



Together we grow

Carool

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 4 Week 6

19 November 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Semester 2 Reports

Staff are well underway with report writing for this semester. The following information should support parent understanding of the grading process, in particular within mathematics (for students in years 1-6 only).

There are many sub strands within the 3 strands that are assessed and graded to give an overall grade using the A-E achievement scale. For example, the strand of Number and Algebra (which you will see on your child's report) has 5 sub strands and your child's overall grade is based on their knowledge and skills of the content for all of these. Your child may have a high understanding of the content within the sub strand of whole numbers, however a sound or basic understanding within the other sub strands, therefore an overall grade of sound (C) or basic (D) may be given. The teacher's comment will provide further information about the progress and levels of understanding on the sub strands where required.

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Education

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 25

- K-5 Surfing

Thursday 26

- Kinder 2021 Orientation

DECEMBER

Wednesday 2

- K-5 Surfing

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to
this fortnight's award
recipients:

Emily
Forrest
Nik
and Alice (absent)



Number and Algebra (strand)	Statistics and Probability (strand)	Measurement and Geometry (strand)
Sub strand	Sub strand	Sub strand
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Numbers • Addition and Subtraction • Multiplication and Division • Fractions and Decimals • Patterns and Algebra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data • Chance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length • Area • Volume and Capacity • Mass • Time • 3D Space • 2D Space • Angles

‘What Works Best’ document

Our school is committed to ensuring that *how* we teach your child is based on what we *know* makes the biggest difference to their learning. In our school, we have a focus on using the ‘What works best’ eight practices for effective teaching.

These practices include:

- Having high expectations of your child.
- Using explicit teaching in the classroom.
- Giving effective feedback to your child on their learning.
- Using data to inform how we teach your child.
- Using regular and effective assessments so we know how your child’s learning is going.
- Supporting the wellbeing of your child by looking out for their mental, physical and emotional health.
- Managing the classrooms well so they are safe, positive and stimulating environments for learning.
- Making sure our teachers collaborate with each other, and experts outside the school, so teaching practice continuously improves.

In addition, research shows that greater levels of support and engagement from parents and carers are associated with better student academic and wellbeing outcomes. We also know that students learn more effectively when the home and school environments form complementary and supportive roles for learning. It is for this reason that we are focused on continuing to foster the partnership between our school and parents.

The Department of Education has now released a ‘What works best’ resource for parents and carers, which provides tips for having conversations with your child about their learning. You can visit the department’s Parent Hub where you’ll find other tailored resources for parents and carers, as well as message from the NSW Minister for Education the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/learning/what-works-best-2020-update>

Week 8 onwards

From Week 8 onwards, students in 3-5 will be joining Mr Hartmann’s class for the second half of the day so I can attend to end of year principal administration tasks and various meetings. Core literacy and numeracy will still be differentiated amongst the split classes for the morning and some of the middle sessions. Students will be commencing end of year Christmas activities and art in the afternoons.

Shade Sail – Local Schools Community Fund Grant

Our shade sail is in and it looks fantastic! Thank you to Justine Elliot MP whose Local Schools Community Fund grant made this possible. I could not be happier with how it finishes off our new playground area and it is a wonderful addition to our school.



Presentation Day

Following the Department's Covid Safe guidelines we are now able to hold our annual presentation day which is fantastic news. This year it will be held on **Tuesday 8 December commencing at 1:30 pm sharp**. To adhere to the guidelines, parents and visitors are asked to fill out the external visitors form as required from the Department. This will be sent out over the coming weeks and parents/visitors are asked to bring it with them on the day. Every person on site will need to complete their own form. On arrival, parents and visitors from the same family group will be seated as one group 1.5m from the other family groups. To ensure we are able to adhere to the requirements there will be limit on how many adults per family will be able to attend. A note will be sent home next week to ascertain numbers per family.

Staffing 2021

It is with sadness, but also excitement that I share with our community that Mr Hartmann will be taking leave from teaching next year to go travelling around Australia! Mr Hartmann will have an experience of a lifetime and we wish him and his partner a safe and wonderful trip. I'm sure we will catch up over a few emails throughout the year and check-in on his amazing adventures.

Mr Ben Krahe has accepted the teaching position at Carool next year and is very excited to join our wonderful school community. Mr Krahe has done some casual days this term and has already built some strong connections with the students. Mr Krahe will be working 4 days a week and will be taking the 3-6 class. I will be having a change from primary to teach the amazing little people in our school, taking the K-2 students. Specific days on when the K-2 and 3-6 students will be split is not determined as of yet, however, this will be finalised early next term once final enrolment figures are in.

Ms Juliet will be returning next year as the School Learning and Support Officer (SLSO) and will share her time between the K-2 and 3-6 room supporting students with their learning. Mrs Flaherty will also still be with us doing an amazing job in our school office.

Sophie McMahon
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Reminder

Book club orders are due back by Monday 30 November. Parents can also order online via www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

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Book Club LOOP
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:
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Absences

If your child is not at school, please advise us the reason for their absence via a phone call, email or send a note in with your child when they return to school.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.



NAIDOC DAY

Students celebrated NAIDOC day by playing Aboriginal games and decorating biscuits to look like the Aboriginal flag.



TENPIN BOWLING DAY



Students thoroughly enjoyed their outing to Tweed/Coolangatta Tenpin Bowling Alley last Monday.