



## CARCOAR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



Mr Bullock

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The new school year is well underway at CPS, and we are thrilled to welcome 30 eager students ready for another exciting year of learning! A special welcome to our six enthusiastic kindergarten students and their families, as well as the four new students joining us across other year levels. It's wonderful to see our CPS family and the Carcoar community growing.


Although we've only been back a few weeks, we've hit the ground running with weekly gymnastics lessons, delicious fortnightly lunch orders from the Village Grocer, and engaging classroom learning experiences. We also kicked off the year with our Swimming Carnival on the second day back, proudly keeping the shield for another year!

Our free weekly playgroup continues every Thursday, offering a fun and supportive space for families with children aged 0-5.

With plenty of exciting plans ahead, we look forward to a fantastic 2025 and invite everyone to stay connected and involved in the wonderful things happening at CPS!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

-  **Monday Feb 24**  
P&C meeting
-  **Friday Feb 28**  
District Swimming Carnival
-  **Friday Mar 7**  
Western Swimming Carnival








# Meet the 2025 School Captain ✨

## ADELIA



Hi, my name is Adelia! I'm 10 years old and have been at CPS since Kindergarten. Ever since I started school, I've dreamed of being a School Captain, and I'm so excited to finally get the chance!

### 3 things I like:

-  Splashing around and having fun in the pool!
-  Getting creative with art!
-  Flipping, jumping, and cheering in gymnastics and cheerleading!

The best thing about CPS is that everyone knows each other, and we all work together like one big team!

I can't wait to bring Footy Colours Day to CPS in 2025.  
Who's your team for 2025?  
Let's show off those colours!



# Meet the 2025 School Captain ✨

## KOBI



Hi, my name is Kobi! I'm 11 years old and have been a proud student at CPS since Kindergarten. I'm excited and honored to be your School Captain!

3 Things I like:

- 🏀 Playing any kind of sport
- 🎨 Drawing and getting creative with art
- 🎮 Playing online games like Minecraft!

What I love most about CPS is the awesome history of our school and village—it's been around for so long and has so many cool stories!

I can't wait to bring Milkshake Mondays to CPS in 2025! It'll be a fun way to raise money for new things at our school.

# K-2 NEWS

A big welcome to our 6 Kindergarten students and to Mary, who joins us in Year 2!



Morning Circle forms the beginning of our school day. It's a time for connection and to prepare for our learning. We have discovered lots of interesting things about each other, such as our favourite foods, which include doughnuts and pizza, and a love of green apples! I was thrilled to hear that a few students named Monday as their favourite day of the week.

Thank you to the entire school community for making me feel so welcome. I have been blown away by the big smiles that have greeted me.



Mrs Rankin



Mrs Carter

It was a wonderful day for our Kindergarten to Year 2 students! They enjoyed delicious banana and chocolate chip pancakes, filling the atmosphere with excitement. The little ones munched happily, their faces glowing with delight at the sweet combination. Snack time turned into a fun experience, filled with laughter and giggles!

A big thank you to playgroup for sharing their pancake creations with us!

# 3-6 NEWS



We've had a fun and jam-packed start to 2025. Students are engaged, enthusiastic, and settling in well. A special welcome to George in Year 4 and Leda and James who've joined us for Term 1 all the way from Germany!



We've started a maths unit on numbers and have begun exploring 5, 6, and 7-digit numbers. Through engaging games, students are learning to read, order, and explain these numbers.

Over the break our veggie garden continues to grow and we were surprised to see a nice big bunch of ripe tomatoes in our garden. We enjoyed working together to make some bruschetta.

If any families or community member have skills in vegetable gardening and some spare time, please come and chat to Miss Summerson.



The students have thought hard about their learning goals for 2025 and we have displayed them in our classroom as a daily reminder. Some things our students would like to learn include speaking a different language, learning about different cultures, and increasing gymnastics skills.



Miss Summerson



Mrs Rhodes

# GYMNASTICS



We're jumping, rolling, and balancing our way into an exciting new sport for Sporting Schools this term—Gymnastics with ZJC Gymnastics, Blayney!

Our students are getting the chance to twist, tumble, and try something new.

It's all about strength, coordination, and most importantly—having FUN!

# PLAYGROUP

Our playgroup is the perfect place for little minds to explore, create and connect.



## Pancake Playgroup!

There was plenty of mixing, measuring, cracking eggs, and whisking—plus lots of giggles along the way as we made delicious banana pancakes!

Check out our super simple recipe below:

### INGREDIENTS:

1 small ripe banana

1 egg

2 tbsp SR flour

### METHOD:

Mash banana in a medium bowl until smooth. Whisk in the egg, then flour, until combined. Spoon 2 tablespoons of batter into a hot pan, cook for 1-2 minutes or until bubbles start to appear. Turn and cook for a further 1-2 minutes or until pancakes are golden and cooked through.



Miss Baker



# CPS PLAYGROUP 2025

from birth - 5 years\*



## FREE



## ALL WELCOME JOIN US AT CPS!

**Thursdays  
9am - 11am**

- ✓ play based learning
- ✓ outdoor activities
- ✓ hands on experiences
- ✓ music & movement
- ✓ staff led



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For more info call

**02 6367 3032**

\*accompanied by parent



# CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS



Mrs Hicks

As we look forward to 2025, I'm excited to share some updates on our classroom priorities. Our commitment to providing the best learning experiences for our students remains strong, and we have some innovative strategies in place to support their growth.

## **Explicit Teaching Methods**

Building on last year's success, we will continue to implement explicit teaching strategies in our classrooms. By breaking down complex concepts, we aim to enhance students' understanding and boost their confidence in learning.

## **Support for High-Potential Students**

Recognizing that every child learns uniquely, we will offer specialized programs for high achievers and gifted students who may seek additional challenges. These programs will foster creativity and critical thinking, empowering them to realize their full potential.

## **Understanding Learning Objectives**

By explicitly defining the learning objectives for each subject, students gain insight into the purpose of their studies and the significance of education.

## **Working Together for Success**

We acknowledge that collaborating with families is vital for student success. We look forward to joining forces with you to support your child's educational journey! Together, let's make 2025 a remarkable year!



Tracey Hicks | Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction

## FROM THE P&C

Firstly, I would like to welcome our new families to our beautiful school!

For those who don't know what our P & C does, we are a voluntary committee who help raise money for our school and students. We work closely with staff to help provide our kids with awesome opportunities throughout the year.

In 2024 we worked hard raising money to help provide a bus for our students to get to swimming each term, we were able to donate some money to support a student who made it to State for Swimming, purchased a lectern for assemblies and as a thank you to all our 2024 families, provided a school credit as well as a meat voucher.

We do many fundraisers over the year averaging two a term.

We would love for you to be involved in helping support our students. Our P&C meets roughly twice a term, with our first meeting for 2025 being held on Monday 24th February at 3.15 in the library.

A membership form can be found at the back of the newsletter. We would love for you to join us!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me 0414 934 842 text/call is fine or email the Executive committee at [carcoarpnc@gmail.com](mailto:carcoarpnc@gmail.com).

Em Jenkins | Carcoar P&C President

# ATTENDANCE

Attendance is vitally important for your child to do well in school. Our 2025 goal is to have more students attending school over 90% of the time.

Every school day matters. If your child is absent, please use the Sentral app to let the school know.



## 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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# COMMUNICATION

At Carcoar Public School, we use Sentral as our main communication tool with families. The Sentral Parent Portal is a one-stop shop for payments, attendance, permission notes, and more.

We use Sentral to send information and updates such as school closures, permission notes, invoices, school events, and student absences. Please download the app, log in with your token number, and turn on notifications. For 2025, we have also implemented Student Pay+ through Sentral, which is our online uniform shop.

We use Facebook to share school celebrations, successes, and promote positive stories about Carcoar Public School. Follow our Facebook page to stay up to date with us!

Just a reminder, as per our communication policy, staff will respond to non-urgent communication within 48 hours. This includes but is not limited to emails, messages on Facebook, and/or the Sentral portal.



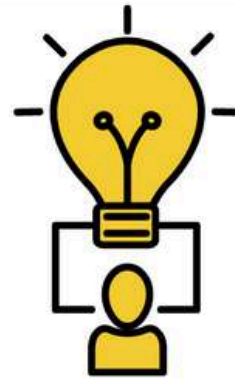
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2025 CPS STAFF

# CARCOAR PUBLIC SCHOOL



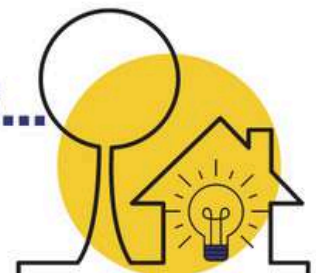
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ENGAGING  
INDIVIDUALISED  
DYNAMIC

**TEACHING IS...**  
INNOVATIVE  
PROGRESSIVE  
EXPLICIT



**LEADING IS...**  
SUPPORTIVE  
REFLECTIVE  
RESPONSIVE

**COMMUNITY IS...**  
COLLABORATIVE  
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LIBRARY DAY IS TUESDAY!

# LIBRARY NEWS

We're excited to have had our first library borrowing of the year!  
Stay tuned for Book Reviews, where two students will be chosen each week to share their thoughts on a book they've borrowed!



Don't forget your library bag!

## Author of the Month

Graham Base

Known for his imaginative books like Animalia and The Eleventh Hour. Base combines stunning illustrations with creative stories that challenge kids to think and explore. A perfect pick for young readers who love solving puzzles and using their imagination!



New books this week!

DON'T FORGET!  
Our Mental Health Library is open to our school community!



Mrs Klanner

"There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." - Walt Disney



# Meet the Teacher

## MRS RANKIN



My name is Mrs Rankin and I am so excited to be teaching K-2 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I have taught for many years and in many schools from Bourke to London. I am sure Carcoar will be one of my favourites!

I love travelling with my family. We went to the UK and Poland last year where we had so many adventures including zip lining. I also love dancing but I don't have the same talent as Miss Poidy.

I live in Millthorpe with my husband Luke and two teenagers, Jock who loves playing soccer and Brooke who dances nearly everyday. We also have a crazy dog called Sox.

"The expert in anything was once a beginner"

Helen Hayes

Looking forward to playing a part in your child's journey from beginner to expert. I know 2025 is going to be fabulous.



# Meet the Teacher

## MRS RHODES



My name is Mrs Rhodes (I got married in the holidays and yes, you can still call me Miss Milligan if you like). This will be my 5th school year at CPS. I will be teaching Year 3-6 every Thursday and Friday. I also teach Year 3 & 4 at O'Connell Public School every Monday and Tuesday.

I love spending time with my family, hanging out with my friends and going away on holidays in our caravan. We've just recently been to the Gold Coast and Yamba.

I live in Bathurst with my family; my husband Benny and my two children Charlie & Pippa. Charlie is starting Kindergarten this year which is very exciting!

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year especially with the new year 3's and new students joining our class in our new big classroom!



# Meet the Teacher

## MRS CARTER



I am Mrs Carter. I have been teaching around the Cowra area for several years now. I have worked at Carcoar Public School for approximately 2 1/2 years in a variety of roles. In 2025 I will be teaching K-2 on Thursdays and Fridays.

I live in Cowra with my husband and six of my children. The other five children have left home and one is abroad temporarily.

Some of my favourite things are the wind in my hair, thunderstorms in summer and my family.

Let's make this the best year ever at Carcoar Public School!!!



# Meet the Teacher

## MISS SUMMERSON



My name is Miss Summerson and I've been teaching for a while but this is my third year teaching at Carcoar Public School. I will be teaching the 3-6 students Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

I love spending time outdoors and with family and friends. I enjoy reading, sewing, bushwalking and exploring. I love baking delicious treats for my family and attempting to grow vegetables in our garden.

I live in Blayney with my family; I love being a mum to Elsie, Bronte and Judah. We love spending time with my partner Tom and his children, Lucas, Ava and Reuben. I also have two fur babies- two cheeky dogs!

This year is going to be a fantastic one with lots of amazing learning and experiences happening!





# Meet the GA & Wellbeing Officer

## MISS BAKER



Hello, my name is Miss Baker and this is my third year at Carcoar Public School. You may see me working either inside or outside at school - inside as the schools Wellbeing Officer or outside riding the mower and maintaining the school grounds.

I am kept very busy and entertained by my nephew, who loves building things and playing with cars. On weekends, we love our trips to the pool, the park or a local show.

In my spare time, I enjoy playing and watching sports, swimming, motorbike riding and gardening.

"We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak"

Epictetus.



# Meet the SLSO

## MRS KLARNER



Hello!

I'm Mrs. Klarner, And I'm one of the SLSO's at CPS. You'll often find me in the classrooms, helping students, or in the kitchen running our fantastic breakfast club each morning.

I enjoy going on adventures with my family. This year, we're especially excited for our first international holiday together to New Zealand!

In my spare time some of my hobbies include running, horseback riding, baking sourdough, and experimenting with fermenting vegetables from our garden.

The more that you read, the more things you will know.  
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

-Dr. Seuss



# Meet the SAM

## MISS POIDY



Hi! I'm Miss Poidy and I have been working at CPS for 8 years. I have worked in schools for 12 years in many roles. If I'm not in my office doing all things admin, you'll find me in the classroom joining in on some learning fun!

Every spare moment, I'll be with my niece and nephew, Luca and Sam—my favourite people in the world! If I'm not with them, guaranteed I'll be talking about them!

I own a dance school and love sharing my love of dance with others. I LOVE to run, read, enjoy learning new things and challenging myself. Much to some of our students' disgust, I also LOVE Ed Sheeran!

"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." - Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling



# Meet the School Counsellor ✨

## MEG COLEBOURN



I'm Meg Colebourn, the School Counsellor here at Carcoar PS. I'm a teacher who has retrained as a registered psychologist. I come over Carcoar way a few times per term to support students with assessment and counselling.

I love going on adventures with my family. This year we went to America for the 4th of July and Bali for Christmas holidays.

My free time vibes:  
Reading  
Triathlons  
Lego  
Board Games

Favourite quote: And still I rise... Maya Angelou



# Meet the APCI

## MRS HICKS



Hello I'm Mrs Hicks, the Assistant Principal - Curriculum & Instruction. I work at Carcoar Public School every Tuesday. I live in Bathurst and do lots of driving to my four small schools

I love working with all the staff and students to get the best outcomes for each student. I really appreciate the opportunities available at small schools.

I love to walk my dogs and be active everyday. I swim and play tennis every week. I have been a netball umpire for a long time and still hold a National B Badge.

My favourite quote is...  
If it is to be, it is up to me.  
and  
Make every minute count.



# Meet the Principal

## MR BULLOCK



I'm Mr. Bullock—better known as Mr. B—and I have the absolute best job in the world! As the proud Principal of Carcoar Public School, I've been lucky enough to be part of this amazing community for nearly six years. Every day brings new adventures, big smiles, and plenty of reasons to be proud of what we're achieving together.

I've travelled to many places around the world and can't wait to explore more! When it comes to food, I love Italian cuisine, but when it's takeaway, you can't beat KFC.

As a proud Bathurst local, I went to school and university here before landing the best job ever! When I'm not at work (which I love), you'll find me off on adventures with the 'Bullock Boys'—my awesome nephews, Ashton, Finn, and Hudson!

"Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken." - Oscar Wilde

I'm so proud of what we've built together at CPS and can't wait for another year of making our school the best it can be!



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# TERM 1 MENU

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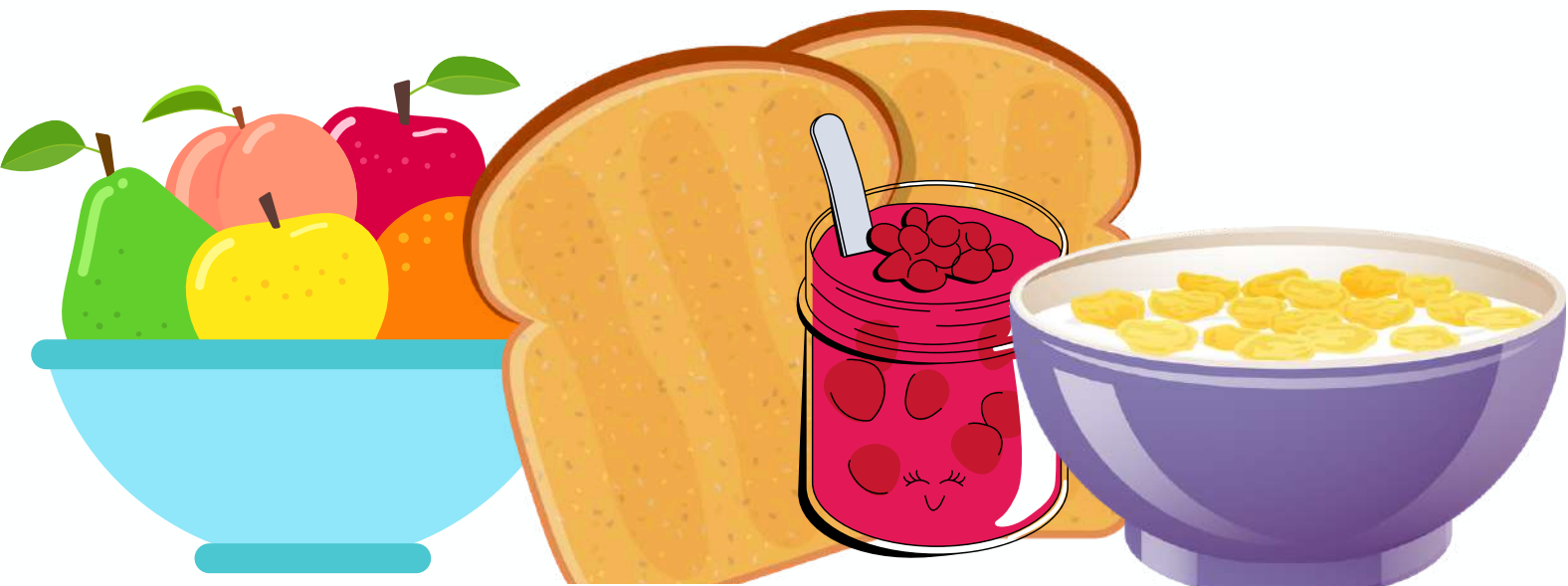
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Blayney Junior Soccer Club

**BE PART  
OF THE  
CLUB!**



**COME AND TRY  
REGISTRATION DAY**

**Sunday 23 February 2025**

**10 am**

**Napier Park, Blayney**

**FREE BBQ & DRINKS**

**VOLUNTEER & FAMILY INFO**

**UNIFORMS & REGISTRATIONS**

**"COACH THE COACHES" SESSION**

Come and participate in our free Coach-the-Coaches tutorials to enhance your coaching skills!



Blayney Junior Soccer Club & Premier Football Academy are joining forces to improve the volunteers and parent's experience, making soccer sessions more enjoyable for our players.

Join Blayney Net Set Go  
Term 1 2025.

Who: from 4 - 12 years.

When: Tuesday 4-5pm  
(11/2/25 to 8/4/25)

Cost: \$135.00

Register using the link below if  
any difficulties please contact  
Blayneynetball@hotmail.com

Registrations close: 8pm 10th Feb.  
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**NETSETGO!**

**Shoot, Score,  
and Sign Up  
for an Amazing  
Season of Play!**

**REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN NOW.**

Did you notice a name change of one of our teachers? Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Rhodes on their special wedding over the holidays.



Mrs Rhodes

The annual Blayney Anglican Book Fair will be held on the 24th and 26th of April and the 2nd and 3rd of May. If you would like to donate, we are looking for books in good order, DVDs and CDs. Items can be left in the porch of the Anglican Hall anytime. For enquiries, please contact Elizabeth Russ on 0408 682 122



**LYNDHURST COMMUNITY  
COUNTRY  
FAIR**

Sunday March 16  
11am to 3pm  
LYNDHURST REC GROUND

**FREE ENTRY**

- medieval display
- entertainment
- market stalls
- yummy food
- ice-cream
- bouncy castles
- face painting
- cobb & co
- dog high jump
- car show with prizes

**and much more!!!**

Fun for all the family!





# Carcoar Public School Parents & Community Association

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## MEMBERSHIP INTEREST FORM

Carcoar Public School P&C Association is a not-for-profit Organisation which is established to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens, students, and teaching staff into close cooperation and to assist in providing facilities and equipment for the school and in promoting the recreation and welfare of the students at the school.

Membership of Carcoar Public School P&C Association is open to all parents and guardians of pupils attending the school and to all citizens. Carcoar Public School P&C Association is always keen to welcome new members and particularly members who access or have an interest in the services provided by the P&C.

Annual membership is **\$2** and entitles you to be involved in the decision making of Carcoar Public School P&C Association. When you become a financial member, you agree to follow the Constitution, by-laws, Code of Conduct and subcommittee rules as adopted by the Carcoar Public School P&C Association, copies of these materials are available from the Carcoar Public School P&C Association Secretary at each meeting of the P&C Association.

You are recognised as a financial member of the Carcoar Public School P&C Association after the meeting closes at which you submit your payment. The Treasurer shall issue you a receipt for this payment, you should retain the receipt for the current P&C Association year as proof of your membership.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please complete the form below and bring it with you to the next meeting of the Carcoar Public School P&C Association. If you are unable to attend the next meeting but wish to become a member please submit this form and payment to the Treasurer via the school front Office.

Carcoar Public School P&C Association thanks you for your interest.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

**SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEMBER TYPE:** **PARENT / CITIZEN** (CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE)

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS FOR MEETING NOTICES & UPDATES** \_\_\_\_\_

I include a payment of **\$2** to become a financial member of the **CARCOAR** P&C Association. I acknowledge that I am aware that I agree to follow the Constitution, by-laws, Code of Conduct and sub-committee rules as adopted by the **CARCOAR** P&C Association.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_