

# CARRANBALLAC P-9 COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

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## TERM 2 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

<b>Thursday 2 April</b>	Last Day Term 1, 3pm finish Jamieson Way Easter Hat Parade 9am Parents and Friends Movie Night 6pm
<b>Monday 20 April</b>	<b>First Day Term 2</b>
<b>Thursday 23 April</b>	ANZAC Day Ceremony 9:00am Gym
<b>Friday 24 April</b>	Primary Athletics Carnival
<b>Tuesday 28 April</b>	Student Leader Yellow Arrow Workshop
<b>Friday 1 May</b>	BW & JW Year 5/6 Interschool Sport
<b>Wednesday 6 May - Thursday 7 May</b>	Mothers' Day Stalls
<b>Friday 8 May</b>	Mothers' Day Event
<b>Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May</b>	JW Foundation - Year 4 Swimming Program
<b>Monday 25 May</b>	2027 Foundation Open Morning and Information Session
<b>Monday 1 June - Thursday 4 June</b>	BW Foundation - Year 4 Swimming Program
<b>Friday 5 June</b>	<b>Curriculum Day</b> Students do not attend school
<b>Monday 8 June</b>	<b>King's Birthday Public Holiday</b>



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### BOARDWALK CAMPUS

1 Foxwood Drive  
Point Cook

### JAMIESON WAY CAMPUS

85 Jamieson Way  
Point Cook

### VISION:

We Connect  
We Learn  
We Thrive

### 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,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I would like to take a moment to thank our entire community for your ongoing support, partnership and commitment to our school. It has been a term filled with growth, celebration and exciting developments.

## **New Basketball Courts**

We are delighted to share that our new basketball courts are now complete. These spaces will provide students with fantastic opportunities for physical activity, skill development and connection during both class time and breaks. We are already seeing great enthusiasm from students as they begin to use these new facilities.

## **Parent Club Formation**

We are also excited to be in the process of establishing a Carranballac Parent Club. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to become more involved in our school community, support events and initiatives, and strengthen connections across the college. Thank you to the parents who are actively working on setting up the Parents Club, we look forward to working together to build something meaningful for our community.

## **Easter Hat Parade**

Our annual Easter Hat Parade was a wonderful opportunity for students in F-6 to showcase their creative skills. What a great way to start our Easter break with this event!

## **Celebrating Our Students**

Last week, we proudly recognised students who received a Values Award at assembly. These awards reflect our shared commitment to Respect, Inclusiveness, Resilience, Integrity and Responsibility. It was wonderful to see so many students acknowledged for the way they live these values every day.

We also celebrated students who have achieved 98% or higher attendance. This is an outstanding achievement and reflects dedication, consistency and a strong commitment to learning. We know that regular attendance has a significant impact on student success, and we congratulate these students on their efforts.

## **Health Update: Measles**

We encourage families to remain vigilant for symptoms and ensure vaccinations are up to date. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and seek medical advice. We will continue to follow health guidance and keep families informed of any updates. Please find further details later in this newsletter.

As we head into the break, I hope all families have the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy time together. We look forward to welcoming students back next term, ready to continue learning and thriving together.



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## Protecting against measles

Measles cases are rising in Victoria and around the world. Returned travellers make up most cases, but local spread has also been detected.

Vaccination is the most safe and effective way to protect yourself and others against measles. People need 2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine to be fully protected.

To help protect against measles, you should check your family's measles vaccinations today. This is particularly important if you are:

- planning any travel
- were born during or after 1966
- were born overseas.

You can check your measles vaccination records:

- on your Medicare online account through MyGov or by contacting the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809
- on your personal health records, such as your childhood immunisation records
- by speaking to your GP or immunisation provider.

### About measles

Measles is a viral infection. It spreads easily from airborne droplets, such as from coughing or sneezing, and nose and throat secretions.

Symptoms may include:

- fever
- feeling tired or unwell
- cough or runny nose
- sore and red eyes (conjunctivitis)
- diarrhoea – especially in infants.

This is usually followed by a red, blotchy, non-itchy rash that often starts on the face before spreading down the body.

Measles can cause serious illness and be life-threatening. People who are not fully immunised or have not had a previous measles infection are at increased risk.

Pregnant women, children aged under 5 years and those with weakened immune systems are at increased risk of severe illness and complications.

If your child develops measles symptoms, you should:

- keep your child home from school and seek medical care and testing
- call the health service and wear a face mask when travelling to and attending the health service
- let our school know if your child has measles, or is being tested for measles
- keep your child at home until well and advised by a health professional.

### Free measles vaccines

Anyone who does not have 2 doses of measles vaccine, or is unsure, can get a measles vaccine.

Free vaccines are available for:

- infants aged 12 months to 18 months
- children and teenagers aged under 20 years
- adult refugees and humanitarian entrants.

Free vaccines are also available for anyone with or without a Medicare card if they are:

- born during or after 1966 who have not received 2 doses or are unsure, including people born overseas
- infants from 6 months and before 11 months of age before overseas travel.

Vaccination is widely available at your GP, local pharmacist, local council or Aboriginal Health Service. Call ahead to see if you are eligible for a free vaccine.

[For schools with primary school students] If your child has had new or catch-up vaccines, we encourage you to give our school an updated immunisation history statement.

Find out more

For more information, refer to:

- the Better Health Channel web page [How to find your immunisation records](#)
- the Department of Health for translated resources about measles and measles immunisations
- your GP, local pharmacist, local council or Aboriginal Health Service.

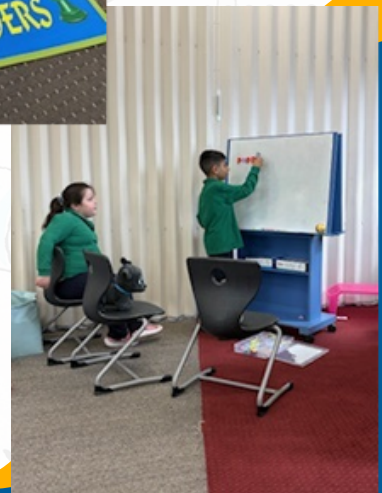
# Wellbeing



## Wellbeing Rooms

We have a beautiful and well resourced Wellbeing Room at both the Boardwalk and Jamieson Way campus. Students are invited at recess and lunch to spend some time doing mindful and calm activities in this comfortable space. They enjoy working individually or with a friend to build all sorts of Lego constructions, which stimulates their creative thinking and problem solving. Playing 'teachers' is a favourite for the little ones and they love the chance to show off their new Phonics skills! Playdough, drawing and craft are occasionally an option and such good activities for developing their fine motor skills. The secondary students have become more regular visitors and sometimes just like to escape the noisy yard.

It's always fun to challenge their friends to a game of Uno Flip or chess. We look forward to hearing all about how their day is going!



# Wellbeing



## Free Holiday Fun

The Wyndham Library offers a surprising amount of free activities to keep the kids busy these school holidays. Visit the website below and download the PDF to view their fantastic program.  
<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/kids-autumn-school-holiday-activities>.



## Community

We are seeking donations from our Carranballac Community. If you are clearing out any board games or Lego that are not being used anymore, please bring them in for the Wellbeing Room. We kindly ask that you make sure there are no missing pieces and hand them in at the office when we return for Term 2.



## Wellbeing Focus - Recharge



With such a busy Term 1 coming to an end, it is extremely important for students, families and staff to recharge their batteries during the holidays. Although this may look different for everyone, we can always be open to trying new things. Recharging could look like getting the Lego out and encouraging creativity; spending some time in the kitchen together developing team work; sorting and tidying bedrooms and playrooms; gardening (if our crazy Melbourne weather allows); going on a local adventure, visiting a new park, having a lazy pyjama day, doing a family puzzle, watching some good old cartoons or curling up and reading a book.



# PRIMARY PE

It's been a busy first term for Primary PE at Carranballac. Students are back playing their favourite warm up games, as well as learning new skills and sports.

## F-2

Our F-2 students have been busy learning and revisiting their Fundamental Motor Skills (FMS) such as throwing, kicking, running, dodging, dribbling and participating in a FMS circuit with different activities to test out their skills. In addition, our year 1/2's have begun learning to kick an AFL and soccer ball, practising with different types of sportballs.



Special congratulations to Eloise B from 5/6A and Damon G from 5/6C for making it to the Western Metropolitan Primary Swimming Region Finals. Both students will be looking to advance to the state swimming championships in their respective strokes. Wishing the best to both students!!!



## Year 3-6

In preparation for their athletics carnival next term, our 3-6 students have been training for athletic events like high jump, shotput, discus, sprints and long jump. Students have been giving it their all during these lessons so they have the best opportunity to record new PB's at the athletics carnival. The 3/4's have also been practising and learning basketball, while the 5/6's have undergone their fitness tests. These tests include the beep test, agility test, 1.6km run and many more that are testing different fitness components.

# FOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS

TERM 1



Food Technology has had a fabulous term, with students demonstrating enthusiasm, creativity, and a strong willingness to develop their practical skills. It has been wonderful to see such high levels of engagement in the kitchen, with students confidently applying new techniques and enjoying the learning process.

As we head into next term, please remember the importance of being prepared for each lesson. Students are expected to bring a container for their food, a drink bottle, and a pen, and to be wearing the correct uniform to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.

I have attached a Mexican Nachos Recipe for you to try at home: Get creative and add your own twist on flavours.

Have a great Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Mrs Martin



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Carranballac College

★ PRIMARY 3-6 ★

# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL!

24 APRIL 2026

Wear your sport uniform.  
House colours are encouraged!

Permission via Compass or note.

Location: Newport Athletics Track

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**

**WWCC REQUIRED. PLEASE EMAIL**

**CARRANBALLAC.P9@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU**

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Invitation to

# 2027 FOUNDATION OPEN MORNING

*Strong foundations start at  
Carranballac!*

*Spend the morning at the college:*

- ✓ Information Session with Q&A
- ✓ School Tour
- ✓ Morning Tea

Head to [www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au) to see  
which campus to attend.

Register your interest via the QR  
code or contact the office on 9395 3533.



**MONDAY 25TH  
MAY 2026**

**9:00AM - 10:30AM**

Boardwalk Campus  
1 Foxwood Drive  
Point Cook, 3030

Jamieson Way  
Campus  
85 Jamieson Way  
Point Cook, 3030

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# ACE PROGRAM

POINT COOK  
SENIOR  
SECONDARY  
COLLEGE



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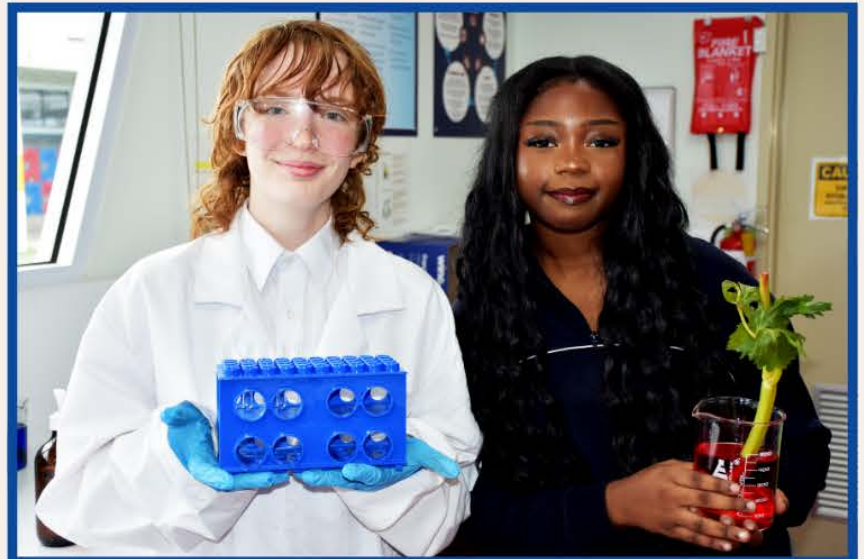
- In Year 9?
- A high achiever?
- Ready to be challenged and extended?

## THEY MIGHT BE SUITED FOR THE ACE PROGRAM!

Targeted at high achieving students, Point Cook Senior is the only school in the western suburbs that allows Year 10 students to study 2 VCE subjects.

The program aims to accelerate the education of our students to allow them to achieve a high ATAR and study scores, as well as diversifying their curriculum through studying a greater variety of subjects. Our ACE cohort is supported through a wide range of specific and targeted programs for academic extension.

For more information, head to our school website!



INFORMATION EVENING FOR FAMILIES

# 29TH APRIL 2026

6PM TO 7PM

POINT COOK SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE THEATRE

REGISTER TO ATTEND



[www.trybooking.com/DKRSQ](http://www.trybooking.com/DKRSQ)  
[www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au](http://www.pointcooksenior.vic.edu.au)



# CARRANBALLAC 10c RECYCLING STATIONS

Carranballac College has set up 10c Recycling Stations at both Campuses.

We are recycling cans and bottles.

Please remember to bring in your bottles and cans and contribute to our efforts to clean up our environment!

**OUR CAMPAIGN IS REGISTERED ON THE CDS APP. YOU CAN FIND CARRANBALLAC COLLEGE UNDER CHARITIES AND DONATE THAT WAY ALSO.**

**THANKYOU!**



# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS



**abc**  
music group

*Learning an Instrument is one of the most rewarding ways to encourage confidence, creativity and a lifelong love of Music.*

The **ABC MUSIC GROUP** Program offers students a fun and supportive learning environment. Whether your child is a complete beginner or already enjoys playing, our lessons are tailored to suit each student's ability and musical needs.

**GUITAR:** Chord and strumming techniques, reading Tab from (HAL Leonard TAB 1) and rhythm skills. Song Playing and performance confidence

**PIANO/KEYBOARD:** Basic hand position and finger technique, reading notes and simple melodies from (ALFRED Piano Bk1). Song Playing and performance confidence.

**SINGING:** Learning vocal techniques and applying those to contemporary and pop songs. And performance confidence.

At Carranballac P-9 College, we offer **GROUP LESSONS** (4 students) or **PAIRED LESSONS** for students who enjoy learning with a friend, in Guitar and Keyboard. And **PAIRED** Lessons in **SINGING**.

*Scan the QR code below to enroll now for TERM 2.*



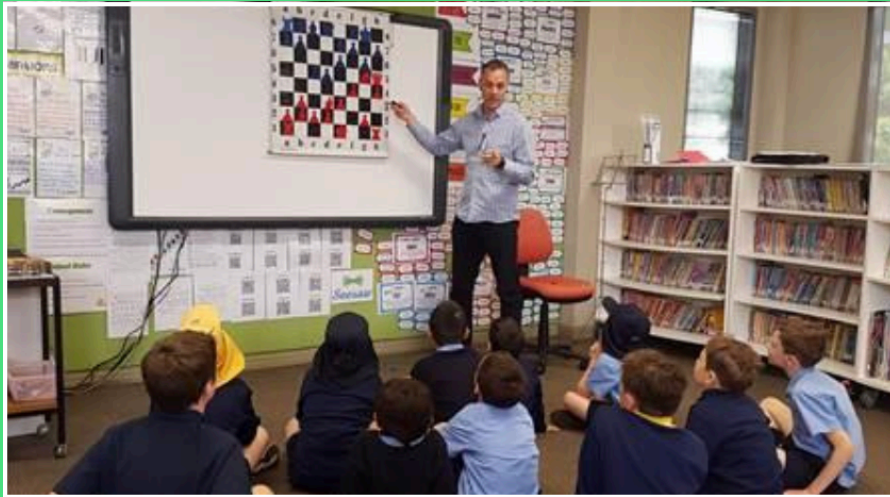


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[CHESSFORSCHOOLS.COM.AU](http://CHESSFORSCHOOLS.COM.AU)

## SPECIALISED CHESS COACHING

Since 2002, we have been providing our popular Chess For Schools program in schools throughout Melbourne and Greater Geelong



'I am thrilled with the tremendous success of the chess program run by Chess for Schools. The students' adoration for the program is evident as they eagerly anticipate lunchtime on Tuesdays, bursting with excitement. The instructors' dedication, patience and attentiveness foster an engaging and nurturing learning environment, igniting the children's passion for chess as their skills flourish'.

*Jessica Ward, Teacher - Loreto Toorak.*

### HOW CAN CHESS BENEFIT YOUR CHILD?

- Educational:** Improved IQ, critical thinking, concentration, analytical skills, memory.
- Social:** Develop new friendships, social interaction skills, sportsmanship.
- Emotional:** Confidence, self-esteem, resilience through winning and losing games.

### CLASS STRUCTURE:

Different lessons are taught each week from a structured syllabus ranging from tactics, strategies, master openings, traps & special moves. After the lesson children are paired up in a fun tournament play off. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 players at end of term.

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## CLASS DETAILS - CARRANBALLAC COLLEGE - JAMIESON WAY

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	DATES	COST
Tuesdays	3:10pm - 4:00pm	Library	28 April to 16 June	\$145 per child per term

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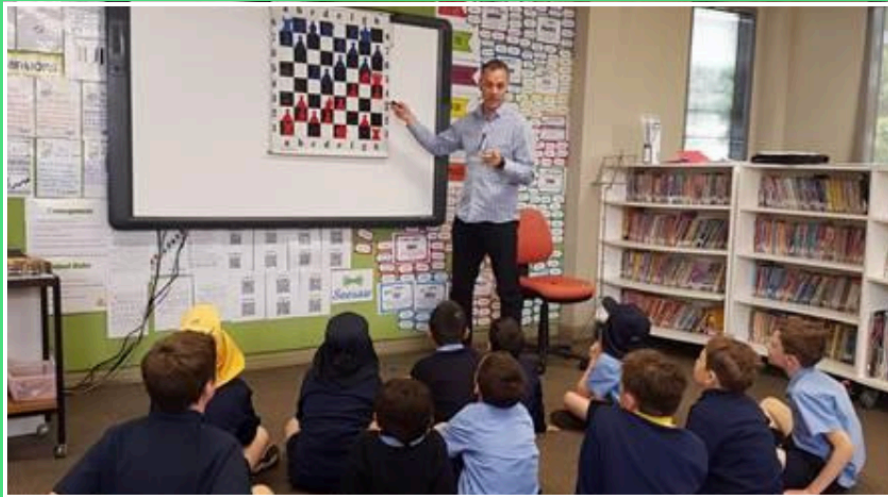


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## CLASS DETAILS - CARRANBALLAC COLLEGE - BOARDWALK

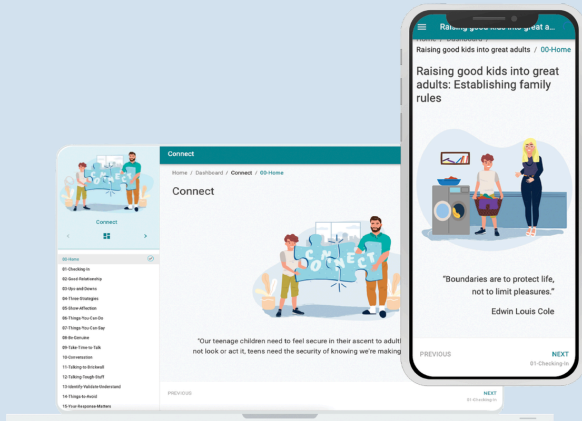
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# Want to support your teen with anxiety or depression?

Check out  
Partners in Parenting!



## What is *Partners in Parenting*?

- Evidence-based, online program designed to help build your skills and confidence to support your teen's mental health
- Covers parenting challenges such as communication, managing strong emotions, boundaries, conflicts, and staying involved in your teen's life while they navigate their independence

## You will:

- Receive **one of two versions** of Partners in Parenting:
  - Self-guided version (explore the online program at your own pace)
  - Peer-guided version (paired with a 'PiP Coach' who has lived experience of caring for a teenager with mental health challenges)

## You will be asked to:

- Complete some surveys at 3 time points over 12 months
- Complete up to 10 online modules, weekly
- If you receive the peer-guided version of the program, complete up to 10 coaching sessions with a PiP Coach, via videoconferencing

## You may be eligible if you:

- are an adult caring for a teen aged 12-17 years
- are concerned about your teen's anxiety or depression
- can read, write, hear, and speak English
- have regular internet access
- live in Victoria

**All parents and teens who complete surveys will receive e-gift vouchers (up to \$80 for parents, up to \$45 for teens)**



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