

Peppercorn Press

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Term 2– Week 4

Tuesday 20th May, 2014

Coming Events

<i>Thursday</i>	<i>22 May</i>	<i>Scripture</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>22 May</i>	<i>Australia's Biggest Morning Tea</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>23 May</i>	<i>Tennis</i>

<i>Monday</i>	<i>26 May</i>	<i>LONG WEEKEND (No power)</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>28 May</i>	<i>P & C Meeting @ 9 am</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>29 May</i>	<i>Scripture</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>29 May</i>	<i>Public Education Day</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>29 May</i>	<i>Yr5/6 Integration @ Hay</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>30 May</i>	<i>No tennis, Assembly @ 2.45 pm</i>

<i>Mon/Tues</i>	<i>2 & 3 June</i>	<i>Kath Powderly Pottery Workshop</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>4 June</i>	<i>Mobile Library</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>5 June</i>	<i>Scripture</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>6 June</i>	<i>Tennis and Pub Lunch</i>

Reminders: Book Club orders due by this Friday.

We have been advised by Essential Energy that there will be no power at school on Monday 26th May, 2014.
This day will therefore be a **LONG WEEKEND**.

Principal's Report

The term is zooming by and the students at Carrathool Public School have been busy learning new skills and consolidating old ones!

Our most exciting news is that we are able to welcome Archie and Harry Ray to our small school.....or is that a big school? Archie and Harry might think so, as they have just left a school of five students in northern NSW! We look forward to getting to know you better and having you, and

your family, involved in the wider school community. Welcome also to Sophie and Andrew.

In Learning News...We are excited to be using the Reading Eggs online computer program and to have continued access to the Mobile Library Program to enhance our English skills. In Mathematics we have been learning more about telling times, using clocks, calendars and timetables and playing addition and subtraction card games. The competition is heating up for the seniors as they learn their multiplication tables and a new winner is decided each week!

The annual NAPLAN period is over and two of our students completed all the assessments. Well done Nicholas and Sam on finishing your very first NAPLAN.

In Physical Education, the children have continued to enjoy the weekly tennis program with Mr. Callaghan and we had 100% of students participate in the Small Schools Athletics Day with Booligal Public School and Hay School of the Air. We thank Booligal for organising the day and the tireless effort from staff at HSOTA for preparation of the day also.

I am thrilled to announce that four of our students have been successful at qualifying for the District Athletics at Deniliquin on the 6th of June. Congratulations Patrick, Shane (in five events), Sarah (in five events too) and Dean.

In staffing news, it is a privilege to have Mrs. Mary Gilbert join our team as School Learning Support Officer (SLSO-previously known as 'Teacher Aide') and to welcome a new Casual/Relief Teacher, all the way from Jerilderie, Miss Kathryn Creek. The

students have been reading enthusiastically to, and sharing their own stories, with Mrs. Gilbert and have particularly enjoyed the music sessions with Miss Creek.

In addition to all our learning, we have had a successful fire drill, the annual School Photos and a stall for Mother's Day. On Friday, Carrathool is looking forward to our 'Walk to School Safely Day'. As all of our students drive to the school from quite a distance, we will practise our road safety skills walking from the Carrathool Park to school at 8.50 am.

All parents and caregivers are invited to our next Parents and Citizens Meeting on Wednesday the 28th of May. My apologies it has been postponed a few times now, but I appreciate your flexibility. We look forward to welcoming our new family and including them in school decision making.

Leanne Hedt,
Relieving Principal.

Special Lunch at School

Last Friday we made hamburgers and omelettes at school. Thanks to two of our cooks for the eggs! We used shallots and lettuce out of our garden! Students took turns to chop different ingredients. Don't forget your children have great culinary skills! Take advantage of it while you can! They are all very good at cleaning up their mess and said they'd love to help wash and wipe up at home!



Yes, we're very good cooks!

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

This Thursday 22nd May, we will be attending Australia's Biggest Morning Tea (hosted by Mrs Alice Henwood and her daughter-in-law Michelle, both of whom are excellent cooks!) Students will walk to the Carrathool Memorial Hall at 11.00 am with staff. Could you please provide a donation of your choice with your child/children. All donations of \$2 or over are tax deductible and will be issued a receipt from Mrs Henwood.

Together, we can beat cancer!

Athletic's Carnival

Congratulations to all of our students for giving their best at the recent Small School's Athletics Carnival. You were all a credit to your school! Congratulations to Bethany Dissegna (junior girl's champion) and Ben Merrylees (junior boy's champion). Congratulations also to Dean, Patrick, Shane and Sarah for qualifying for the District Athletics Carnival at Deniliquin.



*Bethany, Anthony and Ben
proudly wearing their ribbons!*



Public Education Day

Public Education Day is next Thursday 29th May, 2014. Parents, family and friends are invited to come to the school on this day at 2.30 pm. Your child/children will show you around the school and garden and also you will be able to view your children's work and play an educational game with them.

Assembly



Award recipients at last Friday's Assembly
Congratulations everyone!

School Photos

School photos should be ready within the next two weeks.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>.

Captain's Report

We've had a great start to Term 2. Our chooks have finally started laying. Last Friday we cooked omelette and hamburgers for lunch using a few things we've grown at school!

For the past few Fridays we've had a musically talented teacher called Miss Creek come all the way from Jerilderie. She's been teaching us music and has demonstrated her talent by playing guitar and piano. She even writes songs! Last Monday we had our athletics carnival. Shane, Patrick, Dean and I made it to the district carnival.



The Year 3 students had their Naplan last week and we hope they did a good job.

On Wednesday we have two new students coming. We wish them the best and hope they have a great time here!

Sarah Merrylees,
School Captain

Tennis

In tennis last week Mr Callaghan concentrated on serving and played the game 'Challenge the Champ'. He said they haven't done much serving so he will concentrate on that for a while.



Patrick keeping his eye firmly on the ball



Dean about to make contact!



This is so much fun, shame about the big hole in my racquet!

Newsletter Briefs

Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice. School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental maths strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we're helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of "number" which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why

different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here : www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

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 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

Thank you

**From Carrathool P & C Committee
To everyone who has supported our recent raffles
at the Carrathool Family Hotel
Congratulations to James Allman who won last
week's meat tray**