



The View

Your Fortnightly Carool School Newsletter

Term 4, Week 2

25 October 2018

Here we are on the downhill run for 2018. I'm sure like myself, you can't believe that we are already at the end of October. I also can't believe how fortunate I am to have been given the opportunity to work and lead this incredible school. My first full fortnight at Carool has been something quite special. Getting to know the students and families on a deeper level has left me feeling incredibly grateful. I am looking forward to the next eight weeks and all the exciting things that happen at this time of year.

Summertime at Carool – SUN SAFETY AND HYDRATION

It's no surprise to anybody that lives on the north coast how important it is to be Sun Safe. Please make sure your child comes to school every day with a hat and water to drink. Yes, we do have bubblers although water consumption is far more effective through a water bottle.

FRUIT AND FITNESS

Our fruit and fitness program is an important way for the students at Carool to have an academic learning break and refuel their brains with exercise and quality food. Please make sure your child comes to school with some fruit or vegetables so they can participate in the program. A banana, an apple or a mandarin can have a large impact on the ability of your child to sustain their thinking and concentration for optimal learning.

BUSHFIRE SEASON

As we head into warmer weather we need to take some time to think and plan for bushfire emergency situations.

Our school has previously been identified as being at increased risk in the event of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating being issued for our local area. As such, our school remains on the Department's Bush Fire Register for this coming season. Please take the time to read the attached Bushfire Season Information for Parents brochure provided by the Health and Safety Directorate of the NSW Department of Education and the attached letter to our school community. If you have any questions about this matter, please make contact with the school.

SHARING ASSEMBLY

The K-6 students have already begun working on our end of year Presentation Assembly performances. We have something very special in store for you! In light of the work and effort going into our end of year assembly, we will be holding a small half-term sharing assembly on Tuesday 13th November at 2:15pm. As stated this will be a brief sharing assembly with students showcasing some work and singing some songs. We'd love for family and friends to join us.

NEW STUDENT

We welcomed a new student this term. Ryke is in year 1 and we welcome him and his family to the Carool PS community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Friday 26

- Peter & the Wolf pantomime @ Murwillumbah Civic Centre

Tuesday 30

- Tweed River High visit & writing task - Yr 6

NOVEMBER

Friday 9

- Swimming lessons

Tuesday 13

- Sharing assembly @ 2:15 pm

Wednesday 14

- Kindergarten orientation session - 9 to 11:30 am

Friday 16

- Swimming lessons

Sunday 18

- Piggabeen market stall - parent/family members help needed

Monday 19 to Wednesday 21

- Yr 4-6 Tyalgum Ridge camp

Wednesday 21

- Kindergarten orientation session - 9 to 11:30 am

Friday 23

- Swimming lessons

Wednesday 28

- Kindergarten orientation - last day - 9 to 11:30 am



PRAC-TEACHER

We welcome Ms Lauren Williams to Carool Public School. Ms Williams is a Southern Cross University student studying education. She is on her second prac of her degree and will spend five weeks at our school. Ms Williams brings a love of children and learning with her to Carool and the students and I are already thoroughly enjoying having her at Carool.

PLAYGROUND AWARD

The playground award at Carool is one way we choose to recognise and celebrate exceptional behaviour in the playground. The behaviours we value here at school in our playground are kindness, inclusivity, clear and respectful communication and fun! This week's playground award has been awarded to Nik. Congratulations Nik for the way you conduct yourself in our school playground. We appreciate your fun attitude and the way you include all students at Carool in your games. Have a great time at the movies!



Upcoming Events & Dates for your Diary

Year 4-6 Tyalgum Ridge Camp – Week 6, Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 October

For those students who have indicated they will be going to this camp, parents are reminded that full payment is due by Monday 12 November (Term 4 week 5). Attached to this newsletter is an itinerary and a what to bring to camp note as well as a parent permission note and school note. Please return these by Friday 9 November.

Whole school swimming lessons - Term 4, Weeks 4 to 7

Swimming lessons will run over 4 weeks each Friday from 9 November until 30 November. This program will once again be subsidised by the Australian Sporting Schools grant with parents asked to pay a small amount to subsidise bus costs. Please ensure on each of these days your child has or wears their swimmers, brings a towel, goggles, plastic bag for wet gear and underwear to change into after lessons.

Kindergarten 2019 orientation days

Kindergarten orientation days will be held on Wednesday 14, 21 and 28 November this term to allow our Kindies for 2019 to meet our teachers and students and get a taste of big school! If you know of anyone looking to enrol their child in Kinder next year please ask them to call the office and make a time to come see our beautiful school and talk to the principal. We also welcome enrolments from other grades as well.

Belinda Eadsforth

Relieving Principal

UPDATE ON LEARNING 3-6

The 3-6 class have returned to term 4 after the holiday break on fire! I am continually impressed by the dedicated work habits of the students in this class. The love of learning amongst the students in this class is evident and real. We have commenced a writing unit focussing on quality vocabulary and the power that words can have. The students are creating vivid and exciting pieces of writing showcasing outstanding descriptions. In math we have been learning about rounding numbers and how to use this strategy to estimate effectively. We have also been using informal units and formal units such as cubic centimetres to measure the volume and capacity of a variety of spaces.

UPDATE ON LEARNING K-6

Mr Hartmann and I have decided to join forces with our two amazing classes this term while we work on our major integrated unit of work. We will be delivering this unit of work to the students in an exciting and modern method of teaching called Project Based Learning, a teaching and learning method that has previously been used here at Carool PS. Throughout this unit, students will have the opportunity to follow their interest and passion around learning styles while working together as a school as we learn about the topic of bees. Just to give you a little taster of what the students have chosen to do, I can tell you to look forward to seeing models of bees and hives, information reports, music, drama, movie making, art and a whole lot more! We can't wait to share this with you at the end of the term.

UPDATE ON LEARNING K-2

It's been a whirlwind start this term in K-2. We have started working on improving our writing by adopting the seven steps to writing success, which has been interactive and enjoyable for everyone. This fortnight the student's learned to grab the readers attention by using a sizzling start. This takes the students away from using the common story starters and begin with action or curiosity, gaining the readers attention immediately.

This fortnight in maths, the students have been using the split strategy to two digit numbers. In subtraction we have been learning about the jump strategy and how we first subtract our tens and our ones. Furthermore, it would be great if we could be doing simple money addition at home as this will be done in class in the next fortnight.

In STEM this semester K-6 will be working in collaborative groups to learn as much as we can about bees. This will be done through project based learning, where students will engage in self directed learning about a bee topic of their choice. This week we mapped out the bee species in our school and started doing bee observations.

Mr Hartmann

FUNDRAISING

Our school has one last opportunity for 2018 to hold a stall at Piggabeen markets. Please read the note sent home today to find out how you can help raise money for our new playground equipment.

Other funds raised recently are:

- \$100 from Grill'd Coolangatta. We came third in their community local matters program, thank you Grill'd
- \$51 from students mufti days
- \$10 donation from parent

All these small amounts are adding up and hopefully with a grant next year, we will get some playground equipment. Thank you everyone for your support so far!

HEAD LICE

A note went home earlier this week asking parents to check their child's head for head lice/nits and treat as necessary. Please be vigilant and check regularly so as to avoid the spread to other students.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 7 Book Club catalogue went home today. Please ensure orders and payment are returned to the office by Friday 2 November. Parents can also order online via LOOP. Visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

Teachers from Tweed River High School will be at our school on Tuesday 30 October to meet with our Year 6 students who will be completing a writing task and finding out more about high school. There will be an orientation day at Tweed River on Tuesday 4 December (more information to follow).



PRESENTATION DAY 2018



Tuesday 11 December will be our end of year Presentation Day commencing at 1:00 pm followed by afternoon tea - please bring a plate of food to share.

All family and community members are welcome to join us to celebrate our achievements for 2018 and induct our 2019 school leaders.



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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2018-19 BUSH FIRE SEASON

Dear Parents

I am writing to let you know about arrangements for our school for the current bush fire season. Our school has been identified as a school at increased risk if a bush fire were to break out on a day when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education has determined that on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place. This is based on information obtained through a bush fire assessment of our school arranged by the department.

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is likely to occur on a very small number of days during the bush fire season, if at all. To ensure that we continue to support student learning on these days, I have put the following arrangements in place:

If our site is closed due to a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating, parents will be advised the night before. Bilambil Public School is our designated school to attend in the event of emergencies when our school is closed.

The school will only receive notification of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued. **To assist me in contacting all parents please ensure that you have provided the school with up-to-date home or after hours contact details.**

Information for parents and carers provided by the department about these arrangements is attached. Up to date bush fire information will also be available to you on the department's bush fire safety website. The link for this site is: <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news-at-det/bushfire-safety>

Please contact the school on 07 5590 9876 if you would like any further information about this matter.

Yours sincerely

Belinda Eadsforth
Relieving Principal

2018-19 Bush Fire Season Information for parents Health and Safety Directorate

This brochure provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the 2018-19 bush fire season. This information is only relevant for schools that are on the bush fire register.

Introduction

The NSW Department of Education has conducted bush fire assessments for NSW government schools in bush fire prone areas. These results have been validated by an independent external expert and have been reviewed in consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service.

A small number of schools have been identified as being at increased risk if a fire were to break out on a day when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued for the local area. This includes the school your child attends.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education has determined that on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for the area the school is in, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place.

What is a Fire Danger Rating?

A Fire Danger Rating is the expected fire danger on a particular day and is determined by considering a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought. The ratings range from Low – Moderate through High, Very High, Severe, Extreme and Catastrophic.

What is a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating?

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating means that if fires broke out they would be uncontrollable, unpredictable and very fast moving with very aggressive flames extending high above tree tops and buildings.

When will I know if my child's school won't be operating the next day?

The State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) notifies the department at approximately 4:30pm after each day when there are catastrophic fire danger ratings predicted for the following day. This means that the school will only receive notification of a catastrophic fire danger rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued.

Your school will notify you as soon as possible. You will be notified by telephone or other communication, depending on when the school is advised that the catastrophic fire danger rating has been issued. The school will contact all parents and carers and, where appropriate, issue advice through local media.

Please provide your current home or after hours contact details to your school. Parents and carers should also watch or listen to local media as information may be provided through these outlets.

What education arrangements will be in place if the school isn't operating?

Talk to your school about the arrangements that will be put in place in the event of the school temporarily ceasing operations due to a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating being issued. Schools will be undertaking advanced planning to ensure that if they do need to cease operations on some days, they will have alternative educational arrangements in place. This may include re-locating to another school, where practicable, or providing take home work for students.

2018-19 bush fire season: information for parents



Will my child's school be affected by Severe or Extreme Fire Danger Ratings?

During the bush fire season, including days of severe or extreme fire danger rating, schools will continue to operate as normal unless advised otherwise by emergency services. During the bush fire season schools will be vigilant and monitor local conditions, particularly on days when severe or extreme fire danger ratings are issued.

Plan and Prepare

The NSW Rural Fire Service has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bush fire season. It is important that you consider the safety of your own home from bush fire. Please find more information and resources on the RFS website at <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare>.



Learn more

We appreciate your cooperation during the bush fire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bush fire season, please refer to the [NSW Rural Fire Service website](#).

The department's [School Safety website](#) has also been established to provide up to date information during bush fires and other situations such as floods or storms.





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PIGGABEEN VALLEY CHRISTMAS MARKET SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2018 9am - 1pm

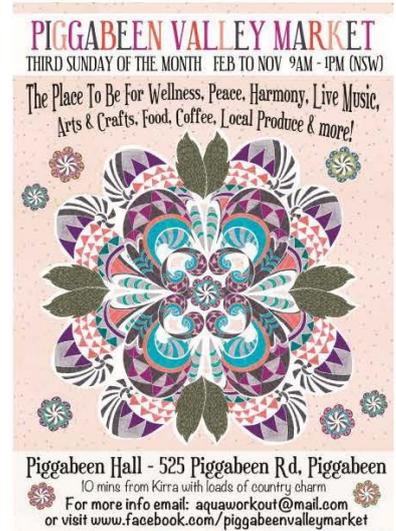
We would like to hold a final market stall at Piggabeen on Sunday 18 November to continue our fund raising efforts for our playground equipment. This is the last market for the year and **we need your help.**



We need people to set up the stall, man the stall during the day and help with pack up. We also need parents/family members/friends to supply homemade cakes, muffins, slices, biscuits etc (nothing that needs refrigeration) for our stall. All items must have a label with ingredients used. Baked goods will need to be dropped to the market on Sunday morning by 8:30am. We will also have plants to sell and if there is any other items the school community can suggest please let us know eg Christmas crafty items etc.

Please complete the slip below if you are able to help and return it to the school office by **Friday 9 November**. Our goal of playground equipment will be a step closer thanks to your support.

Anna Scanes
P&C Treasurer



Piggabeen Market 18 November 2018

I am able to help with the Piggabeen markets stall on Sunday 18 November.
I am able to help with:

- supplying of baked goods
- Set up from 7:30am
- Man the stall during the day between 8:30am and 1:00pm
- Pack up from 1:00pm

Print name: _____ Sign: _____ Date: _____
Contact phone number: _____