

CARRANBALLAC P-9 COLLEGE

Newsletter 5, Term 2 2020



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VALUES

RESPECT
INCLUSIVENESS
RESILIENCE
INTEGRITY
RESPONSIBILITY

VISION

ONE COLLEGE,
INFINITE POSSIBILITIES,
WORKING TOGETHER,
EMBRACING THE
FUTURE.

MISSION

OUR COLLEGE FOSTERS
EXCELLENCE IN LIFE
LONG LEARNERS
WHO ARE RESILIENT,
CONNECTED AND
RESPECTFUL.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

Monday 15 - Friday 19 : World Refugee Week
June

Friday 26 June : Last day of Term 2 - Early Dismissal 2pm

Saturday 27 June - : Term 2 School Holidays
Sunday 12 July

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Monday 13 July : First day of Term 3

Monday 17 August : Student Free Day

Friday 18 September : Last Day of Term 3 - Early Dismissal 2pm

Please note that dates are correct at the time of printing. Changes may occur after printing. For most up to date information see Compass School Manager.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR CARRANBALLAC LAPTOP?

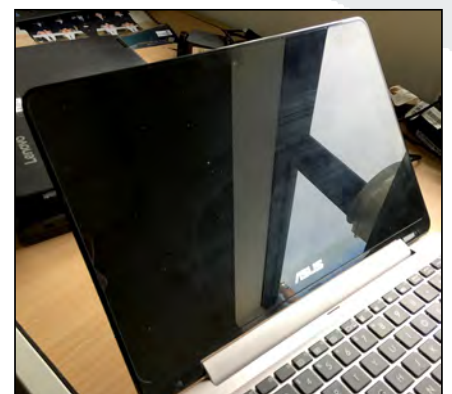
In order to provide all students with the opportunity to use laptops in classrooms, we allocate trolleys to be shared among students in each year level. During the covid-19 remote learning period, the Department of Education gave schools the opportunity to provide laptops to those students who did not have a device to complete school work at home.

In order to facilitate this quickly, we arranged the classroom trolley laptops to be made available for families to loan during the remote learning period. Now that we have returned to on site school learning, we are asking families to return these laptops so that we can place the devices back into classrooms for students to utilise the technology.

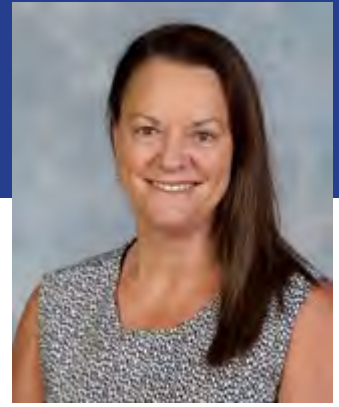
All families have received an email with instructions on when and how to

return the devices, however we still have a number of families who have not returned the laptops. Returning the laptops late, or not at all, will affect all students at the College as we need to finalise this return process before we can place the trolleys back into classrooms.

We appreciate your understanding, and your demonstration of gratitude for the loan of the device, by returning the laptop promptly and in good working order.



A REFLECTION FROM ACTING COLLEGE DIRECTOR, ROS MYORS, ON THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FORTNIGHT AT CARRANBALLAC P-9 COLLEGE.



Dear parents and members of the Carranballac community,

It was delightful to see the remaining year 3-9 students return to school this week. They were so happy to be seeing their friends again and resuming their lessons in class. Overall, the return to school was very smooth and I thank the Assistant Principals, teachers, parents and students who embraced the new drop off and pick up arrangements. There are a large number of students to enter and leave our campuses each day and your patience and adherence to these new measures is greatly appreciated.



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Education and Training

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Dear parents and carers,

Term 2 in 2020 has been like no other school term in Victoria's history, and so I am writing to thank you for your support.

As you know, this week Grade 3 to Year 10 students joined Prep to Grade 2, VCE and specialist school students in face to face learning. It is great to see our school communities come together again.

In responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic over the past few months, the Department of Education and Training has asked a lot of our teachers and schools, and we have also required your support as parents and carers.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort you have all made in working in partnership with your teachers and schools to support your children while they have been learning from home.

When I wrote to you a few months ago as we transitioned to remote and flexible learning, I acknowledged that it would be a challenging time for everyone, but that it was important to work closely together to provide the best possible support for students.

Many of you have since told me that there have been difficult, rewarding and challenging experiences during this unique and uncertain time that we have been through together. I thank you for your support, commitment, patience and perseverance.

But despite difficulties, I've been impressed to hear inspiring stories of education innovation. The innovative and creative approaches adopted during remote and flexible learning have been outstanding, and many schools will bring new approaches with them to on-site schooling.

Many school communities have forged even stronger relationships and partnerships — with families and teachers gaining a greater mutual appreciation of their shared contributions to school education.

Our schools now have a range of precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, teachers and staff, and your local community.

I hope these measures, along with the knowledge that the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Victorian Government have approached the return to on-site schooling with the utmost precaution and careful planning, have helped ease any anxiety about the return to on-site schooling.

The changes at your school are consistent with health advice, including enhanced cleaning in schools and frequent handwashing. Your school has also asked you to practice physical distancing during drop-off and pick-up times.

Your children may be feeling anxious about returning to school. Reassure your child that it's safe for them to go back to school and reinforce what they've been practicing at home around hand hygiene

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and coughing and sneezing. Reassure them that extensive cleaning is being carried out in schools and public transport to keep them safe.

Please remember the health advice: if you or your child is unwell, please stay at home. This is vital to ensuring the effective management of the pandemic.

Information about how to speak to your child about coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found here: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/talkingtoyourchildaboutcoronavirus.aspx>

Visit the Department's website for the latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) at: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you once again for working with your schools to support your children while they were learning at home and for your patience during the staged return to on-site schooling.

Yours sincerely,

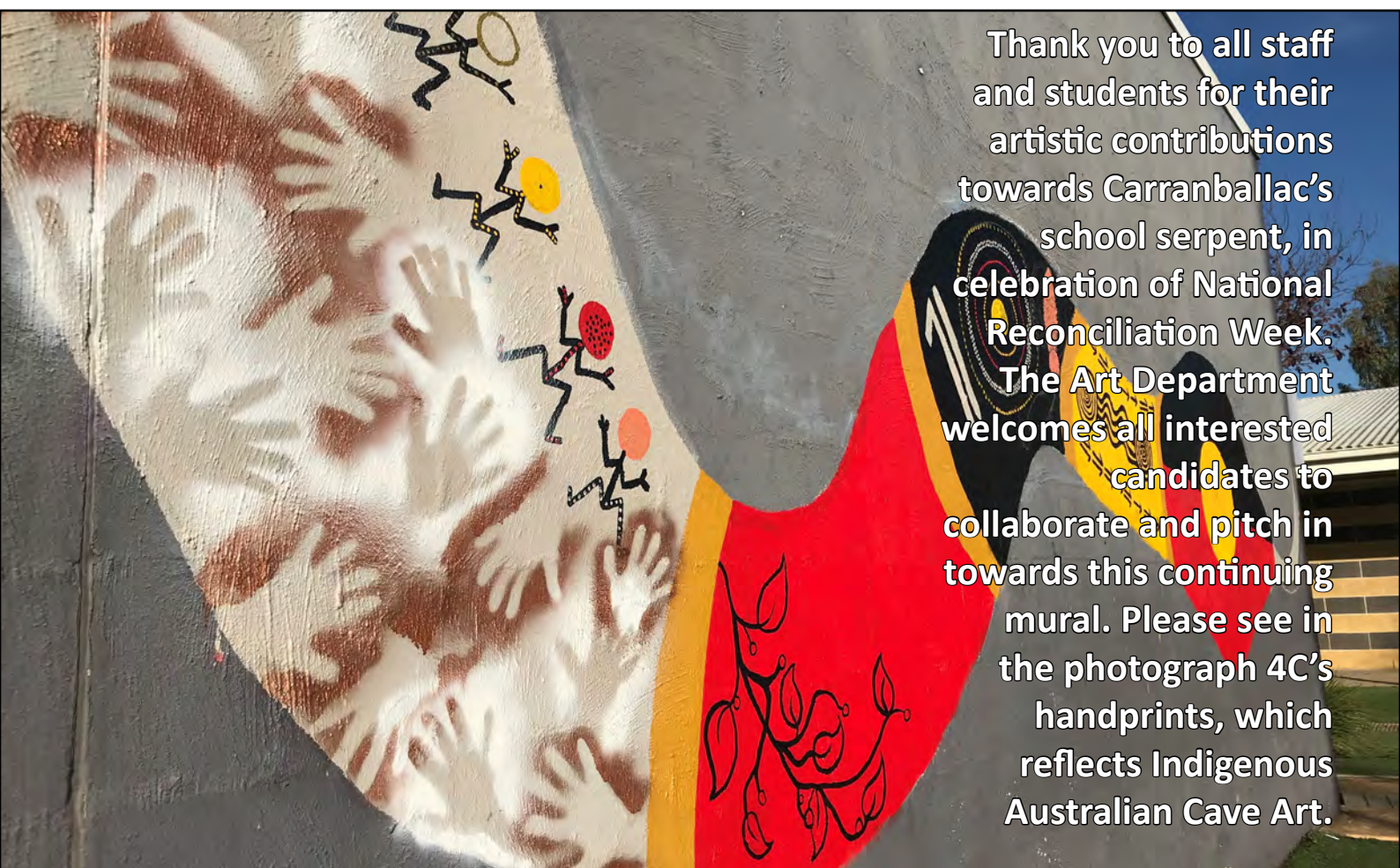


Jenny Atta

Secretary

Department of Education and Training

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Thank you to all staff and students for their artistic contributions towards Carranballac's school serpent, in celebration of National Reconciliation Week. The Art Department welcomes all interested candidates to collaborate and pitch in towards this continuing mural. Please see in the photograph 4C's handprints, which reflects Indigenous Australian Cave Art.

A REFLECTION FROM JAMIESON WAY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, STEVEN MONTGOMERY AND BOARDWALK ACTING PRINCIPAL, BRETT WATSON, ON THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FORTNIGHT AT CARRANBALLAC P-9 COLLEGE.



Dear Parents,

As we adjust to the 'new' normal back at school, it is astonishing to witness how adaptable, flexible and amazing our students are. They really are a marvel, and we can all take a leaf out of their book!

Students have dived back into school life with such positivity, it inspires us all. We've marvelled at the ability of our young students over weeks 7 & 8 to get back into the routines of school life, and now we are amazed at how our older students have re-entered the learning community with renewed vigour and focus. Our students, across the board, seem to have taken the opportunity to stop and appreciate all the special things that school has to offer. Relationships and learning being just two...

Over the last few weeks, we have started to look further ahead in our planning and reflected on what we have learned this term and how we will leverage this knowledge moving forward. Our use of ICT has certainly improved!

Learning from home has come to an end... which may be a relief to some, but sad for others. As teachers, we're overjoyed to have our students back but we'll miss seeing some of the amazing work produced in the unique setting of 'home'. An example that comes to mind is of all the wonderful photos and videos that we have received highlighting students' work at home. We particularly loved watching videos of the 'Rube Goldberg' machines created during

the STEM days. Awesome!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our community for their support of the stage 2 arrangements with regards to gate pick up and drop off, and restricted canteen access. These steps have gone a long way to keeping both our children and ourselves safe. We understand the inconvenience that these changes have created but, as many members have mentioned during our chats at the gates, these are small sacrifices to make in times like these. Even if this is so, we thank you anyway!

Finally, we wish to express our gratitude to those who take the time during pick up and drop off to say hello and share a story or two from the 'home trenches'. All our staff on the gates have mentioned that the interactions with family members have been wonderful and entertaining!

So, thanks! With a couple of weeks to go in the term, we hope to finish off with a real positive 'vibe', so that we can start Term 3 with all the energy required to sustain us through the winter.

Be well and we'll see you at the gates.

A REFLECTION FROM COLLEGE CAPTAINS, CHLOE, FATIMA, TIA AND WILL ON THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FORTNIGHT AT CARRANBALLAC P-9 COLLEGE.



What have Year 7-9 students learnt from their home learning experience during remote schooling? How could these skills or knowledge be useful when back to on site schooling?

Remote learning has been a different and exciting experience for all of us. We have learnt how to manage our time effectively as we had the freedom to complete subject activities in our own time during the day. We have learnt that communicating with our peers and teachers is the key to a positive and successful learning. Organisation and persistence are also extremely important skills needed to succeed in the tasks given. The vital knowledge developed during online schooling is valuable to use at home as well as when we return to school.

Some students don't have access to social media at home, so using technology isn't normal for them on a daily day basis. Having to use computers during remote learning has taught us all new things like sending emails, reading documents online, communication by video, email chat messaging and researching items. Being able to do the work digitally encourages students to learn new skills

that we might want to continue using when coming back to school on site.

Remote learning is a really good way to improve our time management skills. We find ourselves working on lots of different topics at different times which can be challenging as different to our normal at school schedule. Sometimes we had to make sure certain tasks are done on the day, or even one or two days in advance to stay on track. Going back to school, students will have improved their organisational skills and ability to work independently.

One thing the teachers used for remote learning were video classes. They would record the lesson, and if it was on a power point presentation, they would 'talk about' each slide in detail so you could understand everything easily. This is something we could use more often in regular classes because if someone is away, a video of the lesson including a more detailed explanation of the instructions could really make a difference to a student's understanding and learning of the topic.

Tuning
in to
Teens



ONLINE WEBINAR



COME ALONG TO A FREE 1-HOUR ONLINE WEBINAR

Tuning into Teens is for parents and guardians of young teens, to learn how to:

- Help your teen develop emotional intelligence
- Help them to learn to manage their emotions, behaviours and deal with conflict
- Improve your understanding and ability to talk to your teen

THURSDAY 16 JUNE AT 6:30PM - 7:30PM

TO BOOK:

WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BHUGN

To find out more:

email tuningintoteens@wyndham.vic.gov.au

Location:

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(Microsoft Teams link will
be sent once participants
register through try booking)

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FAMILY INFORMATION WEBINAR

BUILDING BRAIN FITNESS: PRACTICAL WAYS TO DEVELOP RESILIENCE



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Join us for a free webinar for families and Young people 12-25
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- Develop our skills in composure, tenacity, reasoning, collaboration, vision
- New ways of developing resilience, starting with our brain

TUESDAY 23 JUNE AT 6:30PM - 7:30PM

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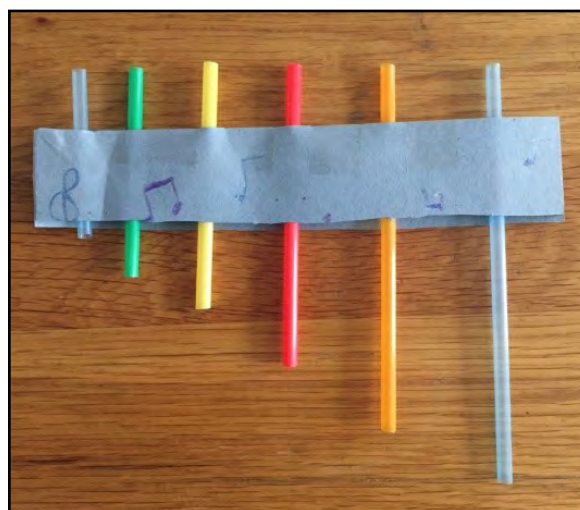
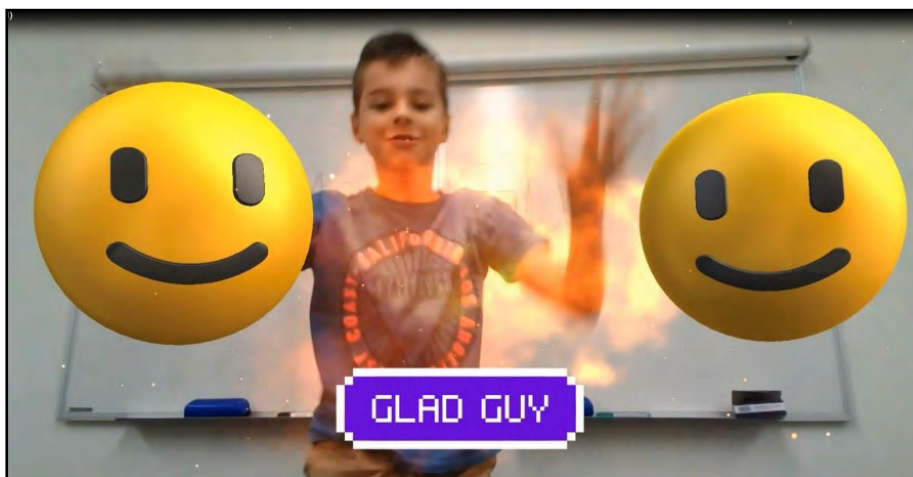
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MUSIC MATTERS | WARREN GRIMA



I'd like to personally welcome back all students to Carranballac College. It has been an unprecedented time, with all of us dealing with the many challenges of the experience of 'remote learning'. Thank you to the students for your fantastic effort in returning music work which included; written work, reflections, videos and photos from the online matrix of activities we provided. There were many students who learnt to play a new instrument and I was blown away with all of the wonderful videos I received. In looking forward to the remainder of term 2, we are all focussing on settling students back into a structured learning environment at school and a place they will get to enjoy classroom music activities with plenty of singing, dancing, instrument playing and music creativity.



Wyndham Libraries Online

Early Years

Encourage your child's love of stories, early language, literacy and numeracy skills as we share some of our favourite books and songs.

Rhyme Time Online

9:30am Mondays during school terms.

Click [here](#) to see the latest episode.

Story Time Online

9:30am Thursdays during school terms.

Click [here](#) to see the latest episode.

Catch up on past episodes on the [Library YouTube channel](#) where you can continue to enjoy them at a time that suits you.

Kids

Kids Club Online

New content added weekly!
Click [here](#) for more information.

Lego Challenge

A new challenge added weekly!
Get involved by following our Facebook page
[@librariesinwyndham](#)

Read With Me at Home

4-5pm, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month during school terms.
Ages 5-12.

Click [here](#) for more information and booking details.

Youth

Friday Night Fiction Online

1st Friday of the month, 4.30pm-5.30pm. Ages 12-19.

Click [here](#) for more information and booking details.

Gamers Den Online

Thursdays 3.30pm-5.30pm.
Ages 12-17.

Click [here](#) for more information and booking details.

Resume Help Online

Mondays and Wednesdays
4pm-5pm. Ages 15-25.

Click [here](#) for more information and booking details.

Adults

Family History Chat

Fortnightly, Wednesday 2pm-3pm.
To register visit [Eventbrite.com.au](#)

Language Café Online

Thursdays 12pm-1pm.
To register visit [Eventbrite.com.au](#)

Movie Club Online

Every 2nd Thursday,
7.30pm – 8.30pm.
To register visit [Eventbrite.com.au](#)

Virtual Book Club

3rd Thursday of the month,
8pm – 9pm.
To register visit [Eventbrite.com.au](#)

Please Protect our Platypus

JOIN OUR POSTER COMPETITION

Entry open to kids and teens up to age 18 years.

Entries close MONDAY 15th JUNE

Exciting prizes to be won!

<https://bit.ly/platypuspostercomp2020>

Platypus can get tangled in litter which is washed into rivers and creeks from the street.

We need your help to let everyone know about this by designing a poster with the theme: 'PLEASE PROTECT OUR PLATYPUS'

Winning entries from each age group will receive a platypus pack, which could include items such as:

- Platypus or turtle socks
- Platypus magnet or brooch
- Special platypus-themed activity book
- Pencil set
- Stickers

Winning artwork will also be used in our litter campaigns!

Winning age categories:

- Ages 5 and under
- Ages 6 - 8
- Ages 9 - 11
- Ages 12 - 14
- Ages 15 - 18

Submit your application, including your name, age and contact details of your parent/guardian at <https://bit.ly/platypuspostercomp2020>

Entries via mail also accepted (see link for details).

Entries close Monday 15 June

Winners will be notified shortly afterwards (mid to late June).

See flyer attached... and feel free to share.

This competition is a joint initiative of Bacchus Marsh Platypus Alliance, Melbourne Water's Waterwatch and Werribee River Association.



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Winning artwork will be featured in our ongoing litter campaigns!
Winners will also receive a Platypus themed prize pack!

Submit your application, including your name, age and contact details of your responsible person at:
<https://bit.ly/platypuspostercomp2020>

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 15TH OF JUNE!



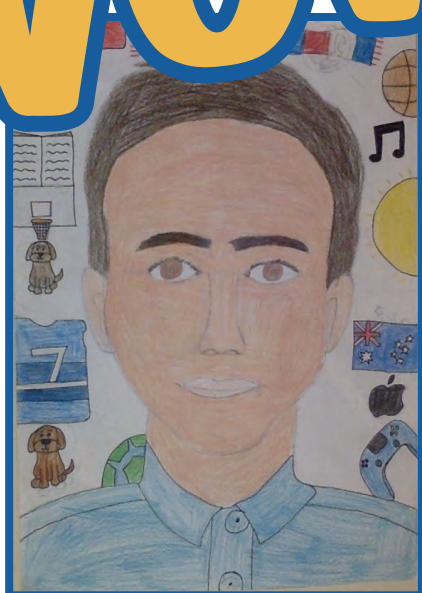
Ages 18 and under
Applicants will be grouped with similar ages

See our Facebook Page for more information: @platypusalliance



Incredible art pieces submitted by Rhianna 7Q (above left), Indigo 5A (above right), Kaimook 7P (below right), Riley 7R (below center), Rithvik 8R (below left) and Selina 8Q (left)

WOW!!!



NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EX CURSION

IN CURSION

Monday 29 June

LIFE IS A BOARD GAME

IN-SERVICE

Life is a board game! Sometimes we win, sometimes we lose! Let's explore our collection of favourite classic board games.



Monday 06 July

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

IN-SERVICE

Celebrate the history and culture of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through painting, dancing, dream-time stories and more!



Tuesday 30 June

A THEATRICAL WORLD

IN-SERVICE

Lights, camera, action! Children will love being the stars of their own show. Recreate your own version of myths, legends & fantasies!



Tuesday 07 July

S-T-E-M

IN-SERVICE

Today we'll discover how Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths have led to many of the world's most exciting achievements.



Wednesday 01 July

DANCE FITNESS

IN-SERVICE

Keeping fit is super important and what better way to do this than a dance marathon.



Wednesday 08 July

BUGGING'OUT

IN-SERVICE

Bug out with us today as we explore the wonderful world of mini beasts. Did you know Australia has an estimated 30,000 of these? Let's discover



Thursday 02 July

CODEBREAKERS

IN-SERVICE

..... Can you crack the code? Explore all the different ways to code messages, you don't always need a computer to codebreak.



Thursday 09 July

WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN

IN-SERVICE

Put your thinking caps on as you explore the true meaning of recycling and the fun behind it!



Friday 03 July

THE LAND DOWN UNDER

IN-SERVICE

Celebrate our land down under with all things Australian today.



Friday 10 July

MOVIE MANIA

IN-SERVICE

Get the Popcorn ready and gather with your friends for a day of movie themed celebrations.



Refugee Week 2020

celebrating the year of welcome

Digital Refugee Week: 14-20 June 2020

Get involved at www.refugeeweek.org.au Photo credit: Michele Aboud

During 15 June to 19 June Carranballac P-9 College will be recognising and embracing Refugee Week. Teachers and students across the college will be involved in activities and discussions connected to this important week.

What is Refugee Week?

Refugee Week is a unique opportunity for us all to experience and celebrate the rich diversity of refugees and celebrate their positive contributions to our schools, our local community and to Australian society in general. The week provides a platform where positive images of refugees can be promoted in order to create a culture of welcome throughout the country. The ultimate aim is to create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia. World Refugee Day is celebrated throughout the world on 20 June.