

EDITION ONE | 2024



CARCOAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome to 2024!

From The Principal



Welcome back to another big year at Carcoar Public School. I hope you enjoyed your summer break, and it was filled with good cheer and amazing memories! As we embark on this new school year, I want to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you. Whether you're returning students, new faces, or dedicated staff members, I am thrilled to have you all as part of the Carcoar Public School community. A special welcome to our new Kindergarten students and families – Bonnie, Elsie and Jack. We also welcome Ziggy, Jaxson, Maddie and their families to the school also.

The start of a new school year is always filled with excitement and anticipation, and this year is no exception. We have many wonderful opportunities and experiences in store for our students, and I have no doubt that together, we will make this year one to remember.

Our dedicated staff have been hard at work over the break, preparing engaging lessons and creating a positive learning environment for our students. They are committed to nurturing the academic, social, and emotional growth of each child, and I am continually impressed by their dedication and passion for education. We are thrilled to welcome back Miss Milligan who is returning on Fridays following her parental leave and Miss Summerson job sharing the 3-6 classroom with her passion of student wellbeing, outdoor education and many other special talents that will be put to good use at CPS.

To our students, I encourage you to approach this year with an open mind and a willingness to learn and grow. Take advantage of the opportunities that come your way, both inside and outside the classroom. Embrace challenges as opportunities for growth, and always remember that with hard work and determination, you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

To our families, thank you for entrusting us with the education and wellbeing of your children. We value the partnership between home and school, and we are committed to keeping you informed and involved in your child's education every step of the way. Together, we can ensure that each child reaches their full potential.

As we embark on this new school year together, let us remember the importance of kindness, respect, and empathy. Let us strive to create a supportive and inclusive community where every individual feels valued and empowered to succeed.

Personally, It's great to be back at Carcoar Public School in 2024. I'm excited to continue supporting the students and staff in their academic and personal growth. Let's make this year a fantastic one filled with learning, collaboration, and success for everyone involved. If there's anything I can assist with, please don't hesitate to let me know.

I am excited to see what we will accomplish together this year. Here's to a successful and fulfilling school year ahead!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Bullock', is positioned in the bottom right area of the page, above the footer.

2024 Staffing



Nicholas Bullock
Principal



Tracey Hicks
Assitant Principal
Curriculum & Instruction



Kasey Le Poidevin
School Administration
Manager



Ruth Carter
K-2 Teacher



Gabby Summerson
3-6 Teacher



Samantha Milligan
3-6 Teacher



Dannielle Klarner
School Learning
Support Officer



Tianna Baker
General Assistant

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Teaching Staff				
Mrs Carter K-2	Mrs Carter K-2	Mrs Carter K-2	Mrs Carter K-2	Mrs Carter K-2
Miss Summerson 3-6	Miss Summerson 3-6	Miss Summerson 3-6	Mr Bullock 3-6	Mr Bullock 3-6
	Mrs Hicks Assistant Principal			Miss Milligan Library, RFF and Learning Support
Support Staff				
Miss LePoidevin School Admin Manager	Miss LePoidevin School Admin Manager	Miss LePoidevin School Admin Manager	Miss LePoidevin School Admin Manager	Miss LePoidevin School Admin Manager
Miss Baker General Assistant	Mrs Klarner SLSO	Mrs Klarner SLSO	Mrs Klarner SLSO	Mrs Klarner SLSO

Welcome

We are thrilled to welcome Bonnie, Elsie and Jack as 2024 Kindergarten students, along with their families to our Carcoar School Family! Bonnie, Elsie and Jack have already settled in and are enjoying school life, making friends and being eager to learn.



A big Welcome to Maddie, who has joined us in Year 6, her brother Ziggy who has joined Year 2, and Jaxson who has joined Year 4. We are very happy to welcome you and your family to our school community.



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



From Miss Summerson 3-6 Classroom News

Term 1 2024 has started off amazingly in the primary classroom. The incredible bunch of students are now excited to be back at school and are very engaged and focused with their learning.

I am excited to be teaching the primary students 3 days a week. I have over 10 years teaching experience and am super passionate about inspiring and connecting with students. I am very thankful to be part of an incredible school community.

Primary students have begun their English unit which is based in a book called Just kidding by Andy Griffiths. It's a hilarious book about practical jokes so let's hope students don't pick up too much in that department! They're looking forward to exploring the structure and importance of narrative.

In Maths we're off to a great start learning about place value and 5 and 6 digit numbers and their features.

History is proving to be a favourite with the class as we research and explore early Australian colonies and the road to federation.

Students have worked so hard the past few weeks to develop positive relationships with their classmates and teachers and establish routines and expectations. They've also enjoyed engaging in outdoor education opportunities in the community.

We're all looking forward to seeing what the rest of the term has in store for us.

3-6 Classroom





From Mrs Carter

K-2 Classroom News

We have had a settled couple of weeks in the K-2 room. The students have arrived with a positive attitude and settled into classroom and playground routines well.

We have been undertaking a variety of learning in a range of different areas. One such area is that of yoga where the children enjoyed following instructions and participating in movement activities to promote positive wellbeing.

We have been looking at maths in everyday life in and out of the classroom. We went on a playground adventure to find some mathematical items outside. We found such things as patterns, rows and columns in gates, fences and buildings. 2D shapes were in the sporting field and shapes on a soccer ball, 3D objects were also found in balls and symmetry was found in nature such as leaves.

We are looking forward to our Teddy Bears' Picnic on Wednesday 28 February. Families are more than welcome to join us. Please find flyer attached.

K-2 Classroom





From Mrs Hicks APC&I

Hello! My name is Tracey Hicks and I am an Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction, working with Carcoar Public School on Tuesdays. I also work at Neville, Trunkey and Meadow Flat Public Schools in the same role.

Essentially, my role is to work with students and teachers to develop and improve literacy and numeracy skills. As you may be aware, we have a new curriculum for literacy and numeracy for all Australian schools. Teachers have been undertaking professional learning to prepare and deliver evidence-based practice.

If you ever have any questions about what we teach and why, then please feel free to contact me through the school.



Attendance

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

Throughout 2024 we will continue to working closely with all families to improve attendance. We are aiming to reach our system target for 2024, which is to increase the proportion of students attending >90% of the time.

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.





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School Uniform Requirements | 2024

The Department of Education requires that schools set local school uniform requirements and supports the wearing of school uniform, which promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community.

Carcoar Public School expects students to wear the uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours. All students should have the opportunity to access the full range of school activities, including physical activities, while wearing a school uniform. Girls must have the option to wear shorts and pants.

The school has two types of uniforms:

Everyday Uniform	Formal Uniform
Summer Yellow Polo Blue Shorts or Skort Dress	Summer Yellow Polo Grey Shorts (boys) Blue Skort (girls)
Winter Blue Fleece Jumper Blue Trackpants	Winter Grey Pants (boys) School Tartan (girls) Blue Fleece Jumper
All Year White Socks Black Shoes or near Black Joggers School Hat	All Year White Socks Black Shoes School Hat
All uniforms are stocked at the school and supplied to you at cost price. Please contact the school regarding the tartan.	

Our school's response to a student not wearing uniform is appropriate, fair and consistent, and a student cannot be suspended or expelled for not wearing school uniform. A student will be issued with 3 warnings before a formal letter is sent home. We do however understand that sometimes issues arise with uniforms, please contact the school so we are aware of this. It is at the Principal's discretion for making exemptions for not wearing a uniform, if considered appropriate after discussions with families.

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Wellbeing & Behaviour Policy 2024

All students, teachers and parents have rights and responsibilities in creating and maintaining a stimulating, disciplined, safe and purposeful learning environment. At Carcoar Public School we strive for excellence and equity and embrace a culture of high expectations so that all students and staff improve consistently. The school community will celebrate success and achievements together as we connect, thrive and succeed to reach our full potential.

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Carcoar Public School Rules

Students are expected to:

- Respect others, their property and school resources
- Work and play safely at all times
- Not interrupt the learning of others
- Be in the right place at all times
- Keep hands and feet to ourselves

New South Wales Core Rules

The NSW Department of Education also 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.

Celebrating Positive Behaviour

All students at the beginning of the school year are placed on blue level. Each fortnight staff will hand out merit cards to reflect a range of school achievements and work towards achieving a higher recognition during their schooling.

4 Merit Cards	=	1 Blue Award
4 Blue Awards	=	1 Yellow Certificate
4 Yellow Certificates	=	1 School Banner

Value Certificates are not included in the above positive award system.

Consequences for Inappropriate Behaviour

All students at the beginning of the school year are placed on blue level, if students demonstrate poor choices, they will be issued an orange card and placed on a level. Students are given three orange warnings before being placed on a red level. The Principal has the discretion to place a student on a red level if the behaviour warrants that.

Orange 1	=	Orange 2
Orange 2	=	Orange 3
Orange 3	=	Red Card
Red Card	Review of behaviours & historic data with possible short and long suspensions.	

Warning letters/cards are given to students if they choose not to follow school rules. We expect the letter to be taken home and given to families and returned the following day signed by the family and student.

The wellbeing and behaviour policy is updated annually.

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Family Communication Procedures

The following is offered as the first point of contact regarding areas of compliment or complaint.

Area for Discussion	Appropriate Action
The academic progress of my own child	Directly contact the child's teacher to arrange a suitable time to discuss academic performance. Ruth Carter K-2 Gabby Summerson or Samantha Milligan 3-6
The welfare of my own child	Contact your child's teacher to clarify information. Ruth Carter K-2 Gabby Summerson or Samantha Milligan 3-6 Contact the Principal to discuss complex or ongoing issues.
Changes to personal details, attendance, holidays, medication	Contact the office to inform change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc.
Actions of other students	Contact your child's teacher for a classroom or playground problem. Ruth Carter K-2 Gabby Summerson or Samantha Milligan 3-6 Contact the Principal for ongoing playground problems.
School policy or practice	Contact the office and nature of nature of concern. The appropriate member of staff will contact you to discuss further.
Actions of a staff member	Contact the Principal for actions of a staff member.

Updated Friday 16 February 2024

NSW DoE Core Rules

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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.





TERM 1 WEEKLY OVERVIEW



MONDAY

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST CLUB
WARM UP & NOODLES
K-2 LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST CLUB
LUNCH ORDERS DUE

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST CLUB
WARM UP & NOODLES
SPORT - K-6

FRIDAY

BREAKFAST CLUB
SCRIPTURE
3-6 LIBRARY
LUNCH ORDER DAY

PLEASE NOTE:

**HOMEWORK WILL
COMMENCE TERM 2**
**SWIMMING WILL
COMMENCE TERM 2**





Breakfast CLUB

TUES - WED - THURS - FRI

Available for all students between
8:30am and 8:50am

MENU

TUES - WED - THURS - FRI

Toast

butter vegemite jam

Up & Go

vanilla or chocolate

Corn Flakes & Milk

Fruit





K-2

Teddy Bears' Picnic!

When? Wednesday 28 February, 1pm

Where? Belubula River Picnic Area

How? Students will walk with staff

What to Bring:

- Packed lunch (no warmups)
- Favourite Teddy or soft toy
- Water bottle
- School hat

Staff: Mrs Carter & Mrs Klarner

Families are welcome to join us!



★ Come and Try ★ Soccer Day



Napier Oval

- Free sausage sizzle
- Loads of games
- 2024 season & registration information

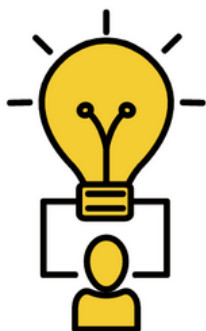
For more information email

bjsregistrar@gmail.com

Blayney Junior Soccer Club

Sunday
25 February
11am to 1pm

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ENGAGING
INDIVIDUALISED
DYNAMIC

TEACHING IS...
INNOVATIVE
PROGRESSIVE
EXPLICIT



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SUPPORTIVE
REFLECTIVE
RESPONSIVE

COMMUNITY IS...
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CARING



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