

30 MAY 2025 • TERM 2 WEEK 6

CARRANBALLAC P-9 COLLEGE

Newsletter



TERM 2 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 2 June	Year 7 Boys Badminton Competition
Wednesday 4 June	BW & JW Foundation Farm excursion
Thursday 5 June	Year 8 Girls Netball Competition
Monday 9 June	Monarch's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 10 June	Year 8 Interschool Sports
Thursday 12 June - Friday 13 June	Year 9 Outdoor Ed Beeripmo Overnight Hike
Thursday 12 June	JW Grade ½ Miniboss Incursion
Thursday 19 June	BW Grade ½ Miniboss Incursion
Friday 20 June	Winter Solstice Pyjama Day Fundraiser Primary Assembly 2:30pm in gym
Monday 23 June - Friday 27 June	BW & JW Grade 5/6 Water Safety Program
Tuesday 1 July Wednesday 2 July	Student Learning Conferences 3:20pm - 5:30pm Student Learning Conferences 3:15pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday 2 July	BW & JW Year 9 Beetlejuice Excursion
Friday 4 July	Last Day Term 2, 3pm finish



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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,

At Carranballac College, we pride ourselves on creating a learning environment where every student is known, supported, and given the opportunity to thrive—not only academically, but also personally, socially, and emotionally. The past fortnight has offered a wonderful reflection of this commitment, with programs and events that place student growth and wellbeing at the heart of everything we do.

We'd Love to Hear from You!

In preparation for our upcoming school review in Term 3, we're inviting families to join a discussion where you can share your thoughts on what's working well at Carranballac, what could be better, and what's helped or hindered us in reaching our strategic plan goals.

Your insights matter—and will help shape the next chapter of our school's journey.

- 2:15 pm Monday 2nd June – Jamieson Way Library
- 9:00 am Friday 6th June – Boardwalk Library

You are welcome to join either discussion. We hope you can join us.

Choir at Carranballac – Free of Charge

ABC Music will be running a lunchtime choir program from Term 3 at Carranballac College, free of charge. The Jamieson Way Choir will rehearse on Tuesdays, and the Boardwalk Choir on Wednesdays. Further details will be shared later this term.

First Nations Artist in Residence

Our Year 8 students are currently participating in a powerful and meaningful program through our Artist in Residence initiative. First Nations artist Tiffany Hunter, of Nerdu Badji Education, is guiding students through a series of cultural sessions exploring Indigenous art, symbols, storytelling, and identity.

Students are contributing their ideas to a collaborative mural based on the theme “djeembana” (meeting place), which will become a lasting symbol of inclusion, connection, and cultural respect within our school. They are also producing their own canvas artworks representing personal and cultural identity, which will be exhibited during NAIDOC Week. This experience has not only enriched our curriculum, but has also deepened students' appreciation for culture and diversity—values we hold central to our community.

Review of Secondary Consequence System

As a college, we are deeply committed to listening to our students and evolving to meet their needs. In response to student feedback, we have commenced a review of the secondary consequence system. This is being approached as a truly collaborative process, with students, staff, and families all invited to share their voice.

By working together, we aim to ensure that our systems not only reflect our shared values, but also support a safe, respectful, and positive learning environment where all students can succeed.

Celebrating Challenge and Participation

The past fortnight has been filled with opportunities for students to connect, grow, and challenge themselves. Our Year 9 Outdoor Education students took on the Tree Top Adventures excursion, where they pushed their limits across rope courses, demonstrated perseverance, and supported one another with enthusiasm. Watching students conquer their fears and cheer each other on reminded us of the strength of our learning community.

Meanwhile, across the school, students have been proudly representing Carranballac at a range of events. From the Hobson's Bay Cross Country Carnival to the Year 7 girls netball competition, our students have shown tremendous effort, teamwork, and school spirit. These experiences continue to build confidence, resilience, and a sense of belonging—cornerstones of lifelong learning.

At Carranballac College, every activity, every event, and every interaction is grounded in a deep belief that students flourish when they feel seen, heard, and supported. Thank you for being a valued part of our caring and connected community.



RESILIENCE



INTEGRITY



INCLUSIVENESS



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

THURSDAY 5TH JUNE

*theme: ending plastic
pollution*

World Environment Day in 2025 will focus on '[Ending Plastic Pollution](#)'.

This year Carranballac College will be acknowledging this important environmental event and participating in a range of activities that associate with this important global issue.

Our students will also be involved in discussions and identifying possible ways that we can work as a community to reduce amounts of plastic we use.


One way that we are already doing this is through our **CDS recycling scheme**. Please continue to bring your 10c recyclable plastic bottles and cans to school so that we are able to recycle them and help reduce pollution!

Thank you for your ongoing support.


Carranballac College Environmental Sustainability Team

Welcome New Carranballac College Student Leaders


A big thank you and congratulations to the following students who have proudly taken on student leader roles for the remainder of 2025!




Secondary House
Captain Golden Wattle
Jamieson Way
Ben H 9L




Year 6 SRC
Jamieson Way
Yezhil P 56J




Secondary House
Captain Sea Eagles
Jamieson Way
Tia G 9J




Year 9 SRC
Jamieson Way
Alex J 9L



Year 6 SRC
Boardwalk
Azal T 56B



Primary House
Captain Cheetham
Boardwalk
V'enna T 56A



Year 6 SRC
Boardwalk
Azal T 56B



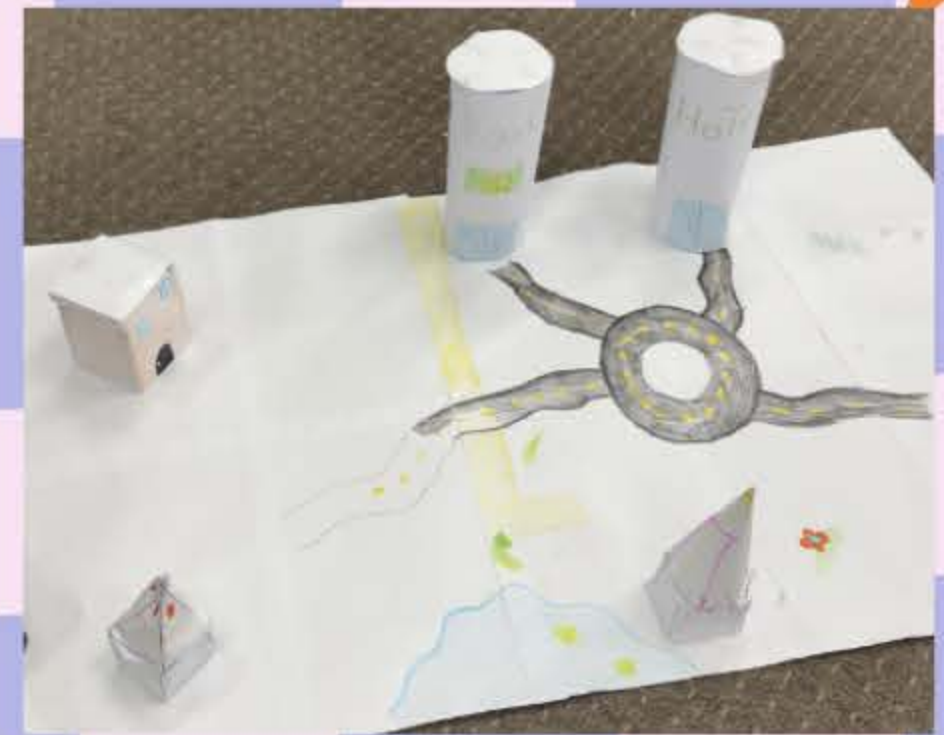
Primary House
Captain Cheetham
Boardwalk
V'enna T 56A

Grade 3/4 - Mathematics Shape Cities

Discover the world of shapes!

This term the Grade 3/4 students have been exploring 2D and 3D objects. Students identified the differences between 2D and 3D shapes and determined the properties of shapes including the number of edges, vertices and faces. Students worked cooperatively in groups to create their own shape cities using a range of nets.

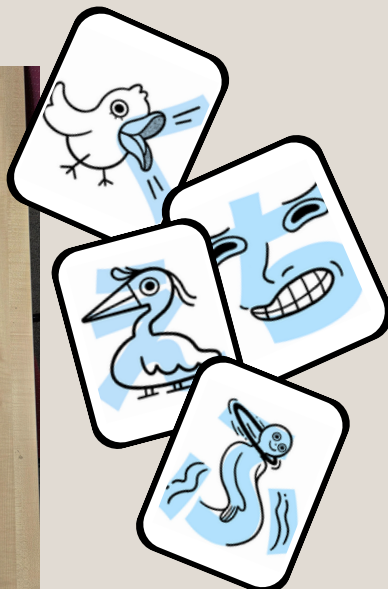
Check out their fabulous shape cities below!



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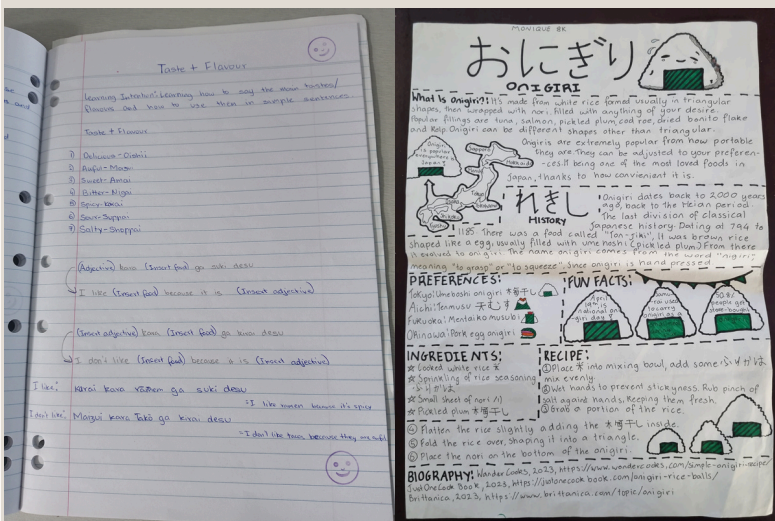
Year 7 & 8

◆ Year 7



This semester, Year 7 students have been learning the hiragana script through creative mnemonics. They designed their own flashcards with pictures to help them remember each character. Students practised reading, writing, and listening through fun class activities and dictation games.

◆ Year 8



Our Year 8 students began the year by consolidating the hiragana writing system, including extended characters such as blends, small つ, and voiced sounds. Students then explored the world of Japanese cuisine, conducting research on a traditional or modern dish of their choice. Finally, students learned key grammar patterns to express their likes and dislikes, enabling them to talk about their food preferences in Japanese.

WEEK 5: ATTENDANCE SNAPSHOT

The halfway point of Term 2 saw some fantastic achievements in our attendance data across Carranballac College. Thank you to all of students and families who made these possible, we hope to keep this up during the second half of the term!

CLASSES WITH PERFECT DAYS

Congratulations to the classes below who each had at least one day with 100% of their students at school.

Jamieson Way: 56M, 7J, 8K, 9J

Boardwalk: *Foundation A, Foundation B, 34A, 56A, 56B, 56D, 7B, 7C*

A STRONG WEEK AT BOARDWALK

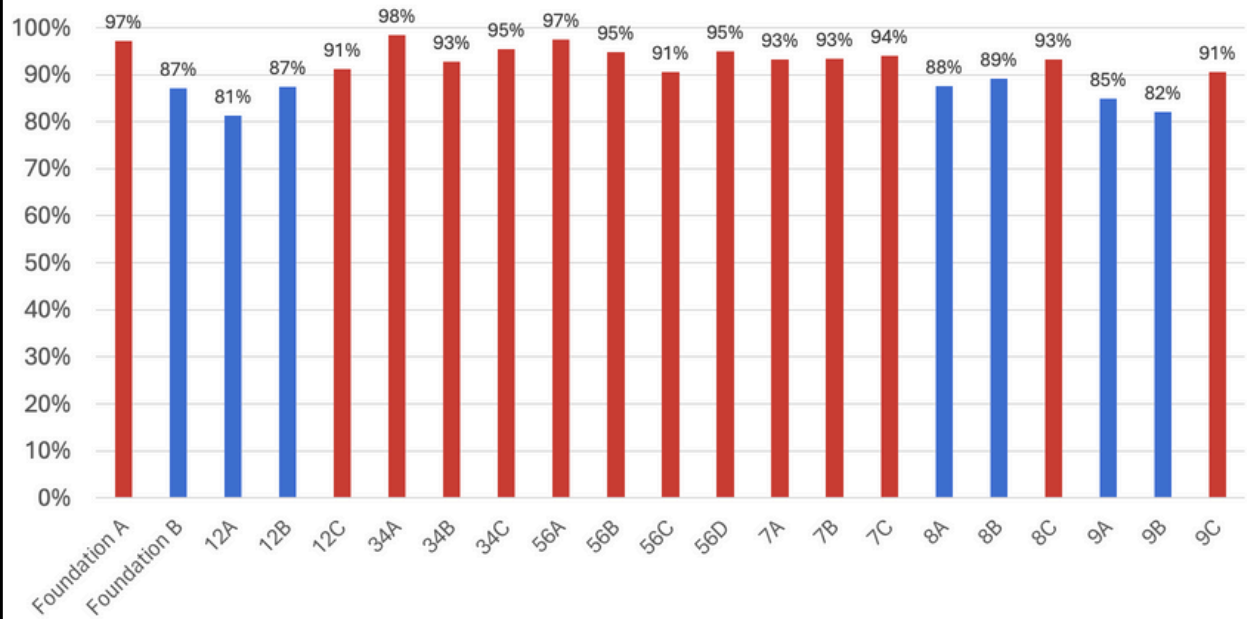
Our Boardwalk Campus had a fantastic week from start to finish, managing to have more than 88% of all students attending each day.

The full set of attendance data for each class is available on the next page so check out how your class went!

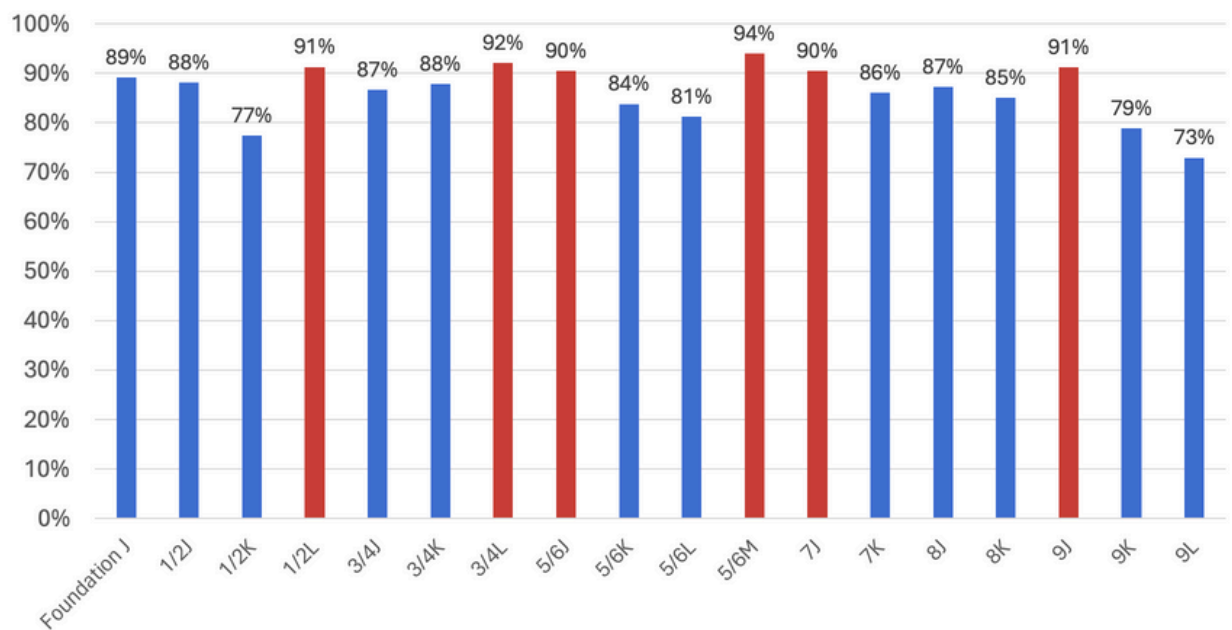
SUPPORT FOR ATTENDANCE

If you feel that getting your child to school on time or altogether is a challenge, 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.

BOARDWALK – TERM 2, WEEK 5



JAMIESON WAY – TERM 2, WEEK 5





QUESTION QUEST: DEVELOPING INQUIRY AND UNDERSTANDING

This week, we're on a "Question Quest" – focusing on the amazing power of asking and answering questions! These skills are vital for your child's learning, problem-solving, and connecting with others.

Why Questions Are So Powerful:

Questions help children become curious explorers, gather information, and share unique perspectives. Asking helps them learn, while answering shows what they know and builds relationships.

Tips for Parents: Helping Your Child on Their Question Quest

1. Model Open-Ended Questions

- **What it is:** Ask questions inviting more thought than a simple "yes" or "no."
- **Why it helps:** Encourages deeper thinking and more language.
- **Try asking:** "What do you think...?", "How did that make you feel?", "Tell me about..."

2. Encourage Thoughtful, Detailed Answers

- **What it is:** When your child gives a short answer, gently prompt for more information.
- **Why it helps:** Builds expressive language and elaboration.
- **Try saying:** "Tell me more about that.", "Can you give me an example?", "And then what happened?", "Why do you think that?"

3. Explore Different Question Types (The "Wh-" Words!)

- **What it is:** Help your child understand and use specific "Wh-" questions to get exact information.
- **Why it helps:** Improves their ability to inquire effectively.
- **Talk about:** Who, What, Where, When, Why and How.

4. Play Information-Gathering Games

- **What it is:** Use fun games that require asking and answering questions.
- **Why it helps:** Makes practice engaging and natural.
- **Game Ideas:** "Guess Who?", "20 Questions", "Interview Time" with a family member, "Mystery Bag" (ask yes/no questions to guess contents).

5. For Older Kids (Ages 11-15): Discuss the Purpose of Questions

- **What it is:** Talk about *why* we ask certain types of questions in different situations.
- **Why it helps:** Develops critical thinking, social awareness, and communication effectiveness.
- **Discuss:** Clarifying, Probing, Hypothetical questions, and questions for different contexts (e.g., friend vs. teacher).

Asking and answering questions effectively is a lifelong skill. By modelling, encouraging thoughtful responses, and practising in fun, everyday ways, you can help your child become a confident communicator. Keep the "Question Quest" going at home!

If you have any questions about the above tips or would like to discuss your child and their speech and language development, feel free to contact me through your child's campus reception on **9395 3533**.

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Speech Pathologist

Carranballac College

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