Principal’s Report

It has only been a week since our last newsletter but we’ve had too many exciting events happening to wait another week! Firstly, congratulations to our senior students on participating in the local swimming carnival in Hay. It was terrific to see students giving their all.

Congratulations to Archie, Harry, Chloe and Sam who have all qualified to attend the Regional Swimming Carnival.

A big thank you to Belinda Mulcahy and her band of helpers for initiating, organising and cooking pancakes for ‘Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday’. As you can read in the students accounts, the pancakes were delicious!

Mrs Headon and all of the students recently participated in ANZAC commemorations at Hay. They creatively made chooks and clay images of themselves to add to a large clay mural representing local people that went to war one hundred years ago. In addition to the art activities, the children were keen to share their tales of what they encountered in the Hay War Memorial High School Museum.

Thank you to Miss Lee Chin for organising the day, parents for providing transport and Mrs Headon for being the teacher on the day!

Since our last newsletter, Carrathool Public School has hosted the mobile Library van for the community again. We are grateful to have its services and the students eagerly borrow from the van each visit.

Coming up we have special (pub) lunch tomorrow (which the students all love), Cheyenne’s birthday on Friday and Archie’s birthday next Tuesday. Next Thursday we have ‘Clean up Australia Day at school’ and ‘Positive Behaviour Reward Afternoon’.

Stay tuned for more information on the Premier’s Reading Challenge (due to start on 2 March) and outcomes of the Regional Swimming Carnival (Friday 27 February).

Leanne Hedt,
Relieving Principal
School Captain’s Report
This week we are having pub lunch and today we had pancakes. Mrs Mulcahy cooked the most delicious pancakes ever! Shrove Tuesday is to celebrate 40 days until Easter. We are also very excited to inform everyone that myself, Sam, Harry and Chloe qualified to go to District Swimming Carnival in Hay on the 27th February! Last Wednesday we all went to Hay High War Memorial High School to help make a mural for the 100th anniversary of the Anzac legend and it was a great fun!

Archie Ray,
School Captain

Guess who has got his Year 6 shirt???

Voluntary School Contributions
Schools operate much more effectively and provide a much-improved service to students with funds donated by parents in addition to that provided by the government and the P & C. Voluntary school contributions this year are:
$20 per child or
$30 per family

Thank you to those who have already paid.

BOOK CLUB
Please return your orders by this Friday, 20th February.

Recounts
Please enjoy some of the recounts the students have done over the past week!

Today we had pancakes. It was ‘Pancake Day’.
Firstly we put sunscreen on.
Secondly, we ate the pancakes.
It was fun!
By Kieya
Pancake Day
Firstly, I saw the nannies and Austin.
Secondly, we had pancakes! Mum cooked the pancakes!
Lastly I got 3 pancakes and I had a play on the equipment (and I didn’t have a hat).
I loved it!

By Charlotte
Nb: Charlotte was playing on the equipment in the shade!

Thank you Mrs Mulcahy! You made the students very, very happy!

Shrove Tuesday
Today Mrs Mulcahy made pancakes for the school, because it’s forty days until Easter.

Initially, we put sunscreen on in the library. Then we sat down to get pancakes and a topping of our choice.

Then we all ate them outside at the table. After that we played a bit in the playground.

After a few minutes we were allowed some more pancakes with some maple syrup.

Today ‘Pancake Day’ was amazing. I hope we do it again next year!

By Archie

On Tuesday the 17th February, Carrathool School had ‘Pancake Day’ otherwise known as ‘Shrove Tuesday’. Mrs Mulcahy came in and cooked lovely, tasteful pancakes for us.

Initially we went to the library and put some sunscreen on and waited patiently on the floor. We got called up one by one. I had maple syrup and ice cream with my pancake. Then we went outside and ate them! They were so delicious and so sweet!

Later, after that, we all had a couple more, but I had one and a half. They were really nice! Chloe and Charlotte are lucky to have a mum like Mrs Mulcahy, getting up to eat pancakes like that. Mmm!

Finally we were all finished. We washed our hands and said thank you to Mrs Mulcahy,

Thank you very much for our lovely recess. The pancakes were so, so relaxing and yummy!

Thank you for your beautiful commitment and kindness.

By Cheyenne

Absolutely scrumdiddelyumptious!

Barrel Racing Weekend
Last weekend the Hay Rodeo was on and I went. I went in it and I got 23 seconds in the Barrel Race. I was scared that my horse would run into the fence.

It was a muggy day. I felt nervous and excited. I had adrenalin running through me. I even saw Dean there!

Hay Rodeo was a magnificent day!

By Harry

Last Wednesday, the whole school went to the Hay High School Museum for an excursion.
We made chickens out of clay and then we went home.

By Charlotte
Yesterday afternoon, Carrathool Public School, went to Hay War Memorial High School, to help make a mural for the 100th anniversary of the Anzac landings at Gallipoli. When we got there we all met at the front door. Then we went into the museum. It was amazing! They had cabinets with some old memorabilia in them. One of them had two canes and a punishment book, another had the school uniform (at the time) in it, and another had the war rifles used in the war.

Then we went out to the playground, then up some steps to the art room. We lined up and were given art smocks. We met Miss Lee Chin and then started our art. We started with making a classroom; we built doors, a roof, walls and windows. Then we all made a chook each. After that we made replicas of ourselves. I made myself in a cap and singlet and shorts. Then put it together. It was a great afternoon.

By Archie

Clean up Australia Day at School

On Friday 27th February, we will be cleaning up the school playgrounds and nearby environment. Children will be provided with rubber gloves and may wear casual clothes on this day. Appropriate footwear (sandshoes/joggers) needs to be worn on this day.

P & C News

The P & C have agreed to continue monthly raffles at the Carrathool Hotel. Next raffle will be held on Friday 27th February. Two meat trays will be on offer!

Fruit Break

Great to see children bringing their fruit, almost every day! Fruit and vegetables are so nutritious and are full of vitamins and minerals and fibre. They can be fun to eat too!

Canteen

Canteen will continue on Fridays this year by the SRC. Children may purchase two items @ 50¢ each. Items will be donated by parents on a fortnightly basis. Suggested donations are chips, fruit juice, flavoured milk, yoghurt, ice blocks, cakes, popcorn etc. Home cooked produce is also very welcome!

Current Roster:

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Funds raised are usually donated once a term to a charity the SRC chooses.

Charlotte busy writing her recount!

Community News

If you need community notices advertised in our newsletter please ring the school or fax your notice to the following numbers:

Phone 69 935 143
Fax 69 935 002

Carrathool Combined Sports Club (incorporating Hall Committee) would like to advise that their meetings are held on the last Sunday of the month at 10 am.

Next Meeting will be held on:

Sunday 22nd February, at 10.00 am.

All Welcome
The School Rewards Programme from The Athletes Foot Griffith donates $5 from every pair of shoes purchased back to our school.

With a shoe expertly fitted by one of The Athletes Foot Fit Technicians and Fitzi (latest computer fit analysis), your child will have the right support and cushioning for all the school activities and sports they take part in every day.

The Athletes Foot stock a wide range of Ascent and Clarks school shoes and sports shoes to ensure there are options for everyone. Even better, $5, from every shoe purchase is donated back to our school. This applies to your whole family across their entire range of school, sport, work and casual shoes.

For more information about the programme please phone The Athletes Foot Griffith on 02 6964 2231

Goolgowi 6 – A- Side

Cricket – League tag – Beach Volleyball

Goolgowi Recreation Ground
Sat 14 March (9:30 start)

In order to raise funds for repairs on amenities!

Team registration & draw finalised Friday night - 13 March at Goolgowi Exies
(you cannot register on the day)
9:30 start Saturday
Prizes for best team on the day
& best uniform/costume

Player Fees: $10 Adults $5 Students
BBQ/Canteen all day

Tennis Competition (numbers permitting)

Afterwards at Royal Mail Hotel
Team Registrations can be made now by calling
0434 292 710

Newsletter Briefs

Friendships to boost your child’s learning

If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.

Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school

A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.

Speech problems

All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?

Nicholas working on his recount
Art

In Art students have investigated the dimensions of a face and have been drawings self-portraits. The depicted pictures are half a coloured photo and the other half is the students wonderful coloured pencil drawing!

Vale

Rest in peace ‘Captain Pecker’

Loved by all students and staff
At Carrathool Public School
Passed away (reluctantly)
Sunday 15 February

We will miss your eggs!
(but not just the eggs, you meant a lot more to us than that!)

Thanks for being our friend.....