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Term 4 Week 9

Tuesday 8 December 2020



Carrathool Public School 2020

Term 4

Presentation Night

Wk 10 - Tuesday 15 Dec

Last Day Term 4 (Students)

Wk 10 - Wednesday 16 Dec

2021 Term 1

Staff Only - Wednesday 27 Jan

Thursday 28 Jan

Students start - Friday 29 Jan

Term 1

Friday 29 Jan - Thursday 1 April

Principal's Report

What a year it has been for us all! There have been many changes, reorganisations, omissions (think of the lack of excursions and incursions) and exclusions. Despite these challenges, students have displayed great resilience, showing a "just get on with it" attitude that will be of tremendous benefit in years to come. I am very proud of the input all have had to their learning.

2021 should be a year of learning consolidation for our students. Staffing will remain the same as it is in 2020, with Ms Sue Furner continuing to teach three days per week and Mrs Bev Headon one day each week. We will continue to utilise our pool of great SLSOs, Mrs Mary Gilbert, Mrs Lynne Anstice and Mrs Vicki Rawle. Our all-knowing SAM, Mrs Sharyn Headon, will provide direction in our office. Our grounds will be beautifully maintained by Mr Keith Warner and Mrs Alison Keen will keep the fluff from our carpet and those nasty germs at bay.

We say farewell to our Year 6 student and School Captain, Nicholas Sheen. Nick has been a terrific ambassador for our school and we all wish him the very best for the next phase of his learning.

Students have been enjoying one final challenge for the year—Swim School! All realise the importance of being able to swim confidently and competently and are striving to improve their skills. We are very fortunate to be able to include all our students in these lessons as other schools

throughout NSW provide lessons to students in Year 2, 3 and 4. The small group instruction also provides lessons on safety as well as skills development, giving students vital life skills. Thank you to Hay PS for their organisation and for allowing Carrathool students to benefit from these lessons.

As the year winds down, teachers have undertaken assessment tasks in preparation for the end of year reports. Classrooms have been busy places with all students being assessed on the outcomes that they have been expected to achieve throughout the year. Assessment has taken the form of class tests, standardised tests, ongoing work samples and informal and formal observations. Reports will go home on Tuesday 15 December.

We will celebrate student achievements at our annual Presentation Night on Tuesday 15 December at 6pm in the Carrathool Hall. Students will showcase their artistic abilities with ukulele playing, singing, dancing and acting all at the forefront. All are welcome to attend.

Merry Christmas to you all,

Mary-Ann Headon
Principal

TO HONEST TOIL AND VALIANT LIFE

Farewell and Good Luck

2020

The year that was!

Nicholas Sheen, or Nick as he is known to his friends, has been a valued member of Carrathool Public School for 3 years. While he is friends with all at CPS (and quite a few at Booligal, Hay SOTA and Hay PS too), he counts Eliza, Mary and Emily as those he really likes to work with. Nicholas enjoys tennis, rugby, shooting, art, maths, music and writing but textiles is something he would rather avoid. Art is his favourite school subject and while he enjoys writing, English is perhaps his least favourite subject. When Nicholas goes to high school in 2021 he is looking forward to learning different styles in art, expanding his knowledge and skills in music and meeting many new people. He is also looking forward to not sharing a classroom with his brother and sister any more! In ten years time Nick sees himself working as an aeronautical engineer in Townsville where there are plenty of fish!



My favourite thing this year was going to the different museums in Hay at the end of Term 3. I enjoyed Shear Outback but the best one was the Hay Gaol. The exhibits were interesting and there were lots of things there that came from Toganmain where I live.

By Jack.



My favourite subject at school in 2020 has been maths. We have maths lessons every day and Lylah, Eliza, Reef and Jack are in my maths group. I especially like addition of five digit numbers with trading.

By Anna

My favourite thing to do at school is swimming lessons in Hay at the pool. It makes me feel proud inside because I am happy with what my teacher has taught me.

By Emily



My favourite subject at school is CAPA (Creative and Performing Art) which is art, music and drama. I absolutely love drama and acting. I love painting and music too and try to do it everyday at school or at home. I like to express emotions like sadness or happiness. Drama makes me happy.

By Eliza



My favourite book this year has been Tom Appleby, Convict Boy by Jackie French. We read Tom Appleby in Term 3 when we were studying early Australian history. It's about a young boy who was only 8 when he was shipped off to Australia for stealing a handkerchief and a few coins when he was working as a chimney sweep. The book tells us about his life as a convict and how he overcomes his hardships to be a wealthy land owner at the end of his life.

By Nicholas



I loved going to the theatre in Griffith a few weeks ago to see The 91 Storey Treehouse. We went with our friends from Booligal and Hay SOTA. We all shared pizza for lunch before we went to the theatre.

By Lylah



My favourite visit was to the Hay Gaol. We played in the park next to the gaol before we went inside. I kept saying "Look at that!" The part I liked the best was the cell where all the weapons were kept. I also liked all the old cars.

By Reef

At school I love using the computer to play Mathletics. Mathletics has all the different strands of maths like addition, length and 2D space but my favourite game is multiplication. I love the game because I am very good at multiplication and solving multiplication problems.

By Mary



See you in 2021



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.

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