

Peppercorn Press

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Term 1- Week 10

Friday 1st April, 2011

Coming Events

Week 11

Wed	6 th April	Visiting Scientist, Mr Peter Eastwell at Tharbogang Public School
Thursday	7 th April	Scripture lesson
Friday	8 th April	Tennis
Friday	8 th April	Grandparent's Day
Friday	8 th April	Last day of Term 1

Term 2 Week 1

Monday	25 th April	Anzac Day, Easter Monday
Tuesday	26 th April	Easter Monday Public Holiday in lieu of 25/4
Wed	27 th April	Staff Development Day
Thursday	28 th April	Students return to school "Meet the teacher BBQ" Scripture
Friday	29 th April	Cross Country Carnival at Goolgowi @ 10am – 2pm

Term 2 Week 2

Monday	2 nd May	Long Weekend
Thursday	5 th May	Scripture

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Next Friday 8th April is the last day of Term 1. We have had a very productive term and we would like to take this opportunity to **thank Mrs. Beverley Headon** for acting principal due to Miss. Markham's transfer. Miss Markham took up a position at West Wyalong and is enjoying it immensely. We wish her all the very best!

Students will return to school on Thursday 28th April. Our staff development day will be on Wednesday 27th April. We hope you enjoy your holiday and if you're travelling please drive carefully.

NEW PRINCIPAL

Dear parents, carers and friends,

I'm very pleased to introduce myself as the new principal of Carrathool Public School. I was very fortunate to be appointed the position following a merit selection process conducted by Peter Maclean on behalf of the Department of Education.



Mrs. Lesa Bevan

I came to Carrathool as an experienced classroom teacher of 21 years as well as holding a number of relieving assistant principal positions in my career.

My family and I are moving into the principal's residence and are ready for a major 'tree change' in our lives. We look forward to

meeting you and becoming part of the Carrathool Community.

Carrathool has a great record of providing quality teaching and learning programs for its students.

The staff is dedicated and hard working and I'm looking forward to being part of this great team.

Please feel free to come and say hello.

My daughter, Amber, will be starting at Carrathool next term in Year 5, so our school population will now be 'lucky 13'.

I'd also like to invite you to a 'Meet the Teacher' luncheon on our first day back, Thursday 28th April starting at 1 pm. A sausage sizzle will be supplied by the school. There will be no cost to students.

Mrs. Lesa Bevan

UNIFORM SHOP

Just a reminder that Mrs Mijok operates the uniform shop on Mondays from 2.45 pm to 3.15 pm. If you need to purchase new uniforms or 2nd hand uniforms from our clothing pool please come at the above time on **Mondays**. You can also pay any monies owed for uniforms during this time.

A payment plan will be attached to newsletters starting from Term 2. You may pay as much as you like. It all adds up in the end!

NAPLAN

In May 2011 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3 and 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching

and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 10-12 May, 2011.

Tuesday	10 May	Language Conventions
Wednesday	11 May	Reading
Thursday	12 May	Numeracy
Friday	13 May	Catch up day for students who were absent

HAMPER RAFFLE

Winner of the hamper raffle was Mr. Alan Gibbs. We hope you enjoy your win. The hamper raised \$469.

Thank you to those families who sent in items and to everyone who bought raffle tickets. Your ongoing support of the school is greatly appreciated.-

VISITING AUTHOR – JANE CARROLL

On Monday 21st March, our school attended a visiting author day at Hay Public School along with Booligal Public School and Hay SOTA. We were grouped with Booligal on the day.

Jane helped the students with narrative writing concentrating on writing descriptively and structuring paragraphs correctly. She showed them that when you write descriptively you engage the listener much more.



Jane read the students a couple of chapters out of some of her books which the students found interesting.

The seniors and juniors had separate sessions.



GRANDPARENT'S DAY

On Friday 8th April, the last day of Term 1, we will be holding 'Grandparent's Day' for Senior's Week. Grandparents/great grandparents etc are invited on this day to visit the school and share lunch with us. Lunch is from 1.00pm – 1.45pm.

All families are asked to bring a plate of food to share for lunch e.g. sandwiches, hot food, quiche etc.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE

Next term will be participating in the "Premier's Sporting Challenge." The challenge includes a range of initiatives with one common purpose – to have more students, more active, more of the time!

The Premier's Sporting Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

Sport plays an important role in developing regular physical activity, provides positive

health outcomes and is a fun and healthy way to connect with your local community. Our students will take up the Challenge and take the path to a healthier lifestyle.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Next term we will once again be participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Most students will be familiar with the challenge. Its main objective is to get reluctant readers more interested in reading, and trying to maintain their enthusiasm. More to follow next term..

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Carrathool Public School will be participating in the Cross Country Carnival being hosted by Goolgowi Public School at Goolgowi on Friday 29th April, 2011. This event is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The day will commence at 10am and finish at 2pm. There will be tabloid sports for the younger children.

Parents are responsible for transporting their own children to and from the Cross Country Carnival at Goolgowi Public School.

Students need to wear their sport's uniform and need to bring their recess, lunch, drink bottle and hat. A canteen will be available on the day.

Please return your permission notes next week.

LIBRARY DAY

School library day is on Wednesdays. Please remember your library bags everybody.

Happy Reading.

MONKEY BAA WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 29th March, we had 'Monkey Baa Workshop', a rural workshop program travel to our school to run a free drama workshop. Two drama teachers from Sydney, Trevor Ryan and

Julia Davis facilitated this workshop. Trevor had the seniors and Julia had the juniors. The juniors played games using their imagination and the seniors made a mini play about the four classical elements; fire, earth, rain (water) and wind (air). They enjoyed the workshop immensely.



Julia with the juniors



Playing the game of Evolution



Acting as Goddesses in the game of Evolution

TENNIS

In tennis last week the students practised shadowing of forehand and backhand volleys as well as warm up drills. They also learnt how to do split steps. Their skills are improving every lesson.

VISITING SCIENTIST

Next Wednesday we are travelling to Tharbogang Public School by bus to attend the visiting scientist day hosted by Mr. Peter Eastwell. **Please ensure your children are at the school by 8am.**

MOBILE LIBRARY

Carrathool Public School



6th April, 2011

2.45 – 3.00 for students

3.00 – 3.15 for residents

All welcome!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

If you need community notices advertised in our newsletter please ring the school or fax your notice to the following numbers:

Phone 69 935 143

Fax 69 935 002

ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER

- Easter Children's Bruch

Hay Netball Club

Junior Development Program

4.30pm – 5.30pm on Fridays in Term 2

\$40 Registration per child (includes insurance)

**\$10 discount applies to all registrations
paid by 8th April, 2011.**

**Otherwise full payment must be received no
later than 27th April, 2011.**

Registration forms now at Sportsfirst

Starts Friday 29th April, 2011

Enquiries Jill 69 930 691

or Sportsfirst 69 931 492



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