

Peppercorn Press

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Term 2 – Week 4

Thursday 18th 2017

CALENDAR:

Playgroup – Every Wednesday 9am-11am
Everyone is welcome.

Mobile Library – Wed 7th June

Week 7

Frid 9th June – Pirate Day

Week 8

Mon 12th June – Queen's B'Day (Public Holiday)

Week 10

Fri 30th June – Crazy Hair Day
- Last day of Term 2



Principal's Report

What a fantastic excursion we had to **Lake Mungo and Yanga National Parks** on May 4th and 5th. We learned so much about our region's Aboriginal heritage and its importance in the world. The children were very well behaved and were a credit to our school. Please read the children's reports on our excursion in this newsletter.



Last week our Year 5 students participated in the annual **Naplan** testing. I commend the Year 5 students on their attitude towards this testing. I would also like to comment upon the consideration shown by the other students during the tests. Thank you everyone.

Mrs Sharyn Headon and myself have begun our **LMBR training** and will continue to do so every fortnight for this term. More information on LMBR and the benefits it will have for our school will be given at our **P & C meeting next Thursday 25th May at 2pm.**

The students have really embraced **the Carrathool Kilometre Club** and are striving to complete more laps of the back oval with each session. In our first week of this initiative the students and teachers collectively ran 40 km! Vigorous physical activity is not only good for your body but great for your brain.

Enjoy your week,

Mary-Ann Headon
Relieving Principal



Captain's Report

On the 4th and 5th of May we were at Lake Mungo and Yanga National Parks. We ran, bounded, rolled and face planted down Mungo's dune and caught bugs at Yanga. Benjamin, Ben, Cassidy, Lincoln and I all face planted at least once at Mungo. To start off I tried to slide down of the sand dunes but I ended up bounding like a kangaroo. I tried running like Benjamin and Dean but I had my first face plant instead. Coming back up the sand dune was hard work. At about halfway up your arm and leg muscles would start to burn.

Rolling down the dunes was fun, but we had to leave eventually. On the way back we walked through the Mungo Grand Canyon.

The next day at Yanga NP we learnt about our pastoral heritage and about keeping our waterways healthy and how to tell if they are healthy or not. We used butterfly nets to catch the bugs and tiny animal life in the lake. We used magnifying glasses to see the bugs, mini fish (they were tiny!) and shrimp. We used an identification chart to name the bugs and to



check their classification. The classification related to how each animal responded to changes in the health of the waterway. The classifications were: sensitive, tolerant and very tolerant. Benjamin, Ben and I caught the tiny fish. I caught the shrimp and everyone else caught the bugs.

We also learnt that pelicans had a breeding spot on the southern side of the lake.

That's just a few things we did on our excursion.



By Sam.

Quiz:

Answers: Femur = thigh bone; cranium = skull; clavicle = collar bone; patella = knee cap.

Literacy news.



Excursion to Yanga & Mungo National Parks

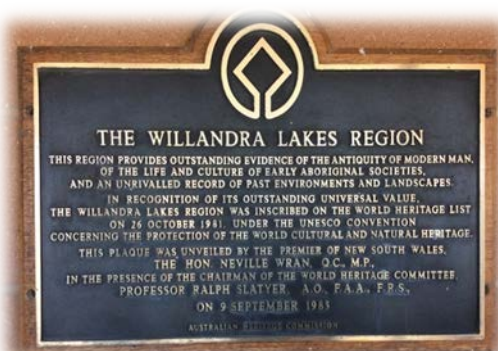
On the 4th of May we went to Lake Mungo near Balranald. Lake Mungo was the home of Aboriginal people as the huge lake was full of fish and shellfish and the plains around it supplied kangaroos and emus for the people to eat. Our tour guide, Lance, showed us Aboriginal fires and middens, bones of animals and Aboriginal tools made of shell and rock. After our tour Lance took us to the Walls of China let us roll down the sand dunes! A lot of people ran but I rolled. Sam and Benjamin face planted because they ran too fast. I face planted because I was rolling too fast. Ayesha Headon came with us as Eliza was sick. At one stage we all ran down, even the teachers. Everyone found it hard to get up the sand hills because it was so steep.

Ayesha, Ben, Benjamin, Sam, Lincoln and I all went on a really, really steep bit and it was really, really fun! I wish we could go again!



On the way back to the bus Lance took us on a short cut through the Grand Canyon. It did not look exactly like the Grand Canyon as it was not that high. It was formed by years of erosion.

By Cassidy.



At Lake Mungo we learnt about Mungo man. Mungo Man lived about 42,000 years ago, hunting and caring for the land on the shores of Lake Mungo. When he died, his family buried him sprinkled in red ochre. After he had died, the lake dried out and his bones were preserved. Mungo Man was found in 1974. Mungo man's bones are today known as some of the oldest remains in the world, along with Mungo Lady.

On the next day we went to Yanga NP. At Yanga we learnt how the station workers bought their food. The station had set up a big store that the workers bought their

food from. The man at the counter would go and get whatever you asked for.



By Ben.

On the excursion on the 4th and 5th of May the school went to Lake Mungo. We went to the sand dunes. After we got to the top we got to roll down and run down them.



By Lincoln.

At Yanga National Park, Marty showed us around the homestead. We went inside the homestead and Marty told us about the gun shots in the office door. The boss had fired a man so the man held the boss hostage in the house. The police surrounded the

house for 3 hours until the man fell asleep and the boss ran out of the office.



By Dean.

Mungo Lady lived around 42,000 years ago. We think she was about 18 years old when she died and her family cremated her. When some of her bones were discovered in 1968, Mungo Lady was recognised as one of the world's oldest cremated people.

Lance, the tour guide on our excursion, showed us models of some footprints on the ground near the Visitor's Centre. The real footprints were found to the North West of where we were standing. They aren't on display as the traditional custodians of Lake Mungo thought the footprints would be eroded by the rain and wind so they were covered by sand again. So this is where we get into the interesting part of my writing – The One Legged Man. The footprints were made by different groups of Aboriginal men, women and children. The men were

hunting and you can see just one footprint through the middle of the tracks, with other normal sets of footprints on either side. The One Legged Man footprints are so far apart from each other that a world champion long jumper couldn't even jump the distance between them. I tried and I was nowhere near as far as him. We had a great time learning about Mungo Man and the One Legged man at Lake Mungo.



By Benjamin.



Community News

If you need community notices advertised in our newsletter please contact the school either by phone, fax or email.

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

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Playgroup

Playgroup meets each Wednesday in the library at the school. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Drum Muster

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.

Vernon from **Drum Muster** will be at Carrathool the **week of 29th May** with a trailer to pick up drums from the collection point.

Handyman wanted

There has been an approval of \$500 for the DrumMuster cage at the Carrathool tip to be repaired. If there is anyone willing to complete this task, please phone the school for more information.

Telstra Tower Upgrade to 4G

The residents within the shire of Carrathool having issues with Telstra are invited to provide their name and/or business to start a campaign to have the Telstra Tower at Carrathool upgraded to 4G. In order to do so please supply the following details:

Mobile Phones and Broadband

Businesses – Business name and all numbers associated

Individuals – Name and number

(Please clarify if mobile phone or broadband when giving details).

Please supply your details to Kerry Aldred either by calling 02) 69935 012 or via email to

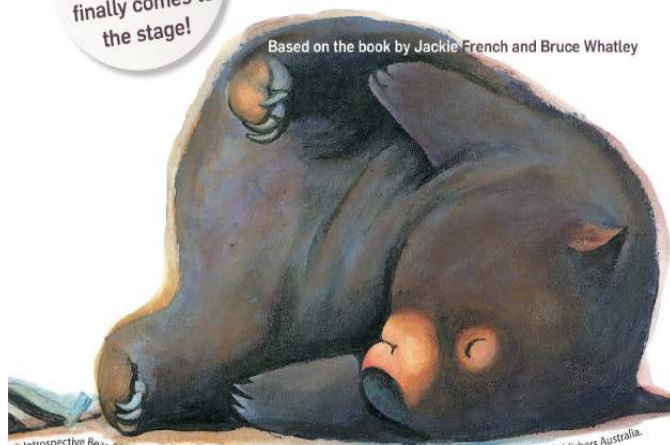
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