

# Together we grow



# Carool

## PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 2

22 October 2020

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone! I hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed each other's company making memories. I spent my holidays catching up with friends, organising play dates for my son and plenty of beach visits. It was wonderful to spend so much time with my family.

### Covid-19 update

I would like to thank our community for their ongoing support in respecting and adhering to the government guidelines for schools. There has been some easing of restrictions for school activities this term which is great for our students. Students in 3 - 5 finally got to attend their Acknowledgment of Country workshop on Monday. There are some student recounts included in this newsletter.

The following guidelines from the Department of Education remain in place for this term:

- Parents and carers are asked to drop off and pick up their child/ren from the front gate. Non-essential visits are only permitted at the discretion of the principal if parent meetings need to occur.
- Parents and carers are reminded that students must not come to school if they are unwell. Even with very mild symptoms. If teachers notice any symptoms, a phone call will be made and you will be asked to collect your child/ren.

### School Counsellor

The timetable for our school counsellor allocation has been changed for this term. Instead of a few half day visits, Zoe will be on site for 2 full days throughout the term. This information is only relevant to students and families who are accessing the school counsellor service. If this is you, Zoe or myself will be in touch, if required, as part of our usual learning and support communication processes.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

##### Wednesday 4

- Safe on Social Student Workshops Yr3-5 at Bilambil Public School
- Safe on Social Parent Workshop 7-8:00pm via Zoom

##### Friday 13

- NAIDOC celebrations

### WORLD TEACHER' DAY

**Celebrating quality teaching and inspirational teachers**

This year NSW will celebrate World Teachers' Day on 30 October 2020.

World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to celebrate the 160,000+ hardworking and dedicated primary, secondary and early childhood teachers in NSW.

2020 has been a year like no other with teachers having to adjust their teaching practices in response to the outbreak of COVID-19.

**A big thank you to the dedicated teachers at Carool Public School!**

## **School Improvement Plan**

Staff have been working on the situational analysis over the past few months and it has showcased a variety of information in relation to where to next for whole school improvement. This information will support the construction of the new School Improvement Plan for the 2021 -2024 period. The draft plan will be discussed during the next online P&C meeting (date to be confirmed). Thank you to the parents/families who completed the online community engagement survey last term through Survey Monkey. Your responses were appreciated and are crucial part of this improvement process.

## **NAIDOC Week**

Due to Covid-19, this year NAIDOC Week is to be held from 8-15 November. This year's theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be' recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

In previous years, the local small school network has participated in a variety of activities to support NAIDOC celebrations. This year each school will be hosting their own events. Our school will be acknowledging and discussing the celebration during the entire week, however, we have allocated Friday 13 November as our main activity day. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks.

## **Student Behaviour and Wellbeing Reward**

Due to the complexities this year has presented, staff thought it would be nice to offer a mid-term check-in/reward day this term. This will be an opportunity for staff to thank students who are consistently displaying our school rules and being the best learner and friend, they can be. If students are displaying these behaviours (students will be self-assessing their own behaviour, therefore taking complete ownership of themselves), they will be seen as being 'on-track' to finish off 2020 strong and will be rewarded by heading out into our local community for an excursion. The catch is, Mr Hartmann and I will not be telling the students the exact event until closer to the day! We are keeping it a secret! The idea is that students will 'trust the process' and have faith in the selection of activity Mr Hartmann and I have chosen! This will hopefully create a fun learning culture and provide an opportunity for the students to look forward to.

## **Kindergarten Orientation**

We begin our Kinder Orientation program on Thursday 19th November at 9am with follow up sessions on the 26th and then 3rd December. We can't wait to spend some time with our new Kinder enrolments. If you know anybody looking to enrol their child into Kinder in 2021, invite them to come along and experience the kind and nurturing school we have here at Carool.

## **Safe on Social Media Workshops (Students and parents in Years 3-5)**

In response to growing digital activities for our children today, and following discussions with our parents and a local principal colleague, I am excited to announce that we have been invited to engage with the support of a local social media consulting firm to help support our students in the growing space of cyber-bullying and social media awareness.

Kirra Pendergast from Safe on Social is well-known and respected expert in the field of social media security, privacy and risk management. She has been educating students and adults,

including provision of strategic advice, to government and industry personnel, on this topic for approximately 30 years.

Kirra was inspired to create Safe on Social Media Pty Ltd after experiencing serious and relentless cyberbullying and trolling herself. Her experience helped her understand in great detail what victims of cyberbullying are exposed too. As the CEO of Safe on Social, Kirra's passion and purpose is to lead her organisation to help educate people and organisations about the law, reducing risk, safety, and privacy when online.

Safe on Social workshops will be presented at Bilambil Public School to students in Years 3-5 on **Wednesday 4 November**. Workshops will be run separately for students grouped as Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and Year 6. There will also be a **parent workshop** held **via Zoom** online for our community to develop a greater understanding of how to support your children in their online adventures. This workshop will also take place on **Wednesday 4 November** between **7.00pm – 8.00pm**. Log in details for this parent workshop will be sent out shortly via an email and a separate flyer to families.

There is no cost for our community for this essential activity. I would like to thank Mr Robinson, Principal at Bilambil Public School for inviting the Carool community to these sessions. I urge all parents to consider making the parent workshop a priority to ensure you have the right tools to enable discussions with your children around how to help keep them safe online. It will be an hour of your time well worth attending!

## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Gold Award Recipients

Last week the very first Gold Awards were presented to students (from the new award system implemented in 2019). Gold Awards are awarded to students for collecting 2 Silver Awards. This is a fantastic achievement and I was very proud to award these students as well as a student in Year 3.

Congratulations boys and girls, you should be very proud of yourselves. Fingers crossed I can hand out more before the end of the term!

Mrs McMahon



Congratulation to Nik, Alice, Ryke and Eli

### Book Club

Issue 7 book club orders are due back to school by Friday 30 October. Or parents can order online at [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP).

### Water Night

October 19 to 25 is National Water Week. Tweed Shire Council would like to encourage students and community members to practice “water mindfulness” by being self-aware when reaching for the tap. It's not too late to sign up for water night which is tonight. Go to [www.waternight.com.au](http://www.waternight.com.au). Students have all been given a shower timer to take home today which they can use to help save water at home.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY WORKSHOP

Below are student recounts of the Acknowledgement of Country workshop which they attended last Monday.

On Monday all of my class went to Fingal Head Public School. It was fun. My favourite activity was a soap leaf and a flower which was edible. It tasted like lettuce and it was yum. We got leaves that smelt like lemons, you could rub it on you and the mosquitoes would stay away.

We all went on the playground and it was fun. My friend and his new friend played tigers on the playground. When we all got back in the classroom we watched an Aboriginal clip. We then created the Acknowledgement of Country. By Ryke



Fingal Heads Public School excursion was magnificent. We went for a bush walk, a presentation of Acknowledgement of Country and we played hand ball at lunch.

First of all, we went on a bush walk and learned a lot about how we can eat leaves, trees and flowers and use them as recourses. We ate some flowers and some salt off these leaves that drink up a lot of salt water and then the trees have to let some out on their leaves and then the salt dries up into salt crystals. Uncle Franc told us a fun fact about crabs and paper bark trees. It was that in seasons that have r's in them is when paper bark trees start growing seeds and when that happens it is a sign that grabs carry fat in their shell.

After recces, we watched a video of an Acknowledgement of Country. When we finished the video, we had to write our own Acknowledgement of Country in school teams. Hayley and I made one. Hayley wrote one by herself and I made one with Carool. We both presented ours.

Finally, it was lunch, I played hand ball with the other schools. Hand ball was a really fun activity. I personally thought that I was one of the best there. At the end of lunch we hopped on the bus went back to Carool Public School. By Zak



On Monday we got to go on a school excursion. It was so fun and my favourite thing was the bush walk. We got to eat an edible flower and we got to look at a crab.

After that we went to the playground and there was lots of cool equipment I had lots of fun. We got to watch a video on Acknowledgment of Country.

Finally, we went on the bus back to school and on the way back to school Zak and I played I spy. It was so fun and I loved the excursion. It was the best school excursion ever and I learned about Aboriginal culture and how to make an Acknowledgment of Country. By Josh

At Fingal Head Public School I watered the garden. We went for a bush walk and I had some salt. I played in the sand pit and I made a sand castle. In the bush walk I learned how to make string. I ate a flower that tasted like celery and there was a crab. By a Year 3 student.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY WORKSHOP



We learned how leaves could make materials and the first thing we did was a bush walk. We learned about food resources it was really cool.

Secondly we learnt about Aboriginal culture and Acknowledgment of Country. Finally I made a new friend his name was Algee I called him Alg for short it was super fun. By a Year 3 student.

Yesterday we went to Fingal Head Public School. We did a bush walk, yarning circle and our own Acknowledgment of Country for our school assembly.

First, we went on the bus from Carool to Fingal Head. The trip was great! When we got to Fingal we met with students from Duranbah, Crabbes Creek and Fingal.

Secondly, Uncle Franc took us on the dreamtime pathway. We tried an edible flower (which tasted a bit like cabbage), mangrove tree leaves. They had salt crystals on them (I REALLY liked them). We saw a mud crab the lemon myrtle leaves. Then we got shown a soup tree and when you wet it, it will turn into soap.

Thirdly, we participated in a yarning circle. Uncle Franc told us the story of how the echidna got its spikes. How the birds got their colours, and then we had our recess. Then we played hand ball and played on the playground.

Finally, we wrote our own school Acknowledgment of Country which we'll use in our school assemblies. Zak and I will each do our own.

After that session we had lunch, played handball, then we had to go back on the bus to school.

My favourite thing we did was the dreamtime bushwalk. It was great! I enjoyed the day. By Hayley

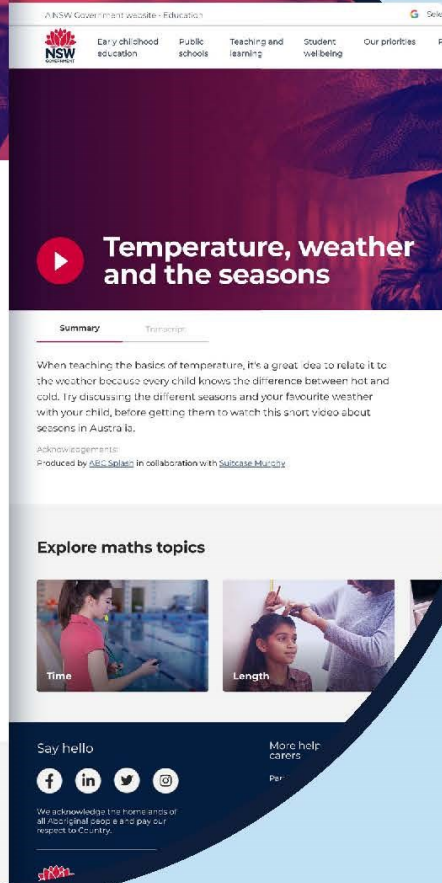
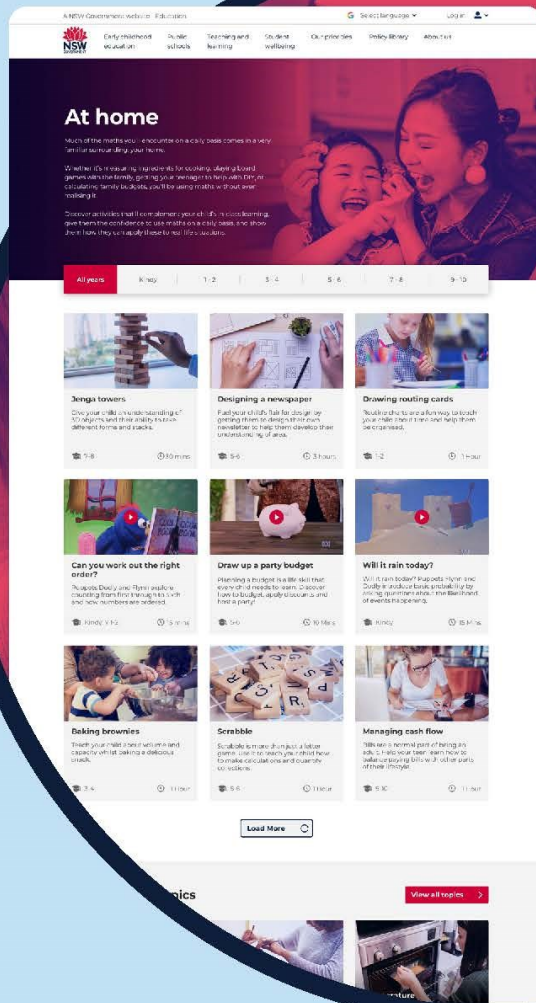


Carool School students in 3-5 class had an excursion at Fingal Heads Public School. We learnt the Aboriginal ways, went on a bush walk with the teachers, did a yarn circle, learnt about Acknowledgement of Country and finally watched a video about Acknowledgement of Country.

First of all, when we arrived at Fingal Heads School Uncle Franc taught us about Aboriginal ways. We went on a walk and learnt about plants such as medicinal, eatable and useful plants that were used to make nets and houses. We also spotted birds, a massive crab and ancient trees.

After that we did the yarn circle where we got to talk about dreamtime stories.

Finally for the Acknowledgement of Country workshop, Zak and Hayley presented on behalf of our class. By Emily



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# Explore the **Everyday Maths Hub** >

It is easier for children to understand maths when they relate it to something real and see it as part of their everyday life. The Everyday Maths Hub is designed to support parents and carers to bring mathematics into their home, the outdoors and anywhere else their children learn and play.

You can find the Everyday Maths Hub at  
**[education.nsw.gov.au/everyday-maths](https://education.nsw.gov.au/everyday-maths)**





**Concerned about your children's safety on social media? Looking for the answers but not sure where to turn? The Safe on Social Media online presentation and Q&A session delivers real life case studies and strategies to help parents support their children.**

**Topics covered but not limited to:**

- Using social media with awareness
- Keeping personal information private
- Online grooming
- Posting photos and sexting
- Safe social networking
- Cyber-bullying
- Privacy settings
- What your posts say about you
- Identity theft
- Legal responsibility
- Gaming dangers
- Learning to read teenager behavior online
- Managing digital footprints
- Strategies to build resistance and resilience

*"Your presentation was simply awesome! You not only opened my eyes up to how I can keep my kids safe, you helped keep me safe too. More importantly, your style helped me come home and create a safe conversation with my kids about what we'll do moving forward rather than disconnecting the electricity and beginning to churn our own butter!!!"*

Stacey - Banora Point - NSW

**Please note this presentation is for ages 18+**

**Date: Wednesday 4 November, 2020**

**Time: 7.00pm - 8.00pm via ZOOM**





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### KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION 2020

#### Is your child starting school in 2021?

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

Students enrolling in Kindergarten for 2021 will attend an orientation and transition program over three visits.

**WHEN:** Thursday 19, 26 November & 3 December

9:00-11:40am

**WHERE:** Carool Public School

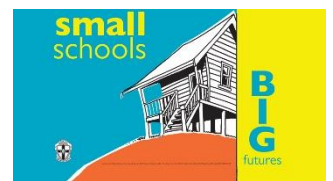
**WHAT:** Please bring a hat, some fruit or veg (for fruit break) and some recess.

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