



Carcoola Primary School

Let us Grow

What's coming up?

Term 4

- 27th October Art and Indonesian Assembly 2pm.
- 30th October PSHS Visit.
- 31st October Staff Development Day.
- 3rd November Fire Drill 1:55pm and Lego Club.
- 6th November Graduation Photos 9:00am
- 7th November Year 6 Big Day Out 3.
- 11th November Remembrance Day and Dino World Incursion (K-yr1)
- Life Education Incursion (K-Yr6)
- 19th November PSHS Activity Day for Year 6.
- 20th November New Kindy Transition.
- 21st November Year 6 Fundraiser.
- 24th Reflection assembly.
- 28th November Colour Run.
- 1st December Lego Club.
- 3rd December New Kindy Transition Day.
- 4th December PSHS Orientation Day.
- 5th December Ear bus 9-11am and PSHS Orientation Day.
- 10th December K/PP Cupcake Day.
- 12th December Year 6 Graduation Ceremony.
- 16th December EOY Presentation Concert and Year 6 Reflection.
- 17th December Year 6 Graduation Activity.
- 18th December Last Day.
- 2nd February 2026 First day of term.

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A message from our Principal

Farewell Message from the Principal

After four and a half wonderful years at Carcoola Primary School, I would like to share that I will be leaving the school at the end of this term. I have accepted a permanent position at Rockingham Beach Primary School, which will allow me to be closer to home and family.

It has been an absolute privilege to lead this amazing school community. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together — the strong sense of belonging, the commitment to learning, and the care shown for every child. I want to sincerely thank our students, families, staff, School Board, and P&C for your ongoing support and the many ways you contribute to making Carcoola such a special place.

Mrs K will step into the Acting Principal role for the remainder of Term 4 while the Department runs a process to appoint a permanent principal to begin in 2026.

Thank you once again for your trust, support, and kindness throughout my time here. I will always look back on my years at Carcoola with great pride and fond memories.

Bev Garnett
Principal





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A message from our Deputy Principal

Farewell to Mrs Garnett – A New Chapter Begins

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we say goodbye to Mrs Garnett, who has been a truly fabulous Principal at Carcoola Primary School. Her dedication, warmth, and unwavering commitment to our students and staff have left a lasting legacy. She has poured her heart into our school community, and we thank her sincerely for everything she has done.

As we move forward, I am proud to be stepping into the role of Principal for the remainder of 2025. My goal is to provide the stability and support our school needs during this transition. My door is always open, and I look forward to working closely with our students, staff, and families to ensure a successful and positive end to the school year.

All Public Schools in Western Australia are in the process of moving to a new way of communicating with families. Each week, important updates are sent out via text—so if you haven't received any messages lately, please take a moment to check your phone.

SMS - Text Messaging

If you're not receiving weekly texts, we encourage you to contact the school office so we can confirm or update your contact details.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this new system. We appreciate your support in helping us keep everyone connected and up to date!

Compass School Manager App

Through the Compass App, you can:

- Receive important announcements and reminders
- Notify the school of absences
- Consent to school excursions
- View calendar events and more



Download the app from the App Store or Google Play by searching "Compass School Manager."

Log in details have been emailed to all primary carers. If you need help logging in or haven't received your login details, please contact the front office and we'll be happy to assist.

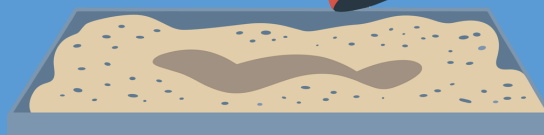
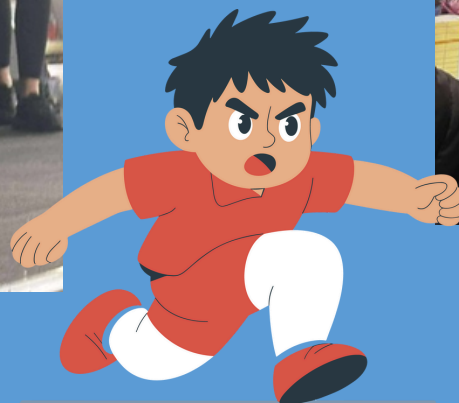
Week 2 Interschool Carnival

On Thursday ,24th October 2024, Carcoola Primary School hosted this year's interschool Athletics Carnival. despite the rainy weather , all students showed incredible resilience, perseverance, and team spirit throughout the day.

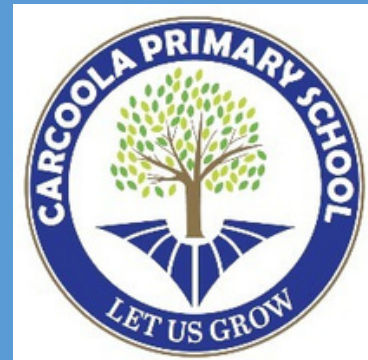
Congratulations to North Dandalup Primary School for taking out the overall win, and to Jarrahdale Primary School for claiming victory in the handicap shield. Carcoola Primary placed a strong third , followed by Dwellingup Primary School in fourth.

A big thank you to our staff for all your assistance with the organisation of the day and participating in making the event possible. Thank you to the P & C and Mr Peter for providing a delicious sausage sizzle and cake stall to all at the event as well as Carcoola Primary School Students in class for the day.

Lastly, to the Pinjarra Senior High School students that put there hands up to eagerly assist for the day. We greatly appreciate all your help.







The Deadly Carcoola Chef Program

The Deadly Carcoola Chef Program is back in action for Term 4. In week 2 we have had a couple of groups participate in the program so far giving them a combination of hands-on cooking along with Nutrition education and STEM skills. This term we are making Spaghetti Bolognese and Banana Pancakes. Keep on the look out as your child will be bringing these delicious meal home for their families to enjoy.



Proudly supported by Alcoa Pinjarra and Murdoch University



WHY IT MATTERS IN SCHOOLS
Schools play a powerful role in promoting healthy eating, by modelling good habits and embedding food and nutrition into the curriculum, we help students develop positive attitudes towards food for life.

About the program
The Deadly Carcoola Chef nutrition and cooking classes are run each school term, catering for up to 12 participants per class. Sessions combine hands on cooking with nutrition education and STEM skills, covering:




Students will create healthy, delicious meals to share at home - building skills that last a lifetime.



Spaghetti Bolognese

OFFICIAL



Easy Banana Pancakes

Ingredients

- 1 Banana
- 1 Egg
- 1 Cup SR flour
- ¼ Tsp cinnamon
- ½ Cup of milk

Method

Mash banana in a bowl with a fork until it is soft.

Add flour, egg and cinnamon and milk. Batter should be quite thick

Mix

Cook in a frypan



OFFICIAL

Spaghetti Bolognese

Ingredients

- 400 g spaghetti or other pasta
- olive or canola oil spray
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 500 g lean beef mince
- 2 celery, diced
- 2 carrots, grated
- 2 x 400 g can no-added-salt diced tomatoes
- ½ bottle of Passata
- 1/2 cup reduced-fat cheddar cheese
- green side salad, to serve

Method

1. Place spaghetti in a pot of boiling water on stove. Cook for 10 minutes.
2. Spray a frying pan with oil.
3. Gently cook onion and garlic until soft.
4. Spray frying pan with a little more oil and brown mince, breaking up with a wooden spoon.
5. Add in celery and carrot, reducing heat to medium, stirring constantly, for 3-5 minutes.
6. Once vegetables have cooked through add tomatoes and passata to pan.
7. Stir over high heat for 5 minutes.
8. Once spaghetti is cooked, drain the water and serve onto a dinner plate.
9. Top spaghetti with a scoop of the meat bolognese sauce.
10. Sprinkle with cheese and serve with a garden salad.

Breakfast Club

Our school provides breakfast club Tuesday to Friday in the morning at 8.15am. It's important for parents and carers to be reminded that our breakfast foods must comply with the Department of Education's Healthy Food and Drink Policy. (More information can be found by visiting www.education.wa.edu.au)

Our Chaplain, Karen Burke, co-ordinates our breakfast club, and is always looking for volunteers to assist on these mornings. If you may be available from 8.00am for one hour, we would love for you to help us out. Your child/ren would love to see you in breakfast club too!



Crunch & Sip

Let's Crunch&Sip!



Participating in a daily **in class** Crunch&Sip break provides an opportunity for children to drink water and eat an extra serve of vegetables or fruit to support good health and to help with learning and concentration in the classroom. All while they are sitting at their desks!

By choosing to pack vegetables more often, Crunch&Sip is also a fantastic opportunity to increase vegetable intake.

Let's hero healthy habits and remember to pack Crunch&Sip every day!

Don't forget to pack Crunch&Sip® every day...

Crunch&Sip® is a set time for your child to eat vegetables or fruit and drink water in the classroom.



ART with Mrs Burke

Our Art Assembly, looking at Term 3's Artist, Vincent Van Gogh, went very well on Monday of week 3! Thank you to all students who volunteered to speak or sing and to the year one class who used their ribbons in time to the music. I would also like to say a big thank you to Ms Kapor for putting together the wonderful slide show of art works created by the students of Carcoola Primary School.



This term, we are looking at the artwork of Dr Bronwyn Bancroft, a proud Bundjalung Woman and Artist who has illustrated 41 Children's Books. Her works will inspire us to learn about the use of Colour, Shape and Pattern as elements in our own creative process. Please enjoy some of our Brolga Artwork!



CHAPLIN CHAT!

On Tuesday, I took part in a Webinar about the upcoming Social Media Ban for under 16 year olds that will be implemented on December 10th of this year. For many of our students and older siblings, this will be a challenge. The following are some ideas for conversation prompts for parents/carers to use as they think about the upcoming changes with their child(ren).

TECHNOLOGY CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What will you miss about social media? 
- Which platform is your favourite and why?
- How does social media affect your mood?
- How will you stay in touch with your friends? 
- What are your favourite offline hobbies?
- What's something new you'd like to try? 
- How can you build real-life friendships?
- How can boredom be a good thing? 
- What do you notice when you're not on socials?
- What are the benefits of less screentime?
- How do you recharge without your phone? 
- What does a healthy tech balance look like?
- Who do you want to spend more time with?
- What can you do instead of scrolling? 
- What won't you miss about social media?
- How do you feel when you're not on your phone?

Paris McNeil

I hope that our students will look at the positives about the Social Media Ban. If any of our school community is feeling stressed about the upcoming changes, I am happy to meet with staff, parents and/or students. Please make an appointment through the school office. My Chaplaincy days are Mondays & Fridays.

Understanding the Good Standing Process at Carcoola Primary School

At Carcoola Primary School, we believe in recognising and rewarding positive behaviour. Our Good Standing policy encourages students to make responsible choices and maintain respectful conduct throughout the school year.

Students with Good Standing are eligible for:

- School rewards
- Excursions and incursions
- Representing the school in sporting events
- Attending school functions (e.g., discos)

However, Good Standing may be lost if:

- A student receives 3 detentions within 2 weeks (subject to admin review)
- A student is suspended (results in immediate loss of Good Standing)

The good news?

Students can earn back their Good Standing after demonstrating two weeks of good behaviour.




School Council Update –



This term, we hosted our learning journey, where teachers showcased students work from various classes, including specialty subjects such as Art, Science, Indonesian, Digital Technology, and Sports, in addition to regular year group classrooms. The event saw a significant turnout of parents, providing an excellent opportunity for them to engage with teachers and gain insights into their child's progress.

Furthermore, at the Term 3 board meeting, we discussed the results of our parent-student survey, which provided valuable feedback on areas where we can improve. We encourage parents to participate in such surveys, as their input is crucial in helping us identify and address issues, ultimately driving positive change within our school community.



Our School Council

Being a member of the School Council is an important and rewarding role that contributes greatly to the success of our school.

What does the School Council do?

The council or board of a public school works with the school community to achieve the best outcomes for students.

It plays an important role in contributing to good school governance so that school resources are used efficiently, and community expectations and the school's priorities reflect the needs of students.

The functions of councils and boards are covered by legislation and include both approval and advisory roles. Some of the matters councils and boards may make decisions on include:

- fees and charges
- book lists
- sponsorship
- dress codes.

Councils and boards make these decisions with the principal and other relevant decision-makers who ensure the decisions adhere to legislative and policy requirements.

Principals may also seek the advice of councils or boards to inform themselves before making management decisions. Council and board members have the right to understand the principal's decisions (except where they involve confidential information and decisions about people or families).

The council or board does not intervene in the control or management of the school. This is the role of the principal.

How can parents join the School Council?

When a parent representative position on the School Council becomes available, the Principal will invite parents/carers to nominate for the vacancy through the school newsletter and/or Compass. Should there be more nominees than places available on the Council, the Principal will conduct an election.

What's the difference between the School Council and the P & C Association?

The School Council and the P & C both have valued, but different roles in our school. Members of the Council and the P & C often work together on different projects.

The functions of P&Cs are covered by legislation. P&Cs promote the interests of the school. They do this through:

- cooperation between parents, teachers, students and members of the community
- assisting in providing resources, facilities and amenities for the school
- fostering community interest in educational matters.

P&Cs are very highly regarded in public schools for their organisation of fundraising and other benefits for the good of the school.

Parent feedback and involvement in our school is strongly encouraged.

Our School Vision
Encouraging the best from everyone.

Our School Motto
Let us grow.

Our School Values
Strive to Achieve.....
Motivated to Learn.....
Accept Challenge and Leadership.....
Respect.....
Take Care of the Environment.....

Meet our School Council

Beverley Garnett
Principal



The School Council is a highly valued and important decision-making group at Carcoola Primary School. The skills, experience and dedication that our Council members bring have a meaningful impact on our school community. It's a privilege to work alongside them, and on behalf of the whole school, I thank them for their time, commitment and contributions. I look forward to continuing our partnership as we work together to ensure the best possible opportunities and outcomes for all students at Carcoola Primary School.

David O'Donnell
School Council Chair



I was appointed as the Chair of the School Council in 2023. My two youngest sons both attend CPS and I am passionate about ensuring that all our children have the best possible start in life, and the best opportunities to achieve their own personal best. I value the efforts of our teachers and support staff, and am proud of the inclusive, positive culture at the school. I believe in honesty and integrity and have a strong work ethic. I believe in providing a positive role model for the students and take pride in attending as many of the events scheduled during the year as I can fit in around my work commitments. My family also enjoys providing additional support to specialist areas within the school, with a particular focus on supporting the school library

Marion Hook
Manager Corporate Services



My name is Marion, and I am the Manager Corporate Services at our school. I have worked in school administration for several years and take great pride in supporting the smooth and efficient running of our school's operations. I'm passionate about creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for families, staff, and students alike. I am proud to be a Council member, contribute my knowledge of school operations and finances, and to work collaboratively with the Council and leadership team to help shape the strategic direction of our school for the benefit of our entire community.

Sachelle Savage
Parent Representative



As a dedicated parent, I joined the School Council to stay informed about my child's education and contribute to the school community. Through my involvement in the P&C and School Council, I gain valuable insights into the inner workings of the school. By voicing my opinions and thoughts on the School Council, I aim to make a positive impact on the education system and benefit my school. My personal hobbies include reading and swimming. These allow me to stay relaxed and help clear my mind.

Brad Purvis
Parent Representative



I joined the School Council to help shape future decisions that continue the legacy and strong sense of community of the best school in the area. My two daughters attended Carcoola Primary School and they are now in high school. My son is currently in Year 1 at the school. I am excited to be able to 'give back' to the school community.

Emily Boyle
Staff Representative



I was born in England and moved to Australia when I was nine years old, which gave me a unique perspective on different schooling systems and communities. I now live in Mandurah with my partner Aidan and our cheeky little cat Eddie, who definitely keeps us on our toes. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time cooking and baking in the kitchen, and unwinding with a good police drama show. I decided to join the Carcoola Primary School Council because I care about the future of our school and want to play an active role in shaping it. I'm passionate about supporting both students and staff, and I believe that strong communication and community input are key to making a school thrive. While this is my first time being part of a school board, I'm excited to learn, contribute, and grow alongside the dedicated team already in place.

Natalie Myers
Community Representative



Hi I'm Natalie, your local Bank Manager at Bendigo Bank Pinjarra. I decided to join the School Council as I love giving back to my community. This role ticks 2 important boxes for me- Community & Education, 2 things I hold dear to my heart. Our kids are the future, lets help them grow.

Trish Milward
Staff Representative



I have been fortunate to be a member of our school community since 1991, both as a teacher and a parent. I appreciate the time and effort Council members dedicate to ensuring Carcoola Primary School continues to thrive. I am looking forward to working with a great team.



CANTEEN MENU

OPENED: MONDAY, RECESS & LUNCH



TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

GREEN: HEALTHY CHOICE

AMBER: SOMETIMES CHOICE

KINDY & PRE PRIMARY STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PREORDER RECESS WHICH WILL BE DELIVERED TO THEIR CLASSROOMS. ALL OTHER STUDENTS CAN PURCHASE AT THE CANTEEN DURING RECESS TIME.

RECESS

SEASONAL FRUIT	\$1.50
VEGGIE CUPS WITH HUMMUS	\$1.50
FRUIT CUPS WITH SEASONAL FRUIT	\$1.50
PIKELETS (3)	\$1.00
BANANA BREAD	\$2.00
YOGHURT CUPS	\$1.50
Greek yoghurt & berries	
GRANOLA	0.70c
Scoop with a yoghurt cup	



RECESS SPECIALS

RECESS SPECIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE WEEKLY. THESE WILL BE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE THE WEEK PRIOR



- ALLERGENS -

PLEASE NOTE, WHILST ALL OUR STAFF HAVE CONDUCTED ALLERGEN AWARENESS TRAINING, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE ALL FOOD IS PREPARED IN A SHARED KITCHEN & CROSS CONTAMINATION OF ALLERGENS MAY OCCUR. GLUTEN FRIENDLY OPTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.



CANTEEN MENU

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TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM

GREEN: HEALTHY CHOICE

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BREAD OPTIONS

- WHITE, WHOLEMEAL & MULTIGRAIN BREAD
- WHITE WRAPS
- GLUTEN FREE BREAD & WRAPS

FRESH/TOASTED SANDWICHES

VEGEMITE & CHEESE	\$3.50
HAM & CHEESE	\$4.50
HAM, CHEESE & TOMATO	\$5.00
CHICKEN, CHEESE & MAYO	\$5.50

FRESH SANDWICHES/WRAP

HAM & SALAD*	\$6.00
CHICKEN & SALAD*	\$6.00
TUNA & SALAD*	\$6.00

*SALAD: LETTUCE, CARROT, TOMATO
EXTRAS: 0.70C EACH

- BEETROOT
- CHEESE
- MAYO
- RED ONION
- CUCUMBER



ADDITIONAL

LASAGNE	\$6.50
SEASONAL RAW VEGGIE CUP	\$1.50
SEASONAL FRUIT CUP	\$1.50
SALAD BOWLS	\$7.00
Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, cheese with chicken OR tuna. Mayo	
MACARONI & CHEESE	\$5.00

DRINKS

WATER 600ML	\$2
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LUNCH SPECIALS

LUNCH SPECIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE WEEKLY. THESE WILL BE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE THE WEEK PRIOR

PAPER BAG FEE

A bag fee of .20c per order is to be added to cover the cost of the paper bag the order comes in

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P & C News



Your 2025 P&C team is:

President - Tenille Greene
Vice President - Jazmine Butters
Treasurer - Kelly Slater
Secretary - Caitlin Birch
Canteen Coordinator - Tamara Harrington
Fundraising Coordinator - Taihlor Jordan
Executive Members - Torinanna Jones,
Sachelle Savage and Danielle Slattery.
General Members: Sinead Miles, Jorja Hart-
Barnes, Imogen Howell, Damion Howell and
Tonia Hayward.
School Board Representative - Schelle
Savage

By creating an inclusive platform for parents and caregivers to actively participate in their child's education, P&Cs foster stronger school-home partnerships. This collaboration enhances communication, engagement, and involvement, leading to better academic outcomes and overall student success.

Parents & Citizens Facebook Group

Did you know there is a Carcoola P&C Facebook group? Please join and stay up to date with events, reminders, updates & general school activities. Please join! Search "Carcoola Primary School P&C" on Facebook! Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/carcoolapc> We encourage you to communicate any ideas or concerns you have with your P&C team by reaching out in person, email or via our Facebook group.





TERM 4 PLANNER 2025

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WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 OCT	13 Students return for Term 4	14 K	15 K	16	17	18/19
2 OCT	20 K	21 K	22	23	24 Interschool Athletics	25/26
3 OCT	27 ART / Indonesian Assem bly K	28 K	29 K	30 PSHS Visit 9am	31 Staff Development Day	1/2 NOV
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9 DEC	8 K	9 K	10 Cupcake Day K/PP K	11	12 Year 6 Grad Ceremony	13/14
10 DEC	15 K	16 EOY Presentation K Concert & Yr 6 Reflection	17 Yr 6 Graduation Activity	18 Last day 2025	19 Staff Development Day	20/21

K-Kindy Day

Every Monday is Early Closing. School finishes at 2.30pm

Updated 03/02/2025

Students Return Term 1 2nd February 2026