



High School Transition Week

Our Stage 3 students had a taste of high school life in Week 8 as they followed a timetable that took them to different classes and subjects. A lucky group were fortunate to have the Director Educational Learning; Mr Kennedy for a History lesson on the Wednesday.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As we come closer to the end of the school year, I would like to extend my thanks to you, our parent/carer community, for demonstrating so much resilience and patience towards the circumstances we faced together. We strived together to get the best outcomes for our students despite the pandemic and you have stayed by our side the entire time. Thank you again.

I am pleased to announce that work has commenced at our school on three major improvement projects:

- 1. landscaping
- 2. upgrade of student toilets
- 3. upgrade to security fencing

A landscaping project will see a number of areas around the school improved and new areas developed, including:

- the corner of Horsley Drive and Denison St,
- the tree area in front of block A COLA will have a paved courtyard for students to sit in,
- an Indigenous Garden area with Yarning Circle in front of the library,
- the flag pole area garden extension,
- garden re-developed behind the canteen and
- other existing garden areas improved with new garden edging and planting.

The student toilet refurbishment will see \$180,000 spent to totally re-tile and re-fit, with new fixtures, both student toilet blocks in our school. Upgrades will include new toilets, sensor flush urinals, new doors which will give better privacy, electric hand dryers, and sensor operated soap dispensers.

The fencing along the Horsley Drive and the fencing at the back of the school that borders the preschool will be replaced to match the rest of the security fencing. Currently this fencing is not totally compliant with security specifications required by the Department of Education.

These projects have commenced and it is planned they will continue across the school holidays with the aim of having them completed ready for day one of Term 1 in 2021.

End of Year Events will Go Ahead:

As reported earlier this term we are pleased to announce that our end of year events including Leaders Speech Day, Year 6 Farewell and Presentation Day are allowed to be held but they must follow some strict Covid-19 Safety Guidelines. These guidelines generally require restrictions to the number of parents/carers attending. This means we will be **inviting parents/carers to the events and unfortunately no other parents/carers/visitors can attend**. We will be sending home invitations with the requirements for social distancing for each event.







Covid Safe Packs for Students:

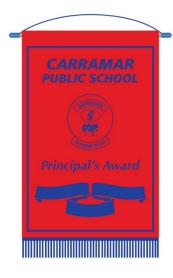
We will be giving a COVID-safe Summer Pack to each student before the year ends. The contents of the pack will help students maintain healthy hygiene practices and to stay COVID-safe during the school holidays.



Here are some quick tips to help you and your families stay COVID-safe during the school holidays:

- Encourage your children to use their packs whenever they leave the house
- Meet outdoors whenever possible and wear sunscreen
- Meet in small groups
- Encourage good hand hygiene practices and remind your children to cough and sneeze into their elbow

Keep up-to-date with the latest health information by monitoring the NSW Government website https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19



<u>REMINDER</u> about Super Achiever Awards & <u>Certificates</u>

Students are reminded to collect certificates from 2019 and this year. Collecting 5 certificates will earn you a Super Achiever Award.

Students who earn 5 Super Achiever Awards in a <u>two year</u> period, will earn a special Principal's Banner Award. These will be presented during Term 4 at Monday morning assemblies. Students can bring in their 5 Super Achievers to school <u>NOW</u> to claim their Principal's Banner Award.

Attendance News

We have had a recent increase in the number of students arriving late to school. Any students arriving after the 9am bell must get a late pass from the office. Lateness not only impacts the late child because they miss out on important information to start the day but it also impacts on the class and teacher as it interrupts the morning procedures. Ensure your mornings are planned so that your child gets to school on time.

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Mr Anthony Mazzítellí Proud Príncípal

From the Office

The end of the school year is fast approaching and we are all looking forward to the exciting end of year events as well as the coming holiday break!!

With all the important things happening this term it has brought to light how important it is that we have up to date address and contact details for your family. **If you move house or change any of your contact details please notify the school immediately.** It is very difficult if we are unable to make contact with you in the case of sickness or injury.

It is distressing for a sick or injured child if we are unable to contact parents/caregivers, especially if it is an emergency situation. Likewise, if we need to send mail to families and we do not have a correct address it could mean you miss important information/events.

Please consider if you need to buy new uniform for your child for 2021. If you do, please call us to make an appointment for purchase of uniforms. During week 10 we will be finalising purchasing and banking for the year. We would appreciate all purchasing to be done before week 10.

School Hours: 8:55am to 3:00pm Monday to Friday 9728 3616 or 9724 2553

Office Hours: 8:30am to 3:00pm

<u>TERM 4 – 2020</u>		
First Day	Monday	12 October
Last Day	Wednesday	16 December
SDD	Thursday	17 December
SDD	Friday	18 December
<u>TERM 1 - 2021</u>		
First Day	Friday	29 January
Last Day	Thursday	1 April
SDD	Tuesday	27 January
SDD	Wednesday	28 January
<u>TERM 2 – 2021</u>		
First Day	Tuesday	20 April
Last Day	Friday	25 June
SDD	Monday	19 April

Julie, Megan & Anna

