# CARRANBALLAC P-9 COLLEGE

Newsletter



# TERM 2 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 6 May -Friday 10 May

Mothers and Special Persons' Day Stall

**Monday 6 May** 

Year 9 Outdoor Ed Tree Top Adventure Excursion

Wednesday 8 May

Curriculum Day
Students do not attend school

Friday 10 May

Mothers and Special Persons Day Classroom Activity
9am. Morning Tea 10am

Monday 13 May -Friday 17 May

**Education Week** 

Friday 17 May

Open Classrooms STEM morning & Tree Planting

Monday 3 June -Friday 7 June

BW & JW Year 5/6 Swimming Program

**Wednesday 5 June** 

JW Year 8 Boys Man Cave Incursion

**Thursday 6 June** 

BW Year 8 Boys Man Cave Incursion

Tuesday 11 June

BW Year 3/4 Concert and Specialist Showcase

Wednesday 12 June

JW Year 3/4 Concert and Specialist Showcase

Thursday 13 June

Family Connections Session 2 9am Jamieson Way campus



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## **Boardwalk Campus**

Cnr Dunnings Rd & Foxwood Dr, Point Cook

## **Jamieson Way Campus**

Cnr Jamieson Way & La Rochelle Blvd, Point Cook

## **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

# PRINCIPALS' REPORT

JUSTINE RYAN, BRETT WATSON & JANELLE BARKER







Dear Families,

It is week three already and we are well into our teaching and learning for the term. Below are a few items of note.

#### **NAPLAN**

As has been reported on the news, NAPLAN results are almost finalised, with preliminary results being available to the school. We will share further information with families when available. As a school, the earlier publishing of results will allow us to utilise the data to further support the learning of our wonderful students here at Carranballac.

#### **ANZAC Day Recap**

The ANZAC Day Ceremonies held at each campus last Wednesday the 24th of April were widely regarded by staff and community members as some of the best ceremonies held at the school. All credit goes to our wonderful student leaders. They not only helped prepare the ceremony, but rehearsed diligently to ensure that they honoured our community and particularly those either currently or who have previously served in the defence force. They did both themselves and our school proud. We'd also like to thank those current defence personnel who attended and engaged in our ceremonies.





#### **Student Achievements**

We would like to acknowledge all students that participated in the Point Cook District Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday the 23rd of April. One student in particular was acknowledged by a parent from another school, and we would like to share their sentiments with our community and highlight his actions as a member of our community.

Good morning,

I just wanted to pass on my gratitude to one of your students, Archie after his demonstration of amazing sportsmanship, at the Point Cook District Cross Country on Tuesday.

My son attends another local school and was running in the U11 race. He was tiring heading into the last lap when Archie decided to run with him and encouraged him not to give up. My son finished the race in 26th position, better than his 40th placing last year. They are teammates at the Point Cook Central Football Club, but Archie's amazing demonstration of selflessness & willingness to help a mate was very heart warming, especially as he had to run in the next race.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could please share my heartfelt thanks with Archie. He demonstrated such inspiring sportsmanship, which should be recognised and celebrated.

Kind Regards, Stacey

Well done Archie. We're proud of you.

# Reminders: Mobile Phones

Students who bring a mobile phone to school must keep their phone secured in their locker throughout the day. All lockers need to have a lock. All parental/guardian contact with students should be via the school switchboard (not direct to students) during school hours, this allows students to focus on their learning. Any mobile phones confiscated from students during the school day (i.e. not handed in voluntarily at the start of the day or stored in a locked locker) will require a parent/guardian to come to school to pick it up. Please note that if students are purchasing food from the canteen, they are not to use their mobile phones.



### **Digital Learning Policy**

Carranballac operates on a Bring Your Own Device program for students in Years 5-9. Our teachers plan lessons which include research and learning experiences which often require a device. Students and families are required to agree and sign an Acceptable Use Agreement prior to obtaining access to our school network – we have technicians available to assist with all device issues. If you would like further information regarding our Digital Learning Policy, please access our policies <a href="https://carranballac.vic.edu.au/about/#policies">https://carranballac.vic.edu.au/about/#policies</a>

We encourage all students to have their own devices charged and at school every day.



#### **Parents and Friends**

Our Parents and Friends Group does wonderful work to help bring our community together and raise funds for major improvements around both campuses. This group is represented on the School Council by Nerys Phillips. Nerys will continue to send out Compass messages to ask for support in running fundraising and community events, such as the Mothers' Day Stalls and the Colour Fun Run, however, it would be great if a few more parents joined Nerys in the planning and implementation of these events. Please contact the school if you would like to help coordinate one of the many excellent events supported by the Parent and Friends group. Many thanks to those dedicated parents who continue to support these events for us on the day.

#### **Bathrooms**

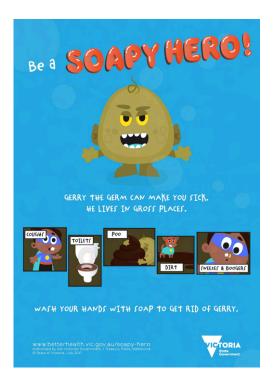
Carranballac College is working towards providing clean and safe bathrooms for our students. Clean bathrooms are essential for our students' health and well-being and contribute towards a positive learning environment. We aim for students to take responsibility for keeping their bathrooms clean and preventing the spread of germs through a whole school focus on:

- 1. Providing a clean environment for students to use the bathroom
- 2. Hygienic behaviours in the bathroom

Please keep reminding your children of clean and hygienic behaviours around bathrooms outside of school also.

Recycling and Sustainability Team









The Primary classes at
Carranballac College invite our
Mothers and special people into our
classrooms to engage in an activity
with their child/children

Date: Friday 10th May

Time: 9am followed by a shared morning tea at 10am in the library.

Please RSVP for Morning Tea:
secretary.pf@carranballac.vic.edu.au
Please include name, class and campus.
RSVP is needed for catering purposes.

# EDUCATION WEEK 2024

**MONDAY 13 MAY - FRIDAY 17 MAY** 

The Department of Education celebrates Education Week from Monday 13 May to Friday 17 May 2024. This year's theme is 'Spotlight on STEM' which highlights the importance of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond.

Carranballac College will be celebrating Education Week in a number of ways, and we invite you to come and join with us!

## Tree planting - Friday 17 May

As part of the 'beyond' element of Education Week we will be building the sustainability and environment of our school and invite you to assist and build the love of sustainability with your child.

You will not need to dig any holes, lift heavy objects or bring any tools. This will be undertaken prior to the day.

If you are interested in tree planting, please RSVP by 15 May via the google form.



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# Open morning - Friday 17 May

You will have the opportunity to visit classrooms and try your hand at science experiments... Can you build the tallest tower? What can you produce when you mix water and oil together? and, Can you build a house without foundations?

We would love to see you on Friday 17 May at 9am to celebrate the joys of education. To find out more about Education Week 2024, visit <a href="www.vic.gov.au/education-week">www.vic.gov.au/education-week</a>.

# How School Absences Add Up

For this week's article, the Attendance Lead Team would like to highlight how quickly school absences can accumulate and the significant the impact of this on a child's learning.

Carranballac College understands that absences are occasionally unavoidable, for reasons like illness or bereavement, but we ask that our families consider the information before allowing their child to take an avoidable day off school.

# **Primary**

The average primary student in Australia misses 16 days per school year. (i.e. 1 day every 2.5 weeks)



By the end of Year 6, they have missed approximately half a school year.

A small increase to 1 day absent every 2 weeks equals 20 days per school year.



By the end of Year 6, they have missed 140 days (i.e. 3.5 terms or 87.5% of a school year).

# **Secondary**

The average secondary student in Australia misses 24 days per school year.



Each year, they miss the equivalent of half a term.

If they continue onto Year 12, they've missed 3.5 terms since Year 7.
(i.e. 144 days of school)



By the end of Year 10, they have missed 2.5 terms worth of learning in high school alone.

# **Available Support**

It is clear that frequent absences place a student at an educational, social, and health-based disadvantage that compounds across their entire schooling journey and beyond.

If you feel attendance is an issue for your family, we are more than happy to support you to address this. Please reach out to your child's classroom/homeroom teacher or call the office on (03) 9395

3533 to discuss further.



# SWPBS - RESPONSIBILITY SCHOOL YARD CLEANLINESS



Keeping the yard clean is all of our responsibility.









We want our school environment to be a safe and tidy place to play.

It does not look nice when there is lots of litter lying on the ground.









Rubbish can be a hazardous risk, especially to all the wildlife.





Students enjoy using the playgrounds and oval when they are clean and rubbish free.



We want Carranballac P-9
College looking clean and
welcoming for all of our
parents and school visitors.



Please be responsible.
Put your rubbish in
the bin!





# News from the

# WELLBEING TEAM

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# Changes to Recess and Lunch Clubs

We are excited to announce some exciting changes to our recess and lunch clubs timetable. Our Foundation - Year 2 students will now have the opportunity to join a club at both campuses as well as the addition of some clubs for our Year 3 - 6 students.

We are seeing some great student engagement, lots of practice developing social skills and some beautiful big smiles as students enjoy some fun together.

If you child is not enjoying playing in the yard, experiencing social issues, please encourage them to visit the Wellbeing Room and join one of our clubs.













# Trimary VISUAL ARTS

In term one students from Foundation to Year 6 began the year looking at the 7 Elements of Art.

# **FOUNDATION -**





Foundation students experimented with the art techniques Weaving and Painting.

1/2- Art Elements of Line, Shapes, Colour, Pattern & Texture.





5/6 -



Tim Burton inspired self Portraits.
Using the Art Element Value.



3/4 - Art Elements of Line, Shapes, Colour, & Texture.





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# Anzac Day Display

This year our school was asked to participate in creating a poppy display for ANZAC day. It is currently on show at the Point Cook Town Center (Stockland)





# **Artroom Reminders**

- Students are welcome to bring in an old shirt or apron and keep it in their bags for when we paint in the artroom.
- A3 Brown Paper Art Folios:

As per the booklist all students from F-6 are required to have a folio for art class.
This can be recycled and used every year.





Term 2 is underway and the students have settled in well to their music classes. In week 9 on the 11th June at Boardwalk and 12th June at Jamieson Way we will be staging a 'Specialist Extravaganza' event for all of the year 3/4 students at Carranballac College. The College Rock band will open the event followed by the year 3/4 students who will be performing a musical item and a Japanese song. There will also be an art display of student's work for you to see before or after your child's performance. Each child attending must be accompanied by an adult and you will be able to see what time your children's class is performing by viewing the flyer on their classroom window. All the students are very excited and will be learning and rehearsing their musical item and Japanese song this term in preparation for this event.





# SPORT REPORT

# POINT COOK DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL



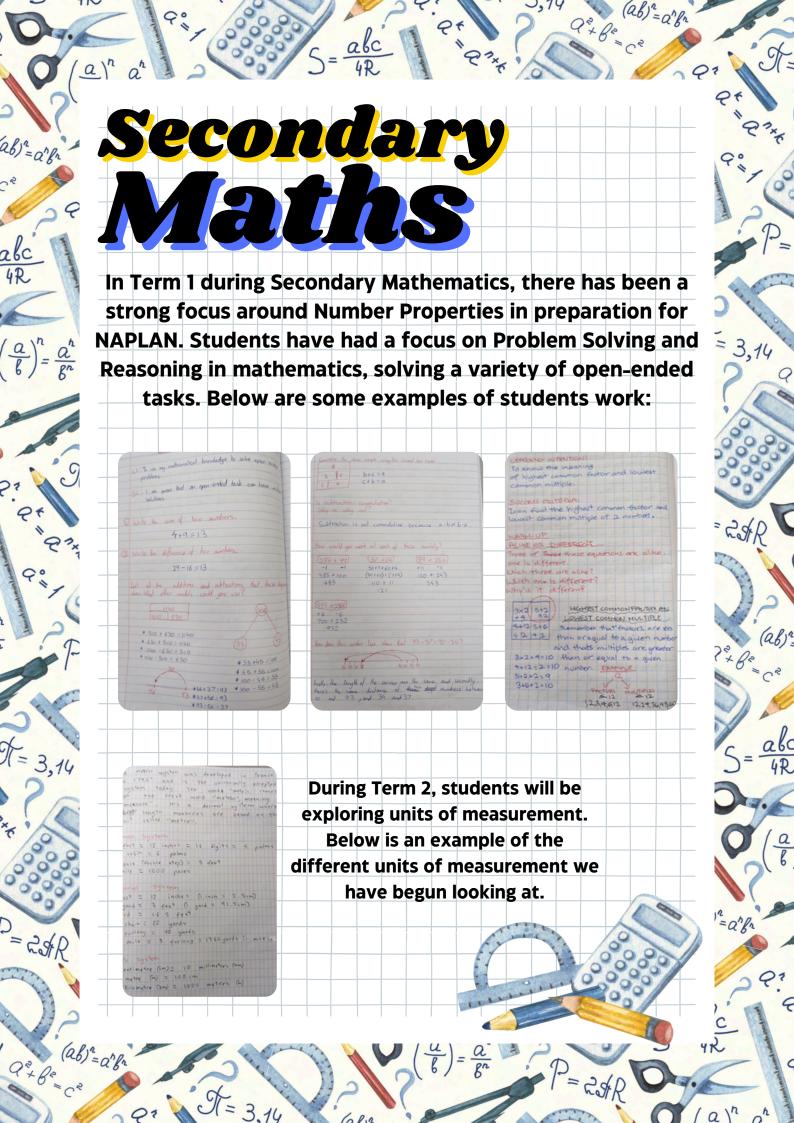
Congratulations to all the Year 3-6 students who participated in the Point Cook District Cross Country held at Saltwater Reserve on Tuesday the 23rd of April. The course was very challenging being 2km for the 9–10-year-old students and 3km for the 11 and 12 year old participants. Students all tried their hardest to complete their run in their best time. A fantastic effort by Macy in 5/6N who came 1st in the 12 girls age group. The Hobsons Bay Division Primary Cross Country will be held on Tuesday the 28th of May at Presidents Park Wyndham Vale. Keep an eye out on further announcements on the students who have made it through.

# GRADE 5/6 REPORT

During Term 1. Grade 5/6s recently engaged in some fun STEM challenges. From designing a bungee jump for Barbie, our amazing students had to ensure Barbie survived her leap of faith. Using only rubber bands and such skills as problem solving, measurement, estimation and prediction. This followed another STEM challenge that required students to build a bridge using marshmallows, paper straws, and wooden skewers. The idea was to have their bridge strong enough to hold 500 grams. Our final STEM challenge was to create a carnival game that once again saw our students use a variety of Math, team building and problem solving skills.

Our students had so much fun and were so engaged with their learning. The teachers also enjoyed watching the students be challenged and demonstrate the college values of resilience, inclusiveness and responsibility.





GRAB A GIFT FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON



MONDAY 6TH AND TUESDAY 7TH MAY
AT JAMIESON WAY

THURSDAY 9TH AND FRIDAY 10TH MAY
AT BOARDWALK

STUDENTS ARE TO BRING CASH AND WILL BE ESCORTED TO THE STALL AT ALLOCATED TIMES.

GIFTS FROM \$1-\$6

# **ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS**



JOIN US FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024

## TO ALL AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Now in its 25th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual campaign and event which encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers, to walk safely and regularly to school.

It is important for children and young people to be active every day. Physical activity has many social, emotional, physical and mental health benefits. Walking to school is a great way to incorporate physical activity into a daily routine to support healthy development. Regular physical activity, especially walking, can improve self-esteem and confidence, help concentration and improve overall fitness.

Encouraging kids to be active each day establishes good habits that can stay with them throughout their lives.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

BETTER HEALTH • CLEANER AIR • REDUCED CAR-DEPENDENCY
IMPROVED ROAD SAFETY • INCREASED USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

### **GET INVOLVED**

- · Ask parents, carers, teachers, friends and local businesses to support the event
- Ask every student to wear a tattoo on the day to help promote this important community event
- Use the Teachers' Tool-Kit and publish WSTSD information in your school's newsletter
- Display the poster on your noticeboard and around school (print more from our website)
- Host a Healthy Breakfast (ask your P&C, council and local supermarket or grocery store to sponsor a healthy breakfast at your school)
- · Print and colour in the online poster
- If you can't walk all the way, combine a walk with public transport
- · If you must use the car, try leaving it a good distance from the school and walk the rest of the way
- Teach children the vital road safety rules while walking to school
- Register your school as a WSTSD Ambassador and assist with publicity

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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#WSTSD



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# THEIR GARES CHRONICLES

Where kids love to be!



Dear families and school community,
Welcome to Theircare Chronicles, where we celebrate the remarkable
experiences we share with our young participants. Our children and
staff are excited to share our story and our journey with you!

# BOARDWALK CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT





#### HARRY POTTER WEEK

This week, we enjoyed the magic of Harry Potter, where spells and enchantments came to life!

#### PROBLEM SOLVERS

Children engaged in word searches and unleashed their creativity through art activities inspired by the wizarding world.

#### ACTIVE AND HEALTHY

We kept our energy high with fun physical activities.

#### INTERACTING WITH OUR FRIENDS

Children enjoyed interactive group games that foster teamwork and camaraderie among our OSHC participants

# JAMIESON WAY CORNER





#### CONFIDENT SELF-IDENTITIES

We dived into Child Voice Week, enjoying activities that focused on nurturing creativity and confident self-expression, tailored to each child's interests.

#### HONOURING HEROES

We paid tribute to our very special heroes on ANZAC Day with heartfelt readings, artistic endeavors, and thoughtful reflections.

#### CREATIVE WORLD

We embraced self-expression through glitter tattoos, "My Family" puppet making, and even potion making!

#### CULINARY CURIOSITY

We explore nutrition through colorful foods, exciting new tastes, and hands-on cooking experiences, promoting healthy habits.

# COMING SOON TO THEIR CARE...



# PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is an annual program aimed at encouraging children to read more books and improve their literacy skills. Participants are challenged to read a certain number of books within a specified time frame. Students can choose books from a designated list provided or select their own titles. After completing the challenge, participants receive a certificate of achievement. The program is great for promoting a love of reading and lifelong learning among young people.



## STEM DISCOVERIES

Explore the wonders of science with hands-on experiments that will spark curiosity and discovery. From erupting volcanoes to making slime!



## ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

We'll be diving into the world of crafting with a variety of projects that let little imaginations run wild. From DIY jewelry making to creating personalized photo frames, there's always something for everyone to enjoy!

# HSSC Transition Timeline New Student Enrolments

Term 1:		Timeline confirmation
Term 2:	Week 2	School Transitions Online Form to be given out at Precinct Partner Schools: newsletter/Compass
Term 2:	Week 3	Enrolment forms emailed out from the 3rd of May
Term 2:	Week 9 and 10	<ul> <li>Out of Zone Enrolment forms(Alamanda/Saltwater only) to be submitted by 14th of June - no late submissions will be accepted</li> <li>Information sessions with PPS: @ HSSC- 20 June</li> </ul>
Term 2:	Week 10	School Transition Forms due 31 <sup>st</sup> of May
Term 3	Week 2	Career day- Alamanda & Saltwater only
Term 3	Week 4	<ul> <li>Family school Tours @ HSSC- TBC</li> <li>Information Evening – 7<sup>th</sup> August</li> <li>Enrolment forms due 9th of August</li> </ul>
Term 3	Week 5	Course Counselling and Enrolment Collection
Term 3	Week 7 & 8	Follow up any enrolments and subject selections
Term 4	Week 5 & 6	Wellbeing and student management handover
Term 4	Week 7	PSD/Students with additional needs Extra Transitions Day
Term 4:	Week 9	PPS Family school tours
Term 4	Week 10	Orientation Day – Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December



# Transition Timeline – 2025 Year 10

Term 1	Week 6	Timeline confirmation
Term 2	Week 2	<ul> <li>School Transitions Online Form to be given out at Precinct Partner Schools: newsletter/Compass (different languages) – 22<sup>nd</sup> April</li> </ul>
Term 2	Week 3	<ul> <li>ACE Program applications open on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup>. Application packs can be picked up from the Point Cook Senior front office.</li> </ul>
Term 2	Week 10	School Transition Forms due 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Term 2	Week 9 and 10	Information sessions at PPS
Term 3	Week 2	Enrolment Packages available
Term 3	Week 2 - 4	School Tours
Term 3	Week 4	Information Evening – 7 <sup>th</sup> August
Term 3	Week 5	Course Counselling and Enrolment Collection
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