

Peppercorn Press

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Term 2– Week 2

Tuesday 6th May, 2014

Coming Events

Term 2- Week 2

Wednesday	7 May	P & C Meeting @ 9 am
Wednesday	7 May	Mobile Library
Thursday	8 May	Scripture/School Photos
Friday	9 May	Tennis
Friday	9 May	Mother's Day Stall

Term 2- Week 3

Monday	12 May	Athletics Carnival
Tuesday-Thurs	13-15 May	NAPLAN
Thursday	15 May	Scripture
Friday	16 May	Tennis and Assembly @ 2.45pm

Term 2- Week 4

Tuesday	20 May	UNSW Computer Test
Thursday	21 May	Scripture
Friday	22 May	Tennis

**Reminders: Athletics Carnival notes
due Thursday 9/5/14**

Welcome Back to Term 2!

It was fabulous to see the students return on the first day of term, with great eagerness, to share their holiday stories. We have had a fantastic start, learning a new before-school routine, getting more readers and learning all about time in Mathematics.

There is much to look forward to this term. We have our regular visits from Miss Pip for Scripture, Mr Callaghan for Tennis and the Mobile Library monthly visits. Additionally, we have Athletics Day in Hay and NAPLAN for Year 3 next week, a visit from Kath Powderly again (to explore the use of clay), a Life Education Van session, Year 6

Integration to High School, regular assemblies and, to finish the term, we have a Jump Rope and an end-of-term luncheon planned.

It is pleasing to see the children wearing their smart winter uniform now the weather has changed. As with the weather, there have been a few changes at Carrathool Public School.

As a school community, we congratulate Lesa Bevan on her temporary appointment as Principal to Yoogali Public School (on the edge of Griffith) for this term. Yoogali is a bigger primary school, so this is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Bevan. Although we were not expecting Mrs. Bevan's sudden appointment and will miss her this term, we wish her all the best and look forward to her return next term.

Mrs. Leanne Hedt
Relieving Principal

Booligal Sheep Races

Carrathool Public School P & C once again purchased a sheep to race at the Booligal Sheep Races. Our sheep 'Long Weekend' came a very respectable second place! We won a swag and a ceiling fan!

We would like to thank the Sport's Club for starting our sheep and their general support.

The prizes will be raffled and drawn on the last day of term. Tickets will go home soon and will also be on sale at the Carrathool Family Hotel.

P & C Meeting

P & C Meeting tomorrow at 9 am.
All welcome!

Athletics Carnival

Next Monday 12th May, the Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be held in Hay. Children need to be at the Hay Park at 9.15 am. They need to wear their sport's uniform including their hat and bring drinks for the day. A BBQ will be run by Booligal Public School for lunch and Hay SOTA will provide recess. It would be greatly appreciated if parents were able to help with events.



First day back of school, they look glad to be back!

School Photos

On Thursday 8th May Garry Bazzacco will travel to Carrathool to take our school photos. Order forms have gone home. Please ensure your child comes to school in their summer uniform for photos. Order forms need to be in on Thursday with full payment. Cash and cheques made out to Garry Bazzacco accepted.

A separate envelope was sent home with the eldest in each family for those requiring family portraits.

Mother's Day Stall

This Friday 9th May we will be having a Mother's Day Stall. Students may spend a maximum of \$5 each on their wonderful mothers. You know you're worth it! We have some delightful gifts for sale.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the wonderful mothers everywhere a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday.

English Recounts

In the holidays I went motorbike racing with Josh and Angus. After racing was done we announced the winner and I won! Then we went back home to play football, the end.

By Ben

In the holidays I played with Pop, Dad and Bethany. First I played cricket, it was fun! At night time I went to bed.

The next morning we went to the park to have a play. On Thursday, Mum, Bethany and I went to Nans.

On Saturday I got an Air Hog from Target and I made a book on the computer and it went weird! On Monday we went home.

By Patrick

On the weekend I was sick. I had, and still have, a sore throat and cold. On Saturday it was raining, so I couldn't go outside. I decided to make a bracelet on my loom. I started a triple fishtail when the band on my hook snapped. I had to take it off and pull it apart and start from scratch. I decided once I had the bands ready that I needed more bands. I bought a big kit on e-bay and it will arrive soon, I hope!

By Sarah

Chooks

Good news people! Our chooks or should I say, one of our chooks, has started laying! Everybody is very excited! We will be cooking omelettes at school when we have enough eggs. Now, if we could only get those other three lazy chooks to get their act together!!!



That's the good chook on the left!

Spring Bulb Fundraiser

Thank you to those people who supported this fundraiser. The SRC raised \$174.50 for our school! Hopefully our bulbs will arrive this Friday. Happy gardening!

Tennis

In tennis last Friday Stuart handed out an award to the player of Term 1 – Congratulations to Shane Blair! Congratulations to Sarah Merrylees for being runner up!



Shane wearing his medallion and quietly proud!

Stuart concentrated mainly on backhand, revised forehand and played games to reinforce the follow through.

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

Mother's Day Luncheon

This Sunday 11th May the Sport's Club are having a Mother's Day lunch at the Sport's Club. Spoil mum on her special day!

\$5 a head or special price of \$10 per family!

From 1 pm onwards

BYOG

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 May, 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

Hay Carer Support Group

Newsletter Briefs**Kids, social media and privacy**

Regardless of your child's age, the world may already know a lot more about them than you suspect. According to recent research:

- 92% of children under the age of 2 have a digital shadow (- it starts with proud parents posting newborn baby photos on Facebook or Instagram)
- a quarter of Australian children 8 - 12 years old use Facebook, but the minimum age for a user is 13 years.
- more than 20 per cent of tweens publish photos of themselves on Instagram
- young people 14 - 19 have an average of 453 fans, friends or followers on social media.

2014 Privacy Awareness Week, 4 - 10 May 2014, is a good time to review your family's privacy settings and discuss online security. You'll find lots of practical information and resources to share with your kids at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au

Printable planners for homework and study

School A to Z has printable monthly planners which include school holidays and the numbered weeks of each Term (for example Monday 19 May is the start of Week 4, in Term 2). Print one for each child to stick on the fridge or on their noticeboards. It's a great way to teach them how scheduling their time means they'll fit in the fun activities as well as their other commitments and responsibilities. Download May 2014 at <http://bit.ly/UbmQz8>

Is your child's backpack damaging their spine?

A recent Australian study has shown that approximately 25% of school-aged children suffer from back and/or neck pain at any one time. It's believed to be due to a combination of factors such as poor posture, everyday load carrying and the use of computers.

The Children's Hospital at Westmead suggests young people should:

- not carry more than 10% of their body weight
- use a backpack with the straps over both shoulders and a waist strap
- load gear so that the heavier objects are nearer to the spine, with the lighter objects towards the front of the pack
- lift a backpack properly- bend at the knees and lift the pack with both hands

More tips at <http://bit.ly/1iB4OBo>

English refresher from School A to Z on Homonyms

Homonyms (also known as homographs) are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. They can be nouns, adjectives or verbs. The context gives them their meaning.

Ask your child for an example, like this one:
I prefer a fine *tip* on my pen.
He gave me a *tip* for the Melbourne Cup.
Don't *tip* the water on the floor.
You gave the waiter a generous *tip*.

More grammar tips at www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au/homework-and-study/english