Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Here we are, already half way through Term 1 and enjoying a great start to 2020! After Year 7 went to Camp Elim for their yearly excursion in Week 4, Year 6 are attending Echidna Gully in Armidale this week and Year 8 will be going to Scotts Head next Tuesday to Friday and Year 5 will be at Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre on Thursday and Friday next week. As well as all of the excellent learning and engaging classroom activities that the children have been involved in, our students, staff and families have been involved in our Welcome BBQ and Parent Information Evening, K to 6 Cricket Program, Swimming Fun Day and Puckapunyal. We are looking forward to an equally enjoyable and worthwhile program in the second half of the term and encourage you to keep up with events and other information by reading the School Chat each fortnight.

Home and School Together
To aid communication between home and school, if you have a matter that you would like to discuss that relates to your child’s participation or progress in the classroom, please speak with their classroom teacher in the first instance. If you still have concerns after speaking with the classroom teacher or if you have concerns that relate to an issue that is more school than classroom related, please speak with either Mrs Chapman (Head of Junior School), Mr Wharton (Head of Middle School) or me.

Morning Supervision
As teacher supervision is only provided from 8:30 each morning, we ask that no students arrive at school before this time. The only students in the school before 8:30am should be those who arrive on the first bus of the day, which usually arrives just before 8:30am.

Also, in the morning before school, Middle School students are not to cross Little Barber Street and enter the Middle School until there is a teacher on duty at the crossing. If they arrive before the teacher does, they are to please enter the Junior School and wait for the teacher there.

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders
Finally, I would like to remind everyone who is using the Drop Off and Pick Up Area in Little Barber Street of the following things:

♦ You must not stop for more than two minutes in the Drop Off and Pick Up Area. For example, the afternoon pick up begins at 3pm. If you were to arrive before this time and be stopped for any longer than two minutes, you could be fined.
The Drop Off and Pick Up Area in Little Barber Street only extends from the corner of Elgin and Little Barber Streets down to just before the new crossing in Little Barber Street. Beyond that is designated No Stopping and you could be fined if you stop in this area.

We appreciate your patience, particularly of an afternoon when many cars arrive at the same time. In particular, avoid pulling out into Little Barber Street from the kerb unless you are the first car in the line.

The adult driving the vehicle must remain in the vehicle and not exit the vehicle to assist their child.

Children are to enter and exit the vehicle from the kerb side only.

Where possible, each time a student is being collected of an afternoon the vehicle in which they are being collected is to display one of the school provided A4 laminated signs with the child’s surname on the sign. Please contact Reception if you have either not received any of these signs or you would like some more.

If a child is unable to enter the car on their own and/or put their child restraint or seat belt on without the assistance of the driver of the vehicle, the Side Gate Pick Up Area is not to be used for that child. Instead, the child will have to be collected from the school grounds.

With thanks and warm regards,

Chad Kentwell
Principal

Jewellery Policy – Earrings

The earring must be a small stud or sleeper, worn in the conventional position, no other piercings, including clear plastic.

Approved Earrings

- Sleeper
- Small plain studs
- Small stud with single stone

Examples of earrings not approved
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.

Winter uniform is now available for purchase. Please check your child’s uniform requirements and order items in preparation for Terms 2 and 3.

Good for Kids good for life
Crunch&Sip

Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip® program, also known as ‘fruit break’. Crunch&Sip® is a set time during the day to eat vegetables and fruit and drink water.

Below are some examples of what students are allowed to bring for Crunch&Sip®:

- All fresh vegetables and fruit such as carrot sticks or grapes
- Dried fruit or tinned fruit in juice, but only sometimes
- Plain water

Some tips to increase veggie intake for Crunch&Sip® include:

- Start with vegetables your children are familiar with
- Allow children to choose their Crunch&Sip® vegetables
- Try sweeter vegetables like cherry tomatoes or carrots
- Use a variety of colours to make it more appealing
- Let kids pick out a special Crunch&Sip® container from the supermarket
- Get kids involved in cooking vegetables at home

Source: Crunch&Sip® www.crunchandsip.com.au
UNHLS:GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au

Fun with Coding!
Junior School Update

What a joy it is to work with children! There is such a willingness to learn new things and play with ideas. This week in Junior School, our Year 2 class has built model paddle boats to explore the forces that are involved to move the boat through the water. They made the boats themselves from bottles, chopsticks, tape and pieces of plastic. Students needed to work through new skills to build their vessels, and then test them in a basin of water. Kindergarten have been practising adding numbers together. Miss Gerty and Miss Wood are very creative in the very many different ways that they set activities for the classes so that there are physical items to move around, as well as opportunities to practise writing numbers and building the addition number sentences. Our Kindergarten classes are coming along in leaps and bounds! Year 3 has been thinking about what makes up their identity (not their secret superhero identity, the child you know!). They’ve thought about all the different people that help make them who they are as well as the different groups that they belong to such as church groups, cultural groups and activities that they participate in. They are such an insightful group!

Middle School

Year 5

It is hard to believe that we are already half way through Term 1! The Year 5 class has been working diligently across all learning areas. As their Pastoral Care Teacher, I am thrilled to hear that they are participating eagerly during Music, while learning more about Celtic Music under the guidance of Miss Moss. I am also thankful to Mrs Cattana (Visual Arts Teacher) and the students who are continuously adding beautiful artwork to our class display wall on a weekly basis.

In English, the students are showcasing their imagination and putting their writing skills to the test as they all will enter poems or narratives into a nationwide “Write4Fun Youth Writing Competition”, in the coming weeks.

Many students look forward to Thursdays, when we use the science laboratory and equipment. They have been learning about how various materials can act as conductors, or insulators of heat. Students had the opportunity to partake in experiments to determine what materials are good conductors of heat and which ones are used to act as an insulator of heat. The aim of one of these experiments was to prove that when a heat source is applied to a metal, expansion will take place.

In Physical Education, our students are furthering their batting and fielding abilities on the cricket field and I can rightfully predict that our school is nurturing future players for the ‘Baggy Greens’ Cricket Team!

Last, but not least, the countdown has begun! The Year 5 Camp is taking place next week at Lake Keepit and our class can’t wait to create long lasting memories!

Mrs Prinsloo

Year 6

Year 6 are having too much fun on their camp to Echidna Gully to send a full report this time!

Watch this space!
Year 7

“I loved Year 7 Camp and it was so great being able to learn more about God and His world.” This was one reflection from a student when we participated in a whole class debrief and reflection about the Year 7 Camp experience. Students travelled by Gunnedah bus to Camp Elim, Forster, driven faithfully by Mr Langdon and accompanied by Mr Wharton and Mrs James. The bus ride flew along, with some sing alongs and lots of excited chatting and sharing of stories. During the day, students participated in activities such as the Giant Swing, the Adventure Tower, archery, canoeing, beach fishing, and raft building. In the evening, students participated in wide games and lots of activities. Another highlight was the Bible studies in the book of James, which we explored together to see what it looked like to live out the Christian faith. Students and teachers had a fantastic week away, and we are still sharing stories and reliving the memories of our time away on Camp. We are thankful to God for his blessings and provisions to Year 7 in this way.

Year 8

In Mathematics, Year 8 have progressed from algebra techniques to equations, which we first encountered in Term 4 last year. They have a test this week on Unit 1. In Science, Year 8 has almost finished their topic, Solutes and Solubility, and will have a topic test on this on Monday of Week 7. They recently conducted their own experiment to investigate factors that affect solubility.

In Technology, Mr Chapman has been very pleased with the progress made in coding, essentially learning to operate in another language that has its own syntax and vocabulary. Year 8 students are looking forward to their annual camp, which begins next Tuesday. This year it will be held at beautiful Scotts Head on the coast, with lots of opportunities for enjoying the beach and nature walks, as well as sites of historical significance. Most of all it will be a time of building friendships and great memories!

In Visual Arts with Mrs Cattana, students are contributing to a group mural in a style similar to Ben Quilty, and considering how he represents light and dark in his works. During Visual Arts, students are contributing to a group mural in a style similar to Ben Quilty, and considering how he represents light and dark in his works.

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Students have almost finished their first novel for Literacy Circles in English. Please encourage them to try and finish by Thursday this week.
Introducing our new Chaplain

My name is Melanie Cappellin and I am Carinya Christian School’s new Chaplain. I work in this capacity on Thursdays and Fridays and my role as the Chaplain is to focus on, encourage and promote wellbeing within our school community, including the children, staff and families within our school. If you require an ear to listen, referral to outside services, guidance or prayer, I welcome and encourage you to come and see me or even send me an email to make time to catch up for a casual, friendly, safe space to talk. My email address is: cappellim@carinya.nsw.edu.au

I will be located in the Jarrah 1 Meeting Room in the Middle School on Thursdays and in the Learning Support Room on Fridays, which is located in the hall kitchen area. During the school’s recess and lunch breaks I am out and about in the playgrounds getting to know your children better and building safe relationships to enable them to feel happier, comfortable and safe at school. My future goal is to implement programs, organise community groups and support the children, staff and families within our school community.

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

March
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 2:10 pm in the Auditorium
      Years 2, 3, 4 and 6 presenting items
      Afternoon tea served from 1:40 pm
19th  Years K to 4 Envirocom incursion
20th  NDA Against Bullying and Violence
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

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.*

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
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.

Carinya Tamworth 6762 0970  |  Carinya Gunnedah 6742 2766
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