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Term 1 – Week 4

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Coming Events

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Wednesday	19 February	Caroline Tuohey visit
Thursday	20 February	Scripture and Banking
Friday	21 February	Tennis with Mr Callaghan

Term 1 - Week 5

Thursday	27 February	Scripture and Banking
Friday	28 February	Tennis with Mr Callaghan
Friday	28 February	Clean up Australia Day @ school
Friday	28 February	CRAZY HAIR DAY!
Friday	28 February	District Swimming Carnival -Hay
Friday	28 February	Cook our 'yummy' lunch @ school

Term 1 - Week 6

Tuesday	4 March	Responsible Pet visit
Wednesday	5 March	Sussan Berran author visit
Thursday	6 March	Scripture and Banking
Friday	7 March	Tennis with Mr Callaghan

Reminders:

Book club orders due: 21 February

From the Principal

We're definitely not in holiday mode any more. It's full steam ahead for what is proving to be a very busy term.

Please check notes, newsletters and notice boards for the upcoming events. If you're still unsure a quick phone call is always welcome too!

Our chooks have arrived, thanks to Mrs Woods, and are settling in nicely (we hope). The children are very keen to look after them and are much more knowledgeable about their care than me. Please read the senior's recounts and procedures later in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Sarah and Sam who represented the school at this year's Small Schools' Carnival at Hay last week. Both swam very well and achieved excellent results.

Farewell Seth

We're very sad to see one of our families leaving this week. We wish Seth and his family all the best in Talwood, Queensland.



Caroline Tuohey Visit

Tomorrow Caroline Tuohey (local author) will be visiting the students after recess. Caroline will read her book 'Climb' to the students and then conduct a mini writing workshop with everyone. Please find attached an order form for her book 'Climb'. Caroline will bring some books with her tomorrow so please return form with money tomorrow.

Climb

Caroline Tuohey
illustrated by Emma Stuart



Special Lunches

Approximately once a fortnight we will have special lunches, either from The Carrathool Family Hotel or cooked at the school by the students. Next special lunch will be on Friday 28 February. We will be cooking our own lunch on this day. Menu will be advised next week.

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.

Thank You

Thank you to the P & C for obtaining a grant to purchase our mobile chook home. They are very pleased to have a roof over their heads! Not sure they are too keen on their names!



Seth, Shane and Sarah filling the feeders and drinkers

Hopefully we can expect eggs by the end of the term. If not the axe will be dangling from the roof top!

Recounts by the students:

Yesterday Mrs Woods went into Griffith and bought the chooks. Mrs Woods came back and put them in the chook mower for the school. The chook mower is in front of the Library. It has wheels that adjust so we can move it around. Inside it has a ramp that the chickens walk up and down. Up the top they have a nest and a plank of wood to sit on.

We have four new chickens. Their breed is Isa Browns. They have white feathers at the back of them and they have brown feathers at the front. The chooks are 13 weeks old they will start laying eggs in 7 weeks in 23 weeks they will lay eggs with chickens in them. (Well they would if we had a rooster).

The seniors named them, Omelette, Cluck, KFC, and Captain Pecker.

By Shane

Yesterday we collected four brown, scared chooks for the school. Mrs Woods went to Griffith to bring back KFC, Cluck, Captain Pecker and Omelette. These are the names we chose for our chickens.

The breed of our chooks is Isa Browns. We bought these chooks for fresh eggs.

We have a chook mower to keep them in. It is made of metal and a wire cage, with fold in and out wheels and a ramp.

By Nicholas

Looking after our chickens

- Check the chickens' water.
- Then we have to feed the chickens. We give them pellets.
- When the chickens start laying we will collect the eggs.
- We have to move the chook mower around so they have fresh grass and food.
- Replace the chickens' straw once a week.

By Seth

On Tuesday 11th of February the school bought four Isa Brown chooks. We called them Cluck, Omelette, KFC and Captain Pecker. The school got them so we can do more cooking and use free range eggs laid at the school.

We keep the chickens in a chook mower. The mower is silver and green. It has wheels so we can move it to different spots. Inside the mower is a plastic tub where they can lay their eggs. They have fresh water and food in chook troughs. When the chooks are less scared we will let them out of the chook mower so they can run around. We bought Isa Brown chickens because they are great with people just starting out with chooks. They are also the layers of large brown eggs. They produce a fantastic amount of eggs. Isa Browns can be very affectionate to humans. They start laying eggs at around 20 weeks of age. Isa's live for 2-3 years but some backyard farmers say they live for 5-8 years.

By Sarah

The Swimming Carnival

Mum drove us in our silver car.

The swimming carnival was in Hay.

We went to represent our school. I went in three races.

First I did freestyle. After that was breaststroke.

Next I did back stroke. I got two second places and one first.

After the races I got a packet of chips. Then we went home. It was a tiring day.

By Sam

Swimming Carnival

On Friday, Sam and I went to the small schools' swimming carnival. Mum and dad thought that the carnival started at nine o'clock but it started at nine thirty. Before the carnival we went to 'Havachat'. Mum and Dad had a coffee and Sam had a hot chocolate. I didn't want a drink. After the drinks we went to the carnival and went to find our sports house. One of mum's friends had a sign that said 'GO GO SMALL SCHOOLS'. She was jumping around and waving the sign to every small schools' person arriving. The first races were the 100m freestyle events.

My friend Pip went in the 100m and won by a mile. Soon after the 100m events they called up the 50m freestyle. Sam went up and waited for his turn in the marshalling area. Sam came second in his heat. Then it was my turn. I came first in my heat. Then it was time for Sam's breaststroke which he came 2nd in (heat). Next, I was up against Pip and another fast girl. I came 4th in my heat. Sam and I went to the canteen after our races. Mum got busted twice for walking on the path because the time keepers couldn't see the light. One of the small schools' kids got upset and mum went to go and get him and she got in trouble. We suggested that they move the light if it was such a big problem. Lastly we had our backstroke events. Sam came first and I think I came first as well. We had to get home so we could pick Ben up from school, but they needed me for the relay. Our team was very good. Our first swimmer was very slow. I was third and our second swimmer caught up a lot of time. I caught up to the swimmers in front of me and our last swimmer was very fast. I think we came fourth. After that I went and got changed and then we went to Hills for an ice-cream. I had a honey comb Magnum ice-cream.

Afterwards I was very tired and it was raining but I didn't care. I had a great day! It couldn't have been better!

By Sarah

Happy birthday to
Mrs Hedt!

Mrs Hedt was 21 (again??)

on 11 February

We hope you enjoyed your
Day, young Mrs Hedt!



Clean up Australia Day at school and

Crazy Hair Day

On Friday 28 February 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; entry fee is a gold coin donation. Money raised will be donated to Stewart House.

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.



Children may come to school with crazy hair styles on this day or have their hair sprayed at school.

Susan Berran (author) visit

On Wednesday March 5, we will have a visit from Susan Berran. Author and illustrator of the 'FREAKY Series', Susan is passionate about encouraging kids to read and write, particularly those reluctant readers so close to moving on to high school yet not at the required reading level. With her stories content largely gross but hilarious, the series is striking a chord with many young readers and interestingly with many of the parents and grandparents who just need a good old laugh.

Susan has always loved drawing and writing weird, freaky funny stories and when a teacher said to her 'you should be an author' in grade 5, that's what she became!

We look forward to Susan's visit.

Responsible Pet Owner Visit

On Tuesday 4 March, 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. There is no cost to parents.

School Captain's Report

Last week the school got some chooks. Their names are Omelette, Cluck, KFC and Captain Pecker. They will produce eggs at around 20-22 weeks of age. They are 14 weeks today. The chooks are Isa Browns and are great for people just starting with chooks. The seniors have new desks and chairs. They are more comfortable and bigger than our old ones. Sam and I participated in the Small Schools' Swimming Carnival last week. We had a great day even though it was constantly raining!

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: 1st Wednesday monthly

Venue: Community Health Centre, Hay

Time: 10.30 am

Contact: Merylise 69602835

Newsletter Briefs

Homework and study planning

Most children find planning easier to understand when they have a visual representation of their day or week in front of them. Help your child learn to manage their daily tasks and responsibilities with this weekly schedule template.

Weekly schedule template:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/weekly-schedule-template>

Jargon busters

Wanting to start the school year with clarity and wondering about the meaning of some of the school terminology? Here's a list of common abbreviations or terms to make the world inside the school gates seem a little more familiar.

School jargon buster:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

School's back

Life seems to go from zero to 100 during the first few weeks of school. These parents have pooled their years of experience to bring you some suggestions to make the rest of the year run more smoothly. Good luck!

Back to school checklist:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-checklist>

Learning to read

Learning to read is hard work and can be frustrating at times for parents and their kids. Watch the video to hear what these public school teachers have to say to help, with quick tips on how to make it easier.

Learning to read:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5Om77mluKU&feature=share>



What a good looking bunch of chooks (and kids!)



Shane swears black and blue he wasn't trying to lock Seth in!

We will miss you Seth!

