card on every bus trip.

Since the introduction of the School Opal card in 2016, school bus patronage data has significantly dropped. This is not reflected in the number of students actually travelling on our buses for various reasons a large number of students are consistently not using their Opal cards as they should be.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used by transport planners and service schedulers to design the bus network that best serves the community utilising the resources available.

If students don't tap on and off then school bus services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

Please help us reinforce the message that tapping on and off every bus journey with an Opal card is essential to travel on the bus. This will ensure school services continue to be planned for the students that use it, providing the journey to school your children depend on.

To help us achieve this, please talk with your child:

- Ask them if they tap on and off the bus with their Opal card.
- If they do, congratulate them for doing the right thing and talk about why it's important.
- If they sometimes don't or never do, ask them why.
 - Are they confused about why they have to? Talk about why it's important, and that every tap tells the bus planners that the bus is needed.
 - Do they forget? Help them find a way to remember, such as getting into the habit of getting their Opal card out as soon as they arrive at the bus stop or bus line.
 - Is their Opal card at the bottom of their bag? Help find a handier place to keep it.
 - Are they influenced by friends or peers that don't tap? Talk about how they like to travel on the bus with their friends and how tapping is what keeps the service running.
 - Have they lost their Opal card? To order a new Opal card visit www.opal.com.au.

If there's another reason that you'd like to discuss with Busways, please contact us at info@busways.com.au or call our customer service team on **9497 1878** to talk to us. We are happy to listen and do what we can to help your child feel comfortable using their Opal card.

Thank you for helping us to best serve your school community.

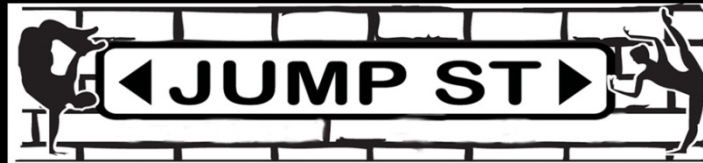
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Copacabana Public School Fete



Copacabana Public School are holding their Fete on **Saturday March 24th from 11am to 2pm** on the school grounds. We have a huge target this year to upgrade maths resources, along with more coding and robotics equipment and an increase to the reading and music resources. It will be a great family day out with yummy food, face painting, lob-a-choc, circus performers, carnival rides (including a giant slide and a bungee run), pony rides, tombola, raffles and delicious homemade cakes.

Treat the kids to an ultimate rides wristband for all-day fun on the giant slide, inflatable crash course, jumping castle, bungee run and tea cup ride. We also have a great line-up of live entertainment, including performances by local



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EASTER MEAL DEAL



We will be celebrating Easter with our Easter Meal Deal on **Thursday 5th April!!**

Choose your favourite meal from the options below and either **order on Flexischools**, or complete your details below and **return to the canteen by Tuesday 27th March**. We will need to finalise our ordering details by this date, so please make sure you've ordered in time to avoid disappointment!

**** No other orders will be available on this day – so please pack your child lunch for this day if you choose not to order one of these specials. ****

Cheep Cheep Chicken Noodle Cup	An Easter Egg-ie Sub	Hopping Hot Dog	Hopping Hot Dog – GLUTEN FREE version	Cracking chicken pie	Peckish Veggie Pie
 Chicken noodle cup Plus <input type="radio"/> Water or <input type="radio"/> Glee Fizzy Fruit drink Plus <input type="radio"/> Billabong or <input type="radio"/> Icy Pole \$6.50	 Delicious egg, mayo & lettuce fresh on a sub roll Plus <input type="radio"/> Water or <input type="radio"/> Glee Fizzy Fruit drink Plus <input type="radio"/> Billabong or <input type="radio"/> Icy Pole \$6.00	 Hot Dog <input type="radio"/> Add sauce Plus <input type="radio"/> Water or <input type="radio"/> Glee Fizzy Fruit drink Plus <input type="radio"/> Billabong or <input type="radio"/> Icy Pole \$7.00	 Gluten Free Hot Dog <input type="radio"/> Add sauce Plus <input type="radio"/> Water or <input type="radio"/> Glee Fizzy Fruit drink Plus <input type="radio"/> Billabong or <input type="radio"/> Icy Pole \$8.50	 Chicken & corn pie fresh from Killarney Vale Bakery <input type="radio"/> Add sauce Plus <input type="radio"/> Water or <input type="radio"/> Glee Fizzy Fruit drink Plus <input type="radio"/> Billabong or <input type="radio"/> Icy Pole \$8.00	 Delicious veggie pie fresh from Killarney Vale Bakery <input type="radio"/> Add sauce Plus <input type="radio"/> Water or <input type="radio"/> Glee Fizzy Fruit drink Plus <input type="radio"/> Billabong or <input type="radio"/> Icy Pole \$8.00
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**** If pre-ordering over the counter, please ensure you mark preferences for the options listed (eg. 'Add sauce', 'Water or Glee') ****