



CARCOAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

OUT OF THE PAST | INTO THE FUTURE



Welcome Mrs Smith

We are very excited to welcome Mrs Meleesa Smith as our Relieving Principal for the rest of 2023.

Mrs Smith has worked for many years at Eglinton Public School in many roles, including Relieving Principal.

We are looking forward to inviting our community into our school to meet Mrs Smith.





From the Principal

As many of you know this will be my last newsletter for 2023 at Carcoar Public School. For the remainder of year, I will be relieving at Perthville Public School as their Principal.

Carcoar Public School has certainly become my second home over the last four years, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. We have built a strong sense of purpose, fostered community engagement and delivered outstanding teaching and learning over a challenging period. I am proud of the team behind me that demonstrates commitment to our students every day so they can be their very best. Our students are kind, caring and wonderful citizens who demonstrate what it means to be a Carcoar kid.

So, I know I can step away to new challenges and welcome our new Relieving Principal, Mrs Melessa Smith to the community, school and position and know that she will be welcomed and will honour the outstanding work happening and continue with the work yet to be done.

Mrs Smith comes to us from Eglinton Public where she has had many executive roles including Relieving Principal. Mrs Smith is passionate, vibrant and keen to build relationships with our school over the next six months.

So, for now, I wish you well and I cannot wait to watch your many achievements throughout 2023. Make me proud Team CPS!

Celebrating Mr B



On Thursday afternoon, we celebrated our Mr Bullock!

The students have described Mr B as caring, loving, kind, funny, silly, the best teacher ever, a wonderful Principal and a really good friend.

Thank you for all the wonderful things you do each day for us. We appreciate how passionate and hard working you are. You show up with enthusiasm every day and always make time for each and every one of us.



We will miss you Mr B, but know you will do great things at Perthville. They are very lucky to have you!

We are looking forward to seeing you and keeping in touch throughout the year, sharing with you all the wonderful things we continue to do at CPS and welcoming you back in 2024!



Do it for Dolly Day



On Friday May 12, all students travelled to Neville Public School for Day for Dolly.

The day consisted of a cyber safety workshop with Constable Rachael Joyce, some Day for Dolly kindness activities and collaborative games. We finished off the day with a colour Run.

It was a wonderful day had by all, raising awareness and fund for this wonderful cause.



Endangered Species Day

On Friday May 26, all students went to Trunkey Public School for Endangered Species Day.

The students took part in Educational Information Stations run by local Environmental Protection organisations focusing on the Endangered Species of the Central West Slopes and Plains.

Another wonderful day of learning spent with our Heritage Small School friends.



Anzac Day

On April 25 our community of Carcoar gathered to say 'Lest We Forget' to remember the service and sacrifice of people who have served in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

As always, our students were respectful and represented our school beautifully.



Dates to Remember

Thursday June 1 - Cross Country (8yrs+)

Friday June 2 - Cricket Blast - (2pm - 3pm for 4 weeks)

Friday June 9 - District Athletics Carnival

Friday June 30 - NAIDOC DAY - At Carcoar Public School

Athletics Carnival

On Friday May 19 we participated in our annual Heritage Country Small Schools Carnival for 2023.

Congratulations to our amazing sports people for a very successful day competing in all track and field events.

Big congratulations to Maddie for being Junior Girl Champion for 2023.

Way to go Team Carcoar!!

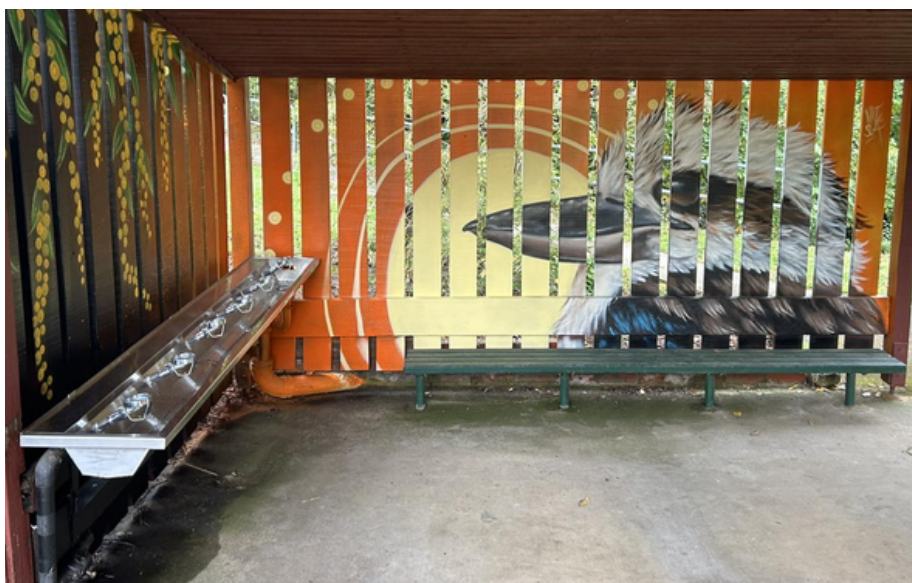


Have you seen our Mural?

We have been working with !NITSUA on a school mural to brighten up our grounds and this has certainly delivered.

Telling the story of the Kookaburra's flying overhead with symbols that represent the land below.

We are delighted with this latest project and encourage you to come and visit our new space.



Attendance

As you all know attendance is vitally important for your child to thrive at school.

Throughout 2023 we will be working closely with all families to improve their attendance. We are aiming to reach our system target for 2023, which is to increase the proportion of students attending >90% of the time.

Currently we are sitting at 56.5% which is well below our target. Every day is vitally important to be a school, if your child is away, please ensure you are using the Schoolstream app to notify the school.



Term 1 Weekly Overview

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Swimming (Wk 4 – Wk 10)		Wellbeing Groups	Library Day Mrs Hicks	Scripture Mr & Mrs Hansen

NSW DoE Core Rules

The department of education has core rules that all students are expected to follow:

Students are expected to:

- Attend school every day, unless they are legally excused, and be in class on time and prepared to learn. Maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform and dress code policy.
- Behave safely, considerately and responsibly, including when travelling to and from school.
- Show respect at all times for teachers, other staff and helpers, including following class rules, speaking courteously and cooperating with instructions and learning activities.
- Treat one another with dignity and respect
- Care for property belonging to themselves, the school and others.



Education

School Communication

In 2023, we will continue to use SchoolStream as our main form of communication with our families. Due to some changes and requirements of all DoE schools, we, much like most schools, will be implementing the use of Sentral this year. Sentral includes a parent portal in their programme. This will be utilised later on in the year to replace SchoolStream. We will keep you updated on this throughout the year.

SchoolStream will be used to send out any information and updates such as school closures, permission notes, uniforms orders, school



events and student absences. We ask that you ensure you have this app downloaded, an account created and your notifications turned on. We also encourage all adults in your family to utilise this app.



Facebook will be used to share school celebrations, share success and promote positive stories about Carcoar Public School. Facebook will also be used to post anything urgent. Please like our page!

If you have any concerns or feedback regarding school communication please share your thoughts so that we can continue to improve our ways in which we communicate.

Facebook 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.



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EMERGENCY PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE BUSHFIRE SEASON

Dear Families

I am writing to advise you that our school is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education bushfire risk register.

As a community user of our facilities, it is important that you are aware of and implement appropriate emergency preparation and response planning in accordance with the requirements of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

During the school term, when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for Canobolas NSW Fire Area, the NSW Department of Education's policy requires the school to temporarily cease operations for the following day. This means the school will be non-operational on these days. The school will inform the school community after 4 pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day.

In addition, schools may be made non-operational due to changing higher risk conditions and advice from Emergency Services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.

We recommend that you download the [Parent App](#) and select to monitor advice from our school which will push notifications to you advising that the school is non-operational.

It is important that you undertake appropriate planning and monitor bushfire conditions during the bushfire season and be ready to act when required. If there is bushfire activity in the vicinity of the school while you are at the school, you should contact the school during school hours or if after hours, ring Triple Zero (000) and seek advice.

The NSW Rural Fire Service website provides a range of useful information at: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Further information can also be found at the NSW Department of Education's School Safety website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety>

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Yours sincerely

Nicholas Bullock
Principal

FIRE DANGER RATING	WHAT YOU SHOULD DO
CATASTROPHIC	<p>For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">› These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire.› Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire.› Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.› Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions.› You may not be able to leave and help may not be available.
EXTREME	<p>Take action now to protect your life and property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">› These are dangerous fire conditions.› Check your bush fire plan and ensure that your property is fire ready.› If a fire starts, take immediate action.› If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts.› Reconsider travel through bush fire risk areas.
HIGH	<p>Be ready to act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">› There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area.› Decide what you will do if a fire starts.› If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk. The safest option is to avoid bush fire risk areas.
MODERATE	<p>Plan and prepare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">› Stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire.
NO RATING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">› Fire danger ratings are used on days when you need to take action. On days of minimal risk, 'No Rating' will be issued.

NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES – Workforce Management and Systems Improvement
Work Health and Safety Directorate
www.det.nsw.edu.au



We want to work with businesses within our school communities



Work is available maintaining our schools

School Infrastructure NSW manages a large maintenance program for more than 2,000 schools across all parts of NSW. To do this work, we are looking to engage local businesses, including Aboriginal owned businesses and people.

We want to go local

We are moving towards direct management of facilities maintenance, bringing in new facilities maintenance contractors and tradespeople to work directly under contract with us.

Why go local? We want to:

- be more responsive to maintenance issues reported by schools.
- ensure we are working with local trades and spending our money in our local communities.
- provide better working conditions for local tradespeople, including faster payment terms.

Opportunities for Aboriginal businesses

In addition to increasing our engagement of local contractors, we are also seeking to grow the number of local Aboriginal businesses we work with and increase employment opportunities for Aboriginal employees, apprentices and trainees.

We have Aboriginal Senior Program Officers who are able to help Aboriginal businesses, and local contractors who already employ or are looking to employ Aboriginal employees, apprentices, and trainees.

schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au



The trades and services we are looking for include:

- Multi Tradespeople
- Plumber (including roof and gas)
- Electrician
- Lift Technician
- Refrigeration mechanic
- Glazier
- Hazmat
- Arborist AQ3/AQ5
- Locksmith
- Cleaner
- Pest control
- Carpet/vinyl
- Data technician
- Security technician
- Painter
- Plasterer/ renderer
- Tiler
- Landscaper
- Brick layer
- Fire management
- Sheet metal
- Concreter
- Removalist
- Playground specialist
- Pool technicians and cleaner
- Carpenters
- Gasfitters
- Test and tag
- Lighting
- Construction
- Gutter cleaning
- Equipment construction and maintenance
- Engineering
- Fencing services building and repair
- Roofing

How can I participate?

We're looking for a wide variety of maintenance services and trades to start with us from 1 July 2023 including electricians, plumbers, painters, and many others. It's easy to work with us!

Reach out to our team to find out more and access the documents to apply to work with us.

On approval you'll be setup in our systems and onboarded, with induction covering how to work with us and use our systems. Then start getting work orders allocated within 48 hours!

Contacts

To register your interest send an email to:

North Western NSW Regional Office – nwnsw.fmct@det.nsw.edu.au

schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au

