

Together we grow



Carool

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 2

24 October 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

WELCOME BACK

I trust everybody had a nice term break with their children at home and are happy to be back for Term 4. It's absolutely incredible to think that we only have eight and a half weeks left of the 2019 school year. Time certainly does fly.

SPORTS DAY

Please remember sport at school is on Monday's for the remainder of the year and students are asked to wear their sports uniform each Monday.

RURAL FIRE SERVICE

We have been lucky to have Zophy, Gordon and Michael from the Bilambil Rural Fire Service visit our school. This program was set for last term however after one session Zophy, Gordon and Michael were called away to fight the fires that have been plaguing the north coast over the last couple of months. The fire team returned this term to complete the program. Over the visits, students have learnt about 'outside' and 'inside' fires, how to call emergency services for help, and preventative actions we can take to keep ourselves safe in dangerous fire situations. Yesterday was our last lesson with the fire service and we had an extra special visit with Zophy bringing the fire truck.

BUSHFIRE SEASON

With the fire season already in full swing, it's a good time to remember our policy here at school. At the commencement of fire danger season, the school ensures that staff are familiar and prepared in accordance with our bushfire emergency management plan. In the event of approaching fire, the school will be in close contact with Police, NSWRFs and the SES. Parents will be kept informed via phone, email and texts. 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.

SUN SAFETY - HATS AT SCHOOL

Make sure you send a hat to school each day for your child to wear. If you would like, your child can leave their hat at school. We have one container for the K-2 hats and another for the 3-6 hats in each of the classrooms which your child can leave their hat in to ensure there will always be a hat at school to wear whenever we are outside. If you need a new hat, they are waiting for you in the office to buy and only cost \$10.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Friday 25

- Responsible Pet Education Program

Tuesday 29

- Tweed River High School visit Yr 6 students

NOVEMBER

Friday 1

- Book Club orders due back

Friday 8

- K-2 Swim Safe & 3-6 Surfing programs commence. Surfing notes to go home as soon as we have all the details of the program.

Tuesday 12

- Sharing Assembly commencing at 1:40pm

TWEED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

TRHS is currently planning for the arrival of our Year 6 students. Teachers will visit our school on Tuesday 29 October to talk about high school life and students will complete a short writing task. Students will also be given an overview of the Year 6 orientation day to be held on Tuesday 3 December at TRHS.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

On Friday we have the wonderful volunteers from the Responsible Pet Ownership program visiting our school to talk to all students about how to safely care for pets at home and out in public. Make sure you ask your children what we talked about at school on Friday afternoon!

KINDERGARTEN 2020

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten next year. If you know somebody enrolling a child in school next year, make sure you let them know about our great school and our upcoming orientation program.

Kindergarten students for 2020 are invited to attend our orientation program on Wednesday 13, 20, 27 of November - 9am-11:40. Please call the school if you have any questions in regard to the orientation program.

Mrs Eadsforth

Relieving Principal

AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our Term 4 Week 2 Merit Award winners, Eli, Emma and Alice and to Ryke who received a playground award. Ryke, Hayley, Emma and Tyler received their Silver Awards. To get to Silver award level students must first receive 5 Merit awards. Well done!



3-6 LEARNING

This term the 3-6 students have begun a unit of work on informative writing. We've started the unit by analysing report writing structure and language used. We will move into journal and diary entries, biographies and autobiographies, descriptions, news articles and travel guides.

The class has also been working on learning dispositions and mindset when approaching challenging work in the classroom. Students have been tackling challenging mathematical tasks and using persistence and resilience to problem solve. An activity last week was to find out what would be the largest cuboid they could completely wrap (like a present) using an A3 size of paper. The collaboration, variety of strategies used, and persistence was impressive. If you would like to know the answer, ask Eliza, Emma and Katelyn who produced some exceptional work.

This term we have been lucky enough to borrow a 3D printer from the Department of Education's STEM Share library. Students in our class have been learning the software Tinkercad to design 3D objects. We have a little way to go to refine our designs and then the printing will begin!

We've also set ourselves a fitness goal for the term. Last week the class undertook the 'beep' test with Mr Shawn. Each student has set themselves a goal for the end of term to improve their fitness level. Student's also participated in boxing activities with Mr Shawn as a way to increase our physical and mental health.



K-2 LEARNING

This fortnight we have started a science unit on living things. We have been learning how to classify things as living or non-living. We are linking our science unit with this term's writing focus on information reports. The students have all picked an Australian animal and have been enjoying researching facts about their chosen animals. The students are busy producing great booklets full of information and illustrations.



We also enjoyed a visit to the Murwillumbah Civic Centre to watch a hilarious version of Cinderella. The staff of the centre made numerous comments about the wonderful behaviour displayed by the Carool students. Well done kids!

Mr Russell

FROM THE COMMUNITY

BE PREPARED

Red Cross want everyone in our school community to be prepared for any emergency, large or small. It has been an early start to the summer disaster season, but there are simple ways your family can be prepared.

Three simple tools to help your family get prepared:

1. Create an emergency plan
2. Download the 'Get Prepared' app
3. Prepare your emergency survival kit

You can't always prevent an emergency, but by being prepared families can reduce their stress and cope better afterwards. While other agencies fight the fires and clean up the streets, Red Cross looks after the people. We care about families and want everyone to stay safe.



Orientation Day Tweed River High School

WHEN:	Tuesday 3 December 2019
WHERE:	Tweed River High School (Sport & Entertainment Centre)
TIME:	8:35am - 2:00pm
WHO:	Year 6 student - all day Parents: 8:35 - 10:00am

Please feel free to contact TRHS for further information

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2020 Year 7 Year Adviser

Mrs Bronwyn Mackney
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ISSUE 7 IS OUR BUMPER CHRISTMAS EDITION



ISSUE 7 OUT NOW!

**Don't forget your Issue 7
Book Club orders which are due:**

Issue 7 is a BUMPER Christmas catalogue that is sure to have something for everyone!

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club orders with payment are due back by Monday 1 November. Or you can order and pay online visit www.scholastic.com/au/LOOP

The Summerland Bank is presenting a free family movie night screening Inside Out.

Where: Rowan Robinson
Park, Kingscliff
Beach

When: Friday 1st Nov 2019

Starts: 7pm following Kingscliff Night Markets

Bring: rug, towel or just sit on the grass

Register early at summerland.com.au/movienight for free popcorn (first 150 serves)

**free outdoor
family movie
night**

**Inside
Out**



RURAL FIRE SERVICE VISIT





KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2020

Is your child starting school in 2020?

Please come along to our Kindergarten Orientation to see exactly how special our small school is!

Students enrolling in Kindergarten for 2020 will attend an orientation and transition program over three visits.

WHEN: Wednesday 13, 20, 27
November 9:00-11:40am

WHERE: Carool Public School

WHAT: Please bring a hat, some fruit or veg (for fruit break) and some recess.

For further information contact:

Relieving Principal
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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2019 – 2020 BUSH FIRE SEASON

Dear parents/carers

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. This is based on information obtained through a bush fire assessment of our school arranged by the department.

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating does not mean there will be a catastrophic fire, but rather weather conditions that could pose a high risk for a bush fire. The rating is a proactive measure to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

This 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 on 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. You can also check the school website and social media on these days for up to date communications on school operations.

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

Yours sincerely

Belinda Eadsforth
Relieving Principal

Bush Fire Season Information for parents Health and Safety Directorate

This brochure provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the 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.

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.

