



Carcoar Public School Newsletter

Out of the Past | Into the Future

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Term 1 | Week 4 | Friday 21st February 2020

From the Principal

We are hurdling towards the midway point of term 1, it is hard to believe that we have been back at school for 4 weeks already. It is pleasing to see our students and staff have settled into new routines for 2020. As always if you have any concerns please make a time to meet with me.



I highly encourage you all to meet with Mr O'Leary and I during week 5 to discuss your child's progress and semester one goals. Our family engagement is vital to the success of the students, staff and the school.

Miss LePoidevin is currently on leave will return to the office next Thursday (week 5). In the meantime, the office will be unattended and I ask for your patience – I don't make a very good office lady!

Term 1 Interviews



Families are invited to join us to discuss goals and priorities for your child in semester one. Once again we are using school interviews as the booking interface.

There is a live link on Facebook to follow or you can copy this url:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?z=YsfIR9> and type in the following

event code: j3933.

In addition, and attached to this newsletter is a student profiling sheet for each student. To use our time wisely we are asking for you to complete this profile prior to our meeting.

During the meeting we will jointly construct a goal that we will work towards in semester one.

Neville P&C

The Neville Public School P&C has been successful in gaining a grant from Foundations for Rural and Remote Renewal. The objective of this grant is to improve access to education through enabling the purchase of school essential items. To support this each eligible student can receive a \$50 Target



voucher. Please refer to the note attached for further information. A special thanks to the Neville P&C for sharing this grant with us.

Attendance

Our target is to have every child attending at a rate greater than 95%. We expect children at school each day unless they are unwell. Holidays are no longer exempt from this data and should be taken during scheduled school holiday time wherever possible. Please assist us by doing the following:

- 1 - Always contact us immediately if your child is absent from school
- 2 - Encourage and reward school attendance
- 3 - Come to the office with your child if you are running late or leaving early from school.
- 4 - Students should present to the office FIRST so we can record this using our online attendance system.

Contact Details & Email Address

Please contact Kasey if any of your home contact numbers, mobile numbers, emergency contact details or work details have changed. We must keep up-to-date information in case we need to contact you. Please also provide email address so a full colour copy of newsletter can be sent to you. Attached is a form for you to fill out if you need to.

No Hat Play in the Shade

With the hot weather it is important for us to abide by the 'No Hat Play in the Shade Rule'. Hats should be worn outside at all times. If your child does not have a hat they will be asked to play under the COLA. Please assist us by ensuring your child has their hat each day (These are available from the uniform shop) and it is clearly labelled with their name. Caps are not to be worn. Applying sunscreen in the morning before school is also a great idea and is readily available at school for reapplication throughout the day.



School Uniform

A reminder that students are expected to wear the correct uniform each day. Uniform makes our students feel smart, strong and proud. Raban shoes and tights are not part of our uniform policy and should not be worn. All uniform is available at school with a price list attached.

Major Excursions for 2020

Please be aware that major excursions for our primary aged children occur each year. We like to give parents plenty of warning before significant costs are presented. A \$50 deposit for each child will be requested in Term 1. We encourage parents to make payment plans or making regular payments each week or fortnight.

Stage 1 – Emergency Services Bathurst (Term 1) & term 4 TBA

Stage 2 - Sydney Experience

Stage 3 - Kincumber Great Aussie Bush Camps

To further support the inclusion of all our students attending all excursions and overnight experiences Mr Bullock will be attending all excursions this year with the Heritage Small Schools Network. A permission and deposit note is attached for all students in stage 2 & 3. We ask that all permission notes are returned by Friday (week 5) to confirm numbers.

Homework

Homework will commence in Week 5 of Term 1. All students will be required to complete nightly reading. We have engaged an online company called Homework Hounds this year. Each student has a unique username and password to access the portal. Students complete a range of activities during the week with a summary report sent to the classroom teacher at the conclusion of each week. Parent can also request a progress report – please see permission note attached.



If for some reason you would prefer a paper copy of weekly homework please speak to Mr Bullock for students in Kindergarten to year 2 and to Mr O’Leary for students in years 3-6.

Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 will also bring home weekly readers to read with you. Home readers that are sent home are often an easy text than what your child is reading in classroom. During the term students will also bring home weekly spelling words or sight words – this will commence around week 8. Students in years 3-6 are also expected to read on a nightly basis.

We also request feedback from families regarding this new homework model we are implementing in 2020.

P&C Meetings

Our AGM will be held on **Thursday 27th February at 3:00PM** in the School Library. We welcome all new and existing families to our meetings. Following the AGM we will hold a short meeting to discuss our plans and arrangements for 2020.



Facebook Page Guidelines

The intent of our page is to provide a hub for responsible community engagement that celebrates the daily life of our school. We proactively support participation in social media to develop and grow digital citizenship throughout our community. Carcoar Public School values the responsible use of social media articulated in a range of policies and guidelines that govern the expectations of online behaviour. For privacy and protection, we do not permit 'facial tagging' of our students and will only name students where appropriate. We reserve the right to remove any content that we believe is in breach of these policies, guidelines and the values of our school. Carcoar Public School will remove content if:

- It contains content written by a student enrolled at Carcoar Public School or under 13 years
- It is offensive, abusive, obscene, profane, hateful or racial content, links or images
- It contains comments that threaten or defame any person or organisation
- The direct full name or descriptive reference to a student in the comments section
- It contains endorsements by other organisations or endorsements of other organisations
- It is a multiple or repetitive post by a single user
- It is a repetitive post copied and pasted or duplicated by single or multiple users
- It contains anything else that the school deems inappropriate and does not align with our values, standards, policies and guidelines of the Department of Education.

Library



Library day for 2020 will be on Fridays. Please ensure your child brings their library bags in to borrow, re-borrow or exchange books every Friday. Our Library is full of wonderful books that we would like our students to take home to share and enjoy with their families.

Stage 1 students will borrow 1 book, Stage 2, 2 books and Stage 3 will take home 3 books.

To further enhance students borrowing books on a weekly basis we will be implementing a Library borrowing card – for every 10 books borrowed students will be able to select a book to keep from the book cupboard – similar to a coffee card but you get free books instead! We will commence this in week 5

District Swimming Carnival



Next Friday, 28th March, Cowra Aquatic Centre will be hosting our district swimming carnival for 2020. Good luck to our swimmers – Lewis, Amity, Katie and Ange.

And our relay team will compete in Dubbo on Friday, 13th March.

We wish them all the best!