

Peppercorn Press

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Term 3, Week 10

Thursday 27th September 2018



Fire Visit

CALENDAR

Term 3 -

- 27 Sept - Assembly at 2:30pm
- 1 October - Labour Day

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mon 1 Oct to Fri 12 Oct

TERM 4 Dates

Mon 15 Oct to Wed 19 Dec

Principal's Report

We have been fortunate to have two of our **Emergency Services visiting** our school this term. Constable Matthew Bull had an impromptu visit early in September and Jason Wall from RFS came on Monday. Both visitors explained when emergency services should be contacted and the sequence involved once contact is made. Students are now aware of the importance of knowing their address, the new red Rural Address Property ID numbers in particular for those living out of town, to assist directing emergency services to their home. If your child is unsure of their address or their phone number, please use the holidays to reinforce this important information.

Our **fire safety talk** with Jason Wall also reiterated the importance of having a family fire evacuation plan that all members of the family are aware of. Please discuss with your family a fire safety evacuation plan as having one may save your lives. Using the fire hose and exploring the fire truck were amongst the highlights of Jason's visit.

Excursions are a vital aspect of student learning as participating in hands-on activities consolidates classroom learning. Next term our students will experience two excursions, with our Year 4 to 6 students attending the **Snowy River Camp** with Booligal Ps and Hay SOTA in Week 1. All students will attend the **Melbourne excursion** in Week 5 and will visit Science Works, Melbourne Museum, the Zoo and the Aquarium, thus consolidating knowledge gained through this term's theme of Under the Sea. We will

also squeeze in some special experiences at Bounce and the Eureka Skydeck. **A huge thank you** to our tireless **P&C** for their contributions towards these excursions.

Parents who have children eligible to start school in 2019 are invited to contact Carrathool Public School to witness the range of academic and social opportunities offered by our school. **A Ready, Set, Kinder Program will be implemented in Term 4** to introduce prospective Kindergarten students to life at school. The Ready, Set, Kinder program provides learning and familiarisation activities in a new learning environment and will assist in helping new students feel happy, safe and secure. Please contact the school for further information.

If you know of anyone in our community that is not receiving our newsletter but would like to, please contact the school by either email or phone. Our contact details are at the top of this newsletter.

Have a great break,

Mary-Ann Headon

Principal

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Over the past two weeks we have had the Rural Fire Brigade visit us at the school. We learnt about fire safety plans at home, what you should do in the case of a fire, and the most exciting part was having a go at the fire hose! Thanks to Jason Wall for visiting us.

We also had a Super Friday where we built settlers huts.

On Wednesday we made some fruit faces in our art class. They were yummy!

Last week Mr Lamb came to watch Mrs Headon work and he also chatted with the students to get to know us.

Yesterday we had our last school assembly for the term. I hope everyone has a great holiday.

By Cassidy.



Sports Report

Last week was super Friday. We participated in exercises with Jade. We selected playing cards to see which exercise we had to do and how many of that exercise. The different exercises were running, high knees, side step, star jumps and if you got the joker, you had to do an extra 10 push-ups! Each picture card you got meant that you had to do 15 of each of that activity. I kept getting the running cards, so I was really exhausted, but it was really fun!

By Dean.

Captains Induction 2019

Last Super Friday, instead of ukulele, Cassidy, Mrs Stewart and I went to the Hay War Memorial High School to attend the 2019 School Captains announcement and induction, which Mrs Stewart's daughter, Hannah, was running for. Also running were Monte and Erin. We were all pretty excited when Hannah and Monte received Captaincy and Erin received Vice Captain. The other interesting thing about the induction was that the ex captains from 1968 delivered a speech about what school was like for them when they were at school. The female ex Captain, Lyn, gave a great speech to show what school life was like and how much technology has changed since she was there. The male ex Captain, Mark, spoke about his life and how he came to be a school captain. It was very interesting.

By Paige.

In the Classroom

On Tuesday the fireman, Jason came to show us what to do if there's a fire. He showed us how to stop, drop and roll when you are on fire. In an emergency to call 000 and to tell them your address and who you need —

police, fire or ambulance. Then he showed us the fire truck and we all got to use the hose!



By Lincoln.

On Wednesday the 26th all Carrathool PS students made faces out of fruit such as pineapple, strawberries, blueberries, kiwifruit, grapes and watermelon for art. The faces ranged from happy faces to puppy faces. Once we finished making the super delicious fruit faces, Mrs Headon took photos before we got to eat them.

Everyone thought it was the best way to ever eat fruit, even Lincoln ate his!



By Ben and Nick.

Last Super Friday we made houses out of sticks, leaves mud and string. We built the houses inside and outside. The animals that lived in it were a panda, a frog, a snow tiger, a crocodile and a kangaroo. We used a hot glue gun to stick everything together. Dean's team only used the hot glue gun for the roof and the tiger still got wet. But it was good though. Cassidy, Paige and Ben's team won.

By Eliza and Anna.



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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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.



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.



VERNON KEIGHLEY - 0406 745 030

Mr Vernon Keighley, drumMuster Consultant, will be attending Carrathool next week from
Tuesday 2nd October
to
Saturday 6th October
Vernon will be staying at the

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



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