

Carcoar Public School Newsletter

Out of the Past | Into the Future

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From the Principal

We are nearly there, 13 days left! There are lots of things happening as per usual including, end of year reports, staff arrangements for 2021, organisation of a COVID safe Presentation Night and organising some fun activities to end the year.

Thank you for your understanding in regards to changes to our Presentation Night. Again, we apologise and thank you for your continued support through these ever-changing times.



We are currently in the process of organising some fun activities for the students for the last week of Term. We will keep you updated on these plans as decisions are made.

School Improvement Survey

As part of School Excellence in Action, we are asking you our families to please fill out survey regarding improvements to our school and communication to let us know how we can improve moving forward in 2021. There is a link on School Stream for you to follow to complete this survey online. If you would like a hard copy, please speak to Miss Le Poidevin and one can be sent home with your child. This form is anonymous. We thank you for helping us improve our school to better our students, families and community.

Library



As the end of 2020 is wrapping up, we are asking for you to please return all Library books within the next few weeks. There will be no more borrowing for 2020 as of Week 8. We have recently completed a stocktake and all overdue books are NOT at school. Overdue notices have gone home today. We also ask that you please return any school resources you may have at home before the end of the year.

Do you have any spare material?

We are still after any spare material you may have for our costumes. 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!

Presentation Night

Due to COVID-19, Presentation Night at Carcoar Public School will look different this year. We are under strict NSW Department of Education guidelines that we are required to adhere to, to allow us to celebrate our student's successes throughout this challenging year. As always, we strive to ensure the safety of our students, staff families and community.



Presentation Night will be held at our school on the oval and only **immediate families can attend.**

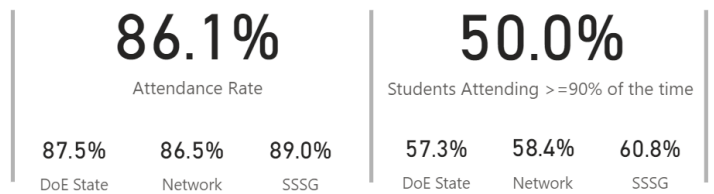
Unfortunately, we are unable to invite our special guests to attend as we are unable to invite any extended family or community members. All awards will remain the same, however, due to guidelines, all awards will be presented by staff.

We are also unable to have performances this year. We will however film our students during the school day and share these with our families and community through our social media pages at the end of term.

2020 has been a challenging year due to COVID-19. We as a school firmly believe our students deserve to celebrate their successes throughout 2020. We hope that you respect the tough decisions we have had to

make to allow this to happen. We thank you for your understanding and your constant support of our school and look forward to being able to welcome you all back into our school as soon as we can.

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 86.1% 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.

Reports

Teachers are in the process of finalising their Semester 2 reports. These will be sent home on Presentation Night. Please read the below information, to understand how our reports work.

- Each Key Learning Area (KLA) will have a Limited to Outstanding grade. Remember a C means that the child has learnt everything they have been taught this semester. To get an A or B the child must be showing work beyond that level
- Also, an important point is that we work in stages. This means that when a child enters Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 they are at the very beginning of 2 years of learning. If they receive a C then they are doing well as the learning of that concept takes place over the 2 years.
 - Early Stage 1 is Kindergarten over 1 year.
 - Stage 1 is Years 1 and 2 (over 2 years).
 - Stage 2 is Years 3 and 4 (over 2 years)
 - Stage 3 is Years 5 and 6 (over 2 years).
 - Effort score. 1 being 'limited effort' to 5 being 'tries their best at all times'.



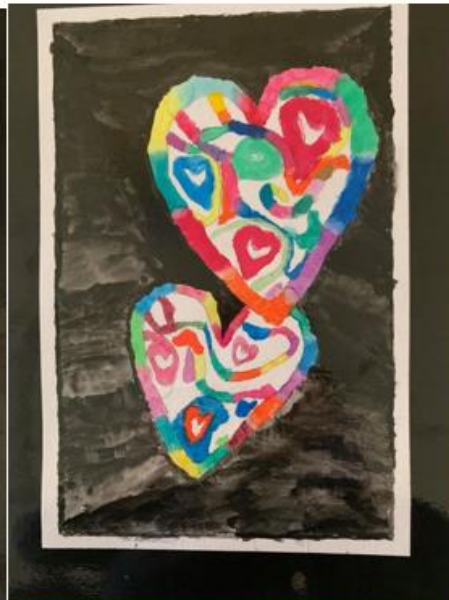
Transition

Our 2021 Kindergarten students are in full swing of their weekly transition. From making cookies, to playing with the students, learning in the classroom and creating wonderful art works. It is safe to say they are loving 'big school' and the help they have received from our older students. We look forward to welcoming them every day in 2021.



Heritage Art Show

Every year we take part in the Heritage Art Show with our Heritage schools. This year, as most things have, the Art show was very different. Our entries were via email and were unable to be displayed for our students, families and community to enjoy. Here are some wonderful pieces entered by our students.



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.

Leadership Speeches

Today our Year 5 students presented their speeches for the 2021 Leadership Team. Our students and staff have voted, and our families will be notified on Presentation Night of the Leadership Team for 2021. We are very proud of these students for presenting their wonderful speeches to us today.

