



Together we grow

Carool

PUBLIC SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 5

18 August 2023

Community Consultation meeting

A follow up community consultation meeting will be held at Carool Public School on Monday 11 September commencing at 1:45 pm.

The Director, Educational Leadership for the Tweed Coast directorate, Kris Pizarro, will be attending to provide an update on the consultation process and the future of our school.

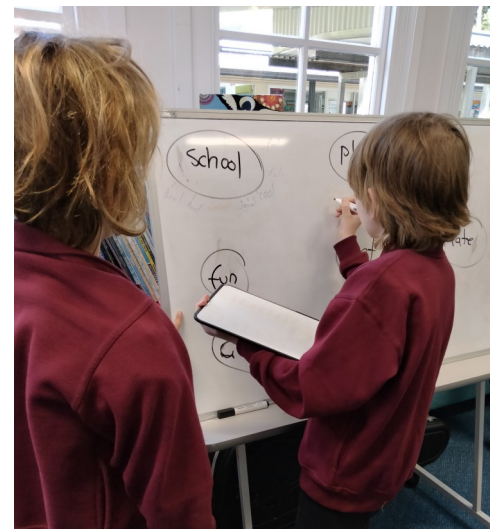
All families and community members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Tree planting at Bilambil

Thank you to Bilambil PS for inviting the students to their tree planting day. The presentation by Emily from Tweed Shire Council was very informative.

CJ Shaw performance

The students travelled to Stokers Siding for a musical performance by CJ Shaw. Following the performance, the students participated in a song writing workshop. The focus was on trying to create a two-line rhyme with the same number of syllables in each line. It was wonderful to see the team work as the students worked together with Stokers Siding students through the process.



Education

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Soccer for sport @ Stokers Siding PS 18 Aug & 1, 8 September

Tuesday 22

- AFL for sport - last day

Friday 25

- Big Bang Science show @ Bilambil PS

SEPTEMBER

Monday 11

- Community consultation meeting @ 1:45 pm

Friday 15

- Small Schools Ball Games @ Fingal Head PS

Science Week

As part of National Science Week the students had the opportunity to “dance with a digital human” created by CSIRO. We were shown how they created the “human” and shown some of the ways in which a “digital human” can be used, especially with sport science and medical science.

Sport

Tuesday 22 August will be the last of the AFL sessions for sport.

Soccer for sport started today at Stokers Siding and will also be on Fridays 1 and 8 September.

Thank you to Sporting Schools Australia for assistance with the funding to be able run these activities.



“Big Bang Science Show”

Next Friday, the students have been invited to join the students at Bilambil Public School for the ‘BIG BANG SCIENCE SHOW!’ hosted by Big Bang Education. Please see the permission note sent by email (from School Bytes) for more information.



Bushfire Season 2023/2024

With an extremely dry, hot and windy summer predicted this year parents and carers are asked to read the attached letter and Bushfire Danger Period Information for Parents and Carers factsheet included with this newsletter.

Parents are encouraged to download the Hazards Near Me app which provides current information about local emergencies including floods and bushfires.

For more information visit

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/hazards-near-me-app>



School Bytes - Parent Portal

We encourage all families to register for the School Bytes Parent Portal.

The advantages of registering on the Parent Portal is that it allows you to:

- View upcoming activities and provide consent to attend
- Process payments for events
- View payment history
- View school calendar and newsletters
- Manage student absences



To learn more click on the following link - [School Bytes Parent Guides](#)

To create your account go to <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login>

Home Reading

Congratulations on achieving the Home Reading milestone -



25 nights	Leon
150 nights	Ben



Book Club

Issue 6 Book Club catalogues have gone home with students today. Place your orders online by 8 September.

SCHOLASTIC
Book Club LOOP
for Parents
Issue 6 orders due in online by 8 September
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:
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP
GET IT ON Google play Download on the App Store

CLASS AWARDS

Oliver - ongoing improvement in decoding more detailed texts

Leon - recall of facts across subject areas

Ben - greater understanding of using expression when reading

Harlen - completing more challenging maths activities independently





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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING BUSHFIRE SEASON

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to advise you of bushfire emergency arrangements for our school this bushfire season.

Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is listed as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the department has determined that on days when NSW Rural Fire Service declares a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for Carool Public School our school will temporarily cease operations for the following day.

In addition, schools may be made non-operational due to changing higher risk conditions and advice from emergency services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.

We recommend that you download the [Parent App](#) and select to monitor advice from our school which will push notifications to you advising that the school is non-operational. We also recommend that you stay up to date with bushfire and grassfire activity by using the [Hazards Near Me](#) app (set a watch zone for your school area), and by monitoring local media. You can also review fire activity and alert levels on the [RFS](#) website.

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

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.

Our school will inform our school community after 4pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day. To assist the school in contacting all families please ensure that you have provided us with up-to-date contact details.



Carool Public School

Further information on up-to-date communication of school operations, can also be found through:

- our school website or Facebook page
- NSW Department of Education's School Safety website: education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety
- NSW School Updates app: education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app, and
- social media.

We recommend that all our families follow the advice of the NSW Rural Fire Service and ensure that your family knows what to do if there is a fire.

It can take as little as five minutes to make your plan. Discuss it with your family so you know what you will do in the event of a fire. www.myfireplan.com.au

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

Yours sincerely

Debbie Francis
Principal

Bushfire danger period information for parents and carers

Factsheet

This factsheet provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the bush fire danger period.

The NSW Department of Education has engaged external experts to conduct assessments of all NSW government schools, to identify schools at greater risk of impact from bushfires.

To support the health, safety and wellbeing of students and staff, the department, in consultation with NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS), will direct the school to temporarily cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating has been declared for your school's NSW fire area. Alternative learning arrangements will be put in place for these days.

Schools may be directed by the department to become non-operational at any time based on advice from emergency services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.



What is a Fire Danger Rating?

Fire Danger Ratings describe the potential level of danger should a fire start. The ratings are determined by a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought.

For further information on the Australian Fire Danger Rating System, visit rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/fire-danger-ratings-are-changing-soon

Fire Danger Rating sign





When will I know if my child's school has been made non-operational?

At approximately 4:00pm each day the Fire Danger Rating is issued for the following day. This means that schools, including onsite preschools, will be notified after school hours that it will be non-operational the following day. Your school will notify you as soon as possible by the preferred method of communication.

Parents and carers are requested to:

- provide up-to-date home and after-hours contact details to your school
- stay up-to-date with news and local media through the bushfire danger period.



NSW School Updates app

Get the free NSW School Updates app to receive operational status updates for NSW public schools education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app



What education arrangements will be in place if the school is non-operational?

When non-operational, your school will advise of alternative learning arrangements, including any relocation or learning from home plans.



Learn more

Be prepared and ensure you have a bushfire survival plan in place. The NSW RFS has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bushfire season.

Consider whether your home is safe from bushfires and grassfires, and be prepared to relocate to a safer place well in advance. Find more information and resources from the NSW RFS rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare

We appreciate your cooperation during the bushfire season. For further information about Fire Danger Ratings and the bushfire danger period, please refer to [NSW Rural Fire Service rfs.nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au/rural-fire-service)

The department's School Safety website education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety provides up to date information during bushfires and grassfire emergencies.

Please contact your school with any additional questions.



Need help?

Speak to your local WHS Advisor for support and advice, or contact the Incident Report and Support Hotline on **1800 811 523**.

COOLANGATTA Nippers

It's cool to be a
cool nipper!

Ages
5-14



SIGN-ON DAY | SATURDAY 19TH & SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST

SIGN-ON AND CLUB TOURS: 8AM - 10AM AT COOLANGATTA SLSC
[CNR MARINE PDE AND DUTTON STREET COOLANGATTA]
POOL SWIM ASSESSMENTS: 11AM - 1PM AT SOUTH TWEED INDOOR POOL
[18 HEFFRON ST, TWEED HEADS SOUTH]

**NIPPERS COMMENCES 8AM
ON SUNDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER**

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