

Peppercorn Press

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Term 2 – Week 4

Tuesday 15th May, 2012

Coming Events

Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 15 – Thurs 17 May	NAPLAN
Thursday 17 May	Scripture

Term 2 Week 5

Monday 21 May	P & C Meeting 9 am
Thursday 24 May	Scripture
Friday 25 May	Senior students integration @ Hay WM High School

Term 2 Week 6

Monday 28 May	Kath Powderly Pottery
Tuesday 29 May	Kath Powderly Pottery
Tuesday 29 May	P & C Cleaning Sale 'Coonara'
Tuesday 31 May	Scripture
Thursday 31 May	Gymnastics lessons begin

Please note: School Newsletter will be produced fortnightly in even school weeks.

Reminders: Start collecting sponsorship money for Jump Rope

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope all our mothers and grandmothers enjoyed their Mother's Day (and the lovely gifts bought at our Mother's Day stall) and were spoilt on the day.

Jump Rope for Heart

The students have started 'Jump Rope for Heart' and are learning about independent skipping, tricks and group skipping with the big rope. Sponsorship forms were sent home last week. Please start collecting sponsorship for this great cause. Every child who returns sponsorship money will receive a free skipping rope as well as any other incentive prizes earned from jump

rope. Our skip off day will coincide with our Term 2 Assembly on Tuesday 26th June. Sponsorship forms are not due back until Friday 22nd June.

Department of Primary Industries

Attached to the newsletter is a 'Damage Report' form from The Department of Primary Industries.

Please complete this form if you have had any damage to your property/livestock caused by the recent flood.

The Department of Primary Industries collates all of the information and then passes it on to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

Email/fax/phone information through as per instructions on the bottom of the form.

Social Skills Program

Our social skills program is continuing this term. This week we are focusing on expressing our feelings in a nice way. We have been practising giving compliments and this is an extension of this current skill.

Coonara Clearing Sale

'Coonara' will be having their clearing sale on Tuesday 29th May. The P & C are catering on this day and it would be great to see you all there. Please attend the P & C Meeting on Monday 21st May at 9.00 to learn all about it.



Education
& Training



Kath Powderly Pottery Workshop

Kath Powderly will once again be visiting our school on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th May. Kath an experienced teacher is well known for her hands-on fun workshops. Last year the students made some beautiful pieces of art out of clay.

The students may come to school in casual clothes for these two days to protect their school uniforms.

Visit from Caroline Tuohey (former student)

On Tuesday 15th May, we were very fortunate to have Mrs Caroline Tuohey at our school. Caroline who has written children's books, talked about writing poetry with the students.



She got the class to write and illustrate a little poem. She brought different tools with her such as rhyming dictionaries and examples of various drafts of her texts and illustrations. Caroline also brought some information about writing competitions. Caroline donated one of her beautiful tea towels and carry bags to the school which are now on sale. (Please see order form attached to newsletter).

The students had a wonderful session with her.



Caroline presenting her tea towel and carry bag to our vice-captain Jamie

NAPLAN Tuesday 15th – Thursday 17th May

In May 2012 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 15-18 May, 2012.

Walk Safely to School Day – Friday 18th May

While most of our families would need a couple of days and overnight facilities to walk to school, it is a good time to reinforce road safety rules.

Even though the traffic is 'fairly light' in Carrathool we always practise crossing the road and walking safely when we leave school to walk around town e.g. 'clean up' day and tennis lessons etc.

On Friday some families might consider parking a distance from the gate and walk a small way to school with their children.

James and the Giant Peach/Hunky Dory

Last week we had a mini excursion to Griffith to attend James and the Giant Peach at the Griffith Regional Theatre. A well-known book by Roald Dahl was transformed into a wonderful production which all enjoyed. After the show we went and had lunch at Hunky Dory followed by a one hour play at their wonderful centre. The students enjoyed it immensely. We hope all children slept soundly that night as they were definitely worn out by the end of the day.



On our way to a fun day!

James and the Giant Peach/Hunky Dory Recounts

On the 8th of May Carrathool Public School went to Griffith to see James and the Giant Peach at the theatre and after that we went to Hunky Dory. At James and the Giant Peach I sat next to Amber and Patrick. On the stage was a huge peach house that had a door and two ladders to go up to the top of the peach. The characters were James, Earthworm, Ladybug, Cricket, Spider and Centipede. My favourite was Ladybug because her costume was really pretty. After a song they turned all the lights off and then it was really bright and there was little fish swimming around; it was cool. At the end of the show I loved it because they told us their real names and answered some questions. When we went out we got an autograph from James on a poster and also got a photo taken.



Then we got on the bus and went to Hunky Dory and had a play while we waited for our lunch. I had fish bites and chips. When we ate lunch we went back to play it was fun and I got worn out.

I had a great day.

By Natasha

Last week everybody went to Hunky Dory for lunch and a play. It was so much fun up until we were in the ball pit and these little toddlers started to pitch balls at us!! It was so annoying! I went down all of the slides, including the purple and green one. It was so scary!! My favourite part was going down the slides.

By Sarah



Watch out down below, here I come!

On 8th of May, Carrathool Public School went to Griffith to see James and the Giant Peach and play at Hunky Dory.

First we went to the theatre to see James and the Giant Peach, it was funny. My favourite person was the Ladybug because she was pretty and I liked her costumes.

Next we went to Hunky Dory, we came a little early. Our lunch was not ready so we had a little play before lunch. After lunch we played some more and we played chasies at Hunky Dory.

Then we waited for the bus to take us home. The juniors said that we had to walk home and that the bus had broken down. The bus then came and we went home.

It was a fun day.
By Amber



Amber enjoying the slide



Our group (plus one child who likes being in photos) enjoying a breather at Hunky Dory

Pirate Day Recounts

Last Friday we went to a pirate day at Hay Public School. They had lots of equipment to play on and there were heaps of kids to play with. We both dressed up as pirates. We both wore patches on our eyes. Mine got blown away by the wind (Patrick). We made bracelets and it was lots of fun.

By Georgia and Patrick

When I went to Pirate Day I saw some old friends, Lachlan Clarke and Tom from Booligal. I dressed up as the captain of the pirate ship. I had a pirate hat, an earring, an eye patch and a sword. After the pirate day finished I had a pirate fight with Tom. I lost the fight! It was a great day.

By Sam

I went to Pirate Day and I wore a bandana. I played with my old friends and we played with play dough. We had to do some easy work like spelling. It was a fun day and I got to go to the fete after the pirate day.

By Ashlee

Vegie Garden

We have been busy weeding our vegie garden (with the help of Mrs Caroline Martin).

We got to eat some delicious rockmelon and watermelon grown by us! We have now planted our winter vegie garden and can't wait for all of those delicious vegies, yum, yum, yum!



Weeding with Mrs Martin



Shane and Natasha eating some delicious home grown rockmelon

Not too bad!



Jamie and Amber sampling the watermelon with Mrs Headon trying hard not to cut herself!



It's all about co-operation; it took three of us to pull this weed out!

School Captain's Report

On Thursday we had our Mother's Day Stall. We sold lots of gifts including bath bombs, notepads, candles and soap. All of the gifts were sold. We will use the money towards the Yr 6 gifts to the school. We raised \$40.

On Friday the seniors went to Hay War Memorial High School for their integration day. We do art science and music lessons with Booligal seniors and the high school teachers. In music we are learning to play a recorder and read music. In art we did photography and took photos of plants. In science we did experiments to find out about acids and bases. Did you know that lemon juice is an acid?

By Amber Bevan,
School Captain.

Lions Club Telephone Directory

The Lions Club of Hillston has put out a community telephone directory for the Carrathool Shire and selling each for \$10. These books are **available** at the school if anybody wants to purchase one. Carrathool numbers are in the book! As well as Goolgowi, Hillston, Merriwagga and Rankins Springs numbers. The back of the book has a list of Community Groups, Justices of the Peace Register, and a Local Business Directory.

All in all, a very handy book to have! All money raised will be donated to the school. Please contact the school if you would like to purchase one but hurry as there are only 3 left.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking is on Fridays.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library days this year will be held on Tuesdays. Please remember your library bags.

HOMEWORK

All homework will be handed out on Mondays and should be returned by Friday.

P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting Monday 21st May, 2012. All welcome.

We have some left over mulch to give away. Please contact the school if you're interested.

Save the date

Saturday 1st September, 2012

Carrathool Public Schools

P & C Trivia Night

(Our 2nd will be even better!)

@ Carrathool Family Hotel

Stay tuned! More details to follow.

Tennis

In tennis we have been concentrating on throwing and catching, hand eye co-ordination and tracking and basic forehand preparation. Everyone is enjoying the lessons.



Tennis is fun!

To Give Away

1HP Deskjet Printer in good order
Please contact the school if interested

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Our school has registered for the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion. Collect stickers for your school. One sticker is given for every \$10 spent. Attached is a sticker card to place your stamps on. Please return cards to the school. Promotional period ends on 1st July, 2012.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

The Operational and Delivery Plan for Carrathool Shire is at the school for residents to come and peruse. Any objections to the plan need to be submitted by 15th June, 2012.

CARRATHOOL WATER

Sometime ago an aerator had been put into the Carrathool water supply. I would like feedback as to the quality of the water. If anyone has any comments would you be good enough to let me know so that I can relay to this to Council. Thank you,

Margaret Merrylees Cr.
0269935105

NEWSLETTER BRIEFS**Cycling info**

Riding a pushbike is a great way to get from A to B and keep fit in the process. A new website dedicated to cycling – whether for fun, transport or performance – is available at:

www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au.

Here you will find info on cyclepaths around NSW, keeping your bike in top condition, upcoming workshops, sharing the road and much more.

Thank You

Thank you to **Kurt Dissegna, Jeff** and **Shane Blair,**
Anthony and **Toby Bevan** for chopping the trailer full of wood for our P & C Raffle.

P & C Raffle - \$1 Ticket

Brrr! It certainly is getting chilly!

Certainly a good time to purchase some raffle tickets from our P & C - for your chance to win a trailer full of wood!

Tickets available for \$1

Available at the school and
Carrathool Family Hotel



Please note: Trailer not included!