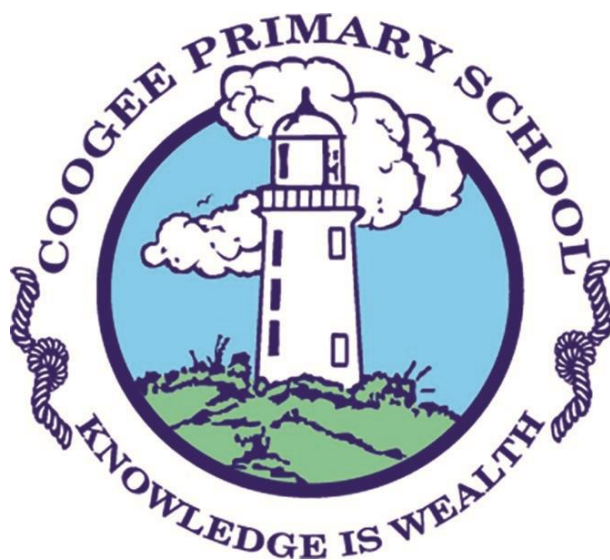




Coogee Primary School Newsletter Issue 7 2026



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Upcoming Events



- Assembly Room 8 Thursday 13 August
- Interschool Cross Country Friday 14 August
- Science Week 17 - 21 August
- Book Week Dress Up & Parade Thursday 20 August
- **School Development Day Friday 21 August**
- P&C Meeting Tuesday 25 August 7pm
- Assembly Room 16 Thursday 27 August
- Open Night 4 to 5pm Wednesday 9 September
- Assembly Room 14 Thursday 10 September
- 800m Race Yrs 3 to 6 Monday 14 September
- Triple Jump and Throws Yrs 3 to 6 & Long Jump and 400m Race Tuesday 15 September
- 200m Race Thursday 17 September

- Sports Carnival Friday 18 September
- Massed Choir Festival Rehearsal Wednesday 23 September
- Massed Choir Festival Thursday 24 September
- Assembly PP1, PP2 & PP3 Thursday 24 September
- **Last Day Term 3 2026 Friday 25 September**
- **School Development Day Monday 12 October**
- **Students Return Tuesday 13 October**

From the Principal



A message from the Principal

Thank you to Room 15 for our last assembly of Term 2. We were taken on an informative journey through time to discover how different types of government have functioned throughout history, all the way back to Ancient Greece. It was a wonderful reminder of how

lucky we are to be a part of a democratic and accepting country, Australia. Well done to all the students for their hard work putting together such an entertaining and well-run assembly.

Thank you to Room 17 for leading the first assembly of the term. The students skilfully highlighted the power of positively demonstrating our values by showing what happens when an individual and or team doesn't act with kindness, respect, courage, honesty, responsibility or excellence. An interesting take on encouraging and reinforcing positive behaviour expectations.

Open Night (afternoon)

*You are cordially invited into your child's class for our **2026 Open Night (afternoon)**. The details of this opportunity are:*

- **Date:** Wednesday 9 September 2026
- **Time:** 4.00pm - 5.00pm
- **Purpose:** *Provide an opportunity for students to engage their parents/carers in a walkthrough of what they have been doing/learning in class. I accept for families of more than 2 children the hour allocated will create a challenge to get around. That said it is envisaged your child(ren) will be able to give you a very clear and concise window into their learning journey in a relatively short time. I thank the staff in advance for supporting their students to map out an informative and engaging snapshot of life in class. Please note this is not the time or place for parent/teacher in-depth chats about student achievement or progress. Parents/carers wanting to have a chat about these matters, or to do a deeper dive into curriculum matters are encouraged to contact their child's teacher to organise a mutually agreeable meeting time.*

Bullying No Way

I have had a chat with some students in recent weeks around behaviours that are falling into the bullying space. In one case I have had to speak about bystander behaviour and then in turn at the assembly about respecting a person's request to STOP. I believe this example is a great segway into this year's Bullying No Way theme.

[Bullying No Way Week](#) is 17 – 21 August 2026. This year's theme is **Small Acts Big Impact**.

Small Acts Big Impact

Bullying is everyone's responsibility, and small acts can make a real difference.

This year's theme reminds us that actions don't need to be big to change someone's world.

Small actions – like including someone, speaking up or showing kindness – can create meaningful change.

In our schools and communities, our goal is to build environments where everyone belongs, diversity is celebrated and bullying is never accepted.

During Bullying No Way Week, we encourage students, schools, families and communities to engage in small acts that can have a big impact against bullying.

Staff will be exploring the additional resources available to support their ongoing commitment to our students being Kind, Respectful, Honest, Responsible, Courageous and Excellent school and community members. Interested [Parents and carers](#) can also find some support material online.

I acknowledge that people may or may not have the same understanding of, or position on bullying. I accept that this may, at times become a contentious issue between home and school. Navigating this will have its challenges but we will do our best to work matters through.

During the course of the term, I will provide information on the Anti-bullying Guidelines we have in place as part of our Positive Behaviour Support Guidelines. The first part of this work will include statements around what is bullying (including types of bullying).

What is bullying?

Bullying can happen anywhere, at school, at home and at work. It can happen to anyone. Bullying is never okay.

The first step to address bullying is to understand exactly what bullying is. A formal definition of bullying for Australian schools has been developed by the safe and supportive school communities working group. This national group includes all state, territory and federal education departments, as well as national catholic and independent schooling representatives.

Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening. Bullying can happen in person or online, via various digital platforms and devices and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying behaviour is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time (for example, through sharing of digital records). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have immediate, medium and long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

Types of bullying

There are 3 types of bullying behaviour, but they alone don't define bullying:

- *Verbal bullying which includes name calling or insulting someone about their physical characteristics such as weight or height, or other attributes including race, sexuality, culture, or religion.*
- *Physical bullying which includes hitting or otherwise hurting someone, shoving or intimidating another person, or damaging or stealing their belongings.*
- *Social bullying which includes consistently excluding another person or sharing information, images or other digital content that will have a harmful effect on the other person. If any of these behaviours occur only once or are part of a conflict between equals (no matter how inappropriate) they are not bullying. It is important to note that when a behaviour occurs online and is published, distributed or shared to a wider audience, that this may be considered bullying. Verbal, physical and social bullying can occur in person or online, directly or indirectly, overtly or covertly.*

SunSmart practices

We have a number of measures in place to support a SunSmart environment. These include:

- *The expectation that students wear broad-brimmed hats when outdoors.*
- *School and faction shirts with collars that provide additional protection from the sun.*
- *Permanent, purpose-built shade structures throughout the school, with plans being explored for an additional shade structure over the junior school play area.*
- *Sunscreen supplied by our P&C for classrooms and general school use, as well as sunscreen provided for excursions and sporting events.*
- *The use of our covered assembly area and other shaded spaces for eating, meeting and play activities.*
- *Regular reminders to students and staff about SunSmart practices at carnivals, sports days and other outdoor events, including the importance of reapplying sunscreen during extended periods outdoors.*
- *Use of temporary shade structures at carnivals and other such events.*
- *Severe weather policy which in the warmer months requires us to make other adjustments to the day for staff and students - these include restricting access to certain play areas, possibly remaining inside classes, extra hydration breaks, PE in a classroom and or the UCA, etc. Two other points:*
- *Just a reminder hats are required all year round. Please remind your child to have their hat with them at school. Students not wearing hats will be asked to 'play' under the shade of a school building (this does not include the shade structures on the far side of the school oval). So, the rule is really 'no hat, play in the shade.'*

- *We will look at some non-intrusive ways to further promote the 'supply, not apply' sunscreen approach at the school. More information to come in this space.*

Staff Carpark Upgrade update

I have had the prestart meeting and can inform you that work will be starting this term. The project will take some time and will cause short term pain for long term gain. Once I receive the minutes of the meeting with the agreed action(s) I be in a better place to provide staff and the community with more specific detail.

Term 3 School Development Day (Friday 21 August 2026)

Students and staff both start on Monday 20 July 2026. Our school development day (SDD) for Term 3 is on Friday 21 August 2026 (Friday of week 5).

regards

Paul

Paul Burke

Principal

7 August 2026

WA Student Assistance Payment

Please find the attached flyer which explains the WA Student Assistance Payment.

You can locate your child's unique WA Student Number (WASN) on previous school reports via Connect. It is also included on previous NAPLAN results.

More details are available at: [WA Student Assistance Payment](#).



Department of
Education

The WA Student Assistance Payment

Money to get things
for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten
and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary
school student

If you're a parent or carer of school-aged kids, you can claim the third round of the WA Student Assistance Payment.

This is money to help you get things for your kids.

This can include:

- new school shoes
- backpacks
- sports gear
- uniforms
- food

All WA school kids from Kindergarten to Year 12 can get it if they are enrolled at school.

You will need your kid's 8-digit WA Student Number to claim. Go to your kid's school if you need help to find the number.

Claim now

You can claim through the ServiceWA app, online at www.education.wa.edu.au/wasap or by sending in a claim form.

Claims close

Friday 25 September 2026

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Claim on the
ServiceWA app



Sports News



Champions Cup Soccer

Well done to everyone for trying out and giving it their best to be selected for the Champions Cup 2026. Unfortunately, we can't take every student with us to these tournaments. 35 students will participate in this soccer tournament, and it will be held Friday 7 August at Hilton Reserve, Beaconsfield. The boys are certainly very enthusiastic, and they haven't missed a single training session yet. Fixtures have been sent out to parents, and we are hoping for lots of support for our 3 teams.

Interschool Cross Country

Coogee PS will participate in the CDSSA (Cockburn District School Sport Association) Interschool Cross Country. This running race will be held Friday 14 August at Manning Park, and it is for students in Years 3-6 who qualified through our Coogee PS Cross Country. Mr Jones has again kindly offered to do some extra training sessions with these students, and the turnout has been very impressive. 40 students on Monday morning at 7.45 when it's 6 degrees! Keep up the great work everyone. These students will have a training session on Monday morning (10 August) at Manning Park to further prepare them for the upcoming Cross Country. A big thank you to Mr Jones for giving up lots of his own time to prepare the students.

Champions Cup Netball

Our Netball team won their Winter Carnival A Division and will be playing in the Champions Cup Netball. This tournament will be held Wednesday 19 August at the Perth Netball Association (Jolimont). Mrs Speijers will be taking the girls and has already started the extra training sessions. A big thank you to Mrs Speijers for giving up her own time to prepare the students.

Bibra Lake Fun Run 2026

Notes have gone out through Compass to everyone in the school to inform them about the Bibra Lake Fun Run. It would be great if we can get a big team together to run (or walk or skip) this Fun Run. We have been doing this for the last 9 years and we encourage all families to register and join the fun.

Parents can always come and see me or email me.

Kind regards,

Kees Maatman

Physical Education Teacher

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Compass Attendance - Handy Hints



Compass Attendance – Handy Hints for Parents

Student Absences

If your child/ren will be away from school for the whole day, please ensure an attendance note is submitted through Compass to explain the absence.

Arriving Late to School

If your child/ren arrive at school after the start of the day, they must report to the front office to receive a welcome slip. This will ensure their attendance is correctly recorded on arrival. Please do not submit an attendance note in Compass for late arrivals, as the welcome slip issued through the office will update the attendance record correctly.

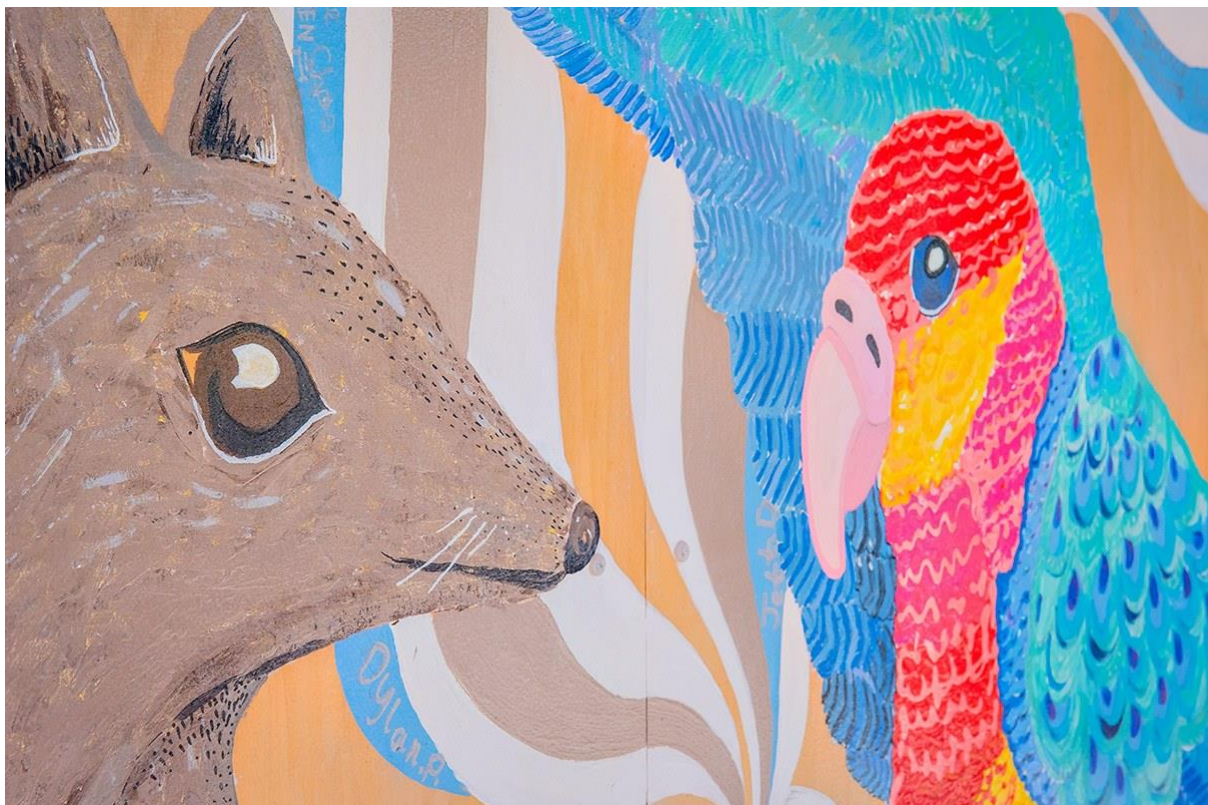


Helpful Reminder

Keeping Compass attendance information up to date helps the school maintain accurate records and ensures student safety and wellbeing.

Thank you for your support.

School Board



Coogee Primary School Board - 2026 Term 2 Meeting Report

The Coogee Primary School Board meets once per term. The Term 2 meeting was held on 30 June 2026. The following main topics were discussed:

- *Annual Report 2025*
- *Operational Planning 2026*
- *School Survey*
- *Business Plan (2026-2028)*
- *School Finances 2026*
- *Face-to-Face Reporting to Parents/Carers Meetings (Term 1 2027)*
- *Connect and Respect Expectations*

If you would like any further information about the Coogee Primary School Board, please contact:

CoogeePrimarySchoolBoard@gmail.com

Coogee Primary School Board - Parent Member Vacancy

A position is available as a Parent School Board Member. Board Members provide a level of oversight and good governance to the school. Board members attend a meeting once a term.

Please click the links below for more information and to express your interest in a Parent Member School Board vacancy.

- [Coogee Primary School Board - Roles and Responsibilities](#)
- [Expression of Interest](#)

P&C Updates



Welcome back

Welcome back to an exciting and busy term 3!!

We have lots happening...

Notice board

*Congratulations to Caleb in year 3 for winning the art competition for our new notice board!
Go and check it out to see his artwork and any updates from the P&C!!*

Upcoming Events

Disco

Not long now till our disco!!! Make sure you have your dancing shoes ready to go!

🕒 *It's Disco time* 🕒

Saturday 15th August

Kindy/PP: 2:30-3:30pm

<https://events.humanitix.com/cooqee-ps-disco-k-pp-session-wpl6y89a>

Years 1-3: 4:15-5:30pm

<https://events.humanitix.com/cooqee-ps-disco-y-1-2-3-session-rbnu3kt6>

Years 4-6: 6-7:30pm

<https://events.humanitix.com/cooqee-ps-disco-y-4-5-6-session-dnwhlwyr>

If you are able to volunteer on the night, please let us know! Email:

cooqeeprimarypandc@gmail.com



Book week

Need a costume for book week?? Come and check out our book week costume swap!!

Starting Wednesday 12th August



Quiz night

Early bird special!!!

🍷 Quiz Night Throwback Special – Help Us Beat Our Record! 🍷

Our Quiz Night is back on Saturday, 24 October and we're aiming to make this our biggest one yet! 🧠🏆

Last year we had 11 fantastic teams battle it out... but can we beat that this year? 🤔

To kick things off, we're bringing back 2020 table pricing for a limited time:

📅 First 5 teams to lock in their table

💰 Table of 8 for just \$200 (normally \$240 — save \$40!)

Get your smartest mates together, choose your team name and secure your bargain table while you can!

Expect a fun night of trivia, laughs, prizes and friendly competition — all while supporting a great cause. 🍷

🕒 Throwback offer closes 15 August or when the first 5 teams are booked — whichever comes first.

Can we beat 11 tables and reach 15 teams? 🚀

❤️ All funds raised go towards supporting our school and creating great opportunities for our students.

Sales open now!!

<https://events.humanitix.com/6th-annual-coogee-primary-p-and-c-quiz-night>

Exciting new future events

Father's Day Friday 4/9

Something new and different is coming!!! Watch this space...

Sports carnival Friday 18/9

We have you covered for your hair colour and zinc but there is something new and exciting coming.... You will have to wait, and see?!

Hope you are ready for a jam-packed term 3!

Your P&C

E: coogeeprimarypandc@gmail.com

W: <https://www.coogeeprimary.p.wa.edu.au/parent-information/pc/>

Community News



[VacSwim - Department of Education](#)

Enrolments for the October and summer school holiday VacSwim programs are now open.

Spots are limited and enrolments will close earlier at venues that are fully booked. Enrol now to secure your place!

October program enrolments close 19 August 2026. Summer program enrolments close 14 October.

VacSwim programs give children from 5 to 17 years of age across Western Australia the skills to stay safe and build their confidence in the water.

We offer a variety of programs for your child:

- that range from 5 to 10 days in length*
- in pool or calm water environments and at surf centres.*

We hold lessons in more than 175 locations at pools and beaches around the state.

With help from friendly and qualified swimming instructors, your child can progress through [stages 1 to 16](#), including achieving their Bronze Medallion.



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