# **Peppercorn Press**

# **Carrathool Public School**

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#### Term 1 – Week 4

#### **Coming Events**

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Thursday 21 February Friday 22 February Scripture Tennis

#### Term 1 - Week 5

Tuesday	26	February	Responsible Pet Owner visit
Thursday	28	February	Scripture
Friday	1	March	Tennis
			Clean Up Australia Day at school

#### Term 1 - Week 6

Wednesday	6 March	Mobile Library
Thursday	7 March	Scripture
Thursday Friday	8 March	Tennis

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

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Tree Levy – NSW Teacher's Federation

I am pleased to announce that after an application process, Carrathool Public School has received a \$400 Tree Levy from the NSW Teacher's Federation.

The grant will be used to purchase native trees to enhance the school environment.

Later in the year (when it's cooler) we will have a planting day for the children and families to 'get their hands dirty'.

I'd like to publicly thank the Federation for their support of schools through this initiative.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

# New Kitchen Facilities

Work will commence in March to upgrade the wet area in the library to a new kitchen space.

New cupboards, work benches and a sink will replace the existing sinks and benches. The old floor will also be replaced with new lino.

The P & C will purchase a new upright stove/oven to complete the kitchen, following their successful grant application from Carrathool Shire Council.

Once completed we look forward to cooking up a storm, watch out MKR and Masterchef!



Thank you to the Carrathool Family Hotel for their very generous donation of \$600 to our school following the Carrathool Race Day.

Your ongoing support of our school is overwhelming!

# SPRING BULB FUNDRAISER

The school is once again having a 'Spring Bulb Fundraiser'. Attached to the newsletter is an order form. Please send your order forms to the school with money to Carrathool Public School, Glover Street Carrathool 2711 or drop them in to us.

Please return forms by **22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2013.** 







# SENIOR CANTEEN

Just a reminder that we still need donations for canteen. Suggested donations are chips, fruit juice, flavoured milk, ice blocks, cakes, popcorn, etc. Thank you to parents who have already donated items.

Students may buy 2 items from our canteen at 50 cents per item. Canteen will be run on Fridays after lunch.

# **VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Schools operate much more effectively and provide a much-improved service to students with funds donated by parents in addition to that provided by the government and the P & C. Voluntary school contributions this year are: \$20 per child or \$30 per family

Thank you to those who have already paid.



There is something special about play time!

# **RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP VISIT**

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February we will be having a visit from the school education program 'Responsible Pet Ownership'. A trained pet educator and their pet will cover the concepts of choosing a pet, registration, pet housing and husbandry and in particular, safety around dogs to prevent dog attacks.



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# PLAY SCHOOL EXCURSION

On Tuesday 19 March, Mrs Headon will be accompanying the junior students to the Leeton Soldier's Concert for a 'Play School' concert. Cost is \$5 per child. We are all very excited! Travel will be by private vehicle. Please return your permission notes and money by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2013** 

# HAY SMALL SCHOOL'S SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Sarah Merrylees who competed in the Hay Small School's Swimming Carnival last Friday. Sarah competed in every event and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in backstroke. Well done Sarah!

# **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY @ SCHOOL**

On Friday 1st March we will be cleaning up the school playgrounds and nearby environment. Children will be provided with rubber gloves and may wear casual clothes on this day. Appropriate footwear (sandshoes/joggers) needs to be worn for tennis lessons.

If you'd prefer your child to wear gardening gloves on this day please send them in with your child.

#### SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Welcome to my first captain's report. Our new kindies are off to a great start! They have been doing really well. This week they have been learning all about the letter 'p'. They have also made some wonderful artwork with Mrs Hedt.

All this week the seniors have been doing procedures. It has been fun.

Everyone has been playing nicely in the playground and I hope it stays that way.

Natasha Morris Whytcross, School Captain

#### WHEAT FOR SALE

Looking for some cheap wheat for chook food or mulch? The school is selling bags of wheat for \$12 as a fundraiser.

If interested please ring the school on 69935 143 or come and see us. We have some available right now!

# LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing day is on Tuesdays this year. Please ensure your child brings their books in their library bags.

# SCHOOL BANKING

School banking this term will be held on Thursdays. If you would like your child to start school banking please see Mrs Woods.

#### HOMEWORK

Homework starts for all students this week. Homework is handed out on Mondays and is to be returned on Fridays.



No! I'm not trying to skip lessons! We're playing hide and seek!

#### **BOOK CLUB**

Book Club was handed out yesterday. Please return your order forms by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

# P & C Meeting 13 February 2013

Present: Anne Dissegna, Lesa Bevan, Paula Hayes, Cath Merrylees and Geraldine Blair.

Next meeting will be our AGM.

Some of the items discussed at meeting include:



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- Kitchen (wet area in library) measured by carpenter, work to start in March.
- Stove to be bought by P & C.
- School will arrange/pay for installation of stove.
- Tree Levy approved \$400.
- Canteen donations required (money raised will go towards buying kitchenware etc)
- Special lunches from Carrathool Family Hotel will continue on a fortnightly basis.
- New teacher, Mrs Hedt has arrived and works on Mondays as an extra day and Wednesdays (Department pays for this day). A request has been made to the P & C to help supplement extra day.
- P & C have put their name down to do catering for Gundaline sale (when it sells).
- 'Bike Day' will be arranged soon.

Geraldine Blair, Secretary

#### **NEWSLETTER BRIEFS**

#### Friendships to boost your child's learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

#### Find out more:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/develop ment/how-friendships-boost-your-childs-learning

#### Assignment starters for the arts

Videos are great resources for getting kids enthused about their assignments. These pages on cubism, percussion and critical studies provide key points to help them get started and links to useful sites to assist with further research.

#### Find out more:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-andstudy/other-subjects-and-projects/the-arts/assignmentstarters-for-the-arts

# Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

#### Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school

A great way to kick off your child's formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

#### Find out more:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/develop ment/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school

#### Speech problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there's a general pattern to your child's language development?

#### Find out more:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/s peech-problems

#### **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

# TENNIS

Tennis lessons commenced in Week 2. Our new coach is Mr Stuart Callaghan from Hay.





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I love tennis!



I hope this racquet is big enough!

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH A DREAM, PASSION AND SOME SHEER HARD WORK



Come and spend a relaxing day in the exquisite grounds of Corynnia Station and be inspired by the stories of amazing women who are turning their dreams and passions into successful businesses and careers.

Bron Hall Founder of The Research Den is our keynote speaker. Bron has established a thriving business which she has successfully operated 'on-line' whilst travelling and living in China and India. Whilst in China. Bron started the Students' Library Project **1** where exipal students are developing libraries in Chinase schools

Julie Armstrong Proprietor Coryonia Station Farmstay

Chiro Wolker Agri Business Manager Commonwealth Bank VIC Central North Jenny Jones BelCalm Yoga





A sumptuous morning tea will be provided on

arrival BYO picnic lunch and fold up chairs There is no charge for this event..





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