

# Peppercorn Press

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Term 1 – Week 6

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

## Coming Events

### Term 1 - Week 6

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4 March</b>	<b>Responsible Pet visit</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5 March</b>	<b>Susan Berran author visit</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6 March</b>	<b>Scripture and Banking</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7 March</b>	<b>Tennis with Mr Callaghan</b>

### Term 1 - Week 7

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13 March</b>	<b>Scripture and Banking</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14 March</b>	<b>LONG WEEKEND</b>

### Term 1 - Week 8

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20 March</b>	<b>Scripture and Banking</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21 March</b>	<b>Tennis with Mr Callaghan</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21 March</b>	<b>Special lunches from Carrathool Pub</b>

## From the Principal

We've had a busy few weeks at school. Thank you to parents and children who happily adjust arrangements, return notes, money etc to fit in with our schedule.

Last Thursday we were sad to see Seth leave our school. We enjoyed a surprise party lunch and talked about the fun times we've shared.

*We miss you already Seth!*



It's great to see everyone enjoying a game together at playtime. Well done to all children for working together and including everyone in the games. Soccer is the hit at the moment so we've been working on our kicking skills in P.E. Congratulations to Sarah and Sam who qualified for last week's district swimming carnival. This is a great achievement and both swam very well. Thank you for being fantastic representatives for our school.



*Sam and Sarah our swimming representatives!*

## P & C News

As arranged last meeting, P & C Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. Tomorrow our P & C Meeting starts at 9 am. Lots to discuss! Hope to see you there!

### Raffle

Last Friday night the P & C held 2 meat raffles provided by Gannon's Butchery at the Carrathool Family Hotel. Thank you to parents and everyone else who supported the raffle.

Congratulations to John and Cath Merrylees who won the first raffle and to Angela Masters who won the second.

We hope you enjoyed the meat trays.

Thanks also to Gail and Smurk, at the Carrathool Pub, for allowing us to hold the raffle there.

### Recount of the District Swimming Carnival

Last Friday, Sarah and I went to the district swimming carnival. The carnival was held in Hay.



*Sarah, touching the wall first, in freestyle.*

There were schools from everywhere. Everyone there qualified to the district carnival in Hay.

The first event I went in was breaststroke. I was not nervous, because I was very good at breaststroke. Unfortunately I was disqualified for not doing the breaststroke legs.

My last event for the day was backstroke which unfortunately I came last in.

It was an unlucky day for me, but it was still fun.

By Sam



*Sam about to dive for the breaststroke leg*



Happy birthday  
**Nicholas Hayes**  
**9** today!



We hope you enjoyed  
Your special day Nicholas!



Happy birthday  
Also goes to  
**Sam Merrylees**  
**9** on 6<sup>th</sup> March



We hope you have  
A wonderful day Sam!

### Classwork

In English our seniors have been very busy. We are studying 'My Place' by Nadia Wheatley and Donna Rawlins. Here are some pieces of writing based on the novel.

This is a map of my place. I'm riding a motorbike on the farm.

I saw a ton of kangaroos and some joeys, so I stopped and took a picture.

I won first prize in a best picture competition. The prize was a million dollars!

By Sam

This is a map of my place. I am snowboarding down a steep hill in Antarctica. When I was sliding down, I saw a flock of penguins. I quickly stopped at the jump and took a photo. It won first prize!

By Nicholas

This is a map of my place. I am motorbike riding at the track. There are big jumps over here and if you go over them too slowly you can go on your front wheel and fall off and crash.

By Shane



The seniors have also been writing some rhyming couplets (two rhyming sentences) and studying homophones.

We saw a sky that's blue,  
Then the wind blew.

Last night we shot a hare  
And my sister has a lot of hair.

### Library News

Next time you visit our Library you might notice 'Whoooo' is the theme for our Library unit.



*All owls made in the classroom (not from China!)*

### School Banking

School Banking will be held on Thursdays this year, same as last year. Last week we had 100% of students bank their hard earned money! Well done kids!

### Susan Berran (author) visit

Tomorrow, 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.

### Tennis

In tennis last week the children have been practising their forehand and developing their two-handed backhands. On Friday Mr Callaghan is hoping to play some games with the students. The students love tennis and Mr Callaghan is so good with them. Great to see!



Stuart Callaghan and Co..







*Dean has a lovely bunch of tennis balls!*



*Pretty sure this is the proper attire of most professional tennis players these days!*

### Responsible Pet Owner Visit

Today we had a visit from the school education program 'Responsible Pet Ownership'. A trained pet educator, Shannon, and her pet discussed the concepts of choosing a pet, registration, pet housing and husbandry and in particular, safety around dogs to prevent dog attacks.

Unfortunately, Oscar, the beautiful Collie dog that accompanies Shannon on her visits was ill and not able to visit us. Shannon brought Miss Abby, another beautiful Collie dog today. We hope Oscar gets better soon!



*The students were very keen to answer questions about dog safety!*



*Nicholas with Shannon and her beautiful Collie dog, 'Miss Abby'.*



For all children who have pets at home, this program teaches them to be 'responsible pet owners'.

- Collar, tag.
- Spend time with them, eg. Play with them to keep them fit.
- Strong fence – suitable for dogs/cats (a cat pen will prevent hunting of native animals.)

When approaching dogs on street, remember:  
**'No owner. No leash. No touch'**

### Clean up Australia Day at School and Crazy Hair Day

Last Friday, before tennis and cooking lunch at school, the students had their hair sprayed in crazy colours/styles and then proceeded to clean up the school yard and immediate surroundings.



*Carrathool is way cleaner now!*

### Special lunch cooked at school



Shepherd's Pie and Chocolate Slice were cooked at school last Friday. We do enjoy cooking at school!

### School Captain's Report

We've had a busy few weeks at school. Last week Mrs Tuohey came out and showed us her new book 'Climb'. The juniors did a 'Climb' collage while Mrs Tuohey was teaching the seniors about writing a story.

Last Friday Sam and I went to the district swimming carnival. I came first in my freestyle heat, and ninth out of twenty was my overall score. I came second in backstroke and don't know what my overall score was. After that we went to Crazy Clarks and bought some stationery. I got pens and a note book. Ben got a baseball set and Sam got Ninja things. Soon after that we went to the vet and picked up our little puppy 'Tilly'. She was very sleepy. When we got home Ben was playing cricket with dad. He had rainbow coloured hair and was wearing mufti clothing. It had been 'Crazy Hair Day' at school. The students cooked Shepherd's Pie and Chocolate Slice for lunch.

The school also had tennis and 'Clean up Australia Day' on Friday.

This week we are having Susan Berran, an author come to our school. We are also having The Responsible Pet Program lady visit us as well.

Sarah Merrylees  
School Captain.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> March, 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**

**Hay Carer Support Group**

## Newsletter Briefs

### 2014 homework planner

The best homework help you can give your child is to teach them to be organised. Print out the 2014 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays. Stick them on the fridge and above their desk.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner>

### Maths A to Z

Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary

provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z>

### Great books for tweens to read

Favourite books from the Premier's Reading Challenge team that will inspire kids aged between nine and 13 to read read read!

Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/hu/homework-and-study/english/my-book-club/helping-tweens-to-love-reading/ideal-books-for-tweens-to-read>

## Booligal Sheep Races

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2014

Lots of fun and laughs for the whole family!

Gates open at 11 am

BBQ on the day

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