

Peppercorn Press

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Term 3 – Week 4

Friday 9th August , 2013

Coming Events

Term 3- Week 5

Thursday	15 August	Scripture
Friday	16 August	District Athletics Carnival-Deni

Term 3- Week 6 **BOOK WEEK**

Monday	19 August	Star Lab @ Goolgowi Public
Wednesday	20 August	P & C Meeting
Thursday	21 August	Scripture

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Small Schools' Athletics' Carnival

It has been a very busy couple of weeks at school. We attended KROP (Kids Rapt on Performing) last week in Griffith. 18 public schools from across the region performed in this year's production of KROP which highlights some of the best talent the region has to offer. On Wednesday we attended a marvellous production of Possum Magic followed by lunch and play at Hunky Dory. A great time was had by all (especially at Hunky Dory!).

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Small Schools' Athletics' Carnival recently. We had some great results. Well done to Ben Merrylees and Ashlee Morris who were both age champions! Congratulations to all of the senior students who have progressed to district carnival at Deniliquin on Friday 16 August. Great effort! Results are on page 4 of the newsletter.



Polling Booth

Carrathool Public School will be a polling booth for the upcoming Federal Election on **7 September**. The P & C will be holding a cake stall /raffle on the day. Any donations of produce/cakes etc. will be gratefully accepted! The booth will be open from 8 am until 6 pm at night.

The Athlete's Foot – School Rewards Program

Some of you may remember we joined a fundraising opportunity with the Athlete's Foot in Griffith. Each time a student, family member or friend or community member purchase a pair of shoes from their shop, the Athlete's Foot Griffith will donate \$5 to our school. When a purchase is made you just have to mention the name of our school. We received our first cheque of \$55 recently, so thank you to those who have mentioned Carrathool Public School. This fundraiser is open all year round. Thank you also to The Athlete's Foot Griffith for offering us the opportunity to do this fundraising.

Expression of Interest

Jean Woods from Medicare Local, Hay, is considering conducting **Tai Chi** lessons at Carrathool on a week night. Could you please fill in the expression of interest form on the back of the newsletter, with preferred times/day, and return it to the school. Cost of lessons – a gold coin donation.



RICE STRAW FOR SALE

We currently have rice straw at the school for sale. **Price is \$6 per bale.** Now is a good time to mulch gardens in readiness for Spring. Please call 69 935 143 if interested, or call and see us during school hours.



We all loved Healthy Harold!

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Thanks to our new kitchen we have been able to cook some really delicious food. Last time we cooked rissoles and veges for lunch. It was yum! Last Friday we went to KROP and it was so fun but it went for two hours. After KROP we all went down to the City Park and had a play. We had lots of fun on their equipment.

We had our sports carnival and nearly everyone from our school participated. All of the seniors have made it to district in Deniliquin on the 16th of August.

Natasha Morris,
Captain's Report

English Information Reports

Years K – 6 have all completed information reports about a zoo animal. Here are some of the reports:

Tigers are the largest cats. They have a red and orange coat.

Tigers have a stripy body, four legs and a tail.

Tigers live in sheltered forests.

Tigers can run super-fast.

Tigers eat other large, hoofed animals.

White Bengal Tigers are rare. Most of them have blue eyes.

By Dean

A seahorse is a little fish. Seahorses have snouts, tails, fins and spines.

Seahorses live in the sea. They live near coral.

Seahorses move by swimming vertically.

By Patrick

Tigers are the largest cat. Tigers also have red and orange fur.

Tigers have sharp teeth and strong jaws.

Tigers live in sheltered forests.

Tigers run super-fast.

Tigers eat large animals.

They have white whiskers.

By Ben

A snake is a reptile.

The vine snake is green.

Snakes live in burrows and in trees. They like warmth.

Because snakes don't have legs, they slither.

By Bethany



Are you ok Shane?

Tigers are the largest cats in the world. They are beautiful, majestic creatures. Tigers are easily recognised with their coat of red and orange stripes. They have a muscular body with sharp teeth and strong jaws. Some tigers can grow up to four times as large as an adult man. Tigers have their own territory. Males and females like to have their own territories. Usually a tiger lives in the same territory for life. A female tiger raises her family in her territory and when the cubs are about two years old they move away to find another territory. All cats walk on their toes. Tigers can move extremely fast but can't keep it up for very long. Tigers can jump. The back legs are longer than its front legs. That allows them to jump distances up to 7 metres. Tigers are also powerful swimmers. In South East Asia tigers spend most of their time in rivers and swamps hunting fish and turtles. Tigers are carnivores; this means they eat other animals. They prey on large hoofed animals such as deer and wild pigs. They have strong claws to grab prey and pull them to the ground. Tigers have huge shoulders for lifting and dragging prey. Tiger's eyes are often described as being the brightest of any animal. The oldest known tiger lived up to about 26 years in a zoo.
By Natasha



Snakes are reptiles. They live almost everywhere in the world. They live in many different environments even seas, trees, burrows and in the desert. Snakes live in almost every country. Snakes have scales. Snakes can be many different colours, shape and sizes. Snakes can blend into their surroundings, like a vine snake. It looks like a vine with its thin, green body and leaf like head. Snakes have patterns on their scales that help them blend into its environment. Snakes can range from about 20 centimetres up to 3 metres long. Some snakes grow longer. Snakes live in warm places. Sea snakes live in warm seas. Snakes can live in burrows and in trees. Snakes hibernate in winter and autumn. They have a long sleep in winter and autumn. Because snakes have no legs they slither and slide along the ground. Some snakes slither sideways. Snakes eat meat. Some snakes are called constrictors. They squeeze their prey until they die. Then they swallow it whole. Snakes can dislocate their jaw so they can swallow large animals. Some snakes lay eggs. Others have live young. Snake eggs are different to birds' eggs. Bird eggs have a hard shell, whilst a snake's egg has a leathery type of shell. Snakes lay their eggs in a nest. Their nest is on the ground.
By Sarah

Our recent excursion to KROP included a stopover at Griffith's City Park which was extremely popular!



Small Schools' Athletics' Carnival

Name	Event	Place	Event	Place
Ashlee	Age race	2 nd	Long jump	1 st
	Shot put	1 st		
Ben	Age race	1 st	Long jump	2 nd
	Shot put	2 nd		
Sarah	800 m	3 rd	Age race	2 nd
	200 m	3 rd	Long jump	2 nd
	Discus	1 st	Shot put	1 st
Natasha	800 m	2 nd	Age race	3 rd
	200 m	2 nd	Long jump	3 rd
	Discus	2 nd	Shot put	1 st
Shane	Age race	2 nd	200 m	2 nd
	High jump	2 nd	Long jump	2 nd
	Discus	2 nd		
Seth	Age race	3 rd	200 m	3 rd
	Shot put	2 nd		



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 is held on Thursdays. Last term it was great to see so many children banking! The school earns commission for student banking and our commission nearly doubled last term due to the amount of deposits we processed. Well done everyone!

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.

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 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 25th August, 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

NEWSLETTER BRIEFS***How much screen time?***

'Screen time' used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/screen-time>

When lunch comes home ... again

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds. But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain>

Eight ways to build your child's writing skills

Here are a few practical tips to help your child to work out the best way to express themselves through their writing.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/eight-ways-to-support-your-childs-writing-skills>

Benefits of team sports

If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Playing a team sport provides kids with important lessons in personal values.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports>



To Give Away

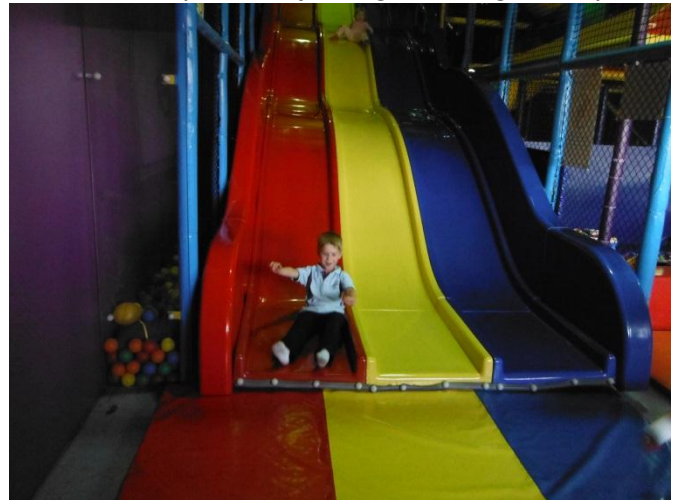
1 bunk bed (double on base and single on top).
Blue metal frame. No mattress.

Contact the school on 69 935 143 if interested.

Hunky Dory is the best!



On our way home reflecting about a great day!



Can we please have a slide like this at school?



Sarah, Seth & Shane

Yes I would be interested in participating in Tai Chi lessons at Carrathool with Jean Woods.

My preferred time/day of lessons is: (please tick and write day of week in box).

Jean is willing to conduct lessons on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening only.

Cost of lessons – a gold coin donation (you can always give more if you'd like!)

- 5.00 pm
- 5.30 pm
- 6.00 pm
- 6.30 pm

