

# Peppercorn Press

## Carrathool Public School

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Term 3 – Week 2

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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

### CALENDAR:

Mobile Library Days – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Playgroup Days – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July, August - 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, September - 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

P&C Meeting- 1<sup>st</sup> September 12:30pm (before swimming).

Education Week: Week 3 - 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> August.

## Principal's Report

### Welcome Back

Term 3 has begun and the calendar indicates it will be a very busy term. We are looking forward to swimming lessons in Griffith, Education Week and the Small Schools Athletics Carnival next week, Aspire Me Camps, our school Spelling Bee, Book Week, the Olympics and numerous other special days!

Staff met on the first day of term and are continuing to work collaboratively to plan for improved student outcomes across all key learning areas. The professional learning is exciting, as we model the cooperation and growth mindsets we expect of our students.

Our first visitor to Carrathool Public School this term has been from South West Arts. Students were very quick to learn to use the knitting nancy, working as a team with rapid fire fingers! They produced a long length of knitting to be used in a display in Dubbo later in the year. Students learnt about fibres in our community.



Students using the giant knitting nancy.



Students practising for the Athletics Carnival.

Leanne Hedt,  
Principal.



## Captain's Report

By Benjamin

I would like to welcome everyone back to Term 3. This term we have had a visit from the Performing Arts ladies who brought a big Knitting Nancy with them. We all had a go at the knitting nancy and we ended up knitting more than Rankin Springs!  
We are looking forward to Book Week where we can dress up as our favourite book characters and other special days this term.

### **The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools 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.

You may remember that our students also participated in a *Tell Them From Me* student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

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 us 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. The survey is conducted online and will typically take

less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and 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 form to school by **5.08.16**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

### **The *Partners in Learning* parent feedback survey**

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

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



## 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

## HAY NETBALL CLUB

Junior Netball Development Program

4.30-5.30pm Fridays in Term 3

All children attending primary school are welcome to register.

Enquiries to Jill on 0429 930 691

## Darts Fundraiser

Carrathool Family Hotel are conducting a darts fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis.

*Where:* Carrathool Family Hotel

*When:* Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July

*Time:* 1pm

*Cost:* \$5 per person

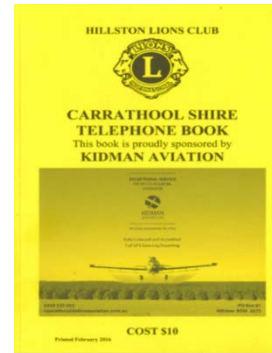
## Hay Little Athletics

Hay Little Athletics will be starting again in early September. If you would like any further information, please contact Carolyn Clarke on 0429 981 157.

## Sports Club

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

## Local Phone Book



The Hillston Lions Club has kindly donated Carrathool Shire Phone Books to the school. Copies are available for purchase from the school for \$10 each and all money raised will go toward excursions.

## Hay Show Happenings

HAY SHOW is on the weekend of 10 & 11 September. Old Kentucky Animal Farm & Magician Troppo Bob will be coming along and there will be the usual competitions for children of all ages including showgirl, showman and Hay Kids can Cook.

## Workshops on Autism

Workshops on Autism are available in Deniliquin on Thursday 11th and 12<sup>th</sup> August and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd November 2016. Please visit [www.autismspectrum.org.au/events](http://www.autismspectrum.org.au/events) for further information.





# GRIFFITH CENTENARY TRAIN RIDES

THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> TO SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016

Tharbogang Shuttles	Griffith	Griffith
Shuttle 1 — 4 <sup>th</sup> August	11.40am	12.10pm
Shuttle 2 — 4 <sup>th</sup> August	1.35pm	2.25pm
Shuttle 3 — 4 <sup>th</sup> August	4.00pm	4.40pm
Shuttle 4 — 5 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am	10.35am
Shuttle 5 — 5 <sup>th</sup> August	11.50am	12.30pm
Shuttle 6 — 5 <sup>th</sup> August	2.05pm	2.50pm

Yenda Shuttles	Griffith	Griffith
Shuttle 1 — 4 <sup>th</sup> August	12.30pm	1.25pm
Shuttle 2 — 4 <sup>th</sup> August	2.35pm	3.40pm
Shuttle 3 — 5 <sup>th</sup> August	10.45am	11.40am
Shuttle 4 — 5 <sup>th</sup> August	12.50pm	1.45pm
Shuttle 5 — 6 <sup>th</sup> August	12.15pm	1.15pm
Shuttle 6 — 6 <sup>th</sup> August	1.25pm	2.25pm

Leeton Dinner Train	Griffith	Griffith
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30pm	8.40pm

Ardlethan Lunch Train	Griffith	Griffith
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	5.00pm

Step back in time and get into the spirit of Griffith's 100th birthday celebrations. Sit back, relax and take in the scenery in style aboard Lachlan Valley Railway's authentic 'Tim Hare' CPH railmotors.

Choose from various trains over four days; shuttles to Tharbogang or Yenda, dinner train to Leeton, lunch train to Ardlethan.



Lachlan Valley Railway reserves the right to change the motive power due to operational requirements.

BYO alcohol permitted on meal trips only

Photo courtesy of Phil Smith

**TICKET PRICES**  
Griffith to Tharbogang shuttles  
Adult — \$15  
Child — \$10

**TICKET PRICES**  
Griffith to Yenda shuttles  
Adult — \$20  
Child — \$15

**TICKET PRICES**  
Griffith to Leeton dinner train  
Adult — \$65 (includes packaged dinner)  
Child — \$45 (includes packaged dinner)

**TICKET PRICES**  
Griffith to Ardlethan lunch train  
Adult — \$85 (includes lunch at bowling club)  
Child — \$55 (includes lunch at bowling club)

**PURCHASE TICKETS**  
Griffith Visitor Information Centre  
Ph: 1800 681 141  
Online: [www.lvr.com.au](http://www.lvr.com.au)

\*Tickets sold on board the train on the day if not already sold out.

## 2016-17 COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME

GRANTS OF UP TO \$1,500

Is your community group seeking funding for a project?

The Scheme is Council's annual funding program that enables community groups to undertake a project to meet identified needs in the community.

The purpose of the Scheme is to support the well-being and enhance the development of strong local communities.

The funding program provides up to \$1500 for not-for-profit community groups to complete a project (within the Carrathool Shire) that benefits the community.



## APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Application Forms and Guidelines are available from:

- Googowli Shire Office;
- Hillston District Office; and
- The WG Parker Memorial Library.
- Council's website.

For further information contact 02 6965 1900.

The closing date for applications is 4.00 pm, Friday 5 August 2016.

No late submissions accepted.



## A Quick Bite ...

What food and drink can children bring for Crunch & Sip?

For Sip—A bottle of plain water every day.

For Crunch— choose from:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables are best but fruit canned in water or natural juice is OK every now and then.
- A whole piece of fresh fruit or vegetable, washed and ready to eat in the classroom such as carrot, apple, mandarin or banana.
- Veggie sticks such as cucumber, capsicum, celery and carrot.
- Bag or container of whole, smaller fruit or veg: snow peas, corn, mushrooms, strawberries or grapes.
- Bite sized chopped fruit or veg such as watermelon, mango, broccoli or cauliflower. Include a spoon or fork to avoid sticky fingers.
- Dried fruits such as apple, mango, apricots or sultanas can be packed no more than once a week.

For more information visit

[www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services/health-promotion-1](http://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services/health-promotion-1)

Live Life Well @ School

NSW Health Murrumbidgee Local Health District





Bill Baird 20-08-1916



## 2016 - HIGHWAY TO HELL CHALLENGE

### Hay – Hell – Booligal – Ivanhoe

- Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Hwy to Hell Challenge to be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August
- Register from 8am at the Hay Services Club. Leaving for Ivanhoe 9am sharp.
- Entry fee \$10

The Highway To Hell Challenge is a HVVMCC initiative acknowledging the years of dedicated service provided by Bill Baird, who twice weekly, come rain hail or shine transported freight along the Cobb Highway from Hay to Ivanhoe. As with every trip Bill made, it was never a RACE, only constant challenges, negotiating road hazards and managing freight deliveries. With this in mind, entrants will be required to complete their entry form along the way while respecting other entrants and road users.

Starting at Hay, there will be eight designated points along the way where you will stop and find the information you need to complete questions on your entry form. Morning tea will be held at the Booligal Hotel before traveling to Ivanhoe for lunch. The 1<sup>st</sup> correct entry form submitted at Ivanhoe will take out the annual Bill Baird Blitz Award, other fun prizes will be issued by the committee.

Before heading back to Hay everyone will Lap Columbus Street Ivanhoe then travel to the Bill Baird Truck Stop to celebrate Bills 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The Booligal Hotel will be open for afternoon refreshments, and awards will be presented at the Hay Services Club from 6pm where the restaurant will be open for meals.

Funds raised during the day will go to support the Booligal & Ivanhoe Schools. The challenge is open to all Vehicles, clubs & persons interested in being part of this planned annual family event. This will be a great opportunity to come and experience the Highway to Hell and support the rural communities of Hay, Booligal & Ivanhoe. We appreciate your acknowledgement of attendance for planning purposes.

*Note: There will be a recovery vehicle attending and the Ivanhoe Garage will be open for Fuel!*

For further enquires or to let us know of attending numbers please contact the HVVMCC committee:

Email: [hvvmcc@gmail.com](mailto:hvvmcc@gmail.com)

FaceBook: [www.facebook.com/HVVMCC](http://www.facebook.com/HVVMCC)

Text Club Mobile: 0455 299 426

Call Alternative Mobile: 0427 911 090





**CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
RAMROC**



**RAMROC ORGANIC RECYCLING AT HOME WORKSHOPS**

**"This is a NSW EPA Waste Less Recycle More funded initiative from the Waste Levy"**

Regional horticulturist and ABC Radio gardening expert Ricky Smith will conduct a series of workshops in the Western Riverina to encourage householders to recycle their kitchen and garden waste at home.

**HILLSTON WORKSHOP**

**THURSDAY  
8 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**1PM**

**HILLSTON COMMUNITY  
HALL**

**GOOLGOWI WORKSHOP**

**FRIDAY  
9 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**09:30 AM**

**GOOLGOWI  
COMMUNITY HALL**

The Hillston workshop will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 1:00- 3:00pm at the Hillston Community Hall, with afternoon tea provided after the workshop.

The Goolgowi workshop will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 09:30-11:30 at the Goolgowi Community Hall. Morning tea will be provided.

The one and a half hour sessions will cover various methods for organic recycling, including composting, worm farming and the Bokashi system. Topics covered will include setting up and maintaining the systems, and discuss which system is suitable for different household situations.

The free workshops are for householders who have never recycled organic material before, and for those who want to overcome difficulties they may be experiencing composting or worm-farming.

Free worm farm kits, compost bins, Bokashi, compostable kitchen bags and small kitchen bins will be distributed at the workshops, to encourage residents to recycle their food scraps into useful compost, worm juice and worm castings, rather than waste valuable organic materials. There will also be information sheets on all systems for participants to take home

There are many benefits of organic recycling to householders and their communities. By using their own compost, worm and Bokashi products, residents can improve the condition of their soil, increasing disease-resistance in plants, increasing availability of nutrients to plants, reducing their reliance on artificial fertilisers and soil conditioners, and save themselves some money.



To help the environment organic recyclers can reduce the amount of kitchen and garden waste that goes to landfill, and in so doing reduce the amount of methane and greenhouse gases produced at landfill sites.

For people living in apartments and units the Bokashi method can be used indoors to compost kitchen waste without any smell or issues.

**PLEASE INDICATE YOUR ATTENDANCE FOR EITHER WORKSHOP BY MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Carrathool Shire Council, Goolgowi Office**

**Tel: (02) 6965 1900**







## ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR 2017

At Carrathool Public School we believe in personalised learning, quality teaching and access to the local and global community.

Student learning and wellbeing is our focus. The school has a supportive P&C and they make valuable contributions to its programs and to the welfare of students.

The school is a hub of the community and are privileged to host Playgroup fortnightly. We are well-resourced and have staff keen to implement the latest educational research. It is a wonderful, family-like environment.

*"I like the fact (my child) is coming along in leaps and bounds, because he has one-on-one attention. ...our kids are really keen to come to school" - Parent*

**"Carrathool Public School is a well-resourced school" - Parent**

*"The students all love the teachers" - Parent*

**"This school is fantastic" - Visiting presenter**

*"We work together as a team" - Student*



*"I love the way we learn" - Student*

*"I like using Mathematics" - Student*

*"The whole school learns together and junior and seniors are not separated at play times. We get to create our own healthy lunches using produce from our garden" - Student*



**"There are many academic, leadership, creative arts and sports opportunities given to the students at Carrathool. Students have access to learning experiences at school, and on excursions, that I have not seen in other schools" - Staff**

*"The students work in small groups and receive one-on-one attention to meet their educational needs. Learning is targeted at their level of understanding and progress can be quite rapid" - Staff*

For more information, please feel free to access our official school website at [www.carrathool-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.carrathool-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

