



CARCOAR PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWS



Mr Bullock

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the 2026 school year at Carcoar Public School. I hope the holiday period provided time to relax, recharge, and enjoy special moments with family and friends. It has been wonderful to see our students return happy, settled, and ready to learn.

A very warm welcome to our new students and families joining our school community. We are proud of our inclusive and supportive environment and look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning journey.

Our focus for 2026 is Inspiring Excellence. We aim to support every student to achieve their personal best in all areas—academically, socially, and emotionally.

We believe excellence looks different for every child, and our staff are committed to nurturing growth, confidence, and a love of learning in every classroom.

Throughout the year, we will continue to prioritise strong foundations in literacy and numeracy, student wellbeing, and engaging learning experiences tailored to individual needs.

We greatly value our partnerships with families and encourage open communication. Together, we can ensure the best outcomes for every student.

I look forward to a fantastic year ahead.



We are so proud of our school captains! Not only did they showcase exceptional leadership at our HCSS Swimming Carnival, but they also broke records in the pool. Maddie set multiple records in the Open 100m Freestyle, Senior Medley, 50m Backstroke, and 50m Freestyle, while Max broke the 50m Freestyle record. Maddie & Max exemplified humble determination and teamwork, making the school proud both in and out of the pool.

CONGRATS



DATES TO REMEMBER



LIBRARY for 2026 is now:
Every Thursday



Playgroup
Every Thursday 9am - 11am



PSSA District Swimming
Friday Mar 6



2026 School Captains

MADDIE



One of my favorite things about Carcoar Public School is that everyone knows each other like one big family. We all work together as a team, and I love learning about the school and town's history. Plus, we get to play lots of different sports!

My hobbies include swimming, dancing, playing football, and spending time with my dog, Maisie.



As the school captain, I'm super excited to help our school by having lots of fun fundraisers every week! I want to make sure all the new kindergarteners feel happy and that they belong at CPS. I can't wait to work with Mr. Bullock and be a good example for the younger kids. If you need any help, just come to us!



2026 School Captains

MAX



What I love most about Carcoar PS is how everyone makes you feel better when you're sad. As soon as you come through the front gate, people say hello with big smiles, making the place feel like one big group of friends.

My hobbies include playing football with my friends, going pig hunting, and fishing. I really like visiting Cobar because my uncle lives there on a farm.



As the School Captain, I'm super excited about the fun fundraising events we have each week and meeting new friends who visit our school. I get to work together with Maddie, which is awesome! When new families and kids arrive at CPS, I'll help them find their way around. If you need any help, just ask me or Maddie!

K-2 NEWS



Welcome to 2026! A special warm welcome to our six new Kindergarten students who are bursting with excitement and already learning with great energy. Our fifteen K/1/2 students have spent the first few weeks getting to know each other better, with morning circle being a favourite time. We are very impressed with our Year One and Two students who are proudly leading Kindergarten—they have been caring, helpful, and are setting a wonderful example for our youngest learners.



We are exploring problem-solving in math and making text connections in English. Our classroom is decorated with a circus theme. Health lessons focus on hygiene and tooth brushing. We've studied maps, Australia's diverse landscapes, and held a swimming carnival. With so much learning and fun, we're all sleeping well!



Mrs Rankin

3-6 NEWS



Welcome to 2026!

We'd love to welcome our 6 amazing year 3 students who have joined our classroom. Your enthusiasm and personalities are a fantastic addition to our classroom and we look forward to all you're going to achieve this year.

We are well underway with our learning in the 3-6 classroom.

In maths we're learning all things Number, exploring whole numbers and decimals.

In English we've started an exciting new unit based on the book 'The wild robot' and students are getting creative as they explore narrative, figurative language and the world of robots.



We're lucky enough to have Mrs Taylor Mooney working with us, completing the first part of her Student Learning Support Officer (SLSO) training. She'll be spending most of her time in our classroom. If you see her around please say hi.



Mrs Rhodes



Miss Summerson

LIBRARY

NEWS

LIBRARY DAY IS THURSDAY!

Don't forget
your
library bag!

An Exciting Term in the Library!

This term, we're thrilled to launch a special Library Borrowing Challenge to celebrate our love of reading! Students are encouraged to borrow and return books throughout the term — and there's a fun reward waiting at the finish line.

Every time a student borrows and returns a book, it counts toward their total. Once they reach 7 successful borrow-and-return visits, they'll earn a special library treat at the end of the term!

Not only does this challenge help build great reading habits and responsibility, but it also opens the door to new adventures, fascinating facts, and fantastic stories waiting on our shelves.

We can't wait to see our students dive into books, explore new genres, and rise to the challenge. Let's make this a term full of reading success!

Happy reading!



LIBRARY Fun

Read a story online

<https://www.cbeebies.com/watch/>





Mrs Hicks

FROM THE APC&I

Human Society and Its Environment - HSIE

At Carcoar Public School, we are excited to be exploring the new HSIE syllabus. Our teachers are engaged in professional learning to familiarise themselves with the updated content and are already trialling new materials in HSIE lessons. This proactive approach ensures that our teaching is current and relevant, providing students with an enriched learning experience. By embracing these changes, we aim to deepen students' understanding of history, geography, and society, helping them develop critical thinking and real-world connections. We believe this is a positive step that will inspire and support our students' growth and curiosity.

New Curriculum



Human Society and its Environment K-6

Applying knowledge, understanding and skills through interrelated practices

Geography

People are connected to places

People are connected to places and groups

Geographical information is used to understand the world

Geographical information is used to plan for sustainable futures

History

People have lived in the past

People learn about the past by engaging with stories, images, objects and sites

History uses sources to construct narratives of the past

Historical sources present perspectives on the past

HELPING KIDS FIND THEIR FEET (AND THEIR SOCKS) HEADING TO SCHOOL

A couple of weeks into school and many children are settling into the rhythm of learning life beautifully. Others are still wondering why school is everyday (when I already did it once on Monday) and why someone else gets to decide when snack time happens (rude!). All these responses are completely normal.

The first few weeks of school place big demands on little peoples' nervous systems. Children are managing new routines, new relationships, new expectations; and doing it without the fully developed brain skills adults rely on. A few simple, evidence-based supports at home can make a powerful difference.

Sleep: The quiet superpower

Sleep is one of the strongest predictors of emotional regulation, attention and learning in young children. Research consistently shows that school-aged children do best with predictable sleep routines and earlier bedtimes. If mornings have started to feel a little fragile, it's not a parenting failure – it is often a sleep signal. Aim for a calm, consistent wind-down routine (without screens where possible) and a bedtime that allows for plenty of rest, even if that means lights out earlier than feels socially reasonable.

Routines Build Safety: (even when children protest)

Children thrive on predictability because it reduces the cognitive load on their developing brains. Simple routines around mornings, after-school time, and bedtime help children feel safe – even when they loudly insist they do not like routines at all (or eating broccoli/getting in the shower). Visual schedules, doing things in the same order each day, and keeping mornings calm and boring (yep, boring) all support smoother transitions.

Big Feelings Don't Mean Something is Wrong

It's common for emotions to show up after school, once children are back at home. Tears, irritability, or complete emotional collapse (rivalling an Oscar nomination) at 4pm are often signs that children have been working very hard to hold it all together all day. Naming feelings "that sounds like today was a big day" and offering connection (think hug or cuddle) before correcting the behaviour helps the nervous system settle far more effectively than lots of questions or problem-solving.

Managing Worries, Not Eliminating Them

Some children are still carrying worries about school – separating, getting things “right”, or knowing what comes next. Rather than trying to remove the worry entirely (an impossible task), we help children by normalising worry and giving them tools. Calm reassurance, predictable drop-off routines, and adult confidence in their ability to cope (“You can feel nervous and still do brave things”) are supported by decades of developmental psychology research.

Finally, if things feel a little harder than expected, you're not alone. The transition to school is a marathon – not a sprint. Two weeks in, the goal isn't perfection. It's consistency in sleep, safety, routines, and a growing sense that school is a place where children belong.

If you feel as though you need some extra assistance, please reach out to the school and we can work alongside to make this transition a great one.



It was great to see new and familiar faces at our recent P&C meeting!
Thank you to everyone for your input. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!



How you can help?!

In preparation for our Easter Raffle, we are kindly asking for donations of Easter chocolates, craft items or other Easter themed gifts to be wrapped as prizes for the lucky winners! Donations big or small are greatly appreciated and can be popped inside the door of the school office. Raffle tickets will go home to families in the first week of March. Purchasing these raffle tickets will go directly back into funding school excursions and work towards shade sails for the student eating area.

To run the Bunnings BBQ in Orange on Sunday 29th March, we will rely on the generous families and individuals in our community to volunteer some of their time to help. We currently have 3 volunteers and seek at least 7 more. If you are able to offer some time to help out (shifts can be arranged of 1 hour/2 hours/ or more), please speak to Sarah Steele 0400 734 778.



CARCOAR PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

MEETING NOTICE



DATE
MONDAY MAY 11, 2026



TIME
3:15PM - 4:15PM



PLACE
CPS LIBRARY

ALL WELCOME

Membership is not a requirement to attend our meetings. We warmly invite all families and community members to join us.



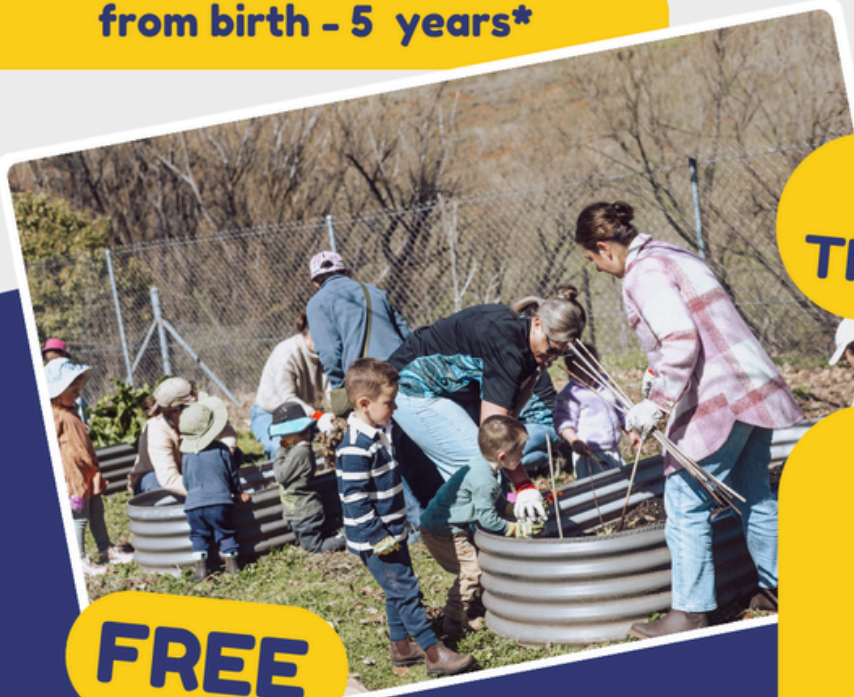
Please contact carcoarpnc@gmail.com for any enquiries.

CPS PLAYGROUP 2026

from birth - 5 years*



**RETURNING
THURSDAY FEB 5 2026**



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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🌐 <https://carcoar-p.schools.nsw.gov.au>



For more info call

02 6367 3032

*accompanied by parent



Term One Weekly OVERVIEW

Monday

Homework sent home
(commencing Week 5)

Mrs Rankin K-2

Miss Summerson 3-6

Tuesday

Mrs Rankin K-2

Miss Summerson 3-6

Wednesday

Mrs Rankin K-2

Miss Summerson 3-6

Thursday

Playgroup 9am - 11am

Sport and Music

Mr Mac - K-6 RFF

Library K-6

Mrs Rankin K-2

Mrs Rhodes 3-6

Friday

Freezy Friday
\$2 Ice Blocks
Scripture
Homework Return

Mrs Rankin - K-2

Mrs Rhodes 3-6

IMPORTANT

NO HAT PLAY IN THE SHADE

Brekkie Club

Everyday 8:30am - 8:50am



Breakfast **CLUB**

MON - FRI

Available for all students between
8:30am and 8:55am

MENU

MON - FRI

8:30AM - 8:55AM

Fruit



Toast

Butter

Honey

Vegemite

Jam



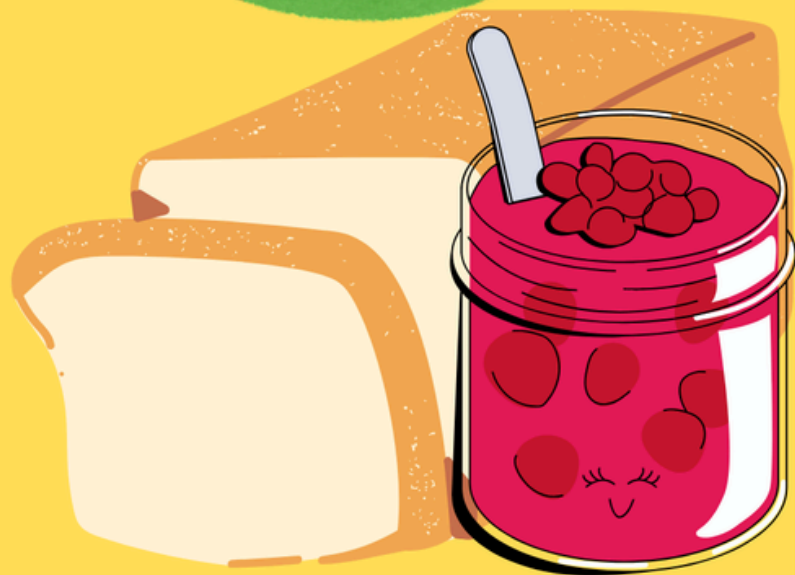
Cereal

Weet Bix

Sultana Bran

Nutri Grain

Corn Flakes



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.



MUSIC WITH MR MAC!



WELL DONE AGE CHAMPS!

CARCOAR PUBLIC SCHOOL



LEARNING IS...
ENGAGING
INDIVIDUALISED
DYNAMIC

TEACHING IS...
INNOVATIVE
PROGRESSIVE
EXPLICIT



LEADING IS...
SUPPORTIVE
REFLECTIVE
RESPONSIVE

COMMUNITY IS...
COLLABORATIVE
INCLUSIVE
CARING





JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST BATHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL FAIR

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 2026

- 10AM TO 4PM -

UNLIMITED RIDE WRISTBANDS

PRE-SALE \$35

\$40 AT THE GATE

SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE
RIDE WRISTBANDS



SCAN HERE TO PURCHASE
RAFFLE TICKETS



FOR MORE INFORMATION FIND US BATHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL FAIR 2026



LYNDHURST COMMUNITY COUNTRY FAIR



Sunday March 22
10am to 2pm

LYNDHURST REC GROUND



FREE ENTRY

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

and much more!!!



Fun for all
the family!

Follow Lyndhurst Village Committee on Facebook
for more info and fair updates!



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2026

Kindergarten - Year 6



SCAN THE QR
CODE TO
ENROL

CONTACT US FOR

- ✓ more information
- ✓ school tours
- ✓ enrolment meetings
- ✓ open classrooms



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