Welcome back everyone!

Coming Events

**Term 2 Week 2**
- Friday 1 May  Tennis
- Friday 1 May  Pub lunch
- Friday 1 May  Carrathool Playgroup @ School

**Term 2 Week 3**
- Wednesday 6 May  Scripture
- Wednesday 6 May  Mobile Library
- Friday 8 May  Tennis
- Friday 8 May  Mother's Day Stall for students

**Term 2 Week 4**
- Monday 12-14 May  NAPLAN Years 3 and 5 only
- Wednesday 13 May  Scripture
- Friday 15 May  Carrathool Playgroup @ School

Principal’s Report

Welcome back to Term 2.
As usual, we have had an exciting start.
We have welcomed Benjamin, and his family, in Week 1 and are equally excited to welcome Joel and Shaylee, and their family, in Week 2. Current enrolments are at sixteen!

It was an honour to have Mr Barry Rodgers speak to all students the day before ANZAC Day and outline some of the rich history of former students of the school, and others of the district, in their involvement at Gallipoli. Thank you Mr Rogers.

Sam laid a wreath for the school

Lest We Forget

Fit for the Future – Have Your Say
The NSW State Government is currently undertaking major reform of Local Government in NSW. Please read the attached information and fill out the questionnaire to have your say! Unfortunately not everyone received these forms in the mail. There is still time to have your say.
Email your questionnaire to: community@carrathool.nsw.gov.au
If you don’t have email, you are welcome to bring your form to the school.

It is important that your questionnaire reach council by Friday 8th May

Thank you also to the beautifully behaved and very respectful students who attended the Carrathool ANZAC Day Dawn Service. It was a lovely service and well attended. Thank you to their families.
Last Thursday our school attended the Cross Country Carnival at Goolgowi, along with St Joseph’s Hillston, Goolgowi Public and Rankins Springs schools. Our school was well attended by a record numbers of students! After all of their hard work in Term 1, they competed with great enthusiasm, eagerness and sportsmanship.

A big thank you to parents for driving children to Goolgowi for the day and then for helping with junior games, on checkpoints and with general support. Congratulations to Monica Turner-Bess on becoming the Junior Girls Age Champion and winning the 8 year old girl’s race.

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.

School Captain’s Report

Second term is already here! So far we have had an ANZAC Service at school and Mr Rodgers came and talked about WW1 to us. He told us to remember them and also to be proud of them.

Last week was our Cross Country Carnival at Goolgowi and we were all very nervous! We were excited to see Monica cross the finish line first! It was a lot of fun for all of us.

In a few weeks I’m going to a sports camp which I’m excited about.

This Friday we are going to have pub lunches which we all can’t wait for!

This term we began tennis again. We also welcomed two new families; Benjamin in year 5 and Joel in year 6, and his sister, Shaylee in Yr 2.

By Archie Ray, School Captain

P & C News

Last Friday, P & C held a raffle at the Family Hotel. Congratulations to Juve (from the Cotton Gin) and Kevin Tuohey for winning a meat tray each. Consolation prize of two meat pies went to Jen and Wink. Congratulations everyone and thank you for supporting us!

Next week we will be sending forms home for a pie drive. Pies and sausage rolls will be on offer and are made by Tim’s Meats at Coleambally.

To all families - a reminder: Please ensure that your children have a school hat each day to participate in all outdoor lessons and play, and also that they have a jumper in their bag (if they don’t wear it to school) for the colder days we are experiencing.

Leanne Hedt, Relieving Principal

Mother’s Day Stall

Sunday 10th May is Mother’s Day. We will again be holding a Mother’s Day Stall at school. We have a selection of items for your child to purchase. The stall will be held on Friday 8th May. Students may purchase a couple of items. There will be items costing $1, $2 and $3. Please ensure your child brings no more than $5 on the day.

Monica with her medallion and ribbon
**Booligal Sheep Races**
The Booligal Sheep Races were held on Saturday 11th April (in the school holidays). Unfortunately our sheep, ‘Boomerang’ was having a bad day and returned to us earlier than anticipated!

Nicholas and Emerson Hedt starting our *eweb* (be very slow sheep!)

‘Boomerang’ *about to come back to us...*

**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 Family Playgroup** will be holding their next session this Friday the 1st of May, at Carrathool Public School, 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!
The remaining dates for Term 2 are as follows:
- Friday 15th May 2015
- Friday 29th May 2015
- Friday 12th June 2015
- Friday 26th June 2015.

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

**Canteen** will continue on Fridays this year by the SRC. Children may purchase two items @ 50¢ each.
This week canteen will be held on Thursday.
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.

**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
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 31st March, at 10.00 am.

All Welcome!

Boyd and Gundaline Fire Brigades
Annual General Meeting
Friday 29 May 2015
5.00pm
Carrathool Family Hotel Restaurant
New Members Welcome
RSVP and/or apologies to Caroline Tuohey 0428 675 743 or email: carolinetuohey@daisylodge.com.au

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015.

The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Spellcheck

Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:

Find out more:

Homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.

Find out more: