



# CARCOAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

OUT OF THE PAST | INTO THE FUTURE



## Term 3

We are very excited to be back for another wonderful Term of learning at Carcoar Public School.

As we wrap up week 3, we reflect what seems to be a very busy start to the term!

We look forward to the next 7 weeks of learning, excursions and extra activities we have planned.



# Welcome



We would like to say a big welcome to Dakota and Milla!

Dakota has joined our Kindergarten cohort and Milla has joined Year One.

Dakota has many friends here already as she did join us in 2022 for transition. She is very excited to be back with us and see her friends.

Milla has slotted into our school community so easily. She has made many friends and is always trying her best in class.

We are very happy to have you back with us Dakota and very happy to welcome you Milla and your family to our school community.

We are looking forward to watching you both grow and learn with us at CPS!



# NAIDOC Day

On a drizzly last day of Term Two, Carcoar PS hosted NAIDOC celebrations for the Heritage Country Small Schools, including Lyndhurst, Neville and Trunkey.

The inclement weather did not dampen the spirits of the enthusiastic students who participated in Traditional Indigenous Games, Art with Meleisa Cox, a local artist, Cultural artifact display and discussion with Gerald Power from Indigenous Cultral Adventures and the making and baking of 'Johnny Cakes' with Percy from PCYC.

The students and staff enjoyed a barbeque lunch and the opportunity to socialise with students from neighbouring schools. We all love networking with our Heritage Small Schools.





# Transition



Starting primary school is a significant event for both children and their families. Our Transition to School program focuses on engaging with children and families to make sure all are well supported through the process of starting a student's lifelong learning journey.

This term we welcome Jack and Elsie to big school! Both Jack and Elsie have already settled into the classroom, learning school routines and making friends with big smiles on their faces.

We are looking forward to watching our transition students learn and grow each week over the next two terms, and welcoming Bonnie in Term 4!





# Swimming

Last week we kickstarted another Term of Swimming at CentrePoint Sport and Leisure!

Swimming is a life skill and we are proud to provide this opportunity to our students all year round. Our students are making wonderful progress and we are lucky to have wonderful instructors teaching us each week.

A big thank you to The Y Blayney for subsidising our lessons last term, our P&C and Regis Resources for providing our P&C with a grant allowing us to continue providing this to all our students.





# Term 2 Awards



Congratulations to our Term 2 Award Winners. These lucky students receive a certificate and a Milkshake Voucher from the The Village Grocer on us!

This term our attendance awards went to Bailey, Violet, Adelia and Louella. Levi and Olivia were selected by our teachers for our class awards.

## Library | Tuesday

Due to a change of Mrs Hicks days, Library will now be on a Tuesday for all students for the remainder of the year.

Please ensure you check at home for any Library books and bring them to school with you on Tuesday mornings!



# Miss Baker

This term, Miss Tianna Baker has joined our team as our General Assistant. Tianna will be with us each Tuesday keeping our lawn and gardens looking their best.

Miss Tianna has worked in many schools, under many different roles, so you may see her in the classroom as an extra set of hands in the Library or even the office!

Please introduce yourself to Tianna and welcome her into our school community.



## Village Grocer



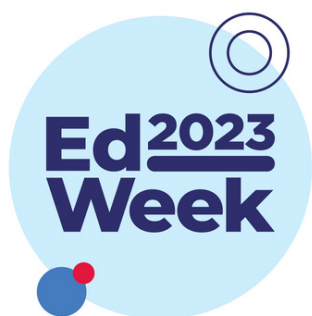
The morning coffee shop crew arrive to school each Thursday with their hot chocolates and milkshakes from The Village Grocer!

It is such a highlight for our students to meet in the morning, engage with our community and walk to school together with friends.

We are so lucky to learn and be a part of the wonderful Carcoar community!



# Education Week



Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, teachers and students.

Education Week 2023 is held Week 3, Term 3 and this year celebrates 175 years of public education in NSW.

## Ed Week | Leaders Lunch

On Tuesday, Our Stage 3 students, Mrs Smith, Mrs Hicks and Miss Le Poidevin joined with our Heritage Small Schools community to celebrate the leaders of our school at Tony G's Bistro

We enjoyed some leadership activities and a delicious lunch! Our student leaders were given awards for their excellent leadership skills.

We also were privileged enough to listen to Miss Eliza Chapman as guest speaker at today's lunch, and learn all about her amazing career within Equestrian Vaulting. We were amazed at the wonderful leadership qualities Miss Chapman showcases and are feeling very inspired.





# Ed Week | Breakfast and Stories

On Wednesday morning we welcomed our families and community into our school for a BBQ brekkie and story sharing.

This was the first of our Ed Week 23 celebrations with our community. We love welcoming our families and community on site.

We then took on learning for the rest of the day, with full bellies and full hearts.





# Ed Week | Picnic and Games



After a busy morning of learning, we welcomed our families and community to join us for a picnic lunch by the Belubula River.



We then headed back to school for an afternoon of games and activities together. Tug-o-war was a hit!

Thank you to those that joined us for the afternoon!





# Ed Week | Out of the Past



To wrap up our Ed Week 23 celebrations, our staff and students dressed in their best 'out of the past' clothes, to celebrate 175yrs of Public Education.



The day consisted of using NO technology for our students and teachers, some outside learning, different teaching styles and some cranky teachers!

The students enjoyed dressing up and had lots of laughs!

# Stage 2 Excursion

We had 8 very excited Stage 2 students (and one very excited Mrs Smith) eagerly awaiting the bus to depart on their excursion to Wambangalang on Wednesday.

Another event with our Heritage Small Schools that our students look forward to every year.

Stay tuned for more pics in our next newsletter.



## P&C Update

Our P&C have ran a successful Wood Raffle raising over \$500 to be used for Library upgrades. Congratulations to our winner, Jayde Le Poidevin.

Thank you to those that helped cater for the Local Lands Department event. We made around \$1600 for this event.

Please note: to accomodate families and community better, our P&C meeting times have changed to Thursdays at 3:30pm in the library. These are run in weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term.



# 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 65.2% 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.



# 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.



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# 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 UPCOMING BUSHFIRE SEASON**

Dear Families and communities,

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's bushfire risk register.

As a community user of our facilities, it is important that you know what to do in an emergency and have a plan in place. This is a requirement 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 Carcoar Public School, 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. We also recommend that you stay up to date with bushfire and grassfire activity by using the [Hazards Near Me](#) app (set a watch zone for your school area), and by monitoring local media. You can also review fire activity and alert levels on the [RFS](#) website.

It is important that you undertake appropriate planning and monitor bushfire conditions during the bushfire season and be ready to act when required.

The NSW Rural Fire Service website provides a range of useful information at: [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au).

Further information can be found at the NSW Department of Education's School Safety website: [education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety](http://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety)

Yours sincerely

Meleesa Smith

# Bushfire danger period information for parents and carers

## Factsheet

This factsheet provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the bush fire danger period.

The NSW Department of Education has engaged external experts to conduct assessments of all NSW government schools, to identify schools at greater risk of impact from bushfires.

To support the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff, the department, in consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), will direct the school to temporarily cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for your school's NSW fire area. Alternative learning arrangements will be put in place for these days.

Schools may be directed by the department to become non-operational at any time based on advice from emergency services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.



### What is a Fire Danger Rating?

Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a fire start. The ratings are determined by a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought.

For further information on the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, visit [rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon](https://rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon)

### Fire Danger Rating sign







### When will I know if my child's school has been made non-operational?

At approximately 4:00pm each day the Fire Danger Rating is issued for the following day. This means that schools, including onsite preschools, will be notified after school hours that it will be non-operational the following day. Your school will notify you as soon as possible by the preferred method of communication.

#### Parents and carers are requested to:

- provide up-to-date home and after-hours contact details to your school
- stay up-to-date with news and local media through the bushfire danger period.



### NSW School Updates app

Get the free NSW School Updates app to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools [education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app](https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app)



### What education arrangements will be in place if the school is non-operational?

When non-operational, your school will advise of alternative learning arrangements, including any relocation or learning from home plans.



### Learn more

Be prepared and ensure you have a bushfire survival plan in place. The NSW RFS has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bushfire season.

Consider whether your home is safe from bushfires and grassfires, and be prepared to relocate to a safer place well in advance. Find more information and resources from the NSW RFS [rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare](https://rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare)

We appreciate your cooperation during the bushfire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bushfire danger period, please refer to [NSW Rural Fire Service rfs.nsw.gov.au](https://NSWRuralFireService.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

The department's School Safety website [education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety) provides up to date information during bushfires and grassfire emergencies.

Please contact your school with any additional questions.



### Need help?

Speak to your local WHS Advisor for support and advice, or contact the Incident Report and Support Hotline on 1800 811 523.

# Carcoar Public School

## Works notification | 25 July 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

We are replacing the vinyl tiles at Carcoar Public School in a storeroom in Building B. This work will involve working with asbestos containing material within the glue under the vinyl tiles.

The storeroom is being safely used at present as the vinyl tiles are undisturbed.

The storeroom will be cordoned off before the work starts, and safety measures and monitoring put in place.

Work to remove the vinyl tiles will take place after school hours between Thursday 10 August and Friday 11 August 2023.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The storeroom will be inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm it has been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the storeroom is reopened.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

School Infrastructure NSW  
Email: [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Phone: 1300 482 651  
[www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.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](http://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](mailto:nwnsw.fmct@det.nsw.edu.au)

[schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)

