Principal’s Report

Week 6 of Term 1 already! Time really does fly! We have had an amazing start to the term with everyone working consistently well. This Thursday we will welcome a new student to our school. Rhett is in Kindergarten and we are looking very forward to him joining us.

Congratulations to Sam Merrylees, for representing our school at the District Swimming Carnival at Hay last Friday. Chloe, Archie and Harry also qualified, but unfortunately, due to illness and family commitments, they were unable to attend. Sam did very well and we are very proud of him.

Premier’s Reading Challenge started on Monday 2nd March. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Students in K-2 have to read 30 books, students in 3-4 and 5-6 have to read 20 books. All students can choose 5 books of their own choice. The challenge finishes on 21st August, 2015. Good luck everyone!

We are looking to Mr Peter Eastwell hosting the Science Day on Wednesday 11th March. Mr Eastwell has been here before and explains Science in the simplest of terms. He has great experiments which the children are sure to enjoy.

From time to time, we are fortunate to have specialists from Deniliquin visit our school to assist teachers in developing and implementing new learning techniques in line with our school goal of having individualised learning programs.

To close I would like to say how proud I was of the students on ‘Clean Up Australia Day’. They collected a lot of rubbish from the school and surrounding environment. Keep the great work up at home everyone!

Leanne Hedt,
Relieving Principal
Clean up Australia Day at School

Last Thursday we cleaned up the school and Lawrence Park and nearby environment for ‘Clean up Australia Day’. We filled six full bags of rubbish! Students absolutely loved cleaning up and have promised to do this at home every day from now on! See some of the student’s recounts later on in the newsletter about the day!

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.

Recounts and Acrostic Poems

Family Acrostic Poem

Cooking by Jason is yummy, but not that yummy,
Annoy mum is what I do,
Really like to play with Biankah’s dolls,
To play with Biankah is what mum does,
Everyone likes to watch T.V.
Really high is how Josh jumps on the trampoline!
By Kieya
My Holiday

My family went on holidays, even the nannies. We went to Batemans Bay. We went last week.

Firstly, we went to the shops and bought fish and nuggets and ice-blocks.

Then we went to a motel and we were room 212. We had dinner there. We then went to bed and snored... zzzzzzzz...

The next day we went to the surf beach and there were loads of people and loads of waves.

Then we went to the pool and it was very, very, very, very big.

I had loads of fun.
By Chloe Mulcahy

Carrathool Acrostic Poem

Cats everywhere,
Awesome,
Rad at the
River,
Amazing!
Tents in the outback,
Horse riders in town,
Old woolshed,
Outback,
Land
By Nicholas

Australia Acrostic Poem

Australia,
United,
South Australia,
Testing our abilities in Australia.
Rainy days in Australia,
Amazement at everyplace you go in Australia!
Life in Australia,
I love Australia in the outback!
Aussie Australia.
By Cheyenne

Clean up Australia Day

Yesterday we cleaned up Carrathool School and our community.

Firstly, Mrs Hedt gave us some gloves and a bag each.
Secondly we cleaned the school and all the way to the pub.
Lastly we cleaned near the road and then we went back to school.
I loved it.
By Ben

P & C News

Congratulations to Dave Weymouth and Denise McClure who were lucky enough to win a meat tray each last Friday night.
Our next raffle will be held on Friday 20th March. Thank you to everyone who supported us on the night.
Next P & C meeting has been changed from Wednesday 11th March to Friday 13th March, because of the Science Day on Wednesday. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.
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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Thank you to the Carter family for your generous donation of popcorn, shapes and 12 fruit boxes! Funds raised are usually donated once a term to a charity the SRC chooses.

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 29th March, at 10.00 am.
All Welcome!
**Carrathool Family Playgroup** will be holding their first session on Friday the 20th of March, at a venue to be advised, from 9 am till 11am. **$5 per child.**

Please bring a hat and morning tea for your children.

Morning tea will be provided for parents and visitors.

Anyone welcome, the more the merrier!

For more information please call Belinda Mulcahy on 0417 825 258.

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**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

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**DEPRESSION**

Fight It - Don’t Hide It

**Monday 9th March**

6.30pm at Hay Library RSL Meeting room

Come along to a talk by

CASE and Bert Matthews

*Tea and coffee available*

“Supported by Murrumbidgee Medicare Local”

Liz Matthews - 0488 181352

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**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**

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**Newsletter Briefs**

**Reading with your child at home**

When your kids see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.