

Peppercorn Press

Carrathool Public School

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Term 1 – Week 8

Monday 14th March 2016

Tuesday -School Library (Library bag)
Thursday -Student Banking (Bank books)
Friday -Sport (Sports Uniform)

To add to the calendar:

Monday 14th March - P&C Meeting 1:45 – 3pm

Wednesday 16th March – Senior AFL Clinic excursion to Hay.

Friday 18th March Epilepsy Awareness Day- Wear Purple

Friday 8th April – Table Tennis Round Robin Tournament - PARENTS V STUDENTS (change of date from 18th March to last day of school)

Mobile Library Days (Term 1) – Wednesday March 9th & Wednesday April 6th at 2:45 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Principal's Report

It has been a pleasure to watch senior students **swim** in Hay and qualify for District Carnival. Congratulations to Benjamin, Sam, Harry, Cassidy and Ben. You represented our school proudly and came away from the day more experienced.

Clean Up Australia Day was carried out last Friday, 4th March, with all students participating. Students walked from the school to the park and around the local community. There was only a

little rubbish to collect this year, in comparison to previous years. That is great news.

I encourage anyone interested in **training to be a drumMuster inspector** to contact the school as Vernon is willing to come and train people for free. (Stations could train numerous people.)

A reminder for all that received **bulb catalogues** that they are due in the day after Easter, Tuesday 29th April. If you haven't got a catalogue drop into the school and browse the one available there!

Leanne Hedt,
Principal.



Gardening Report by Harry

Last Friday we pulled out many Heritage Carrots from our garden. We discovered we had different colours: red, orange, white and purple. I tried a white one and it was pretty nice. It tasted and



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smelt like a normal carrot. We got to take some home with us on the day.

Book Club



Book club has been distributed.

If you would like to order, please

pay using the "LOOP" online method for parents.

Your children's books will then be sent to the school and distributed.

Garden Express Fundraising

The Garden Express Fundraising catalogue was distributed with the last Newsletter. Just a reminder, all orders will need to be back before Tuesday 29th April.

P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 14th March 2016 at 1:45 -3 pm.

Please note the new afternoon time.

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

Absence Notes

If your child is away for the day or part of the day, morning or afternoon, please complete the appropriate note when returning to the school. (Notes are available at the front office.)

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

School Captain's Report

By Benjamin

Over the last few weeks the senior students competed in the District Swimming Carnival in Hay. Some people came first and some were just happy to make it to the District level.

Last Friday the school participated in Clean Up Australia Day. It was great. We split up into twos and set off around the town with our teachers to pick up rubbish.

Also, we have had a couple of birthdays. We say "Happy Birthday!" to Sam. He had a lot of fun riding around on his new BMX bike.

In class, the students have received Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates in Athletics!



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The Sports Club would like to advise that they will meet on the last Sunday of every month at 10am at the Community Hall.

Clean Up Australia Day Report

By Cassidy

Last week Carrathool Public School walked around town and cleaned up. We all pitched in and picked up rubbish using our thick gloves. Harry and Rhett found an enormous amount of glass near a tree. Then Mrs Hedt said we had to go back to school because it was getting too hot!

Epilepsy Day

Please come dressed in something purple for epilepsy day on Friday 18th March 2016.

Community News

If you need community notices advertised in our newsletter please ring the school or fax your notice to the following numbers:

Phone 02) 69 935 143 Fax 02) 69 935 002

Sports Club



Get Healthy in March

Wendy, 41 years old Get Healthy Service Graduate

Struggling to lose weight after the birth of her first two children, Wendy joined the Get Healthy Service for some help.

Wendy's health coach helped her to find ways to fit more activity into her schedule. As Wendy embraced a healthier lifestyle she lost 36kg and maintained her new weight even after her 3rd child.

Thanks to her coach, Wendy no longer looks at the scales but rather the way her clothes fit and how her body looks. She exercises daily and can finally keep up with her kids!



"What I really like about the service is that it is free and you don't have to go anywhere, you can do it from your house and tailor it to meet your needs."

Why not join Wendy and call the Get Healthy service yourself?



Health
Murrumbidgee
Local Health District

get healthy
Information & Coaching Service
1300 806 258

drumMUSTER

The drumMUSTER is a National program for collection and recycling of eligible non-returnable crop production and animal health product chemical containers from manufacturers

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participating in the Industry Waste Reduction Scheme (IWRS).

The Carrathool Shire Tip is the collection site for any 'clean' chemical drums. The drums need to be cleaned and sighted by an inspector. Once this is done, and paperwork completed, the drums can be dropped off at the collection site.

Training is available to anyone who would like to become an inspector and is free of charge.

The Carrathool P & C receive a small amount (\$0.25) per drum once they have been collected by a contractor. The site has already collected 11,249 drums to date.

Collection is usually made for 500 drums approximately 2-3 times a year. If anyone has 1,000 drums or more, collection can be made directly from the property.

For more information please visit the website www.drummuster.com.au

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is

on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 26 February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

If you **DON'T** want your child to take part please send consent forms back by tomorrow morning, Tuesday 15th March 2016.

