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Carrathool Public School

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Term 1 – Week 1

Friday 2nd February 2018

CALENDAR:

2018 Term Dates

<u>Term 1</u> – Mon 29 Jan to Fri 13 April. (Easter

break Fri 30 March – Mon 2 April)

Term 2 – Mon 30 April to Fri 6 July.

Term 3 – Mon 23 July to Fri 28 Sept.

Term 4 – Mon 15 Oct to Wed 19 Dec.

Our Library day is now MONDAY.

Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2018 school year at Carrathool Public School. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas holiday and are ready to face yet another busy year.

In 2018, Carrathool Public School will maintain the same staff as 2107 but there are some minor changes in organisation. Mrs Sharyn Headon will now be working a 5 day fortnight as School Administration Manager, Mrs Bev Headon will continue to teach on Wednesday and on some Fridays, Mrs Paula Clarke will continue to teach on Thursday and on some Fridays and I shall be teaching on Monday, Tuesday and be available for other sessions on Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Mary Gilbert will be assisting in the classroom each Monday and, along with Alison Keen, Lyn Anstice and (eventually) Saskia Edwards, will provide support when a second adult is needed within our school. Mr Keith Warner ensures our grounds are maintained beautifully and Mrs Theresa Lee guarantees our classrooms are cleaned to a very high standard. We are so fortunate to have so many dedicated staff members.

Our most exciting change this year is the introduction of Super Friday! Every second week we will travel to

Hay to join with Booligal Public School in a classroom at Hay Public School. As a larger group we will participate in Literacy and STEM lessons, face to face ukulele lessons with Chris Bodey, enjoy Calisthenics, swimming, Tennis and other seasonal sport and utilise the town Library. Perhaps of greatest benefit to our students will be the socialisation that will occur with peers of their own age. It is always fantastic to make new friends.

Generally I am available to drive the children into Hay for Super Friday but on the odd occasion we may have to rely upon parental assistance. Once again the Isolated Children's travel subsidy will apply to those who drive for school events. Our first <u>Super Friday</u> will be in <u>Week 2</u>, <u>Friday 9th February</u>. Please place the attached calendar on your fridge for further reference.

Upcoming Events

- 16 February Swimming Carnival at Hay for all children turning 8 and older this year and can swim a lap of the pool. Mrs Bev Headon will be at school to teach those not attending. Parents will be required to transport and supervise their children at the pool.
- 7 March Phil Kettle Writing Workshop at Booligal. Phil Kettle is the author of the Too Cool and Marcy series, loved by children everywhere. Our students benefitted greatly from this workshop last year.

Have a great week, Mary-Ann Headon, Principal

