

Peppercorn Press

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Term 2 – Week 6

Tuesday 4th June, , 2013

Coming Events

Term 2- Week 7

Monday	10 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday	11 June	P & C Meeting 9 am
Tuesday	11 June	SCHOOL FINISHES 2 PM
Thursday	13 June	Scripture
Friday	14 June	Tennis and 'special lunch'

Term 2- Week 8

Monday	17 June	LONG WEEKEND
Tuesday	18 June	Reports home
Tuesday	18 June	UNSW Spelling Test (Yr 5 & 6)
Thursday	20 June	Scripture
Friday	21 June	Tennis

Term 2- Week 9

Tuesday	25 June	Parent/teacher interviews
Wednesday	26 June	Parent/teacher interviews
Thursday	27 June	Scripture
Friday	28 June	Tennis

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Another term is just flying by. Our Kindy students are now 'old hands' at school. This term continues to be jam packed!

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Last week, Mr Hubatka, the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) visited our school.

He was impressed with the efforts made by families to inform the school of any absences. So thank you everybody. Remember, if you haven't got a note a simple phone call will do.

BIKE DAY

We held a 'bike day' at school on Friday 24 May. The 'Tour de Carrathool' was a huge success. The children were able to practise the bike safety principles we have learnt about in class in a real

situation. Thank you to the parents for their efforts to get the bikes to school, and for those families who sent extra bikes so no-one missed out.



DYSLEXIA TRAINING

Next Tuesday 11th June, the staff of the school has to attend mandatory training at Hay Public School starting at 3 pm. On this day to enable this to occur, school will finish at the earlier time of 2 pm. Please ensure you pick your children up early on this day. Your co-operation is appreciated.

P & C MEETING

The P & C are having a meeting next Tuesday at 9 am. This meeting will discuss arrangements for the next Trivia Night. All welcome!

SPECIAL LUNCH

Next Friday we will be cooking special lunch at school. This lunch will consist of zucchini quiche and fried rice, all for the low price of \$5 (plus a treat from school).

Please send in your money before next Thursday. Cooking at school will be an ongoing activity. Hopefully this will occur once a month. Any suggestions for lunch will be most welcome.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

We would like to congratulate the students who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge for the year. Well done to Bethany, Nicholas, Seth, Shane and Natasha. There is still plenty of time to finish the challenge so keep on reading girls and boys!

KATH POWDERLY POTTERY WORKSHOP

Back at Carrathool School again. I think this is my 5th year here. I love it!

This year we are making a book from clay.

The children constructed a stage set from clay, painted it, and then made the story page by page.

They made the characters from clay or from a choice of bits and pieces from my art box.

The stories all reflect the environment the children live in. Farms, farms and country! Lovely!

I hope you enjoy their stories as much as I have enjoyed helping the children make them. We have budding authors and illustrators in our midst!

Kath Powderly



Ben making his stage for his story



Sam looking every part the artisan



Nicholas attending to his masterpiece





Do you like mine? I do!



Can we do this every day? Just a thought from Ashlee



Seth making animals for his stage



Bethany is beginning to believe that school is a great place to be!



Sarah just loves Kath Powderly workshops!



Kath helping Natasha with her story

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion is on again. Don't forget to return your stickers to the school or drop them into the appropriate box at Woolworths.

At the moment the promotion ends on 9th June. Thank you to those people who have returned stickers to the school; every little bit helps!

SRC RAFFLE

The SRC are raffling a 47 litre eski with handle and wheels plus a child's polo shirt to minimise cost of the major excursion.

Tickets are a bargain @ 3 for \$1!

Please help out if you can; tickets may be purchased at school or at the Carrathool Family Hotel.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Jump Rope for Heart is on again. We are committed to making a difference in our students' health and wellbeing. At the end of the term at the Term 2 Assembly on Friday 28th June, we will be having our 'jump off' day.

Please return sponsorship forms with money raised by **Friday 21st June, 2013**. Thank you to those who have started collecting and well done!

BIKE DAY

Here are some recounts by the students:

Last Friday it was 'Bike Safety Day' and we brought our bikes to school. We wore casual clothes. Firstly, we rode around the obstacle course at school. Next we had a slow race and I won it. In a slow race you have to ride as slow as you can. If you put your feet on the ground then you're out!

By Shane

On Friday we had the world's slowest bike race. Shane was the slowest! Ben didn't go in the bike race because he had training wheels. We held the bike race on the basketball court. I made it to third or fourth position (pretty sure it was third!) I put my bike on my slowest gear. I had a fun day!

By Sarah

We rode our bikes to school on Friday because we had a bike day. The whole school brought their bikes.

We had the world's slowest bike race. After a safety talk we rode our bikes around the school.

By Seth

Last Friday we had our bike day. We had our bike day because we were learning bike safety at school. All of the kids from Carrathool Public School were included. We all rode around the school. It was fun!

By Natasha

WHEAT/RICE MULCH FOR SALE

Looking for some cheap wheat for chook food or rice straw for mulch? **The school is selling bags of wheat for \$5 and rice straw for \$6 a bale as a fundraiser.**

If interested please ring the school on 69 935 143 or come and see us.

Wheat price drastically reduced!!!



AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

On Thursday 23 May our school participated in 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' hosted once again by Mrs Alice Henwood.

Students (and staff) enjoyed a scrumptious morning tea followed by a play in the park at the hall.

We would like to thank Alice for hosting this event. Alice and her daughter in law Michelle do a wonderful job.

Let there be no sibling rivalry here, but your award is bigger than mine!



Dean, Shane and Bethany – Awards Week 4

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Last week we had our bike day at school. Everybody brought their bikes to school. We had the slow bike race and an obstacle course. Everybody had a fun day. On the same day we had special lunches from the family hotel; they were yummy!

On Thursday 23rd May we walked down to the hall and participated in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Everyone donated a gold coin and got to eat some very delicious food!

Today we have Kath Powderly doing her pottery workshop. Ashlee and I are making a story about a zoo. Unfortunately we were away yesterday and missed out on all of the fun!

Natasha Morris,
Captain's Report

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.

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 is handed out on Mondays and is to be returned on Fridays.



School should be like this every day! (Patrick)

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

CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL

Council has developed its Draft Operational Plan 2013/14 and revised its Delivery Plan 2012/13 to 2015/16, and Community Strategic Plan 2012-2022 previously adopted by Council following community consultation under the Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework.

The Delivery Plan 2012/13 to 2015/16 details the principal activities to be undertaken in the next four years to implement the strategies outlined in the Community Strategic Plan. The Operational Plan 2013/14 details the activities to be undertaken for the next financial year, including the Revenue Policy and Fees & Charges.

Residents are encouraged to inspect the plans. **These plans are available for your perusal at the school.** You may also view the plans on the council's website: www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au

Boyd & Gundaline Fire Brigades AGM

Wednesday 19 June 2013

5.30pm at the Carrathool Family Hotel

Meeting followed by meal/drinks

New members welcome

RSVP: Caroline Tuohey 0428 675 743

by 17 June 2013

Carrathool Combined Sports Club (incorporating Hall Committee) would like to advise that their meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month at 10 am.

Next Meeting will be held on Sunday 30th June at 10.00 am.

ALL WELCOME

Hay Carer Support Group

An opportunity for mutual support, sharing in a confidential setting and to hear

informative speakers

Alzheimer's Australia NSW

Dementia Helpline 1800 100 500

When: 1st Wednesday monthly

Venue: Community Health Centre, Hay

Time: 10.30 am

Contact: Merylise 69602835



Good sports always congratulate one another



Student of the week – Week 4

NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

Making music together

Music education produces many benefits, including strengthening children’s abilities in reading, maths, and verbal intelligence. New research suggests it may also teach something less tangible, but arguably just as important - the ability to empathise.

Find out more:

<http://www.psmag.com/culture/making-music-together-increases-kids-empathy-41627/#.T5j1f7R1SQM.facebook>

Helping your child with homework

Video: **Teachers talk** about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more:

<http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/helping-your-primary-school-child-with-homework>



Kath showing the children how to make their stages



Helping a very enthusiastic potter!

and finally, we’d like to wish
Sarah Merrylees
 a very happy birthday
 for Thursday 6th June
Happy 11th birthday Sarah!
 We hope you have a fantastic day!