



Carcoar Public School Newsletter

Out of the Past | Into the Future

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From the Principal

23 days left of our 2020 school year. We have lots of things happening from now until the end of the year. COVID-19 restrictions are easing and allowing us to return to a sense of normal within our school communities. As a result, we are busily preparing for our end of year presentation night, transition our pre-school students into school ready for 2021 and preparing our year 6 students for their new journey into high school. Along with that, we have loaded a bus full of very excited students to attend their first excursion for 2020 today; beating around the bush!



We are currently in the process of planning the coming year to ensure students remain at the centre of all our decisions. This includes our new school plan, financial management and human resources.

2021 will see lots of changes within our school as we engage to recruit a Classroom Teacher to join our school community. Schools are busy places and people often come and go. Ms Butler will be returning to her home in Mackay during the Christmas holidays, where she will return to her substantive position. We are sure she is looking forward to the warmer weather! Mr O'Leary has decided to broaden his horizons and approach different avenues within the school system and will not be returning in 2021. We wish them both all the best on their future endeavours.

Thank you to the families, who joined us for our Community Consultation meetings. All families and community members are welcome to attend these weekly meetings on Thursdays at 2:15pm at the Village Grocer. More information is found within the newsletter. We are looking forward to further engaging with you on our School Excellence in Action journey.

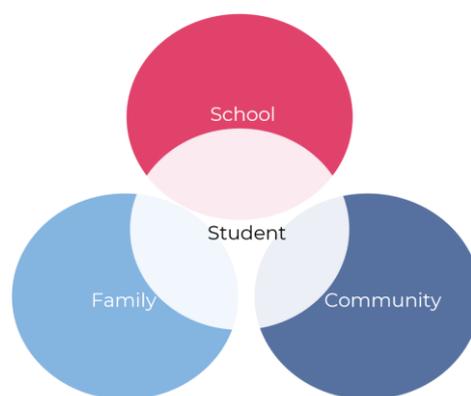
Community Consultation Meetings

Throughout the course of Term 3 we, as a school, completed a situation analysis on attendance, wellbeing, assessment data, school finances and human resources. From this we now wish to share our vision and direction for 2021 to 2024.

As the term progressed, we invited you in for community consultation meetings to share ideas, vision and what you want our school to be over the next 4 years. We would like to thank the parents that have attended these meeting and shared their ideas with us to move forward with the new school plan. There will be no more Community Consultation Meetings, however we will still release 'learning bites' of information to our families and community through our many platforms.

Towards the end of the term, following Community Consultation with a range of groups and with your input, we will share our new school vision, strategic directions and milestones.

Please contact us on 02 6367 3032 if you would like more information or have any questions. We are looking forward to moving forward with our community.



Miss Ella



During this term we welcomed Miss Ella-Jane Dietrich into our school. Miss Ella is studying a Bachelor of Education (Kindergarten – Year 12) degree at Charles Sturt University. She is currently in her second year of study and we are fortunate to have her complete her placement with us.

The students are enjoying having a new face in our school and we are very appreciative of the hard work she is doing within our classrooms as well as allowing us to support and guide her on her teaching journey.

Make sure you say hello and introduce yourself to Miss Ella!

COVID-19

In accordance with advice from NSW Health External link, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics External link.



Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school. Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result.

Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get tested for COVID-19.

COVID-19 testing for students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools will ask the parent or carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not required, documentation must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to school.

Visiting NSW Schools parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at offsite school events held during school hours except for the following purposes only:

- essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives

- parents and carers who attend a school administration building or another defined location for the purpose of picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school
- parents and carers who need to be on-site for canteen and uniform shop duties or to collect or purchase uniforms
- to attend special end of year events at the invitation of the school provided that these events can be hosted while maintaining a COVID-safe environment such as:
 - o Graduations, award ceremonies and other presentation events
 - o School performances, plays, productions and concerts.
- P&C meetings may occur on the school sites with executives and invited guests. These meetings must occur outside of school hours and are limited to a maximum of 20 people. Physical distancing and hygiene measures must be adhered to at all times. All attendees must sign the visitor acknowledgement form upon arrival. P&C or other community social events or functions, fundraisers, fetes and barbecues are not permitted in Term 4.

NAIDOC WEEK

Always Was, Always Will Be. recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country. This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations.



Always Was, Always Will Be. acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land - the biggest estate on earth - to sustainably provide for their future. Through ingenious land management systems like fire stick farming we transformed the harshest habitable continent into a land of bounty.

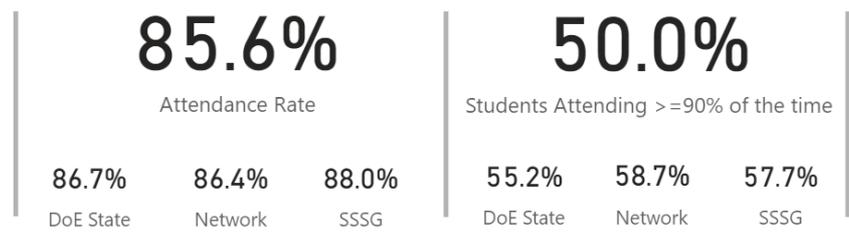
NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606 - with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula. The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples.

Presentation Night

Our presentation night date is set for Thursday 10th December. We are currently in the process of looking at how we can best celebrate the success of our students within the guidelines and restrictions. We will keep you informed as decisions are made.



Attendance



Attendance at school every day is a vital part to your child's educational development. We appreciate at times that your child may be unwell to attend school, but, non-attendance that

includes shopping, haircuts, and long weekends impact your child's learning. The NSW Department of Education attendance policy states that all students should attend 90% of the time.

As you can see, our attendance is at 85.6% overall. At the moment, we only have 50% of our students attending school above 90% of the time. For Term 4, let's have a final push to bump our attendance rate to 90%. We are here to support your child and family to ensure they reach their educational outcomes.

Water

The weather is warming up and drinking water is very important. All students **MUST** have a water bottle in their school bag every day! We are still unable to use our bubbler system due to COVID-19 restrictions, however we can fill up water bottles for our students.



Do you have any spare material?

As the end of year is approaching, we are getting organised for our end of year presentation and performances. We are very lucky to have Ms Butler who loves to sew! If you have any spare material you no longer want, please drop it off to school. We are excited to see what Ms Butler creates as costumes!

Remembrance Day



We need to remember today for the people who died and fought for us.
Adelia

Today is important because it helps us remember that they, the soldiers, are loved. When poppies are sold the money helps the people that come home from war.
Delighlah

We need to remember today because the people who helped us be free, young and old, your life can be free, out of danger. We need to remember who was in World War 1.
Bella

We need to remember this day because the army saved our lives so we could play.
Max

