# **Peppercorn Press**



Carrathool Public School

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Term 2 Week 7





# School Holidays Monday 6 July to Friday 17 July

# Term 3 Staff resume:

Monday 20 July

#### Students resume:

Tuesday 21 July

### **Principal's Report**

The enthusiasm and motivation of students at Carrathool Public School continually amazes staff. Last week students were required to present their reports on their chosen explorer, as part of the History Unit "Great Journeys" completed during Home Schooling time. Students presented their information in a variety of ways ranging from power point presentations to posters to scrolls and models. I learned many new facts about Marco Polo and my knowledge of Nicolas Baudin has increased greatly. A huge congratulations to all students involved.

We have been fortunate to utilise the coaching services of tennis coach, Stuart Callaghan. As Tennis is a socially distant sport, it is one of the few instances where visiting staff are permitted. Stuart will be visiting Carrathool Public School on Mondays until the end of the term.

Covid-19 restrictions in schools are beginning to ease, in line with health advice, and from Monday 15 June students will be able to enjoy incursions from music teachers and healthy Harold, day trips

where social distancing may be maintained and school photos. Next term will see the reintroduction of interschool sport, and public speaking competitions, P&C meetings and parent-teacher meetings. Activities still under consideration for Term 3 include excursions and school camps, parent attendance at assemblies and parent volunteers in the classroom, At Carrathool Public School we continue to frequently wash and sanitise our hands, our school enjoys extra daily cleaning of all high touch areas and adults remain physically distant.

Semester 1 reports for schools in NSW will be modified in 2020 as students have spent 40% of the semester learning at home. There will be no A-E reporting scale and will reflect both learning at school and learning at home and will be focused on outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The report will go out to parents / carers at the commencement of Term 3.

Have a great week,

Mary-Ann Headon Principal

#### **CAPTAIN'S REPORT - By Nicholas**

The weeks have been hectic since we returned to school after the COVID-19 isolation. We have started tennis coaching with Stuart Callaghan on Mondays and Zoom lessons with our ukes on Fridays. We held Pirate Day in Week 5 and participated in many fun activities like a Treasure Hunt and making treasure map pizzas. We also spoke like pirates and found out our pirate names. Mine was Cutlass Swamp Jam deBois. It was pretty funny hear some of the other students names.

At the beginning of the term when we were doing home school, we started learning about explorers. We presented reports on our chosen explorer last Thursday. Some students made power point presentations, some wrote their information on cardboard or on a scroll and some made dioramas about their explorer. One student even dressed up like Captain Cook. We learnt a lot from the presentations.



#### **Explorers**

My explorer was called Marco Polo. Marco Polo was just a young boy when he left home at the age of 17 to explore the world.

He travelled the Silk Road to China and stayed there for many years. He taught the Chinese how to make gun powder and fire crackers. He learned how to speak Chinese and dressed like the Chinese too. I made a diorama with my friends Eliza and Mary.

By Lylah



Ukulele By Jack.

Two weeks ago we started Ukulele Zoom meetings with Chris. We have been concentrating on a few new songs like

Mamma Mia, Brown Eyed Girl, Run to Paradise and a few easier songs for the Kinder and Year 5 girls, Emily and Mary. Learning ukulele through Zoom is a bit hard

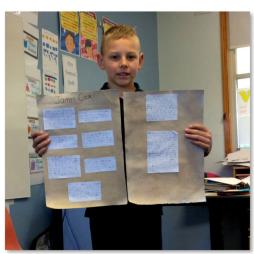


because it takes a few seconds for Chris's voice to come through, which makes it hard to play in a group so Year 4 and Year 6 students take it in turns to lead the group.

My explorer was James Cook. He was born in 1761 in England and died in Hawaii in 1779. He travelled in the Endeavour to Australia (or Terra Australia) in 1770 as he was charting the path of the planet Venus. He not only claimed Australia for the British King but discovered Tonga, Easter Island and New Caledonia. He also explored Hawaii, also called the

Sandwich
Islands. I
presented my
project as a
scroll. I
enjoyed
researching
about James
Cook.

By Nicholas



#### **Pirate Day**

We held Pirate Day on Thursday 28 May. One activity I really enjoyed was the Treasure Hunt. Mrs Headon drew a map of the classroom on grid paper We had to pick a partner to design clues for another team to follow around the classroom, using grid references or co-ordinates to find the treasure. My partner was Eliza. When it was time for Eliza and I to follow another team's clues, we worked together to read the co-ordinates and follow their path to find where they had placed their treasure. We found the treasure! It was chocolates!

#### By Mary



We made a treasure map from a pizza. We used ham, cheese and pineapple. It was a good pizza.

#### By Emily



#### Bird Feeders

On Friday we made bird feeders as part of World Environment Day. If you would like to make them please follow this procedure.

Materials

Bird seed, gelatine, hot water, bowl, cookie cutters

Method

I .Grab a bowl and tip I sachet of gelatine into it .



2. Add half a cup of hot water.

3. Mix the gelatine and hot water until dissolved.

4.Add 3/4 cup of bird seed to the gelatine mix and mix thoroughly.

5. Put the bird seed mix into the cookie cutters and press down firmly. Put them in the fridge to set.

6. Remove bird seed mix from the cookie cutters. Poke a needle and thread through the centre of the shape so you can tie it to a tree.

By Eliza

On Friday we made bird feeders. I made a pine cone feeder for the birds. We used pine cones, peanut butter and wild bird seed. We covered the pine cone in peanut butter then rolled it in the bird seed. We tied string around the middle of the pine cone. We went outside to pick a tree to hang the pine cone in. We will have to wait a few days until we see birds eating the bird seed from our pine cones.

By 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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## Your mental health and wellbeing

Your mental wellbeing is important. If you're feeling anxious or stressed, you're not alone. There are services that can support you through these difficult times.



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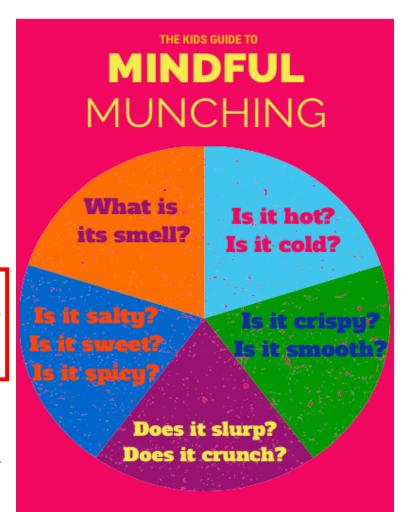








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#### How to claim your vouchers









Visit service.nsw.gov.a and login to your MyServiceNSW 2 Click on the Active Kids Icon found in your SERVICI

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



How to use your youchers





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