

# Peppercorn Press

Carrathool Public School

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Term 1– Week 3

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

## Coming Events

### Term 1

#### Week 3

Wednesday	11 February	Mobile Library and Scripture
Wednesday	11 February	Excursion to Hay WMHS @ 12.15
Friday	13 February	Swimming Carnival @ Hay

#### Week 4

Wednesday	18 February	Pub Lunch
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#### Week 5

Wednesday	25 February	Scripture
Friday	27 February	Clean up Australia Day @ School

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to school. We especially welcome Chloe and Charlotte, Cheyenne and Kieya, and their families to Carrathool Public School and the local community.



Our students have become familiar with each other and settled quickly into routines.

It was lovely to come back to green lawns, flowering roses, crepe myrtles, and tall sunflowers. Thanks to Keith Warner for his gardening work.

Thanks also go to Sue Woods for taking care of our four chooks in the holidays and to Mary Gilbert for assisting her. If there are any families who would like to let the chooks out of a morning, or lock them up on a weekend, please come in and see us.

A few reminders for the beginning of the year:

- Arrival time is between 8:45 and 9:00 a.m. to be organised to start at 9a.m. School finishes at 3 p.m.
- Please ensure all items sent to school are named, including hats, clothes, lunchboxes and stationery.
- We follow the rule "Hat for Sun Play", "No Hat, Shade Play".

Thanks for your ongoing assistance in these matters.

Thanks to all parents who attended our P & C meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February. The lengthy, animated discussions are a testament to the enthusiasm towards, and support of, our small school. It is much appreciated.

Leanne Hedt,  
Relieving Principal

P&C Snippets

- School to be involved in the Carrathool ANZAC Service annually.
- Financial support will be given to a number of activities and resources including: camps/excursions, diaries for senior students, reading diaries and tennis coaching.
- P&C members are volunteering at the Carrathool Races and helping to prepare the entrance tickets.
- A trivia night will be held in Carrathool as a fundraiser this year (tentative date is the 5th of September.)

School Captain's Report

This year has started with a bang! With four new students, all girls.

This week all of the senior students are going to the Hay Swimming Carnival and we're all very excited about going. Also on Wednesday the whole school is going to Hay High School for art, for ANZAC Day commemorations

This year Mrs Hedt has made a new routine for the class.

We have Mobile library and Scripture, this week. Mrs Cox is our new Scripture teacher. Some very sad news is that Ben Merrylees has broken his arm.



*And here's the proof!*

Archie Ray,  
School Captain

Sport

Tennis will start in Week 6 (March 6). Mr Stuart Callaghan will return to coaching our students once again. We are all looking forward to his return! Until then sport will be held on Fridays. We also have fitness sessions for ten minutes at the start of each school day.

Absence Notes

Please find attached to the newsletter some absence, late and early leaver notes. If your child is away for the day or part of the day, morning or afternoon, please complete the appropriate note and return to the school. More are available at the school when needed.

You may also advise the school by telephone on the day if you wish.

Voluntary School Contributions

Schools operate much more effectively and provide a much-improved service to students with funds donated by parents in addition to that provided by the government and the P & C. Voluntary school contributions this year are: \$20 per child or \$30 per family

Thank you to those who have already paid.

**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club is attached to this newsletter. Please return your order by 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Please find attached some information about 'LOOP', a new way of ordering online for parents. Parents may use this option or continue to order the old way by returning their forms to the school. If you choose the 'LOOP' option, your child's books will still be sent to the school and sent home accordingly.

### Salvation Army Chaplaincy Visit

Last Thursday it was a pleasure to have Col and Bev Kingston, Chaplains of the Salvation Army visit us. They presented our students with pencil cases and stationery kits before answering the children's questions.



*Our school captain, Archie, thanking Col and Bev for their visit and presentation.*

### P & C News

The P & C have agreed to continue monthly raffles at the Carrathool Hotel. These raffles will be held on the last Friday of each month. Tickets will be sent home prior to the raffles to parents so you all have a chance to win one of two meat trays from Gannon's Butchery in Griffith or a gift voucher to the value of \$50.

### Clean up Australia Day at School

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Appropriate footwear (sandshoes/joggers) needs to be worn on this day.

### 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. This year, students will be saying their news (if it is their turn) whilst everyone is eating their healthy snack.

### Canteen

Canteen will continue on Fridays this year by the SRC. Children may purchase two items @ 50¢ each.

Items will be donated by parents on a fortnightly basis. Suggested donations are chips, fruit juice, flavoured milk, yoghurt, ice blocks, cakes, popcorn etc.

This year we have decided to start a roster.

Week 2	Ray family
Week 4	Merrylees family
Week 6	Carter family
Week 8	Hayes family
Week 10	Mulcahy family
Term 2 Week 2	Blair family

Thank you to the Ray family for their donation of poppers, shapes and chocolates.

Funds raised are usually donated once a term to a charity the SRC chooses.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**Hay Carer Support Group**

**The School Rewards Programme** from The Athletes Foot Griffith donates \$5 from every pair of shoes purchased back to our school.

With a shoe expertly fitted by one of The Athletes Foot Fit Technicians and Fitzi (latest computer fit analysis), your child will have the right support and cushioning for all the school activities and sports they take part in every day.

The Athletes Foot stock a wide range of Ascent and Clarks school shoes and sports shoes to ensure there are options for everyone. Even better, \$5, from every shoe purchase is donated back to our school. This applies to your whole family across their entire range of school, sport, work and casual shoes.

For more information about the programme please phone The Athletes Foot Griffith on 02 6964 2231