

Peppercorn Press



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Term 4 Week 7

Thursday 26 November 2020



Students from Carrathool, Booligal & SOTA
Before their performance at Griffith Regional Theatre

Term 4

Super Fridays

Wk 8 - 4 December

Swimming School

Week 8 Monday 30 Nov -

Week 9 Friday 11 Dec

Presentation Night

Wk 10 - Tuesday 15 Dec

Last Day Term 4 (Students)

Wk 10 - Wednesday 16 Dec

Principal's Report

Covid-19 has meant our students have missed the majority of activities usually experienced throughout the year. We were fortunate to be able to participate in a trip to the **theatre** in Griffith this week and all thoroughly enjoyed "The 91 Storey Treehouse", based on the text written by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. We also enjoyed a visit to Il Corso for lunch and the company of our friends from Booligal PS and Hay SOTA. Once again, students were a delight to be associated with, displaying perfect manners and consideration for others during our excursion. Please read the reports written by the students.

The annual **Presentation Night** will be held on Tuesday 15 December, with some Covid-19 restrictions in place for public safety. At this stage some restrictions are: family groups may sit together but there must be 4 square metres between groups. Our official guests need to be kept to a minimum and we are unable to provide food. All potential visitors will need to RSVP so we do not exceed the 4 square metre rule and provide contact details prior to being seated. Apart from these changes, students are working hard to provide some great entertainment!

Plans are currently underway for 2021, sourcing resources and staffing to provide the best possible educational experiences for our students. It is most important to let the school know of any students who are likely to enrol at Carrathool Public School in 2021 as soon as possible so resources can be finalised.

Schools across NSW are entering the new School Plan phase which will span over the course of four years (2021-2024). Carrathool PS will have two Strategic Directions, "Student Growth and Attainment", mandatory for all schools focusing on Literacy and Numeracy and "Wellbeing", focusing on developing engaged and resilient learners. Last week four unsafe peppercorn trees were removed from the playground. As other aging trees become dangerous, they too will be removed. We are seeking community input as to which types of fast growing, shady trees are most suitable to our warm and windy Carrathool environment. Any suggestions prior to planting next Autumn will be gratefully received.

In Weeks 8 and 9 our students will be participating in Swimming Lessons at the Hay Swimming pool. Learning to swim is a vital skill, one that could potentially save your life. Students are very fortunate to participate in free swimming lessons at a free Olympic sized pool. Students will need to bring swimmers, rashy, goggles (optional), towel and sunscreen daily.

Have a great week,

Mary-Ann Headon
Principal

Students in Years 4-6 have been reading "War Horse" by Michael Morpurgo and have conducted research into animals used in warfare. Their information reports provide insight into the services provided by a variety of animals.

Animals in Warfare

Many animals were used in WW1. Both the German and the Allied armies used animals such as pigeons, horses, dogs and many more. One of the little known animals used in the war was the canary.

Both the German army and the Allies used the canary. They used them to detect the gas in the trenches as the canary is 15 times more sensitive to gas than people.

You would know if there was gas because the canary's heart rate would go up and you could see the canary shaking. The British cut the nails off of the canaries so when the canary detected the gas it would not be able to hang on and would fall off its perch.

The British army left 2 or 3 canaries at each rescue station in their tunnel systems so if soldiers were stuck in the tunnels rescuers could check for gas before attempting the rescue. Once canaries had been exposed to gas three times they were retired from duty and became pets for the officers.

In the newspapers they often spoke of brave animals in war. One story spoke of a canary named Dick who never failed to detect the gas when he was down in the tunnels. He would always get back up after falling off his perch.

Canaries were one of the most important animals in WW1 and saved a lot of lives.

By Jack Sheen



Pigeons in WWI & WWII

Throughout WWI and WWII many animals were used like cats, dogs, canaries, horses, donkeys, mules and sometimes even elephants. In World War I there were over 16 million animals that survived suffered and died. One of the most useful animals were homing pigeons.

The Allied forces used 100,000 homing pigeons during World War I. It was shocking how many pigeons were made to suffer or die to deliver the messages between battalions. It was amazing to see how many missions failed and how many were very successful.

They used homing pigeons because wherever you took them, they would always fly back to their homes. The Soldiers who carried the homing pigeons would get a little piece of paper, write what they needed to write, then they would fold the little piece of paper. They put it in this little piece of steel that was harnessed to the homing pigeon so they would put it in the steel and close the cap. Then they would let the pigeon go or let it out of the cage / pigeon carrier to let them deliver the message.

During war time, animals are awarded the Dickins Medal for Animal Bravery, similar to people being awarded the Victoria Cross. The blue bar cock pigeon N0139 was awarded the Dicken medal for Animal Bravery for his bravery after he flew through a very severe tropical storm near Madang, New Guinea on the 12 of July in 1945. We can only imagine how scary and how hard it would have been to fly through that tropical storm.

They stopped using homing pigeons because they were carrying too many diseases and also because they kept getting shot down so both sides knew each other's every move and where and when they were going to attack.

So that is why pigeons were so important during the wars. Without the pigeons we would have lost so many more lives, so many more good lives, so many more Allies lives.

By Nicholas Sheen

Griffith and the play

Yesterday we went to Griffith and we had lunch at the Il Corso. I was so hungry. I had mushroom pizza and Nick did too. Lots of other people like Booligal and Hay SOTA and other schools came. I ate 6 and a half pieces and after lunch we went to the theatre to watch the 91-Storey Treehouse. It was very funny and the funniest part was when Terry wanted to press the big red button. There was nothing, until BOOM, all the balloons came out at the end.

By Reef

The 91 Storey Treehouse

On Tuesday 25th of November 2020 we went to Griffith to watch the play "The 91 storey treehouse." Before we went to the theatre we went to have pizza in IL Corso. We had jumbo pizzas and they were so delicious. When we were all full of pizza, we left to go to the theatre. Mrs Headon was not allowed in to watch it with us as seats were limited. At the beginning of "The 91 storey treehouse" it scared me because it said if we hear the noise of a phone ringing this will happen "Smash, Boom, bang!!! ". I jumped out of my seat I was that frightened. Eliza and Mary did it too. It was really fun at the end because Terry always wanted to push the big red button then at the end they all pushed it.

By Lylah

On Tuesday the 24th we went to The 91-Story Treehouse play in Griffith but we didn't go there straight away. First we went to Il Corso and had a PIZZA PARTY!!

We ordered 4 jumbos pizzas.

1. Hawaiian with delicious pineapple,
2. Meatlovers with the meaty meat,
3. Pepperoni with its spicy pepperoni (though everyone said it wasn't spicy, it actually was a little bit spicy for me)
4. BBQ chicken but it had mushrooms, chicken and BBQ sauce. I didn't eat it but Reef ate 3 pieces of it!!

I ate 5 pieces of Hawaiian, Nick had 6 pieces, Reef got a total of 7, Jack had 4 or 5 he can't remember, Lylah had 5 pieces, Mary had 3 pieces and Emily had 4 pieces. I was very surprised a 6 year old ate more than an 11 year old. When everyone had finished we left and headed to the theatre to watch The 91-Storey Treehouse play.

The End.

By Eliza



Animals in War

During the wars animals sent to assist the man in both sides. The horse, Dogs and Donkeys were common in wars. Cats were not common in the wars but they saved lives.

Cats were used by the navy to control rats and mice on the ships as the rats and mice would chew through ropes, eat supplies and spread diseases. Another important job for the cats was to kill rats, mice and vermin in the trenches to stop spread of disease caused by all the dead men in the trenches. .500, 000 cats served the French in WW1 .Cats were also used as mascots and companions for man in World War 1.

There are many stories about cats in WW1. One story is about a French cat called Pitouchi who was a mascot to a French battalion. A French soldier was lying in a trench drawing when the German army walked past. The French soldier didn't realise there were more Germans going passed his hole. One German thought he saw a person in the bushes and he was going to shoot then this cat jumped in front of the German. He missed the shot but didn't worry about reloading to shoot a cat. If it wasn't for Pitouchi the French man would have died.

Another story is about a cat nicknamed Unsinkable Sam. Sam was rescued by the British ship "Cossack" when they sank the German ship the "Bismarck. A few months later "Cossack" was sunk and Sam was rescued again. This time he went on the aircraft carrier "Ark Royal". When eventually this ship sank, Unsinkable Sam was again rescued. This time he was sent to live with a battalion at Gibraltar and eventually was sent back to England.

Only one cat received the Dickin Medal for Animal Bravery. His name was Simon and he served on HMS Amethyst. Simon was wounded by a shell. He was awarded the medal after he died.

Cats were very important animals as they served in World War 1 in the trenches and in the Navy. Today Naval ships do not allow cats aboard and use other ways to prevent vermin.

By Mary Serukalou.

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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CARRATHOOL SPORTS CLUB

ALL WELCOME

Carrathool Sports Club

Meeting

When: Last Sunday of every month

Where: Carrathool Hall

Time: 10am



OFFICE OF SPORT

**CLAIM TWO
\$100 ACTIVE
KIDS VOUCHERS**

All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for two \$100 Active Kids vouchers. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. Voucher one is valid January to December and voucher two is valid July to December. After 1 July 2019, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

How to claim your vouchers



1 Visit service.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account



2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab

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3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)



4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for terms & conditions and FAQs

How to use your vouchers

1 Find a provider by visiting our website: sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids

2 Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number

*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab



Sports Club Xmas Party

Where:

Carrathool Sports Club

When:

Saturday 5 December 2020

Time: 1pm

**Santa
arrives at
2:30pm**



For more information please call Theresa on 0427 576 726



Presents to the value of \$20
(to be bought by parents)



You are invited to

**CARRATHOOL
PUBLIC SCHOOL
Presentation Night**

**Tuesday 15th
December 2020
6pm - 7:30pm**

**Carrathool
Hall**
Glover St, Carrathool

Due to COVID restrictions, we are UNABLE to provide supper this year.

RSVP to

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