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Term 3 – Week 6

Tuesday 20 August , 2013

Coming Events

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Wednesday	21 August	P & C Meeting 9am
Thursday	22 August	Scripture

Term 3- Week 7 **BOOK FAIR**

Wednesday	28 August	Parent Open Day 9 -10.45
Wednesday	28 August	Morning Tea for parents
Wednesday	28 August	Book Week Dress up Day
Thursday	29 August	Scripture/Father's Day Stall

Term 3- Week 8

Thursday	5 September	Scripture
Friday	6 September	LONG WEEKEND
Saturday	7 September	Polling Booth @ School Cake Stall and Raffle

Carrathool Bridge – Temporary Closure

We have been advised by the Roads and Maritime Service that the Carrathool Bridge will again be closed from Tuesday 20 August to Friday 23 August from **9.30 am to 5 pm**, however, the bridge will be open for one hour from **2.30 pm to 3.30 pm**. This will allow necessary work to be done and allow parents to transport their children to and from school. Please note that on Wednesday 21 August, the bridge will be closed from 10.30 am to allow for our P & C Meeting.

P & C Meeting

Our next P & C Meeting will be held tomorrow starting at **9.00 am**. Meeting will conclude at 10.15 am to allow parents to cross the bridge before 10.30 am. Everyone welcome!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to Natasha, Sarah, Seth and Shane for competing in the District Athletics Carnival at Deniliquin last Friday. Everybody tried their hardest and achieved some personal bests!



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

If you purchase shoes from The Athlete's Foot in Griffith, they will donate \$5 to our school. All you have to do is mention Carrathool Public School. It can be a pair purchased for anyone, not just school children.



Kindergarten and Year 1 playing Math's games

Space Lab – CSIRO presentation

Yesterday we travelled to Goolgowi to watch a CSIRO presentation of Space Lab. Children were able to experience the night sky's wonders from inside an inflatable planetarium. We then joined with students from Goolgowi and Rankins Springs school for recess.



Here is a collective recount about Space Lab:

On Monday 19 August we went to Star Lab. Children from Carrathool, Hillston, Rankins Springs and Goolgowi schools visited the Star Lab at Goolgowi Hall.

The Star Lab comes from the CSIRO. The CSIRO stands for Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation.

Star Lab was a big blow up dome – shaped tent. We had to crawl through a tunnel to get inside. Inside we talked about the planets and the stars. We learnt that a constellation is a group of stars. Some constellations are 'Scorpio', 'Orion', the 'Southern Cross' and 'Emu' (an Aboriginal legend).

We all had a great time at Star Lab.



Father's Day Stall
at school
Thursday 29 August
All gifts \$1/\$2
Maximum suggested \$5
Great gifts available
Show Dad your appreciation
by spoiling him
with our delightful gifts!

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.



Book Fair

During Week 7 we will be having a 'Book Fair' at school to coincide with Book Week. This year's theme is 'Read Across the Universe'. Books will be supplied by Collins Booksellers in Griffith. Please feel free to come in and view the great selection of books we have on display when you drop off/collect your children. All books are for sale and the school receives a percentage of the book sales (in books). Community members are invited to view books too! A selection of adult books will be available in addition to children's books.

You may want to purchase some books for your children, family or friends, and with Christmas only 127 days away (scary, isn't it?), you could be super organised this year with your Chrissie shopping! Books can be donated to the school. All donated books will have a book plate on the inside cover with your child's name.

**Happy Birthday to
Patrick Dissegna!
7 on 27th August**
We hope you have a
wonderful day Patrick!
(and p.s., thank you for
the daily countdown!)



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.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Yesterday the school went to Goolgowi to see Star Lab. I don't know what it was like because I wasn't there, but I heard it was good.

In English the seniors have been doing narratives and we have been going really well with them.

Well done to all of the seniors at the sports carnival who participated in the events at Deniliquin last Friday. We didn't win but it was a lot of fun!

**Natasha Morris,
Captain's Report**

Cooking

Last Friday whilst Mrs Bevan was attending a Principal's Conference, Mrs Salvestro and the students cooked Chilli Con Carne. The students are becoming very good at preparing, cooking and cleaning up (a fact parents are probably not aware of!) We had some very positive comments from the students when they were eating their meal. One student commented, 'I thought this was going to be really yucky, but it is actually quite nice!'



*We would love to help our parents prepare the meals; all you have to do is just ask us!
We especially love cleaning up!*

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.

Possum Magic Recounts

Yesterday everyone went to Possum Magic.

Everyone went on the bus.

The theatre was good.

We went to Hunky Dory's and had lunch. I had chips and nuggets.

After lunch I played on the equipment.

Everyone went home on the bus.

By Patrick

Yesterday everyone went on the bus to Possum Magic.

We watched Possum Magic, it was fun.

After the show we went to Hunky Dory.

At Hunky Dory we played.

We had lunch. I had nuggets and chips.

I went home on the bus.

By Bethany

I went to Possum Magic. Possum Magic was on at the theatre. I liked how Hush went invisible. Next we went to Hunky Dory. I played on the equipment.

We then had lunch. I had chips and sausages.

Then we went home on the bus.

By Dean

Yesterday everyone went to see Possum Magic.

The show was good. Everyone loved it!

Next we went to Hunky Dory.

We had lunch. I had hot dogs. I played chases on the equipment.

We then went home on the bus.

By Ben

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.



Folding burritos is like Origami, quite an art!

Book Week Dress up Day/Open Day

Children may come to school dressed up as their favourite book character on Wednesday 28 August.

On this day parents/friends etc are welcome to come in from 9 am to 10.45 am to participate in educational activities with their children for Education Week. Following this you are invited to join us for a scrumptious morning tea!



Student of the Week - Patrick



More award recipients

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. 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.

NEWSLETTER BRIEFS

Essay writing structure

Structuring an essay is easy when you know how. There are many different types of essays (or responses) and they can have many purposes, but the basic structure is the same. This fact sheet let's you in on the secret. Find out more:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4116.pdf>

Benefits of under-scheduling your child

With the very best of intentions, when you're rushing to fit in soccer training, swimming and music lessons, it can be hard to keep hold of the magic stare-into-space, muck-about moments in children's lives.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/benefits-of-underscheduling-your-child>

Staying private on Facebook

Do you know how to untag photos and keep your Facebook page private? Read this and share with your kids.

Find out more: <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/consumer-security/how-to-stay-private-on-facebook-20130730-2qvn1.html>

Reading to your child in your home language

Parents who have a language background other than English and who read to their children in their native tongue are giving them a valuable gift.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/how-shopping-can-help-your-child-to-read/reading-to-your-child-in-your-home-language>

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

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

