

# Peppercorn Press

## Carrathool Public School

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Term 3 – Week 4

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017

### CALENDAR:

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

Mobile Library – 6<sup>th</sup> September; 11<sup>th</sup> October

Week 5 – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August – School Photos at  
Hay PS.

Week 6 – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August – CWA Public  
Speaking at Hay.

assessments. The transition to NAPLAN online will commence from 2018. NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. The assessments can run through a real-time internet connection or onscreen without an internet connection. NAPLAN Online features tailored testing which gives students questions that are more suited to their ability – resulting in better assessment and more precise results.

Just a quick reminder that we will be travelling to Hay tomorrow for our school photos. Parents who wish to purchase photos of their children will need to make sure they have completed their order online.

Enjoy your week,  
Mary-Ann Headon  
Relieving Principal

## Principal's Report

Our Term 3 calendar seems to be filling up very quickly, with multiple events already taken place and more to come. On behalf of the school I would like to thank Mrs Kathy Duncan for spending the last four weeks with us, bringing her wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm for gardening and cooking. It has been wonderful having Mrs Duncan complete part of her placement at our school and we would like to wish her all the best for the future.

All students in Years 4 to 6 will be participating in the CWA Public Speaking Competition on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August. We have discussed the available topics and will continue to develop our speeches this week.

Naplan testing is moving online and our school will undertake Naplan Readiness Testing later this term to determine NAPLAN is moving online and our school will be participating in a school readiness test in the second half of Term 3. This means NAPLAN will be moving from the current paper based tests to computer-based



## Captain's Report

Last week we planted some fruit trees in the orchard. We are also growing white mulberry trees in the garden from cuttings until they are big enough to move into the orchard.

On Tuesday Healthy Harold came to visit our school. Kindergarten and Year 2 learnt about rules of safety and Years 4,5 & 6 learnt about cyber safety. Year 6 also saw Harold's house and what it holds.

The school high jump mats have finally arrived! We had a go at jumping over the bar which was really fun!

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of August we will be going into Hay to participate in the CWA Public Speaking Contest. We will be preparing and practising our speeches over the next two weeks.

By Sam Merrylees.

## Sport Report

Over the past month we have been doing fitness and sports, such as dribbling with Mrs Wythes, as well as our kilometre club. We have completed our athletics training for this term.

We have finally received our high jump mats from Hart Sports. They will be used for various things at school and will be great for practise next year for the athletics carnival.

By Benjamin Cameron.

## Literacy news.

### Fruit Tree Planting

We have been planting fruit trees as part of EnviroChamps. We planted Cherry, Black Mulberry, Fig, Black Genoa, Pomegranate and White Mulberry cuttings. We dug some holes and planted the trees. We will keep them watered and maintained



to soon produce beautiful fruit for the school and once fully established, even some for the community.

We are also looking forward to getting our Mandarin tree so that we can plant it next to the Orange tree.

Thank you Mrs Duncan for helping us with them.

By Breeanna.



### Mrs Duncan

At the start of the Term, Mrs Duncan came to our school for her Prac Teaching for four weeks. While she has been here, she has helped us in the garden, building worm towers and cooking. We have also done lots of fun things including kilometre club and preparation for the athletics carnival. I hope she does well in her teaching. Thank you Mrs Duncan.

By Cassidy.

### Athletics Carnival Senses Poem.

I see feet tied together with velcro at the three-legged race.

I hear a lawn mower outside the park.

I feel nervous.

I smell the fresh cut grass.

I taste a cupcake and I liked it.

By Lincoln.



### Worm Towers

On Friday in Week 2 we installed some worm towers into our garden. We used Mrs Duncan's drill to drill through the poly pipe that we also put in the ground with some fertiliser.

By Dean.

On Friday, week 2, we installed worm towers to help our garden grow. We used a drill and poly pipes. We have a bucket to collect any scraps from fruit break to place in the top of our worm towers. To keep the worms alive, we have to feed them our scraps and remove any pests.

By Ben.



## Community News

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

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Email: [carrathool-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:carrathool-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

### **Playgroup**

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

### **Cleaner Wanted**

Cleaner wanted for 1 day a week at a large family homestead. Happy to work around school hours. Duties include general cleaning, washing and maintenance. Please call **Liz** on **0438 312 185** for more information.



### **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](http://www.drummuster.com.au).

### **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

[admin@coonarafarming.com.au](mailto:admin@coonarafarming.com.au)





# Advanced Training in Suicide Prevention



Health Professional Education and Training

## Workshop Details

**Where:** Hay Bowling and Golf Club

**When:** Thursday 17 August 2017

**Cost:** No cost to the participant

**Time:** 9.00am-5.00pm

## Program Description

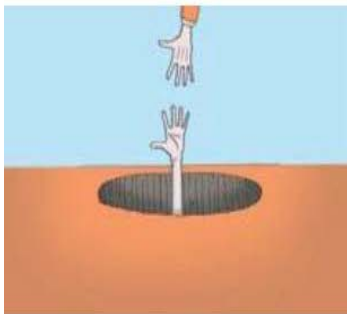
Our new workshop aims to increase health professionals' skill and confidence in taking a detailed suicide history and developing a collaborative management plan to increase the safety of people planning suicide. The workshop provides practical tools for health professionals managing the full spectrum of suicide risk presentations including the acute suicidal crisis, care after a suicide attempt and assisting families experiencing suicide bereavement.

## Suitable for:

GPs, GP Registrars, Psychologists, all Health Professionals

## Accreditation

- 40 RACGP Q&CPD Category 1
- Mental Health CPD (GPMHSC)
- 30 ACRRMP RPD points
- 6 hours CPD (Psychologists)



Please register via the link.

[www.mphn.org.au/events/advanced-training-suicide-prevention-hay](http://www.mphn.org.au/events/advanced-training-suicide-prevention-hay)

Further enquiries to Erin Kelly 02 69233146



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Missing school leaves gaps in your education

## Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 8: Tips for Parents



There are some simple yet effective tips that parents can follow to ensure their child has a happy day at school.

Make sure your child has a good nights sleep.

Make sure you and your child get up early enough to

- have breakfast
- get lunch ready
- pack a school bag
- get dressed

Be organised – help your child pack bags and have homework and sports gear ready for the next day.

Be involved with your school – meet with your child's teacher and talk regularly.

- Offer your support and help.
- Read notes from school and reply on time.
- Phone the school if you want information.
- Listen to your child read.
- Show an interest in homework

“Why  
Fit in When You  
WERE BORN to  
STAND OUT?”

– Dr. Seuss





# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

