

# Peppercorn Press

Carrathool Public School

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Term 1 – Week 2

Tuesday 4 February, 2014

## Coming Events

### Term 1 - Week 2

Wednesday	5 February	P & C Meeting and AGM 9 am
Thursday	6 February	Scripture and Banking
Friday	7 February	Tennis with Mr Callaghan

### Term 1 - Week 3

Monday	10 February	Long Weekend
Wednesday	12 February	Mobile Library
Thursday	13 February	Scripture and Banking
Friday	14 February	Tennis

### Term 1 - Week 4

Thursday	20 February	Scripture and Banking
Friday	21 February	Tennis with Mr Callaghan

## From the Principal

### Welcome

Welcome back to Carrathool Public School for the 2014 school year. I trust you have had a wonderful time with your children over the holidays. It's great to see everyone back healthy and excited for another year.

A special welcome to Anthony Hayes, our new Kindergarten student.



Anthony enjoying his book and the comfy chair!

It doesn't feel like a year ago that we welcomed Ben and Bethany to Kindergarten and now they are 'very experienced' students in Year 1.

It was wonderful to see everyone in their uniforms looking so smart, especially our senior students, Sarah, Seth and Shane, who received their Year 6 shirts on Friday. Thank you to the P & C for their donation of our Year 6 shirts and for organising them so quickly.

### Staffing

Thankfully our staff have returned fit and healthy this year (Mrs Woods took extra care of herself on Australia Day).

We have decided to continue to employ an extra teacher one day per week so that our senior and junior students can receive quality, intensive programs separately for English and Maths.

Mondays and Tuesdays Mrs Hedt will teach the juniors and Mrs Headon will continue their program on Wednesdays.

I will continue to teach the seniors Monday to Wednesday, then the whole school together Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Woods will continue her work as SAM and SLSO and generally keep the school on track.

### Fruit Break

We will continue to have fruit break at 10 am each morning. Please ensure your child brings a piece of fruit, dried fruit (raisins, sultanas etc), fruit snack box with a spoon, carrot/celery pieces or a selection of nuts to eat. Whilst the students are eating their healthy snack the teachers are reading stories to them.

**1<sup>st</sup> Long Weekend - will be held next  
Monday 10 February.**

Reminders

**School times** 9am – 3pm

**Hats** – All children need a hat at school to play at recess and lunch.

**Water** – Children have their own water bottles to use at school. These have been provided by Carrathool Public School.

**Library** – Will be on Tuesdays for 2014.

**Sport** – Fridays – Term 1 tennis with Mr Callaghan.

**Scripture** – Thursdays – with Miss Pip.

**Homework** – Begins week 2.

*but wait, there's more!*

**Mobile Library** – Visits our school once a month. Look in coming events for dates. First visit will be next Wednesday 12 February.

**Special Lunch Orders** – Fridays (fortnightly)

**Senior Canteen** - Fridays.

**School Banking** - Thursdays.

Notes

Thank you to **all parents** for returning the beginning of the year notes so promptly! Also thank you to those who have paid their voluntary contributions and brought in glue sticks and tissues.

News Roster

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Patrick	Bethany	Shane	Seth
Sarah	Sam	Anthony	Nicholas
Dean			Ben

P & C News

On behalf of the school and the P & C, thank you to all who helped out at the race day. The next P & C Meeting is tomorrow, 5 February at 9.00 am. This will also include the A.G.M. All welcome.

Seniors Information Report

Thanks to Shane's sharp eyes we spotted 3 extra friends at school on Friday. The Tawny Frogmouth family was happily resting in the shade under the tree near the sandpit.

We decided to find out about our visitors and here is what the students discovered:

Introduction

Tawny Frogmouths are birds that can fly. They are nocturnal which means they are awake at night and asleep in the day.

They are a predator and catch their prey with their beak.

Tawny Frogmouths are not owls and are related to night jars.

By Sam



*There are two in the photo (one is a little hard to see)*



Appearance

The Tawny Frogmouth has silvery-grey feathers covering its body. It has a wide beak with a tuft of feathers on it. The Tawny Frogmouth has yellow eyes which stand out against its silvery-grey feathers. They are excellent at camouflaging with tree branches. The male and female look similar. They grow up to 30-35 centimetres.

By Sarah

Diet

A Tawny Frogmouth eats lots of different types of species: like rats, mice, cicadas, beetles, frogs and other prey. They don't hunt and fly around, they just wait for their food to come to them, then they pounce on it. They don't catch their prey with their talons', they catch it with their big yellow beak.

By Shane

Breeding

Tawny Frogmouths mate forever. They lay 1-3 eggs each year between August and December. They use the same nest each year which is made from sticks, twigs and leaves.

It takes the eggs 30 days to hatch. The female and male keep the eggs warm.

The babies leave their parents after about 25 days.

By Seth

Habitat

Tawny Frogmouths are found all over Australia. They don't like rainforests or deserts. They live in eucalyptus woodland.

By Nicholas

The Athlete's Foot – School RewardsProgram

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.

Excerpt from Council Corner – Mayoral AwardsAustralia Day

Annette Rodgers—Annette works tirelessly for the Carrathool Memorial Hall and Sports Ground Committee working on the facilities, fund raising, catering for events and more. Annette is also a strong supporter of Carrathool School and helps out in many ways as well as being involved in many other activities across the community. Annette, and her husband Barry, are pivotal to the organisation of the Anzac Dawn service at Carrathool and Annette has helped Council with research and enquiries for the upcoming Anzac Centenary commemorations in 2014 and 2015 with regard to our local VC recipient William Jackson.

Annette is a key and extremely active member of the Carrathool Community and without her contribution the community would not be as strong or as vital as it is.



*Congratulations Annette!*



### School Captain's Report

So far we've only had 4 days of school. In Maths, the seniors are reviewing addition and the juniors are learning about whole numbers. The juniors are also learning about the daily school routine which includes, bringing in their lunch boxes, filling their water bottles and bringing in their BEE folders. We've encountered 3 Tawny Frogmouths in our school yard which the seniors have written an information report about. In Art we've designed and painted our new library bags and made book covers for text books.

Sarah Merrylees  
School Captain.

### School Banking

School Banking will be held on Thursdays this year same as last year.

### 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 23 February, 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday monthly**

**Venue: Community Health Centre, Hay**

**Time: 10.30 am**

**Contact: Merylise 69602835**

### Newsletter Briefs

#### Communicating with your school

While it can be hard for busy parents, staying in contact with the school is important. Communication is one of the key parts of the relationship between the school and home.

Watch this video to find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/communicating-with-your-school>

#### Series books to ignite summer reading

Series books can be a great way to get your kids hooked on reading. Reluctant readers and children who struggle with comprehension can also find series books easier to enjoy.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/series-books-to-ignite-summer-re>

#### Summer food safety

You can greatly reduce the risk of food poisoning during the summer period by chilling food in the fridge before packing your child's lunch and then putting a frozen drink into their lunchbox. The food will stay about 12 degrees cooler.

Have a look at more school food tips:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/power-foods-for-kids>





*Our school captains (Shane Blair, Vice-Captain, Sarah Merrylees Captain and Seth Lees Vice-Captain). As you can tell they are already enjoying their new roles!*



*We love the comfy chairs!*