

Carenne School

Newsletter

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TERM 3 WEEK 8 2020

CALENDAR DATE

25th September Last day of Term 3 for students.

12th October First day of Term 4 for students.



The Australian Alps get more snow than the Swiss Alps.

90% of Australian's live on the coast.

Tasmania has the cleanest air in the world.

The longest fence in the world is in Australia, and it runs for over 5,530km!!

2020 NSW Minister's and Secretary's Awards for Excellence

It was with great pleasure that we nominated Kym Tattersall for an award in this year's Minister and Secretary Awards for Excellence. Kym is an exceptional School Learning Support Officer who has dedicated her career to ensuring all students reach their full potential. She has worked at Carenne for over 23



years and our school is a better place because of Kym. While she didn't take out the award, we were delighted to help her celebrate her nomination and recognise her amazing contributions to Carenne School.



Uniforms

As the weather warms up and jumpers come off, can I remind everyone that our uniform is a light blue polo shirt with the Carenne emblem and blue or black shorts (or navy blue at the MTC). All students should be wearing school uniform. School shirts are available for sale from the P&C through the front office for \$20 - \$24. If you need assistance to purchase uniforms please come and have a chat.

Thank you!

I know that recent changes from the Department of Education and Department of Health have been tough on some families. Any staff or student who has even the slightest flu like symptoms needs to have a negative COVID test result before returning to school unless they fit the exceptions criteria. Thank you for your ongoing support with this and in sending us through your test results. We now have the ability to send you a text message from our computer system when your child is away. You can reply with test results or let us know why they are absent. This number is only monitored during school hours and only able to receive texts 0417 939 833.

Yr 12 Graduation and Presentation Day

While we are still waiting for further details, at this stage we will be going ahead with our Yr 12 Graduation! We will let you know as soon as we have a date. We are also working on plans for Presentation Day so fingers crossed we can get together to celebrate our students' achievements!



Have a great week, Jane

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of our lands, Australia. We acknowledge the Wiradjuri nation as the traditional custodians of these lands we now call Bathurst, and we pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

Developing School Leadership

Dezarae Bastow has been taking part in a High Impact School Leadership program for the past 2 years, with a focus on planning and implementing evidenced-based strategies to improve student achievement in reading at Carenne School. Dezarae has successfully implemented the mini-lit program in several classes at the school and as a result we have seen a significant increase in reading results with the students who have participated in the program.

It was a lovely surprise to have Toni MacDonald, Director Educational Leadership visit an Executive meeting to present Dezarae with a certificate and a book for successfully completing the High Impact School Leadership program. Congratulations Dezarae, we are very impressed with the work you have planned and implemented to improve outcomes for our students.



Family Lunch at MTC

Every Thursday, classes from the Macquarie Tutorial Centre take it in turns to prepare a family lunch for the centre and invited guests. This is one of our favourite parts of the week where we get to sit with the students, enjoy their company and conversation and of course the beautiful food.

The classes are learning all about food preparation, appropriate social interaction and how to be respectful to peers and adults during a shared meal. Every week we look forward to the culinary delights created by some very talented and creative students and their teachers. Thank you to everybody at MTC for our weekly invitation. You should all be proud of your Thursday achievements.













Class 1 Kylie McDonald (Teacher) Marg Rowe (SLSO)



Where is the Green Sheep?

Class 1 received a very special delivery this week, all the way from sunny Queensland.

Mrs McDonald's Mum knitted a box full of sheep because Class 1 love the story Where is the Green Sheep? By Mem Fox. The students and many staff, have enjoyed using our box full of sheep for storytelling fun.

This term Mrs Johnston has been helping Class 1 learn about healthy food, how food grows and what we can make to eat using healthy foods from the farm. Class 1 learnt how to make bread and Banana Smoothies, they were delicious!!!!

Class 1 students wished Kai a happy 7th birthday last week, they made Father's Day Fridge magnets and they are learning to use the Neotouch iPad Table in our classroom.

Happy Spring holiday wishes to all students and their families and carers.





Class 2 Janelle Kemp/Meg Turner-Mann (Teacher) Yvette Smith (SLSO)

Greetings from the busy students in Class 2. We have been working very hard this term in a variety of curriculum areas. In the past few weeks we have been working very hard with our reading work in class. We have been sounding out the letters in words and practicing reading with our reading helper "Mitch". It is great to see everyone progressing with their reading skills. We have also made great gains in communication skills and some of our students have been using visuals and voice switches to say "more" and "finished". We have also been practicing our sign language and our main focus has been saying "more", "please", "thank you" and "finished". The students in our class have been enjoying their Art Sessions with Miss Moore and lovely Linda and have recently done some work on transport. Look at some of the wonderful balloon art works they made in the photos below. We also made a craft gift for our fantastic dads and carers—a lovely photo of each student in a beautifully decorated frame. Our craft work has continued in the library where every week we make a craft item related to our story of the week. Recently the students made some crowns like the King from their story.

On Wednesdays we have been visiting the Liberty Swing which has been lots of fun. Lachlan's face sums it all up! Happy Holidays everyone.













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Class 4 Kerryn Cafe (Teacher) Steph Cupples (SLSO)

We have welcomed a new class mate into Class 4 this term. We are delighted to have Tristan with us and we welcome him and his family into the Carenne school community.

Term 3 has flown by with the boys keeping busy doing lots of great learning. We have studied the texts 'Window', 'Millicent and Meer', 'Amazing Water' and 'Princess Smartypants' in English groups this term. The students have all done an amazing job completing activities relating to these books and they should be proud of their efforts. We have had some students move up several reading levels this term which is fantastic!

The boys all like to get out of the classroom and some of our favourite activities are horse riding and pet therapy. The recent Science Week session with Ms Couchman was a huge hit. The boys all enjoyed going 'underwater' to experience the amazing activities she had set up for the lesson.







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Class 3 Sue Flude (Teacher) Emma Rush/Katherine Porter(SLSO)

What amazing fun we had at the Carenne Science Day. The hall looked like we were under the sea with all the decorations. There was a scuba diver diving to the bottom of the ocean, we had turtles swimming above us and an octopus dancing through the water. There were so many activities to do. We explored under the sea in the submarine, made coral and sea animals with playdough. Had fun taking photos of us snorkelling on the iPads and did an ocean theme puzzle on the computer. We helped clean up the polluted water and made an artwork out of bottle caps. We investigated the difference between salt water and fresh water and what did or did not float. Thank you to Ms Couchman and her team who made the day such a wonderful experience.

















Class 12

Arlene Monaghan (Teacher)

Wendy Lynch (SLSO)

Class 12 have had a wonderful Term 3. Students have been working hard in all Key Learning Areas, focusing on achieving their learning goals. In literacy, reading, writing and spelling have been a key focus this term and we would like to celebrate the wonderful achievements of all learners.

In Creative Art and PDHPE, Class 12 have created some amazing quality art such as Papier Mache Planters and String Art Wall Hangings. These activities have allowed students to develop essential fine motor skills and experience bringing a sense of calm into the classroom, through practising therapeutic learning strategies.

Senior Sport has been very enjoyable! The variety of activities students were able to try were engaging and fun. A favourite in Class 12, was Indoor Volleyball, which promoted some healthy competition and special friendships.

We wish all of our students, families and staff a safe and happy term break and look forward to commencing our learning programs with pride in Term 4.



Class 7 Dezarae Bastow (Teacher) Rachelle French (SLSO)



Class 7 students are building knowledge and skills to be able to make safe choices and promote their wellbeing when participating in a range of social situations. Students are practicing strategies to stay safe and identify people and places in their community that they can go to for help. The

students also thoroughly enjoy practising mindfulness every afternoon using the Headspace program to develop strategies to focus on the 'now' and develop stamina when working throughout the day. The students have enjoyed using the fitness equipment, bike riding, the sensory gym, partaking in dance lessons with Mrs Kemp and playing games every Friday. They continue to develop their coordination and gross motor skills, and develop the social aspects of playing games such as turn taking, conflict resolution and mateship.

























Anne Baskerville/ Meg Turner-Mann (Teacher) Kym Tattersall (SLSO)

Hi everyone! Class 14 have been having lots of fun so far this term working on our colour theme. We are making a big colour book of pictures of things around the school in the different focus colours. We have added yellow and green to our list so far. With Miss Meg we made lemon meringue pie in yellow week and we made green frog pancakes for our green week with Baskerville.

We were very lucky to have a visit from Mrs Gavin and the Pet therapy crew the last couple of weeks. Its always great to see the animals.

Everyone has been working very hard on their therapy programs and doing a great job. We would like to thank Mrs Smith for our fun library lessons and Mrs Kemp for our fantastic dance lessons every second week and Ms Allen for music during RFF. We are SO lucky to have all these talented teachers on staff.

Until next time stay safe and keep smiling.



Class 13 Erin Mouatt (Teacher) Kathleen Matheson (SLSO)

We have had a great term in class 13. We have enjoyed many art and music lessons, physical activity, dancing and of course the amazing science spectacular. We have been working hard on our communication program, and we are all practicing our daily signing. The students have been working particularly well with the story 'Who Sank the Boat' and learning our animals. We have been working hard on learning to stay healthy and have all been working hard on our shapes and matching in maths.



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Class 8 Aimee Sutton (Teacher) Cade Turner-Mann (SLSO)





Who can believe we have only one more term left for 2020? Class 8 have been working very hard this term and continue to participate in a range of out of class activities such as Science Week, art with Mrs Moore and Ms Linda and a dance program with Mrs Kemp. Everyone enjoyed Science Week learning about the Deep Blue and exploring our wonderful oceans through engaging hands-on activities. In mathematics we are focusing on measurement and using informal units to measure the length of different objects in the classroom. Class 8 are developing their skills to follow simple procedures to create different things such as pirates hat or using Tangram shapes to create different pictures. Science has been very exciting this term and we have learnt about volcanoes, floods, earthquakes and tsunamis. We have participated in a range of experiments to show the effects of natural disasters on earth and we even created our own volcanoes. In art we continue to focus on the elements of art and have created a range of beautiful artworks exploring colour, shape and form and used a range of materials to create pieces of art.



Class 11

Peta Sykes (Teacher) Melinda Gavin/Paula Hundy (SLSO)

Class 11 has been working on our money skills over the last couple of weeks. We are learning about saving money and budgeting, how to use ATM's and paying for things with EFTPOS. The students are getting very good at working out change using our calculators and using addition strategies like counting by 2's, 5's and 10's, counting on from the biggest number and using number lines to add amounts of money together.

The Tech Mandatory students have almost completed our unit of work on digital technologies. This unit has provided opportunities for students to recognise the purpose of and the use of a range of digital technologies in our everyday lives. Students have learnt about the importance of using a secure password, understanding algorithms, solving 21st century problems with digital solutions and designing and producing digital stories on the iPads. The students have really enjoyed combining technology and creativity and teaching the teacher a thing or two about technology as well.



Class 9 Leah Clements/Suzanne Wark (Teacher) Samantha Schofield (SLSO)

In English we are continuing our great work on procedures, writing procedures for activities such as making pirate hats, planting seeds, or washing the dog! We have been focusing on developing skills in our Reading Groups, as well as daily reading and spelling.

In Mathematics we have been learning about fractions, and in measurement we are converting measurements from millimetres, centimetres and metres. In Science we have been exploring things that change our Earth, such as floods, drought, volcanoes, and earthquakes. The students have participated in some great experiments to demonstrate how these things work. In HSIE we have been exploring urban, suburban and rural environments. The students have created some amazing representations of these environments.

In Art we have looked at hot and cool colours, and how they make us feel. We also observed the regular and irregular shapes that surround us, and made shapes out of air-drying clay or cardboard that we made mobiles with to decorate our room, which is looking fabulous!









Class 5 Christine Okello (Teacher) Mick Phillips (SLSO)

This week in Food Technology, we continued with our "Breakfast Around the World" journey. Our stopover in Iran was very successful. We enjoyed traditional Iranian breakfast, which consisted of flat bread, butter, white cheese and vegetable. We had spicy yoghurt, which we found rather chilly. We also had a variety of fruit. In the same way Brazilians drink coffee in the morning, we learnt that Iranians have black tea called "Chaii *Shirin*" or "*Shirin* Chai", which is served only at breakfast. We were not able to make it as we did not have the right ingredients.



Our next stop was Mexico City. Soft tortilla capped with fried beans, layered with fried eggs and topped with a tomato based sauce and cheese cream, was a nice way to start the day. Mexican breakfast is typically accompanied by a mixture of sweet and savoury served with the corn tortilla. Students thoroughly enjoyed the meal and they asked for another treat of Mexican breakfast. So far we have covered four continents namely, Australia, North and South America and Asia. Our next stop will be Europe and finally, Africa.



Students continue to work hard in other KLAs. In Maths they are learning measurement, with specific reference to finding the area and perimeter while in Science they are learning about characteristics of living and non-living things. In PDHPE, students continue to explore safe living. This unit has elicited lots of discussion as most members of our class are in their final year of school, therefore preparing for life after school. In HSIE, students continue to learn about environmental change and management.



Class 10

Ros Luther / Clare Moore/Mitchell Helm(Teacher) Karina Molencamp/Bailey Brien (SLSO)

Class 10 have been enjoying the warmer weather towards the end of this term and love not having to wear all our winter coats and beanies. Welcome Spring Time!!

Taylor, Daniel and Maylee have been busy in class with all their reading, maths and music activities.

Ms Moore has been teaching all about city and country in the HSIE unit and the students have completed some incredible art work on Cityscapes which are displayed in our room.

Mr Helm has been working with Matt, Dylan and Connor on a novel called 'The Boy In Striped Pyjamas' and the boys have really enjoyed the historical side of the book which is set in World War 2.

Class 10 thoroughly enjoyed the Science 'Under The Sea' exhibition produced by Ms Couchman during Science Week and it was lovely to see the smiles on so many faces. A big thank you to Allison and her parents who compiled so many activities and displays throughout the exhibition.











Class 6 Allison Couchman (Teacher) Laura Belfanti / Angie Cranston (SLSO)

Class 6 have continued to have a great term. In August, the class enjoyed participating in Science Week activities linked to the theme Deep Blue.



We continued to focus on developing our reading. We were all excited to hear that four students in the class went up reading levels. Mrs Henry presented reading awards to each of these students.

During mathematics we have been studying 3D shapes and time. The class created 3D shapes using different materials, drew shapes and made the net of shapes. Ollie even enjoyed his nap in the middle of a time activity.



With Mrs Marshall, the class are using their design and sewing skills to make face masks. We look forward to seeing the finished products soon.



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Macquarie Tutorial Centre

Leeanne Graham / Donella Zakaria / Katie Stanford / Tania Pringle (Teacher) Jodie Toomey / Jamie Tickle / Julie Buining (SLSO)

This term has been a busy one, students and staff have enjoyed getting back into the swing of things. MTC have focused on a number of integrated units which have proven successful .



MTC was lucky enough to have Chops visit for 2 weeks. Students learnt how to feed and care for him. Chops enjoys playing and chasing everyone around at recess and lunch. Grant even taught Chops how to walk on a lead. We had our first batch of chickens hatch and we are eager to set the next batch in the incubator. Shae took particular interest in caring

for the little babies and made sure they had a clean pen.

This Term we have continued our family lunch, where classes take turns in food preparation, cooking and

serving. During these food tech lessons all students learn about hygiene practices, safety, techniques and presentation. We have created recipes and cooked a range of foods. Some of our favourites include; glazed honey and garlic chicken, burritos, butter chicken, lasagne, Thai chicken stir fry and a roast dinner.



Students have loved being part of the Art Program. Dom looks forward to this each time. During the printmaking activity he worked hard to create an effective piece.

Our senior students have been hard at work preparing for their entry into TAFE and the workforce for next year. Steph has had a fabulous offer to engage with work experience at Vanessa Pringle floral designs, while Noah has been accepted by Bathurst Mowing and Yard Care.

As part of our Dark Emu unit of work students have engaged with learning about the Indigenous culture, environment and fauna and flora of Australia. This has lead to many field trips to Boundary Reserve to study our local environment. One of the practical activities involved students recreating a temporary dwelling and discussing the differences and purpose between a temporary dwelling and a more permanent structure. This made for a fabulous day out in the beautiful sunshine.



Carenne Art

The theme for our latest creations in the art room is "Transport", featuring colourful hot air balloons, abstract bicycles, Pop Art monoprints, boat collages and aeroplane prints. Senior school students have learnt how to use a view finder to select a section of a drawing (in this case a bike) which is then copied onto a larger sheet of paper to produce an abstract work. Students were given their own palette to mix their paint colours. The results are impressive!

The Bathurst Regional Art Gallery is currently exhibiting The Archibald Prize alongside the Young Archies Exhibition. Carenne School submitted several artworks to the gallery and congratulations to Adam Burns whose self-portrait was selected as a finalist. Adam's work is now framed and hanging in the gallery. A digital display of all the Young Archies entries is also available for viewing in the gallery. Entry to the gallery is free and it's worth a visit!



















Teaching and Learning

Our reading focus has continued this term. Staff have been involved in team collaboration time and have had the opportunity to explore and revisit effective teaching strategies for reading and the sharing of knowledge and resources. All staff have valued this time to improve our teaching and learning at Carenne School.





We are very proud of all our students at Carenne. Everyone has been working hard and engaged in all learning activities. We need to give a special mention to our students who have moved up reading levels during the last couple of weeks. Congratulations to everyone for their continued effort in this area.















Nutrition Snippet

THIRSTY?



Water or plain milk is the best.

Try these ideas to zing up your drink:

- Water flavoured with slices of strawberries, orange or lemon makes a refreshing change
- For the lunch box, add some berries or cucumber slices to a bottle of water and pop it into the freezer
- Check out our <u>blog</u> for more healthy thirst-quenching ideas

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