

# Peppercorn Press



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Term 1 Week 10

Thursday 31st March 2022



## Ballarat Excursion

### Principal's Report

Students and staff of Carrathool Public School had a wonderful time during our recent excursion to Ballarat. We panned for gold, made candles, had a carriage ride, went underground, went to school, bowled, watched the Aura show at night, visited the Bendigo Discovery Centre and the Eureka museum (where all of the children bumped their heads on the glass case protecting the Eureka flag. So funny!!), watched a lolly making demonstration, ate many lolly pops, caught up with Jack and Lylah and had a midnight feast or two! Not much sleep was had over the two days but many memories of our final excursion together were made. I must commend the parents and carers of our students as manners and consideration for others are strong aspects of our students' personalities. A huge thank you to Mrs Vicki Rawle and Ms Sue Furner who gave up their time to support our students during this excursion.

Next week will be the final week of school at Carrathool PS before we go into recess. Please join us for a **Presentation Day at school next Wednesday 6th April at 2pm** to commemorate our students' successes. Our school will also visit Altina Wildlife Park on Thursday 7 April.

#### 1st April

Super Friday

#### 6th April

Presentation Day

#### April 7

Altina Wildlife Excursion

#### 8th April

Last Day of Term

#### 18th April

Easter Sunday

#### 25th April

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Expressions of interest are being sought for K-6 enrolments at Carrathool Public School for the **2023 and 2024 school years**. Please contact Sandra Miller via email [Sandra.miller1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Sandra.miller1@det.nsw.edu.au) or by phoning 6961 8111 to lodge your interest

ANZAC Day is commemorated on **Monday April 25 2022, the very beginning of Term 2**. I encourage all students of any school in the district to attend the very moving dawn service at the Carrathool cenotaph. Paying our respects to those who represent our country, past, present and future, for the sacrifices they made and make is the least we can do. Carrathool has a very rich history of service men and women.

Have a great week,  
Mary-Ann Headon  
Principal

TO HONEST TOIL AND VALIANT LIFE

## Bendigo Discovery Centre by Anna

After lunch in a park in Bendigo we went to the Discovery Centre. A guide showed us all around the Leonardo Da Vinci exhibition. Leonardo was not only a famous artist but an inventor too. When Leonardo was an apprentice, he worked on a painting with his employer. The paints he used made the picture look three dimensional and his artwork looked much better than his employers. The guide also told us about his inventions. One invention that he may have done was the bicycle. A sketch of a bike was found on the back of one of Leonardo's papers. Some people think Leonardo drew the design, some think his apprentice drew it. We may never know....



After exploring the exhibition we did a workshop with a guide named Cody. It was all about designing things that would fly in a wind tunnel. We had 3 pieces of paper and we had to fold them into something that might fly. Most of us were successful with designs, others had to go back to the drawing board. We were then given materials to make a parachute prototype. The design had to hover in the wind tunnel for 10 seconds. Some designs hovered for more than that time.



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Next was a visit to the Planetarium. Cody spoke about the planets and the constellations in the sky as we lay in beanbags on the floor watching the images on the roof.



Then it was time for the drop slide! First we had to get into overalls to protect our skin from friction burns on the slide. We were led up what seemed like

millions of stairs to get to the platform of the 7 metre drop. Some of us were too scared to go down the slide and had to go back down but I went down once. Others dropped many times. It was scary but fun!

## Sovereign Hill By Reef Alchin

When we went to Sovereign Hill, there were lots of things to see and do. We started with the blacksmith. He taught us how to make hammers, horse shoes and many other things that are made of steel.



We walked down 54 steps to be underground in the Red Hill mine. I was so, so scared! We heard voices and that was scary too (They were only recorded voices of people pretending to be miners from long ago.) There was a loud BANG and I jumped behind Jack's back. The bang was blasting that revealed the Welcome Nugget that was found in Ballarat. Later when there were stairs, I fell in love and saw light! I felt sad to be leaving the mine, even though it was scary.

After the gold pour demonstration we were meant to be going into the school BUT THEN we saw the Marching soldiers. We ran to the giant crowd and the Commander said "You might want to block your ears." Most of us did. BANG 1, BANG 2, BANG 3. Oh no, I had accidentally uncovered my ears! Ow!



Other activities we did were 10 pin bowling, a Carriage ride, Candle making, watching a lolly making demonstration and last, but not least panning for gold. I found a nugget but unfortunately I dropped it. I was so sad.



## Sovereign Hill Report By Emily Rawle

We went to Sovereign Hill and saw some really interesting things being made.

Some men showed us how to make lollies and it was so cool. They put the melted sugar into a special machine to make raspberry drops.



Candle making was so much fun. We got to dip our candles into very hot coloured wax.



If you dipped your candle twice in different colours, it made a new colour.

Anna had gold fever down at the creek! I helped her rock the Californian Cradle. We got wet but we found gold! I had an amazing time at Sovereign Hill.



Ms Furner's favourite part of the excursion—meeting Costa!

## Aura Show By Eliza Rawle

After spending all day at Sovereign Hill, Carrathool PS went to the Aura night show at 8.30pm. The Aura show was held at Sovereign Hill too and we had to travel through Sovereign Hill by special buses to get to each section of the show.

There were three different parts to the Aura show. The first part was probably everyone's favourite—the 3D show. The 3D show was held in a theatre and told us all about the formation of the Earth and meteors and, of course, gold. It was so cool. Meteors came shooting right at us as we sat



in our seats wearing our 3D glasses. Volcanoes erupted on us and shooting stars whizzed past our heads. We saw how gold was formed in 3D.

The second section was held outside in an amphitheatre and told us all about the Aboriginal people and their perspective on gold. It told us about the formation of the first men and women out of clay and rock and river mud by the eagle spirits and ancestors.

The final part was held both indoors (audience) and outdoors (the scene.) and depicted life on the goldfields in 1854 and the circumstances leading to the Eureka Stockade and the development of democracy in Australia. Everyone's favourite bit was when the miners burnt the Eureka Hotel down. This happened because the miner Scobie was drunk and the hotel owner, Bentley, wouldn't let him in. From diary entries and other information such as



an 11 year old boy's eye witness account, we think Bentley murdered Scobie by hitting him with a shovel. Bentley got off the murder charge and so the other miners burnt down the hotel. The miners were fed up with the mean troopers and police, poor living conditions, the expensive licences and Bentley being let off. All these things contributed to the beginning of the Eureka Stockade and democracy for all Australians, not just the rich.





**Our kitchen garden will become  
CARRATHOOL COMMUNITY  
GARDEN**

**Please use our garden beds and  
watering system to grow your  
own vegetables**



## **OLD BATTERIES WANTED**

**Coonara Farming are collecting old  
batteries with all monies raised going  
to Country Hope.**

**If you have any old batteries that can  
be donated please drop off at the  
Carrathool Pub.**



**country  
hope**

**Carrathool Public School  
Presentation Day  
Wednesday 6 April  
2pm  
At school  
All welcome**

**Japanese encephalitis virus has  
been detected in Australia**

Protect yourself by taking some simple steps to avoid being  
bitten by mosquitos:



**Cover up**



**Use insect repellent**



**Use a screen or net**

Seek urgent health advice if you think you may be infected with Japanese encephalitis virus

**HAY PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**Spooktacular Fete**  
FRIDAY 1 APRIL 2022  
VENUE: HAY PUBLIC SCHOOL  
FUN BEGINS AT 4PM

**PETTING ENCLOSURE** **FOOD STALLS** **HAUNTED HOUSE**  
**JUMPING CASTLES** **HORSE RIDES** **LASER TAG** **DONUTS** **ROLLER RACERS**  
**SAND ART** **HOT DOGS** **SLIDE**

A GREAT SPOOKY THEMED NIGHT FULL OF FUN AND EXCITEMENT.

*lest we forget*  
**ANZAC DAY**  
**25 APRIL**



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