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Dear parents and carers,
Welcome back to 2024!

Thank you so much to all of you for preparing your children and having them well and truly ready for a great start to the year.

The children and staff have settled in very well and it is fantastic to see, hear and feel calm, engaged and joyous classrooms right from the get-go!

Thank you to all our staff for all the work that they have put in leading up to the start of the year to ensure that the start of the year was so smooth.

There are a few new faces at our school this year. Apart from our 6 original Foundation students; Alice, Arthur, Bonnie, , Matilda, Mia and Oscar, we also have another 3 new students, Jaxon (Foundation), Odie (Year 1) and Jacob (Year 2). There are a total of 32 students at our school this year.

We also have a new part-time staff member coming in every Wednesday to teach Science and Physical Education. Heather Earles has previously worked at our school in the capacity of Visual Arts Teacher just a few years ago.

As part of our **“Me as a Learner Inquiry Unit”** Heather will be helping the children discover all about how our brain works, what it looks like, the parts of the brain that control different parts and functions of our body, including our memory and emotions, how not everyone’s brain thinks the same and how to keep our brain hydrated, happy and healthy..

Me as a Learner Inquiry is a focus for the start of our school year where we learn about each other as individuals, how to work together as a team, collaborate learning, all about our Rights, Responsibilities, Values, build positive relationships with each other and learn a range of strategies on how to learn best and with each other.

The Carra Team

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

Fri 9 - Swimming +MARC Library

Tues 13 - Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day Breakfast) All welcome

Wed 14 - Parent Conference (Details to follow)

Fri 16 - Swimming

Mon 19- Everton PS Cooking Program

Fri 23 - Swimming & Excursion to Milawa PS “Let’s Chat Habitat”

MARCH

Fri 1- Swimming

Fri 8 - Swimming

Mon 11 - Labor Day Public Holiday

13-25 Yr 3 & 5 NAPLAN

Wed 15 - Yr 5/6 Leadership Conference Melbourne

Thur 28 - Last day of Term 2.20pm finish



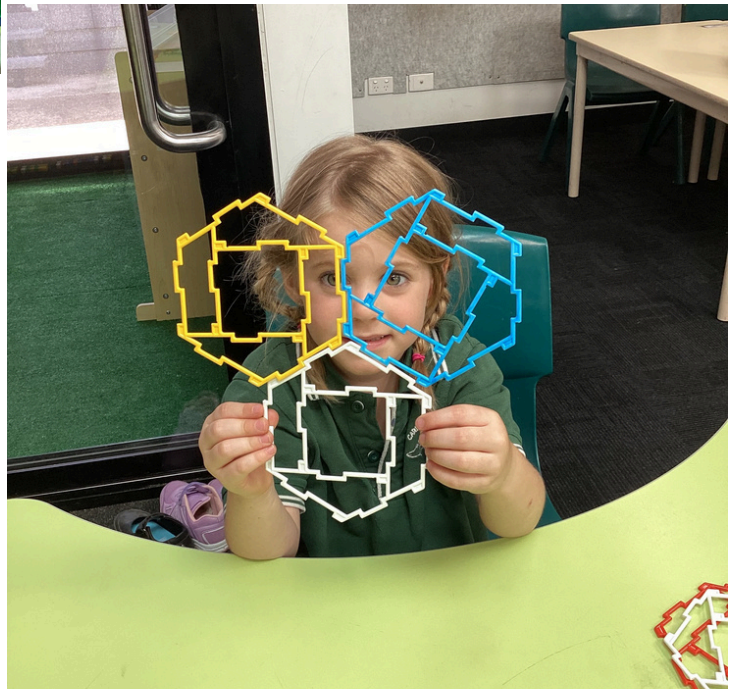
Welcome Back!



Getting to Know each Other with Me as a Learner









Learning to work together



School preparations for the bushfire season

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities.

The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).



All schools and early childhood services listed on the BARR and Category 4 list will also close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district.

When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the **North East fire weather district**.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 4 school.

Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in North East fire district.

What is the department's policy?

The department's [Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy](#) requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 list to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in the North East fire district.

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by our parent communication platform, uEducatUs, our Facebook page and a notice sent home with your child if it is a school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, even if the weather forecast changes. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by - reading our newsletters, checking our Facebook page, by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to elevated fire danger or closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to [them about bushfires](#) and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency>)
- Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters



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2024 COLOUR RUN

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY @ 6:30PM
MILAWA RECREATION RESERVE

PRE SALE \$10 ADULTS | \$15 KIDS | \$50 FAMILY | INCLUDES BBQ TEA
***TICKETS ON THE NIGHT: \$10 ADULTS | \$20 KIDS | \$60 FAMILIES**

SOOOO MUUCH FUNNI!
 Face Painting | Tug Of War Relays
 Parents vs Kids Race | BBQ Tea & of course... THE COLOUR RUN!

**We suggest you wear a white T-shirt, bring a towel & a change of clothes!*

JOIN THE FUN!

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Registrations open now!

20th April 2024 - 17th August 2024

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CHOOSE FROM A **OR** **OR**

6TH - 13TH - 20TH - 27TH FEBRUARY 2024
5PM - 6PM Supported by Bendigo Bank

WANGARATTA RANGERS BASEBALL
MURDOCH RD - NEXT TO CATHEDRAL CARPARK **\$50pp** **AGES 6+**

REGISTER VIA FACEBOOK - WANGARATTA RANGERS BASEBALL OR CALL OWEN 0419514695

LINE Wangaratta
Pride Fair Day
FREE ENTRY

A family-friendly festival celebrating LGBTQIA+ music and culture.

Friday 9th February
4pm - 8pm
Batchelors Green
Wangaratta

Stalls & Food
Entertainment & Music
Family-Friendly Activities

Supported by **VICTORIA State Government** **midsumma festival** **VICTORIA'S PRIDE**

LINE **Rural City of Wangaratta** **The Grit and Resilience PROGRAM** **freeza**

INDIGO SHIRE COUNCIL **ENGAGE!** **CatholicCare VICTORIA** **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Australia** **VACCA**

Centre Against Violence **mental health & wellbeing local**

WANGARATTA MENS SHED

COUNTRY MARKET

Sunday 18th February

The Wangaratta Mens Shed would like to invite you to come along to our Country Market to be held at the Wangaratta Sale Yards in Shanley St Wangaratta on Sunday 18th February 2024. We have over 100 stalls to cater for your enjoyment on the day. From Local radio station, Buskers, Emergency Services, Kids activities and Spinning wheel our local crafts, food, home made goods will be showcased in what could be the start of an annual event. So come along and support the Mens Shed who are recouping finances from a scam which had taken 25k from their bank.

Please support this as they have completed a lot around our school.

WANGARATTA Chronicle

marathon & fun

RUN

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In the past many of our students have registered for the Wangaratta Fun Run 2 km Challenge. This year we are challenging as many of our students as possible to register as part of a Carraragarmungee School Team. See below for more information

<https://www.wangarattamarathon.com.au/2km-primary-schoo>

Start time:
Sunday 17/03/2024

10:00am – Racers

10:30am – Chasers- Approximate start time. This race will commence after all racers have completed the first lap.

- The “Racers” wave is for children of all ages who want to race hard and challenge themselves to achieve their best. No parents / carers are allowed to start in this wave.
- The “Chasers” wave is for children of all ages and we encourage parent / carer participation and social completion of the event as a family.
- All children in both waves will receive a medal at the finish and their official time will be published on the website. Times on the website will not be separated by wave, but will be separated by age.