

Together we grow



# Carool

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 8

19 March 2020

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The last few weeks have been a huge adjustment for us all. Some have had difficulty getting pantry staples and there is an increase of empty aisles at the supermarkets. The important message that I would like to communicate to our community is to be responsible, safe and alert, but not to panic.

Staff at Carool Public School are committed to following best practice guidelines which are being communicated to me on a daily basis from the Department of Education. Students are adapting to our change in hygiene practices which is great to see. This will obviously continue until we are advised of otherwise. For now, we ride this journey together and do what we can to eliminate the spread of germs and viruses within our school community.

A note was distributed on Monday outlining what changes we are making at school. For your information here they are again:

- More regular opportunities during class and playground time for students to wash hands thoroughly
- Discussions around personal hygiene, cough and sneeze etiquette, correct hand washing techniques and timing
- Encouraging staff and students to sneeze into elbow or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing hands
- Communicating to staff and students that if they are unwell they should stay home. If staff or students arrive to school and show signs of being unwell they will be advised to head home and/or parents contacted
- Staff will be regularly checking soap dispensers in spaces that have these facilities
- Increased ventilation in classroom spaces by opening up some windows
- Regular cleaning of high touch surfaces

The Department have also provided updates with a number of actions they are undertaking to support best health and hygiene practices in schools. These include enhanced cleaning in schools effective from 18 March and frequent contact with principals to discuss current levels of soap and hygiene products.

All major events, excursions, sporting activities, assemblies and events within our small school network have been postponed until further notice. For those events in which parents have already paid for, the money will be held in credit until such time that the event is rescheduled. Full refunds will be provided for any event that is not reschedule. Mrs Flaherty will be in touch with families if this occurs.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

#### Friday 20

- National Day Against Bullying

#### Thursday 26

- Yr 5 Quest Leadership Program @ Kingscliff - **POSTPONED**

### APRIL

#### Tuesday 31

- Bemboka Public School, Bushfire Relief Family Fun Day @ Burringbar PS - **POSTPONED**

#### Friday 3

- Small Schools Cross Country Carnival @ Stokers Siding PS - **CANCELLED**

The following events and activities were scheduled between now and the end of the term. Please see the changes below.

- Quest Leadership Day (Year 5) – **postponed**
- Acknowledgement of Country workshop (selected students) – **postponed**
- Opening of our playground – **postponed**
- Adopt- A- School Family Fun Day at Burringbar – **postponed**
- Sharing Assemblies at school – **postponed**
- Small Schools Cross Country Day at Stokers Siding – **cancelled this year**
- ANZAC Day Service and March at Tweed Heads in the holidays – **cancelled this year**
- Life Education Van visit – still going ahead as planned for Week 11 this term

School photos were scheduled for Week 1, Term 2 but we have asked for these to be rescheduled to either Term 3 or 4. New dates will be advised when we have them.

Breakfast club will continue on a Monday and Friday unless we have difficulty purchasing bread and milk etc. Parents will be advised if we need to suspend breakfast club.

The link below provides up-to-date information about the department's response to novel coronavirus (COVID-19).  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/novel-coronavirus>

I will continue to update families as best I can as further information arises. I thank you all in advance for your ongoing support and co-operation during this time of uncertainty.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me through the school office.

*Mrs McMahon*  
Principal

#### **MERIT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations to the Week 8 Merit Award recipients Harlen, Frankie, Hayley and Ryke.

Congratulations also to Forrest, Oskar, Nik and Zak who received Merit Awards at the sharing assembly in Week 6.



## UPDATE ON LEARNING K-2

This fortnight, students fully completed their first narrative. We were all very proud of our writing and have already had a look to see what we did a great job on and what we can improve on. After this self-assessment, the students have already begun their second narrative, implementing their own personal goals, some of which include, using full stops, adjectives, paragraphs and quotation marks.

We have had lots of fun learning about fractions this week. The students made their own special 'fraction pizza' to help them understand halves, quarters and eighths of a whole. This helped students understand not only what these terms are but also what the numerator and denominator mean in a fraction.

In our road safety unit the students engaged in some hands on learning to understand why wearing protective equipment on bikes, scooters and skateboards is so important. We grazed an apple (representing our knees or elbows) on the ground to show the damage it can do to your skin and then did the same with a tea towel (representing knee/elbow pads), showing how it protects you. The students also dropped an egg (representing their head) on the ground with no protective equipment and then with a 'helmet' (egg carton section) to show the protection helmets give your head. The students enjoyed this and were amazed by the results.

Mr Hartmann

## UPDATE ON LEARNING 3-6

Students are wrapping up their narrative writing this week and it has been wonderful to see how much progress they have made throughout the term. Next week the class will start persuasive texts and learn how to convince the reader from their point of view for or against a topic.

In maths, all students have demonstrated further understanding on fractions and linking this to collections of groups. Year 5 have been discussing improper fractions and how to convert them to mixed numerals. All students have been working so hard in maths this past few weeks and they are starting to reap the rewards of hard work.

We have been looking at famous explorers in History and students have started a PowerPoint presentation on their chosen explorer. Art is continuing to be a class favourite! Students are finishing their latest art projects this afternoon. Stayed tuned for pictures in the next newsletter of the student's completed masterpieces!

Mrs McMahan

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### P&C Committee for 2020

Thank you to all who attended the P&C AGM on Thursday 5 March. The committee for 2020 are as follows:

President: Nina  
Vice President: Matt and Cassandra  
Secretary: Marie  
Treasurer: Jess

Kassandra has asked us to support an initiative that helps supply prosthetic limbs and wheel chairs for children in Africa. She has asked our families to send in bread tags, milk lids and plastic lids. These will be taken to a

collection point at Southern Cross Uni and are then sent to the Gosford Hospital. The tags and lids are then recycled to make prosthetic limbs and wheel chairs.



## From the office

### Voluntary Contributions

Thank you to those families who have paid their voluntary contribution. Payments can be made to the office or you can pay online via the school website with a debit Visa or Mastercard. Visit <https://carool-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> and click on the Make a payment tab.

[MAKE A PAYMENT](#)

### Absences

If your child is absent from school due to illness please telephone the office or send a note in with your child the next day explaining the absence. If your child is absent three or more days they will need a Doctors certificate. Please advise the school if your child has an infectious condition.

### K-2 Room

Last week we had an artist come in and paint this magical mural (below) on the K-2 classroom back wall. The theme is that books can take you on a wonderful journey. It has certainly brightened up the classroom!



# LIBRARY CLOSED

Council is taking a proactive approach in response to the unfolding situation with COVID-19 and have made the decision to temporarily close all Richmond Tweed Regional Libraries until further notice as a preventative measure to support the health and wellbeing of staff, volunteers and the community.

Our eLibrary is still open and staff are available on the phone for renewals.

The situation is being monitored regularly. Thank you for your understanding and best wishes to our community during this time.

Check the RTRL Facebook page or website for updates.

[www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rtrl.nsw.gov.au)

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