



CARCOAR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



Mr Bullock

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a wonderful few weeks it has been for our beautiful village of Carcoar! Following the success of the Carcoar Show, our community once again came alive over the weekend with the return of the very popular Carcoar Cup Running Festival, attracting more than 800 entrants.

A huge congratulations and thank you to our amazing P&C for their tireless efforts across two incredibly busy and successful weekends your contribution to our school and community is truly appreciated.

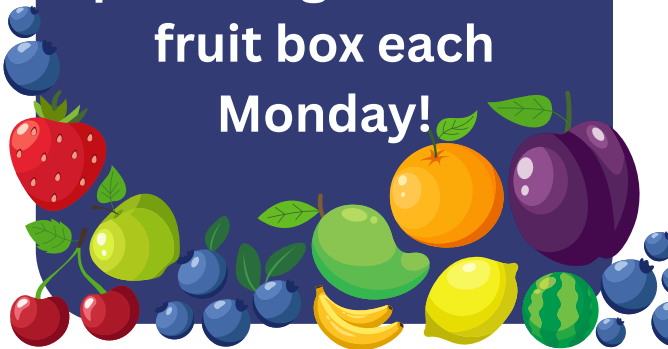
Recently, I had the privilege of attending the NSW Primary Principals' Conference, themed "Together We Walk Forward." The event featured inspiring speakers, including Yasmin London, who shared powerful insights on helping children stay safe and empowered online, and Vincent Fantauzzo and Cathy Freeman, who spoke about resilience, identity, and the power of connection.

Their messages strongly reflect what we strive to nurture every day at Carcoar Public School — confidence, kindness, and courage in all that we do.

As the end of the school year approaches, let's continue working together to finish 2025 with our trademark high expectations, positivity, and celebration of all that makes our school such a special place!



A big THANK YOU to
Bernardis IGA
Blayney for
providing us with a
fruit box each
Monday!



DATES TO REMEMBER

-  **Swimming**
Thursday Week 1 - Week 6
-  **Lunch Orders**
Odd Weeks for Term 4
-  **ES1 & S1 Excursion**
Friday Nov 21
-  **SAVE THE DATE | PRESENTATION DAY**
Thursday Dec 11

K-2 NEWS



In the K-2 classroom, students enthusiastically explored language to describe positions and spatial relationships. They used diverse terms like "next to," "between," and "above" to clearly communicate. Some children refined their descriptions for precision, enhancing their understanding of spatial dynamics. The hands-on activity of giving and following directions on a grid fostered collaboration and joy, resulting in many "aha!" moments. This experience helped young learners become confident communicators and thinkers. Great job, everyone!



Mrs Rankin



Mrs Carter

Our K-2 students have been busy investigating arrays in mathematics. An array is an arrangement of objects, pictures, or numbers in columns and rows. The class can now create their own arrays, write matching number sentences (e.g., 3 rows of 4 is $3 \times 4 = 12$), and work out the total number in each array. How clever!

Well done, young mathematicians!

3-6 NEWS



Survival

What does it take to survive extreme weather conditions, unexpected turn of events or surprising occurrences? Our students are learning about survival through reading real life accounts of human survival. Stay tuned for some inspirational recounts from your children!

Welcome back!

Students have returned from the holidays refreshed and ready for learning! We've had a great start to Term 4 with work beginning across all Key Learning areas as well as lots of Carcoar Show preparations.

We've continued our new behaviour management strategies including fast and frequent feedback in the forms of raffle tickets and weekly merit certificates. Keep up the great work on behaviour amazing students.

While our Stage 2 students were enjoying their excursion, Stage 3 had the pleasure of having local artist Liz Darmody teach an abstract painting lesson. We used materials such as balloons, forks, cardboard and disposable cloths. Our finished pieces were so wonderful, some of us even entered them into the Carcoar Show!



Miss Summerson



Mrs Rhodes



CARCOAR SHOW



We had a fantastic day at the Carcoar Show, one of our favorite community events.

Our students excelled, earning numerous prizes in various categories such as art, cooking, and photography. The judges praised the creativity and effort in each entry, and our school display won First Place with the theme "Looking Forward, Looking Back." Visitors enjoyed exploring our historical display and community memory box.

Special thanks to our staff for running the children's activities and to the P&C for their hard work raising fund with selling sandwiches and refreshments.

It was, as always, a celebration of community, creativity, and country spirit—congratulations to everyone for making the 2025 Carcoar Show a success!

CARCOAR SHOW CONT.



CARCOAR CUP



What a wonderful morning we had at the Carcoar Cup! A huge thank you to our students, families, and staff for showing up on a Sunday and giving their all in the Kids Cup. Special mention to our transition students, and to George and Miss Poidy for completing the 6km Carcoar to Creek Dash.

It was fantastic to see so many families cheering, supporting, and even competing in other races. Thank you to The Carcoar Sport and Recreation Club Inc. for donating our shirts — we were proud to wear them on our first outing.

A big congratulations to Race Hub Australia and everyone involved in another great community event. We can't wait for 2026!

CARCOAR CUP CONT.



STAGE 2 EXCURSION



What an incredible adventure! Our Stage 2 campers had a fantastic time exploring Wellington Caves, discovering ancient formations and hidden wonders deep underground. After settling in at Wambangalang, students enjoyed team games, low ropes challenges, and plenty of laughter. A fun night of bowling and dinner at The Burger Club capped off the evening perfectly!

The excitement continued at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, where we met animals from around the world — from towering giraffes to cheeky monkeys — and learned about conservation. Students also visited Old Dubbo Gaol, went bike riding, and met the resident carpet python (safely behind glass!). An unforgettable experience for all!

TRANSITION



Our Transition students have been busy exploring something very special — their names! Through hands-on, playful learning, they've been using play dough, whiteboards, and cutting and pasting to build, write, and decorate their names in creative ways.

It's been wonderful to see the pride on their faces as they recognise the letters that make them uniquely themselves. Each activity helps build fine motor skills, early literacy, and confidence — and most importantly, it celebrates who they are!

We are so proud of our young learners for their curiosity, creativity, and excitement as they take these first big steps into their learning journey.



2026 KINDERGARTEN Transition

What we offer:

- Teacher-led full school day
- Integrated classroom experiences alongside current students
- School readiness activities designed to build confidence and skills
- One-on-one support to nurture every child
- Play-based learning to encourage curiosity and creativity
- Literacy, numeracy and social development embedded in everyday learning
- Tailored support for your child's individual learning journey

Why Transition Matters

- Children who participate in transition programmes show increased confidence and greater engagement at school.
- Supports development of early friendships and understanding of school routines.
- Eases the shift from home or preschool to the school environment.
- Helps develop independence and a love for learning from day one.



**MAKE THE RIGHT START TO YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION
AND ENROL AT CARCOAR PUBLIC SCHOOL.**

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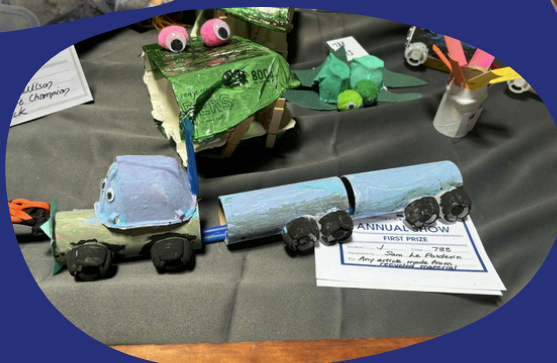


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PLAYGROUP

Welcome back to Term 4 Playgroup! We've hit the ground running with our first two weeks dedicated to preparing for the Carcoar Show. Our little artists painted, decorated and worked hard on their wonderful show entries.

We're so proud of their efforts — our playgroup students walked away with prizes for their amazing creations, and a special mention goes to Alby, who was awarded Runner-Up Champion for his outstanding work. A fantastic start to Term 4, and we can't wait to see what our creative little learners come up with at next week's playgroup!



Miss Poidy

CPS Library
0-5 Years
Thursdays, 9am - 11am
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CPS PLAYGROUP 2025

from birth - 5 years*



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LIBRARY

LIBRARY DAY IS TUESDAY!

NEWS

Don't forget
your
library bag!



SPOOKY HAPPENINGS IN THE LIBRARY

The library has been full of magic and mischief this month! Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Klarner have been helping our Infants and Primary students focus on reading fluently and sharing stories with one another — it's been wonderful hearing all the growing confidence and expression in their voices! If you're visiting our library, don't miss our spooktacular Halloween display — it's full of eerie decorations, creepy creatures, and some fang-tastic books to enjoy. Come take a look... if you dare!



R.L. STINE

Meet R.L. Stine, the spooky mastermind behind the Goosebumps series! Known as the "Stephen King of children's books," he's been giving readers fun frights since the 1990s. His stories are full of twists, laughs, and just the right amount of scare. Feeling brave? Check out a Goosebumps book from our library



LIBRARY

BOOK REVIEWS

Name: Lilly Darmody Date: 14.8.25

BOOK REVIEW

Title: Monster chef
Author: Nick Bland

Star rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

My reason for this rating:
This book is really funny and enjoyable because not only brings smiles to faces, but it teaches a lesson you just have to find your own way to do things sometimes.

My favourite scene:


Name: Elsie Bird Date: 20.7.25

BOOK REVIEW

Title: PARTY PETS
Author: Adam Wallace

Star rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

My reason for this rating:
It is funny

My favourite scene:


Name: milly Date: 24.6.25

BOOK REVIEW

Title: Baby wombat's week
Author: Jackie French

Star rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

My reason for this rating:
I like it just not my type of book, and it needs more words in it.

My favourite scene:






PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR 'BIG SCHOOL'

Parents can ease their children's transition to 'Big School' by creating a safe and exciting environment.

Key strategies include:

- Discussing what school will be like and establishing a daily routine.
- Encouraging independence in tasks like dressing and packing.
- Visiting the school and meeting teachers beforehand.
- Engaging in games and reading to develop basic skills.

Literacy Tips

- Read regularly and encourage pointing out letters.
- Engage in conversations to build vocabulary.
- Introduce letters and sounds playfully.
- Encourage storytelling to enhance narrative skills.
- Practice writing with fun materials.
- Play literacy games to reinforce skills.
- Create a print-rich environment at home.

Numeracy Tips:

- Count objects during daily activities.
- Use numbers in context in conversations.
- Play games that focus on number recognition.
- Explore shapes and patterns in the environment.
- Sort and classify items to develop categorization skills.
- Introduce simple measurements during play.
- Use everyday math language to build understanding.

General Tips:

- Be patient and positive; focus on exploration and enjoyment.
- Make learning hands-on and playful.
- Celebrate efforts and progress.
- Communicate with preschool teachers to align learning activities.

FROM THE P&C

Wow! What a whirlwind two weeks it has been, with 3 big P&C fundraising events taking place in our local community!

The Carcoar Show is always a standout event in our calendar- thank you to the wonderful helpers who prepared the food items for our stall and also those who gave up their time on the day. Congratulations to Matt Lewis, the winner of the 100 club!

We hosted a successful pasta night on the eve of the Carcoar Cup- thank you to the generous parents, staff, community members and the VERY helpful students who made this event possible. We needed every single one of you there to help feed those hungry runners and we could not have done it without you. To top it all off, many of the same volunteers returned early the next day to run the BBQ on race day- an incredible effort by all! A huge, HUGE thank you!

Through these efforts, we are very proud to have raised some substantial funds for the projects we are working towards including the shade sails and outdoor eating area furniture, as well as continuing to support excursions and swimming lessons.

Our next P&C is 24th November at 3:15pm in the library. We would love to see you there.



Upcoming:
P&C Meeting | Nov 24 - 3:15pm

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.



Education

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.



WELCOME ESTHER & JAX



P&C PASTA TREAT!

CARCOAR PUBLIC SCHOOL



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ENGAGING
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CARING





Meet the Prac Student ✨

MISS O'CARROLL



Hi, I'm Miss O'Carroll. I'm currently on placement in K-2 for four weeks. For the past year, I have been studying for my Masters in Primary Teaching and have been enjoying being in the classroom and getting to know all the wonderful Carcoar students.

I live on The Northern Beaches in Sydney and have come to visit Carcoar to experience teaching in a small community. At home, I normally see waves and seagulls, but it's fun seeing sheep, cows and pink cockatoos.

When I'm not studying, I enjoy spending time with my niece, snuggling up and reading a book, watching movies or going to the beach to listen to the waves crash and look out for whales splashing their tails.

"Tomorrow is always fresh, with no mistakes in it"
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

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