Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp. He covers the sky with clouds; He supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

Psalm 147:7 - 8

Bon Voyage!

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Tuesday this week, Year 7 embarked upon their excursion to Camp Elim near Forster, the first of the middle school classes to go on their annual overnight excursions. In Week 6, Year 6
will go to Echidna Gully in Armidale and, in Week 7, Year 5 will go to Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre and Year 8 will go to Scott's Head. Details about each of these wonderful events will be sent home soon and, of course, the cost of these excursions is covered in our all-inclusive fees.

**Australian Government Data Collection**

As part of the funding arrangement between the Australian Government and independent schools, we are required to first collect then provide the Australian Government with a range of data. As part of these requirements, attached to this week’s School Chat are three documents, one that provides parents and caregivers with information on the provision of a *statement of addresses* and two that provide information on the *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data* (NCCD).

**Road Safety Media Release**

Also attached to this week’s School Chat ‘for your information is a copy of a media release from Gunnedah Shire Council titled, *School road safety a number one priority.*

**Horse Sports**

If you have a student in Years 3 to 8 that might be interested in representing Carinya at any horse sport / equestrian events this year, please let me know so that I can provide you with the relevant information as each one approaches. The first one to be held will be in Quirindi on March 20th and the paperwork for this event is due to be sent home to interested families early next week.

Warm regards,

Chad Kentwell
Principal

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**Gunnedah Uniform Shop Hours**

- **Monday** 2:30 - 4:00pm

In 2020, the Uniform Shop will be located in the Auditorium

**Tamworth Uniform Shop Hours**

- **Tuesdays** 1:00 - 4:30pm
- **Thursdays** 8:00 - 11:00am

Appointments are available outside these hours on these days. Please ring 6762 0970 to book an appointment.

For Uniform Shop information contact:

Mrs Katie Cook - Uniform Shop Manager  Ph 6762 0970

Email orders/enquiries to: cookk@carinya.nsw.edu.au

To expedite the delivery of orders, please email your order before Monday so the orders can be filled and brought over from Tamworth. It is preferable that credit card details are completed on the order form to streamline the processing of orders.


The Gunnedah and Tamworth Uniform Shops will be closed next week (Week 5) to allow for stocktake. Orders can still be emailed and will be completed the following week.
Around The Classes

Gumnuts and Prep

It’s hard to believe we are in Week 4 already and so much has happened. Gumnuts have all settled in and are beginning to make friendship connections. Making connections early on is really encouraging as the Gumnuts become more comfortable and connected to their room. Prep, too, have enjoyed spending time with their friends and it has been really lovely to watch how the new children have been welcomed into friendship groups during free play sessions. Being able to socialise with peers is a very important step for children to build strong language skills, creativity and confidence.

Our craft during the last two weeks has had a cutting with scissors theme. Learning how to use scissors is an important role in developing fine motor skills young children need in order to hold pencils. We have also talked extensively about what is okay to cut and what is not, as in hair.

During our mat time session, we have been practising our counting skills through a range of activities. We count who is at school, we counted who had dogs and who had cats, and we have counted how many syllables are in our names. Counting can be included in so many everyday activities and the children are not even really aware they are engaging in a learning experience, they are just having fun.

Our Swimming Fun Day was an epic day and everyone really did have a good time in the splash pool. When we got back to the classroom all the children were very tired, so that’s a good sign of lots of fun was had.

KG

KG have settled into Kindergarten life and are working hard. In English, the children were very interested in looking at the lifecycle of a butterfly and using the correct terms such as, chrysalis. We are now studying The Tiny Seed in our Eric Carle author study, and will be looking at seasons and how things change. The children have been practising letter recognition, both reading and writing letters to assist in reading their sight words and readers. They enjoy our small group rotations which include a range of different activities.

In Mathematics, the children focused on writing numbers to 10. We had lots of fun making a number line and jumping forwards and backwards from 10. The children worked extra hard to sequence numbers to 30 which is very tricky. This week we are looking at addition and are enjoying using hands on materials to help us add.

In Core Studies with Mrs Filson, the children have loved learning about living things and watching their seeds grow. This week they are going to be doing a celery science experiment to show them what a plant does when it is watered.

Cricket has been lots of fun and the children continue to improve on their skills each week.

KW

One wouldn’t believe the improvements and gains the wonderful Kindergarten students have made in KW. I was taken aback when I compared the children’s handwriting booklets from the start of Week 2 to the end of Week 3. In just two weeks, the children have quickly caught onto school and classroom routines and I am so proud of them for this.

We have been learning about the wonderful author, Eric Carle. We began by reading his most famous book, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, and have now moved onto The Tiny Seed. I will keep the other two focus books a secret for now, until we have introduced them to the children!

Other aspects of our day tie in authentically with Eric Carle’s book, such as counting and number recognition in Mathematics, growing things in Core Studies and sequencing in English.

Other highlights over the past two weeks include our cricket lessons on Tuesday morning. KW have enjoyed listening and learning about the importance of warming up before playing a sport and finished each session with a cricket ball relay, helping them to understand the importance of taking turns and working in a team. The children have had their first Choir and Music lessons and all participated in the Swimming Fun Day last Thursday. The crowd favourite for the day was the sausage sizzle at lunch time!
KW

To conclude, I’d like to share an important word KW have learnt in the past week - initiative. As the children have worked through the past two weeks, I have encouraged them to use their initiative in the classroom and with their friends in the playground too. Over the coming weeks, we will work towards using our initiative for problem solving and creative thinking in our learning.

Year 1

During English, our class reading groups are now in full swing. Each week during Spelling and Reading, each group focuses on a particular sound or group of sounds. This is reflected in their spelling activities and their readers. During Big Book time we are currently reading The Circus. As we have become familiar with nouns in previous lessons, we are now looking at the adjectives that describe those nouns. It makes for some funny drawings and silly sentences, as well as adding to our general writing skills.

Mathematics has been a very busy time where we are using a number of games to improve our addition and subtraction skills to 10. These have included Go Fish with dominoes as we ask for a number to match up to 10, playing a dice game where we have to throw the number to make the centre dice add up to ten, and Friends of Ten card game where after laying out 9 cards, we have to cover any two cards that add to ten in a bid to get rid of all our cards. Any of these games could easily be played at home on one of these rainy days we are now experiencing!

Cricket is a fun time where the children are working on their catching and movement skills. Our catching and throwing skills are certainly improving. We had a great time at the Swimming Fun Day. Thankyou to everyone who joined us and helped to create an enjoyable day.

Year 2

Thank you to parents who joined us for our Welcome BBQ and Parent Information Evening. I have sent home information with students for parents who were unable to come. Thank you also to the parents who have connected to the app ‘See Saw’ and who have provided me with feedback that you are appreciating seeing photos of your child.

We have continued to enjoy our science studies. Students are particularly enjoying the hands-on activities we are doing. They recently enjoyed the opportunity to make straw rockets. This past week we learnt about friction and conducted experiments observing what happened when Lego cars were pushed down ramps with different textured surfaces. The surfaces acted upon the car tyres, producing friction and slowing it compared to a surface that had less friction.

Year 2 also are enjoying their daily mathematics lessons. We have become faster and better at adding and subtracting, and this week we started learning about multiplication. We looked at different same sized groups and determined the total when they were all put together. For example, 5 groups of 2 makes a total of 10 altogether. We have learnt that this can be written in a simple number sentence $5 \times 2 = 10$. There are many different multiplication games we are looking forward to playing to reinforce these important mathematical concepts.
Around The Classes

Year 3

It has been a lovely two weeks in the Year 3 classroom. We have enjoyed many different opportunities to develop our learning and participate in events outside the classroom.

Flat Stanley continues to have many different adventures! The students have used these ideas to develop activities for their own flat characters. They have constructed their flat narratives and have enjoyed further extending their understanding of punctuation. Spelling groups have begun over the last week, involving the exploration of words in the forms of phonemes and graphemes and their definitions. These are used creatively in sentences.

In Mathematics, students have been developing their knowledge of patterns and algebra through looking at patterns in numbers through hands-on experiences and games. In the coming two weeks, students will have the opportunity to develop their skills in Addition and Subtraction.

Year 3 has studied History and Drama with Mrs Chapman, and have enjoyed learning about many different ceremonies and celebrations observed in Australia.

In Science, we have investigated various states of matter and how these states can be impacted by heat. We conducted an experiment to find out how heat affected ice, and predicted and tested our ideas in the playground.

The Swimming Fun Day was a great time for us all to be involved in many different activities.

Year 4

Welcome to Week 4! We have been enjoying our learning and would like to share some highlights with you.

In English, we have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, along with learning ‘ed’, ‘f’ and ‘ff’ sound words. We also designed and wrote an imaginative text about the Golden Ticket to the Chocolate Factory. It inspires us to think and write creatively and imaginatively.

We learnt Whole Numbers in Mathematics, with the focus on applying place value to partition, and rearranging and regrouping numbers to up to tens of thousands. Apart from using mental and written strategies to solve problems, we also played some mathematics games to deepen our understanding.

In our Bible study, we shared our thoughts on “Who is Jesus?”, and made some drawings to interpret our ideas.

We have appreciated the beauty of Australian natives and landscapes in our Visual Art lessons.

Last but not least, we had a great time on the Swimming Fun Day.
Middle School Update

“We’re off and away!” said one Year 7 student to another, as the Carinya minibus pulled away from Elgin Street and commenced the journey to beautiful Camp Elim, Forster. Year 7 Camp is the first of four Middle School Camps happening this term. This is followed by Year 6 Camp in Week 6, then Year 8 and Year 5 Camps in Week 7. Camps are a special time for the class and their teachers to experience new opportunities and challenges away from the traditional classroom setting. It’s a great opportunity to expand social and friendship groups, and most importantly to learn more about our amazing Heavenly Father and explore His wonderful creation. Planning is well underway for these excursions, and details will be coming home to families very soon with final camp information.

The Swimming Fun Day was a fantastic celebration of what we value here at Carinya - community and participation. There was a small group of Year 8 leaders who selflessly served and led Middle School and some Junior School students in a variety of novelty events and activities. This sense of fun continued into the afternoon, with some fantastic raft displays in the ‘Carinya Cup’, and well done to all of those who got in and ‘had a go’. We are so proud of you!

The Parent Welcome BBQ and Information Evening had classrooms open and teachers welcoming families for an informal opportunity to meet and learn more about our school and happenings in Middle School classrooms this year. Should you not have been able to make this time, your child’s teacher is more than happy to meet and discuss any initial questions or queries you might have. This event is one of many ‘on site’ opportunities for our teachers and families to partner together in the education of your son/daughter. We look forward to developing a positive working relationship with you into the future.

Alex Wharton
Head of Middle School

Library Information

The school library is currently changing to a new system. While resources are accessioned into the system, student borrowing will be delayed for a few weeks. Teachers will let their students know when borrowing commences.

We will share the system with the Carinya Tamworth library, which will provide our students with a wider range of resources.

Please ensure your child brings a library bag to school on their class’ library day.
Term 1 2020 Calendar

February
18th - 21st Year 7 Camp Elim
18th K - 6 Cricket
20th Puckapunyal - Kindergarten, Years 1, 3 and 5 presenting items
2:10 pm in the Auditorium, afternoon tea
served from 1:40 pm
Primary Zone Swimming Carnival
25th K - 6 Cricket

March
2nd - 4th Year 6 Camp Echidna Gully
3rd Year 7 Immunisations
K - 6 Cricket
5th Secondary Zone Swimming Carnival
9th CSSA Primary State Swimming Carnival
10th - 13th Year 8 Camp Scotts Head
12th - 13th Year 5 Camp Lake Keepit
12th Puckapunyal
17th NRMA Bus Safety Program Kindergarten
20th NDA Against Bullying and Violence
23rd CSSA Secondary State Swimming Carnival
24th Year 7 History Excursion
26th Kindergarten and Year 1 Responsible Pet Ownership Program

April
1st - 9th Youth Week
2nd Puckapunyal
3rd Term 1 concludes
10th Good Friday
13th Easter Monday
17th - 19th Gunnedah Show
25th ANZAC Day
27th Term 2 commences

Term Dates 2020

Term 1
28th January - 3rd April
Term 2
27th April - 26th June
Term 3
20th July - 25th September
Term 4
12th October - 8th December

Puckapunyal

Puckapunyal is an Aboriginal word meaning meeting place. Similar to assemblies, Puckapunyals are a way for the children to share what they have been learning in class.

This term, Puckapunyals will be held in Weeks 4, 7 and 10 in the All Seasons Auditorium, beginning at 2:10pm.
Please refer to the Term Calendar in each School Chat for details about when the various classes are presenting items at Puckapunyal.

Please note: Prep students will only attend Puckapunyals from Term 2 onwards, Year 7 students will only attend one Puckapunyal per term, beginning in Term 2, and Year 8 will only attend Puckapunyals occasionally throughout the year. During the other Puckapunyal times, Year 7 will be involved in targeted activities focusing on interpersonal skills and leadership development and Year 8 will be engaged in timetabled learning.

Afternoon tea for members of the school community will be served in the auditorium from 1:40pm before every Puckapunyal.
Information from Transport NSW
2020 School Travel Applications

Students progressing to Year 3 and Year 7 no longer need to re-apply if they:
· are continuing at the same school
· are residing at the same address
· have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails

Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2019 to ensure student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2019, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator. This may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Information regarding the School Drive Subsidy can be found here https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/schoolDriveSubsidy

Individual Music Tuition at Carinya

Mrs Sandra Clark from the Gunnedah Conservatorium is once again available for individual piano, classical guitar and voice lessons during school hours in 2020. If you would like Mrs Clark to teach your child, registration is through the Gunnedah Conservatorium in one of the following ways:

Gunnedah Conservatorium
PO Box 121
Gunnedah NSW 2380

Ph: (02) 6742 3998

Email: enquiries@gunnedahconservatorium.com
Homework Club

What, When and Where
On Mondays and Wednesdays between 3 and 4pm, we run a Homework Club for Year 3 to 8 students in the Year 4 classroom. There is no cost for Homework Club.

Supervision
Homework Club is supervised by Carinya teachers. At the end of the school day, students who have been registered to attend Homework Club on any given day are to assemble at the tables and chairs under the olive tree in the Junior School playground and wait for the supervising teacher.

Students who are booked to attend the Gundhi After School Club on Mondays and Wednesdays will be taken there by the supervising teacher at the end of Homework Club (ie 4pm).

Registration
To enable us to supervise student attendance accurately, students must be registered for each session by a parent or caregiver. Blanket registrations (eg this week, this month, this term) are unable to be accepted.

Parents can register by:
emailing gunnedah@carinya.nsw.edu.au
or
phoning Reception on 6742 2766

When registering, you will need to provide us with details about who will be picking your child/ren up or how they will be getting home if they are not being picked up.

Registrations for each session of the Homework Club must be received by 2pm.

What to Bring
Students must bring enough school work to keep them occupied for the whole time they are in Homework Club.

Students are also welcome to bring afternoon tea with them to eat before they begin their homework.

Please contact Mr Kentwell if you have any questions about Homework Club.
Gundhi is a Gamilaroi word meaning house and the Gundhi After School Club aims to provide a safe, home-like environment for students in Kindergarten to Year 8.

Gundhi will cater for a maximum of 25 children each afternoon with bookings strictly required on a per term basis.

DAYS & TIME
Monday - Friday, from 3:00 - 5:15pm during term

COST
As an after school club, bookings into Gundhi will incur an additional charge based upon the number of days each term. This charge will assist in staffing and resourcing the club activities. The charge per term cannot be prorated and is therefore the same regardless of when the booking is made during the term or the length of the term.

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AFTERNOON TEA
Parents/carers must provide afternoon tea for their child(ren). Students will eat together between 3:00 and 3:30pm.

ABSENCES
The school must be notified of any absence as is the normal practice for school attendance.
ACTIVITIES
Supervised games and activities will be provided for children in addition to opportunities for children to complete homework, independent study or quiet reading.

Movies and console games will not be offered as an activity in Gundhi.

PICK UP
Children can be picked up any time between 3:00 and 5:15pm.
For Gundhi to operate effectively it is essential that parents pick up their children by 5:15pm.
Gundhi bookings may be withdrawn if children are not picked up prior to this time.
A sign out procedure will be in place upon pick up.

OTHER SPORTS TRAINING OR CLUB ACTIVITIES AT CARINYA
Upon finishing other activities, students must return to Gundhi for sign out and pick up.

BOOKINGS
Bookings are to be made at the start of each term on a per term basis for as many afternoons required each week. For instance, a family may choose to book their two children into Gundhi for Mondays and Wednesdays each week of the term.

Bookings are to be made via the Tamworth Accounts Office in person or by phone and payment in full must be received at the time of booking.

Places are limited and positions will be given on a “first in” basis. Bookings are not assumed to continue from term to term so parents are advised to book for each term of the year as required.

NO INCIDENTAL BOOKINGS, VARIATIONS* OR REFUNDS
*additional days may be added if available, however, reductions in the number of days per week are not able to be made.

We hope that Gundhi provides parents with continuity of care for their children. Please contact the school if you require any further information.

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