

# Peppercorn Press

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Term 3 – Week 10

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2012

## Coming Events

### Term 3 Week 10

Tuesday	18 Sept	Sausage Sizzle, P & C Meeting & Term 2 Assembly
Thursday	20 Sept	Scripture & Archery
Friday	21 Sept	Last day of Term 3 LONG WEEKEND

### Term 4 Week 1

Monday	8 Oct	Students return to school
Wednesday	10 Oct	Mobile Library
Thursday	11 Oct	Scripture Swimming begins

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

## Reminders:

- Friday 21 Sept - Long Weekend
- Thursday 20 Sept last day Term 3
- Students return to school Monday 8 Oct
- Swimming notes/money due this Thursday 20 September

# Happy Holidays

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Yet another term draws to an end. Next term we will be thinking about 'end of year' activities and Christmas! I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable break. I will be taking Long Service Leave for the first week of Term 4. Mrs Headon, Mrs Wise and Miss Jones will be in my place.

## Counsellor Visit

Mrs Cathy Millyard, our school counsellor, will be visiting our school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. If you wish to have your child visit the counsellor please contact the school.

## Kindergarten Enrolments 2013

We are currently accepting enrolments for Kindergarten students in 2013. Students, who are five years of age on or before 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2013 are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten. Enrolment packages are available from the school during school hours. Please pass this information onto friends and neighbours who may have a child eligible to attend Kindergarten next year.

Orientation dates for 2013 Kindy students are:

- Tuesday 20 November from 9 – 11.00 am
- Tuesday 4 December from 9 – 1.30 pm
- Friday 14 December from 9 – 3.00 pm

## Swimming Term 4

Next term for sport we will be travelling to Griffith every Thursday for swimming lessons at the Griffith Regional Aquatic Centre. Lessons commence on Thursday 11 October and conclude on Thursday 13 December.

Parents will be responsible for transporting their children to and from lessons. The school will subsidise travel as mentioned in the note.

Parents need to pick their children up from the school at 12.15. Lessons commence at 1.30 and finish at 2.10.

Please return your permission notes and payment for lessons by Thursday.

## Footy Colours Day

Great to see lots of people in their 'footy colours' gear last Friday. Thank you to those families for supporting the day. We raised \$12 for the local association of 'Country Hope'.



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### Whooping Cough Alert

NSW Health warns there has been an increase in whooping cough among primary school aged children. We have been notified there are cases of Whooping Cough in the Carrathool area.

**Whooping cough is contagious** and can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully vaccinated children.

- Children with symptoms should see their doctor. If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken five days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school-aged child has younger siblings, it's a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.

For more information go to:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Infectious/whoopingcough/facts.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Infectious/whoopingcough/facts.asp)

### Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Natasha for competing in the local finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee. Both the competitors and the words were quite tough. We are proud of you for doing your best Natasha!



### Cooking with Ms Salvestro

Last week in cooking the students made chicken stir fry. The recipe included chicken breast fillets and lots of vegetables. Some vegetables were picked from our own garden! The meal was served with white rice and was absolutely delicious!



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### Poems, Poems and More Poems.

We have been experimenting with writing techniques such as similes and adjectives to be more descriptive. Please enjoy some of our poems.

Black  
Wild horse  
Riding, scampering, scooting  
Makes me laugh  
Flicker  
By Seth

Green  
Spongy, pointy,  
Growing, mowing, picking,  
Makes me grateful  
Grass  
By Nicholas

Red  
Big noisy  
Driving, spraying, hosing,  
Makes me feel nice  
Firetruck  
By Dean

Cupcakes  
Look like a mountain of candy  
And smells like fairy floss  
It sounds like a butterfly in the sky  
And feels like a pillow full of feathers  
By Amber

Christmas  
Looks like a happy smiling face  
And smells like roast pork  
It sounds like bells ringing  
And feels like a soft bear  
By Natasha

### Seniors Canteen

The senior's canteen is still going along swimmingly and the children really enjoy it. Our supplies are getting a little low so we are asking for donations again. Home-made slices/biscuits, chips, chocolate, popcorn etc are all welcome.

## Hay Show

Congratulations to the following children on their recent results at the Hay Show:

### Art Awards

Sam - Equal 2<sup>nd</sup>

Amber }  
Ashlee } Special Award  
Natasha }

### Handwriting Awards –

Natasha 1<sup>st</sup> place Year 5

Sarah 1<sup>st</sup> place Year 4

Amber }  
Dean } Special Award

## Term 2 Assembly

Thank you to everyone who attended our end of term assembly today. We hope you enjoyed our performances (and the yummy sausage sizzle).

*Bronze Medallions awarded went to:*

Jamie and Natasha.

*10 Merit Awards:*

Patrick, Sarah, Dean, Ashlee and Amber.

*Achievement Awards:*

Seth – Improved effort in writing.

Sam – Descriptive writing.

Nicholas – Great effort in reading.

Shane – Improved spelling results.



*Sight word Bingo is improving our lingo!*

## Ongoing Fundraiser at Athletes Foot Griffith

Don't forget if you buy a pair of shoes at 'The Athletes Foot' please mention that you are supporting Carrathool Public School and they will donate \$5 to the school. Members of the community can also support us in this way. This is an ongoing fundraiser so there is no finish date.



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## Rural Fire Service Visit

Thanks to Sean and Barry for coming to visit us last Wednesday. We learnt what to do at home for the upcoming bush fire season. We also got to see first-hand how quickly a fire takes off in a room.



*From  
this*

*to this, in  
not very  
long*



## School Captain's Report

This term we have been doing lots of exciting things. The Rural Fire Service came last week and they burnt a doll house to show us what to do when there is a fire.

Yesterday Mr Badger told us a story from the book Wind in the Willows.

Archery lessons are on Thursdays with Ashleigh from Griffith PCYC. It's lots of fun and we usually aim at the target except for the time we aimed at oranges sitting on cones. Natasha got a bullseye. Hopefully Term 4 will be as much fun as Term 3.

Amber Bevan,  
School Captain

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viewed on the school website  
[www.carrathool-pschools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.carrathool-pschools.nsw.edu.au)  
lots more photos to look at – past and  
present



### Wind in the Willows

Yesterday we had a visit from Mr Badger who told the students a number of tales of his adventures with Mole and Ratty and Mr Toad. Thank you to Carrathool Shire Council and Library for organising this performance at no cost to the school. Mr Chris John from 'Splash Theatre Company' presented the ½ hr show which was basically a story telling performance of Wind in the Willows.



*'Mr Badger' with the students*



*Story time .....*



*Acting like chickens and having lots of fun!*

*Today we'd like to wish a  
Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday to  
Seth Lees!*



*We hope you enjoyed your day Seth!*

*Happy birthday also to  
Dean Blair*

*Who will turn 6 on 29<sup>th</sup> September,*



*We hope you have a great day Dean!*

### 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.

### 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

## NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

### Holiday activities

Stuck for school holiday ideas? The Go Play website lists hundreds of activities throughout NSW. Explore museums, observe space, discover castles and convicts, or give your child the opportunity to develop a new skill. There is a range of options on offer – from photography to skating. Go to:

<http://goplay.nsw.gov.au/?startdate=2012-09-28>

### Healthy habits

While we can't entirely shield our children from illness there are ways we can help them boost their immune systems and become more health conscious. Listen to these tips from Dr Martine Walker, a city GP who specialises in family health and has two primary school-aged children of her own. Go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/keeping-your-kids-healthy>

### Maths matters

A new and entertaining game will help sharpen your child's maths skills and recall. The Maths Monkey's Quest features questions on topics

ranging from addition and subtraction to ratios and percentages. The app is available for Apple iPhones and iPads, and Android phones and tablets. Go to:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/maths-monkey-s-quest>

Getting a driving licence is high on the list of priorities for many senior students, and the Geared website can help them get on the road armed with the information they need to stay safe. The site features information on getting a licence, driving techniques and how to choose, buy and fix a car. Go to:

<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/geared/>

### Cycling in safety

Knowing how to ride safely is crucial for all riders. This useful NSW Government summary provides tips on the right safety gear to get as well as clearly written information on how to stay safe on two wheels. Go to

[http://bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/riding\\_safely/10\\_tips\\_for\\_cycling.html](http://bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au/riding_safely/10_tips_for_cycling.html)