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Term 2, Week 3



Life Education NSW - Healthy Harold visit

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<u>TERM 2</u>

VARIETY BASH - ALL HELPERS WELCOME!

Wednesday 22nd May DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
Friday 31st May RESILIENCE WORKSHOP
Wednesday 12th June
ENVIROMENTORS
Friday 21st June
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Friday 28th June
'THE TWITS'

Friday 5th July

Principal's Report

Excitement (mixed with a little nervous apprehension) is building as the date for the Variety Bash rapidly approaches. Our menu has been finalised, ingredients purchased, donations collected and the chefs are preparing to create 340 meals for the Variety Bash participants. The Bashers will begin arriving at Carrathool Public School around 11.30am on Wednesday 22nd May. Cars will arrive and depart in a steady stream until approximately 3pm as they race to West Wyalong. All members of the community are more than **welcome** to come and view the crazy cars and their even crazier drivers at any time during their meal break at Carrathool. Helpers to make sandwiches or meal portions are even more welcome! Please contact the school or a busy member of our P&C for more information.

Even though it is only the end of Week 3, we seem to have been able to fit so many activities into such a short time. At the end of the holidays Ben, Lincoln and Eliza capably represented our school at the **ANZAC Day** Dawn Service. Our students have attended the **Life Education** Van, learning many important skills in the quest to be healthy. Our Stage 2 and 3 students ran in the **Cross Country** event held in Hay, with all qualifying for the **District carnival** in Deniliquin.

Our Year 3 and 5 students are currently undertaking the nationwide **NAPLAN** tests. This year Carrathool PS is participating in the online testing sessions. While we, along with many, many other schools across Australia, experienced a few glitches on the first day, the NAPLAN system appears to have resolved the problem and the tests are progressing as planned. I am very proud of our students for their calm approach to what can be a very stressful time for some students.

Students have also been very creative over the last term as we prepare for our **Operation Art Exhibition**. Operation Art is a competition for all schools throughout NSW, with winning entries displayed at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Our entries can be viewed and voted upon for the People's Choice award during the Variety Bash. We will combine with Booligal PS and have an **exhibition** at **The Spot in Hay on 24** -**26 May. Please pop into the classroom to vote for your choice of our school entry as you visit the Variety Bash cars on Wednesday.**

Mary-Ann Headon

Principal

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Captain's Report by Ben

ANZAC Day is a very important day for Australians as it commemorates all the

soldiers who lost their lives fighting for our country. At the ANZAC Day service I read the poem "In Flanders Fields" by John Macrae and Lincoln laid the wreath on behalf of the school. Eliza also attended the



Dawn Service. We have been busy preparing a large variety of art for our Exhibition. We are participating in Operation Art which supports children stuck in Westmead Children's Hospital through illness. We have tried our best to make amazing, happy, colourful artwork to brighten their days. You can vote for the People's Choice artwork at school on the Variety Bash day (Wednesday 22 May).

NAPLAN Report by Nicholas

This week Jack and I are doing NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN measures aspects of Literacy and Numeracy. So far we have only completed our writing test. We had to write a narrative, even though we have been practicing persuasive writing techniques. The topic was "The Gate", which was an interesting topic to write about. This year most of the tests are online. It was a little bit tricky to type my narrative. Jack's writing wasn't online but all his other tests will be. We will be doing our Reading tests today as well and Language Conventions and Maths will be held on Thursday.



Cross Country By Jack

On Thursday 9th May, Ben, Nicholas, Lincoln and I went to Hay with Mrs Coleman to run the cross country. I ran 2 km with the 8 and 9 year old boys and I came second for Small Schools. Lincoln came fourth, Nick came second and Ben came first. After we had finished running, Mrs Coleman took us for a sneaky ice-cream ! The next day my legs were very sore.

April 25th is a special day

New Zealand are our allies

- Zigzagging across the battlefields
- Around the battlefields soldiers are dead and dying

Carrier birds do their jobs, sending messages from the front lines.

By Lincoln.



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Mother's Day gift making by Lylah

Last Super Friday we made pots for Mother's Day. We decorated pots with paint pen and paints. It was fun to make them. When the pots were finished we planted pigface or other succulents in them for our mums.



<mark>SUPER FRIDAYS</mark>

Friday 24th May Friday 7th June Friday 21st June Friday 5th July

Life Education by Anna and Eliza

On Thursday 2nd May, Healthy Harold came to our school. The boys went first because they needed more time in their lesson. They learned all about smoking. There are 4000 chemicals in a cigarette! When it was our turn to go to Healthy Harold we learned what we needed to do if there is an emergency like the number to call, to say if we needed Police, Fire or Ambulance. We learned how to tell if it was a big emergency or a small emergency.

Healthy Harold drew a picture with us. Eliza got to put the crayons in Harold's mouth and he drew a picture of birds flying in the blue sky. Harold wanted to try to put all of the crayons into his mouth at once but they didn't fit and he spat them all out!



Please pop into the school on Wednesday 22nd May where our entries for Operation Art can be viewed and voted upon for the People's Choice award during the Variety Bash.





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

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.





In May the **NSW Variety Bash** will be passing through Carrathool for lunch. Feeding 300 plus people will be no mean feat and we are asking for as many <u>volunteers</u> from the community of Carrathool as possible. Please contact the school or a parent from the school if you are able to assist.