Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Despite the challenges of social distancing, I hope that each one of you got to enjoy something of a break over the holidays and had opportunities to spend quality time together as families. Yesterday we announced to the school community that all students are welcome to attend school again each day from next Monday, 11th May and that online learning would continue for all students in Week 3.

**Note:** If your child/ren are going to continue to learn from home in Week 3, please contact the school and let us know. Otherwise, if they are not present at school on Monday 11th May, you will receive a text message notifying you that they are absent.

Also, for students who are returning to school from Monday 11th May, please return borrowed Chromebooks and iPads (with chargers) to Reception this Friday. All other items can be returned through your child’s classroom teacher when students return to school.

Please let us know if you did not receive this letter by email and feel free to contact us should you have any questions about its contents. In this article I would like to mention some other matters relating to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Carinya Christian School Gunnedah.

**Excursions and Incursions**
Despite all students being invited back from Week 3, our incursion and excursion program will not begin again until further notice. This includes Puckapunylas, due to the social distancing restrictions that are still in place for adults.

**Gundhi Club**
For parents who require it, Gundhi After School Club is still running each afternoon after school from 3pm to 5:15pm. If you would like your child/ren to attend one or more days, please contact Accounts on 6762 0970.

**Homework Club and Interest Electives**
Due to our desire to reduce the mixing of students across the years, particularly inside classrooms, Homework Club and Interest Electives will also not resume until further notice.
Music Lessons with Mrs Clark
Mrs Clark will be resuming music lessons at the school from the beginning of Week 3. Please contact the Gunnedah Conservatorium to arrange lessons.

Winter Uniform
While we have made the wearing of the winter uniform optional for the beginning of Term 2, from Week 4 all students will be expected to be in full winter uniform. The Uniform Shop is currently open by appointment only, on Monday afternoons from 2 to 4pm. Please contact Reception or the Uniform Shop to make an appointment. Alternatively, you can complete an order form and email it to cookk@carinya.nsw.edu.au

Stage 2 of the Middle / Senior School Development

The demolition of 44 Elgin Street has begun.

As you are most likely aware, in late March the Carinya Board made the extraordinary decision to:

1. Reduce Term 2 fees by 75% for all students in Kindergarten to Year 8;
2. Invite families whose income has been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic to apply for a 100% reduction in Term 2 fees.

In their letter to school families regarding these fee reductions, the Carinya Board foreshadowed that these measures could impact on the Tamworth Christian Education Association’s (TCEA) ability to complete all planned 2020 capital works projects. In light of this, I wanted to provide an update on the provision of Year 9 at Carinya Gunnedah in 2021 and the completion of Stage 2 of the Middle / Senior School Building Program.

I am pleased to be able to say that the Carinya Board remains fully committed to providing a Christian education for Year 9 students in Gunnedah in 2021. With regards to the Stage 2 of the Middle / Senior School Building Program, the TCEA have also determined to continue to work towards completing this project as soon as it is feasible to do so. As of today, we have:

- submitted a modification for the Development Consent with Gunnedah Shire Council; and
- finalised the design for Stage 2 and received quotations from design consultants to produce construction drawings, which will enable us to call for tenders to construct the project;
- begun the demolition of 44 Elgin Street in preparation for construction to begin as soon as possible.
In the event that construction of Stage 2 is not able to be completed this year due to the unheralded COVID-19 situation, we already have enough specialty learning areas to cater for Year 9 in 2021 and the land and means to accommodate all other necessary facilities for a fully functioning Year 5 to 9 Middle School.

Finally, I would again like to thank all members of our school community for the way in which we have worked together during this unprecedented time, for the benefit of the children in our care. As the COVID-19 situation continues to unfold and evolve, we are grateful to be working in partnership with parents and caregivers who are committed to doing what is in the best interests of their children.

Best wishes and warm regards,

Chad Kentwell
Principal

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.


Gunnedah Uniform Shop
Term 2 Hours 2020
Monday 2:00 - 4:00pm
By appointment only at this stage. Please call or email to arrange an appointment
In 2020, the Uniform Shop will be located in the Auditorium

Tamworth Uniform Shop
Term 2 Hours 2020
Tuesdays 1:00 - 4:30pm
Thursdays 8:00 - 11:00am
By appointment only at this stage. Please call or email to arrange an appointment

Library Update
Accessioning of resources into the new system is complete, so student borrowing will commence in Week 3. Teachers will let their students know which day their class will visit the library.
Please ensure your child brings a library bag for their books.
**Term Dates 2020**

**Term 2**
27th April - 26th June

**Term 3**
20th July - 25th September

**Term 4**
12th October - 8th December

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**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: cappellinm@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.

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**Term Dates 2021**

**Term 1**
27th January - 26th March

**Term 2**
19th April - 18th June

**Term 3**
12th July - 17th September

**Term 4**
5th October - 7th December

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**Term 2 2020 Calendar**

**May**
10th Mothers’ Day
14th Middle School Parent / Teacher Interviews
20th / 21st Gumnuts and Prep Parent / Teacher Interviews

**June**
8th Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
15th / 17th School Photos
18th Junior School Parent / Teacher Interviews
19th Athletics Carnival
26th Term 2 concludes

**Term 3 2020 Calendar**

**July**
20th Term 3 commences
30th Middle School Parent / Teacher Interviews

**August**
6th Secondary Zone Athletics
7th Primary Zone Athletics
11th Year 9 2021 Information Night
14th CSSA Primary State Athletics
15th - 23rd Science Week
20th CSSA Secondary State Athletics

**September**
6th Fathers’ Day
8th Year 7 2021 Information Night
22nd Year 7 Immunisation
25th Grandparents and Special Friends’ Day
Term 3 concludes
1 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers

Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

Learn about:
- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Working together with your school

Location:
Scone Motor Inn
55 Kelly Street
Scone NSW 2337
Morning tea and a light lunch provided

NSW
Tuesday 26 May, 2020
9.30am - 2.30pm
Registrations open 13 March 2020

Interpreters available

To register, visit positivepartnerships.com.au
For help, call: 1300 881 971

The Positive Partnerships initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training through the Helping Children with Autism package and is delivered by Autism Spectrum Australia. The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government or the Department of Education and Training.
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
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 CARINAYA
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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