

CARRANBALLAC P-9 COLLEGE

Newsletter



TERM 1 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 9 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 10 March	Year 8 Wyndham Volleyball Competition
Wednesday 11 March to Monday 23 March	NAPLAN - Years 3, 5, 7 & 9
Thursday 12 March & Friday 13 March	JW Foundation School Nurse Visit
Monday 16 March - Friday 20 March	 HARMONY WEEK
Wednesday 18 March	Primary Dream and Lead Student Leader Conference
Tuesday 24 March	Yellow Arrow Student Leaders Workshop
Wednesday 25 March	Year 8 Girls Netball Competition
Thursday 26 March	BW Year 9 Outdoor Ed Mountain Bike Excursion
Friday 27 March	Year 7 Girls Netball Competition Primary Assembly 2:30pm Gym
Monday 30 March	Secondary Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 1 April	Boardwalk F-2 Easter Hat Parade 2:15pm
Thursday 2 April	Last Day Term 1, 3pm finish Jamieson Way F-2 Easter Hat Parade 9am Parents and Friends Movie Night 6pm



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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:

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 continue through a busy and productive term, we are pleased to share several key updates with our college community.

NAPLAN 2026

Beginning next Wednesday, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN. These assessments provide valuable insight into student progress in literacy and numeracy. To help students feel confident and prepared, we encourage plenty of sleep, a healthy breakfast and arriving at school on time each day. Families have received a detailed schedule for testing dates; please refer to this to support your child's preparation.

Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

Our updated [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#) has been shared with families for 2026. The policy outlines the supports available to students and clearly sets expectations for behaviour across the college. At Carranballac College, we are committed to maintaining a safe, calm and respectful environment where all students can thrive. We value our partnership with families in reinforcing these expectations.

Carranballac College Instagram

Thank you to families who are engaging with our college Instagram page. It is a wonderful platform for sharing updates, celebrating achievements and showcasing events across both campuses. This week's Year 7 Expo promotional video was a highlight. If you are not yet following us, we encourage you to connect and stay informed. You can access our account via the QR code



Year 7 Expo

We were delighted to host our 2027 Year 7 Expo yesterday, showcasing our core, specialist and elective programs. The evening highlighted the breadth of opportunities available to our secondary students. Thank you to our Year 6 and Year 9 School Captains for their leadership and to the many families who attended. Please contact the college if you require any further information.

School Pride – Campus Improvements

Improvement works continue across both campuses, including major upgrades to the basketball courts. These enhancements reflect our commitment to quality facilities and student pride in our learning environment. Progress photos will be shared on Instagram in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership as we continue to build a strong and connected Carranballac College community.



RESILIENCE



INTEGRITY



INCLUSIVENESS



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY

Here are some questions you can ask your child about their reading; choose a few each night to engage in conversation with your child about their nightly independent reading

BEFORE READING:

1. Looking at the title, cover and illustrations/pictures, what do you think will happen in this book?
2. What makes you think that?
3. What characters do you think might be in the book?
4. Do you think there will be a problem in the story? Why?
5. What do you already know about the topic of this book?
6. Does the topic or story relate to you or your family? How?
7. Do you think it will be like any other book you've read? If so, which one, and how do you think it will be similar?

AFTER READING:

1. Why is the title a good title for the book/story? If you had to give it a different title, what would be another good title for it?
2. Were your predictions correct? Where did you have to fix your prediction as you read?
3. If there was a problem, did it get solved? How did the character try to solve the problem?
4. What happened because of the problem?
5. Did any of the characters change through the story? Who changed, and how did they change?
6. Why do you think the author wrote this?
7. What is the most important point that the author is trying to make in his/her writing?

DURING READING:

1. What has happened so far in the story? Can you tell me using sequence words? (first, then, next, after, finally, etc.)
2. What do you predict will happen next?
3. How do you think the story will end?
4. Why do you think the character did _____?
5. What would you have done if you were the character?
6. How would you have felt if you were the character?
7. When you read, what pictures did you see in your head? How did you imagine it looked like?
8. What are you wondering about as you read? What questions do you have?
9. Think about the predictions you made before reading; do you still think the story will go that way? Why or why not? How do you think it will go now?

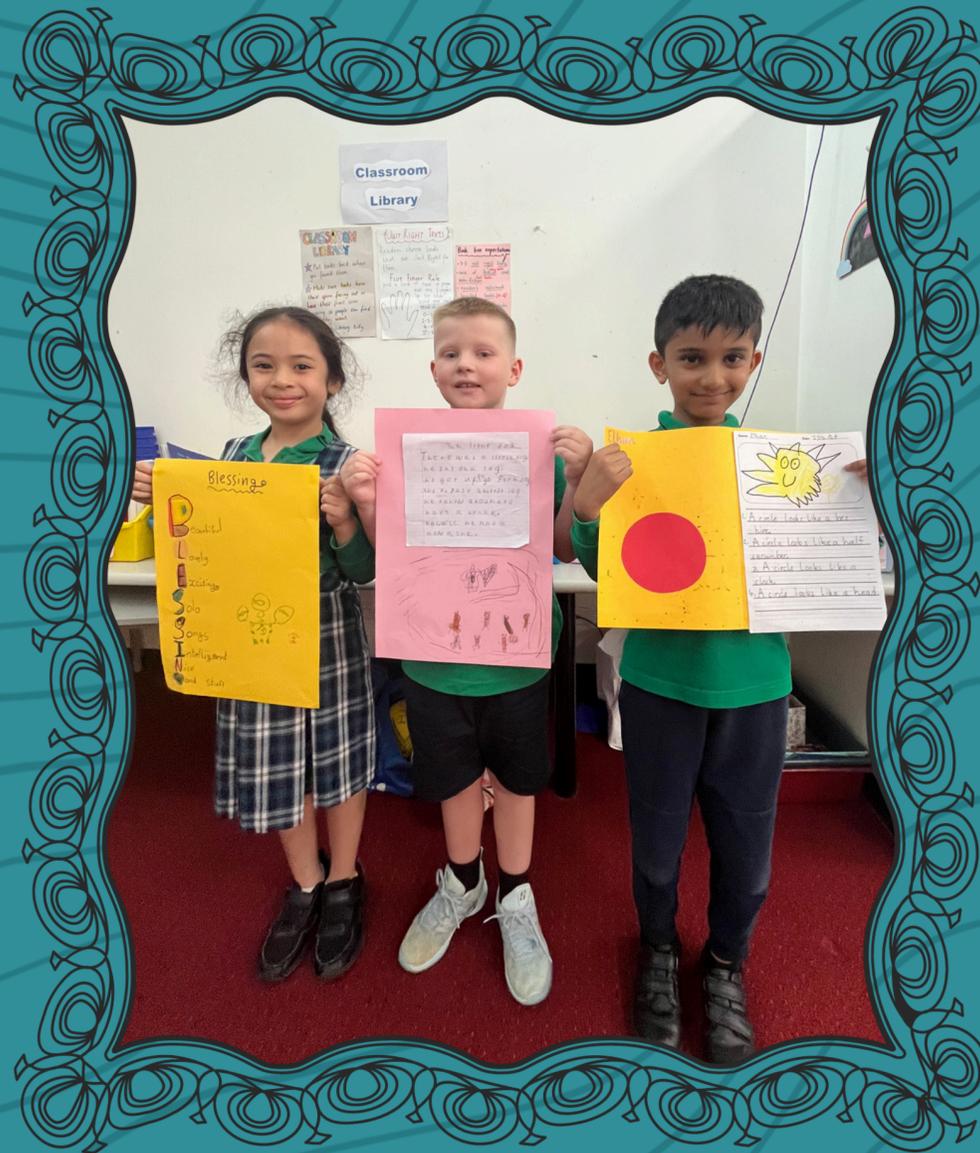


8. What was your favourite part? Why?
9. If you could change one part, what would you change?
10. If you could ask the author a question, what would you ask?
11. Can you retell the story in sequence order (use your fingers and sequence words: first, second, then, next, etc.)
12. Is there a character in the story that reminds you of someone you know? If so, who are they like, and why do you think that?
13. Does this book remind you of another book you know? Does it remind you of something you've experienced in real life?

For fun: Have them act out a scene from the book, draw you a picture of their favourite part to decorate the refrigerator, or write a follow-up story. They can pretend they are a book reviewer reviewing the book on TV, or they can write a letter or postcard to the author.

The 1/2's are proud to share some of their work from our poetry unit this term. Students explored different types of poems and how rhyme and rhythm are an integral part of poetry writing.

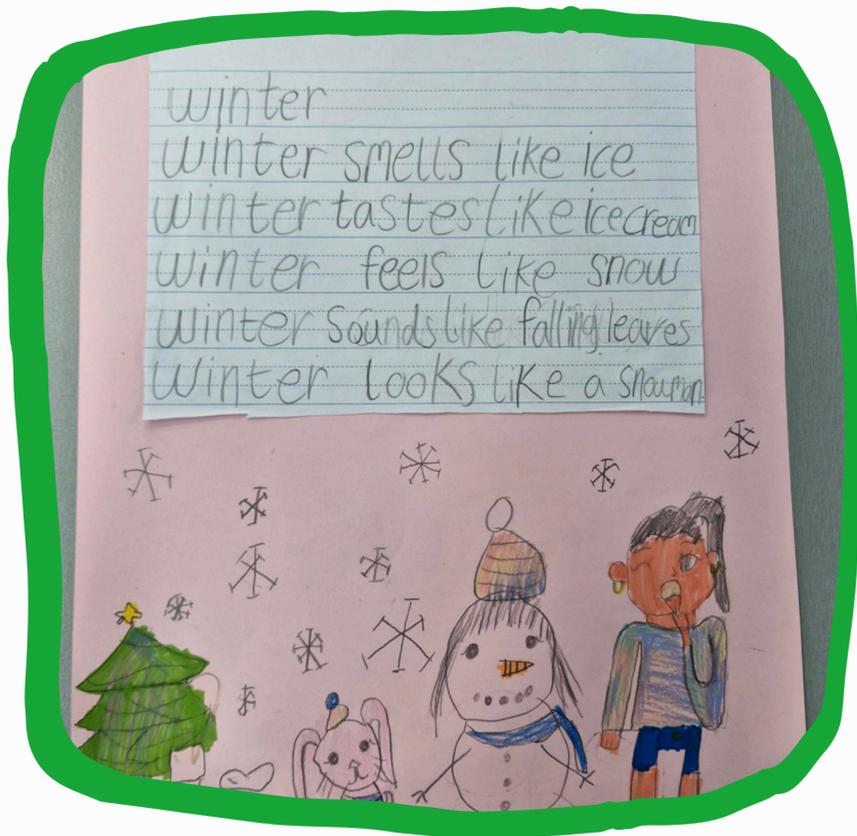
Some of their work includes couplets, simile poems, shape poems and acrostic poetry. We hope you enjoy reading their creative writing!



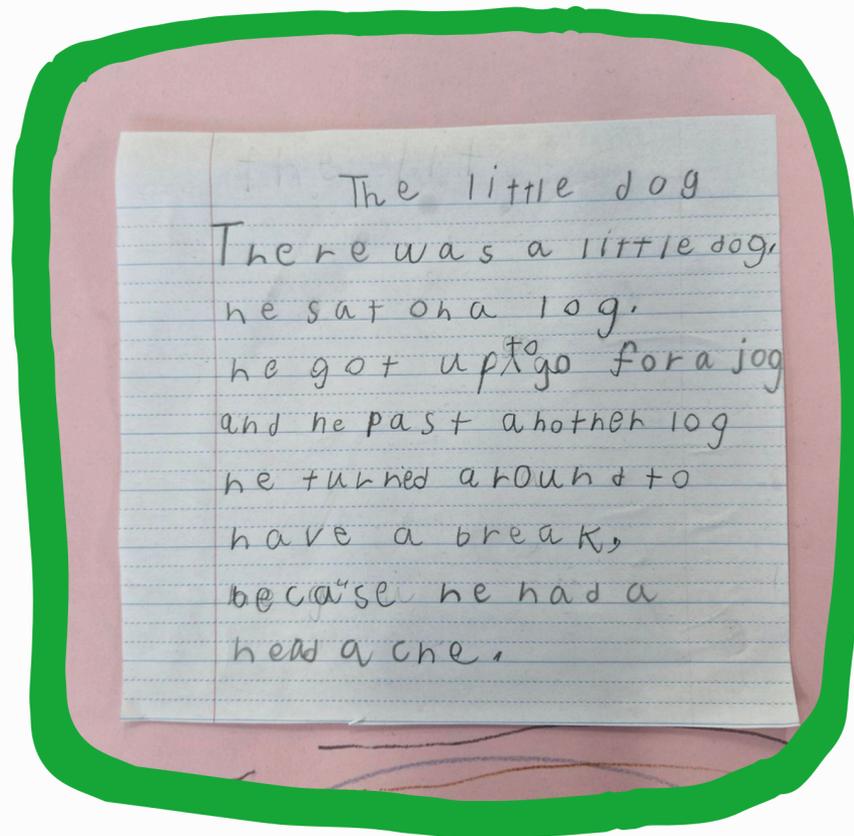
Creative Writing



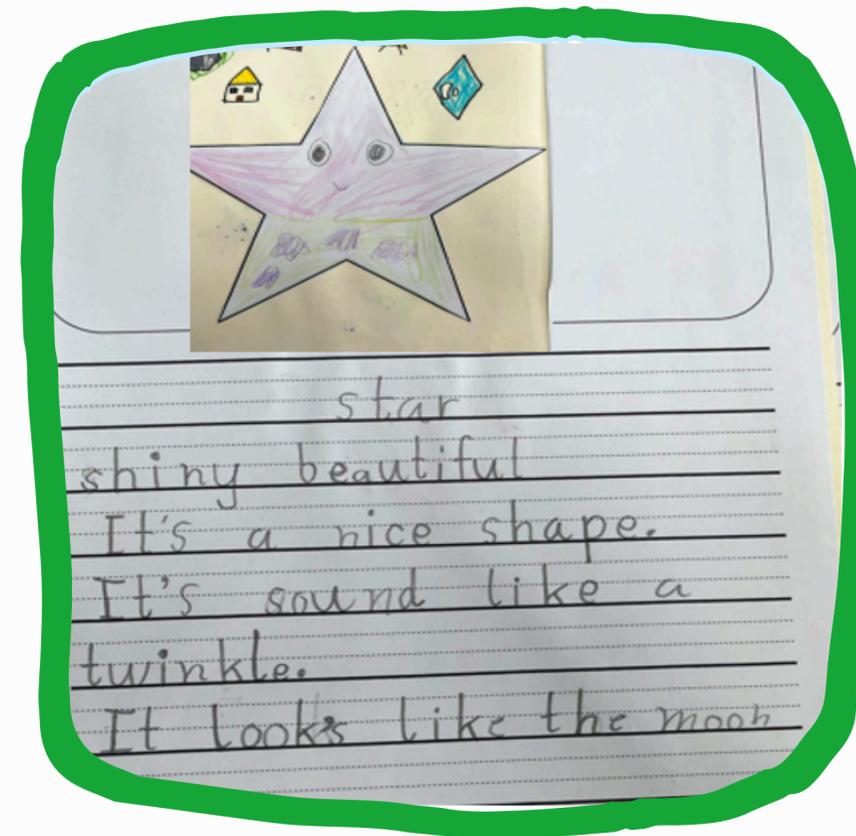
1/2'S POETRY UNIT



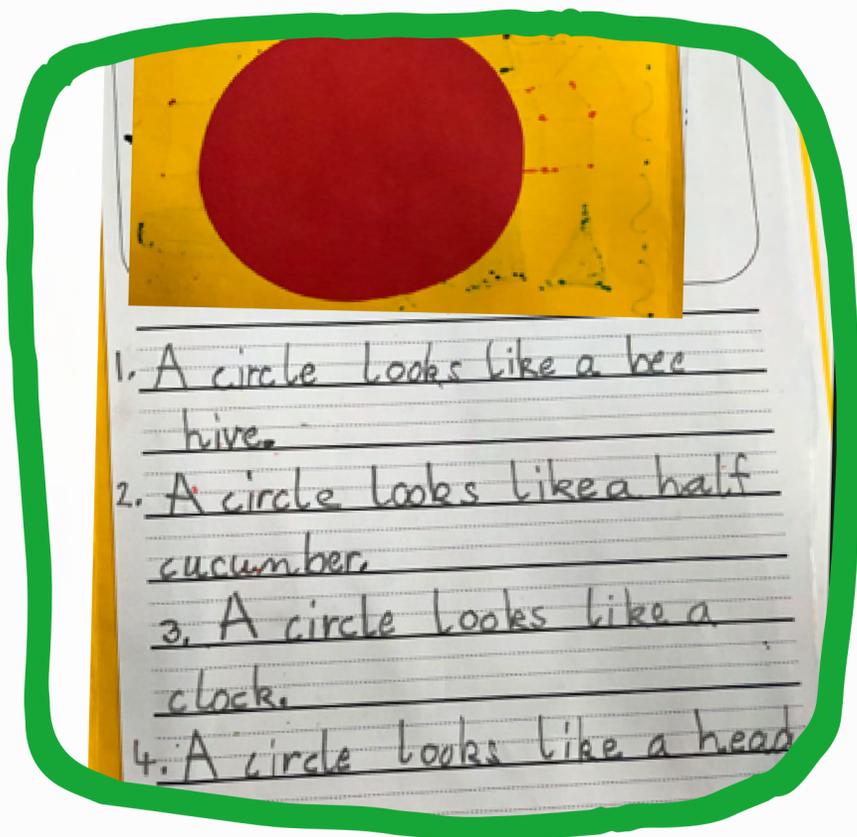
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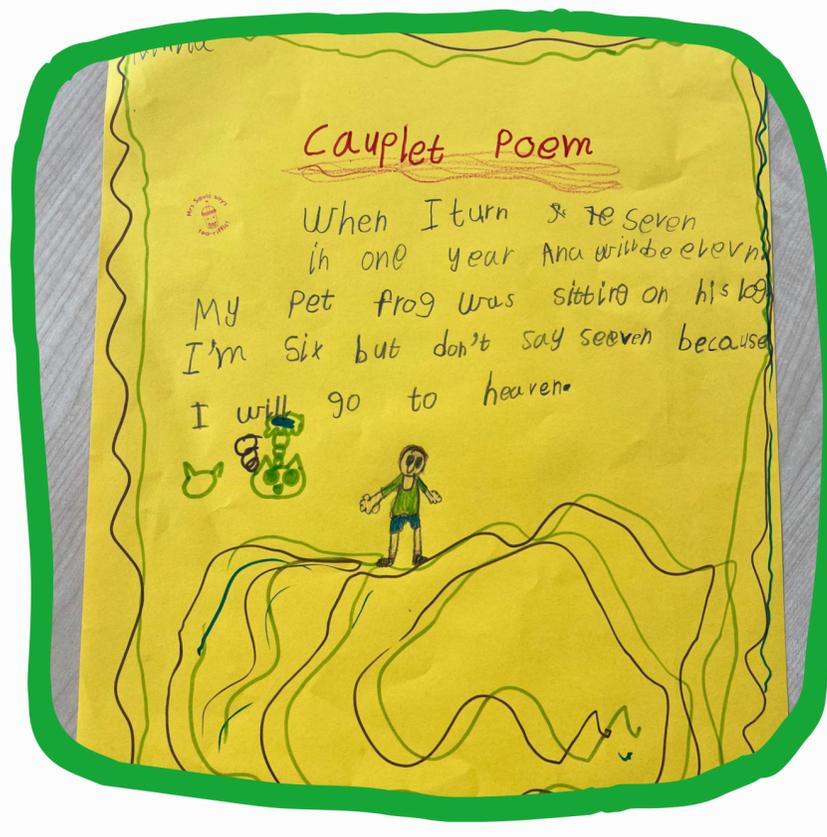
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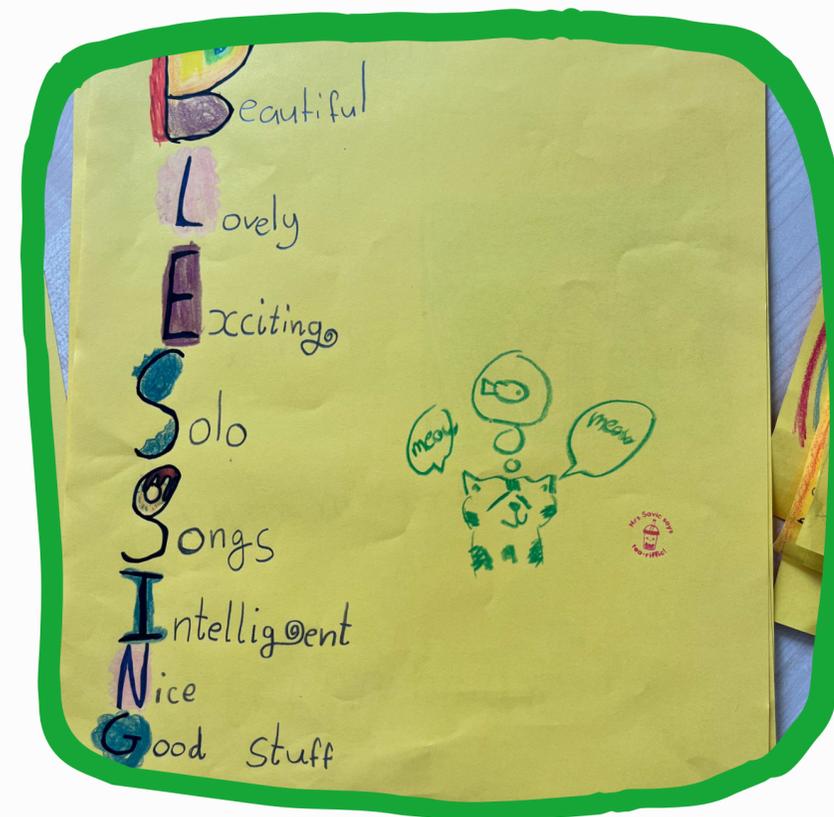
Drake 12K



Ethan 12K



Nikita 12L



Blessing 12L

SPORT REPORT

WYNDHAM SWIMMING CARNIVAL



On Tuesday the 10th of February, Andy. Z (7A) from Boardwalk participated in the Carranballac College swimming trials where he qualified to compete in 4 events at the Wyndham Division Secondary Swimming Carnival. He qualified and competed in the 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke and 50m backstroke.

On Tuesday the 24th of February, Andy competed in the Wyndham Division Swimming Carnival being the only secondary representative for the College. Andy placed 2nd for backstroke and 3rd place for 100m freestyle and breaststroke!

Congratulations on your achievement Andy! As a college, we are incredibly proud of your efforts!



PRIMARY ART

JAMIESON WAY

Jamieson Way Primary Art started the year off strong with a focus on KINDNESS and POSITIVITY.

Foundation to Year 2 students made a KINDNESS heart which demonstrates how each student will strive hard to show kindness at school.

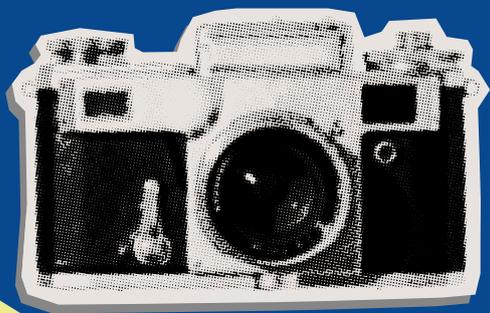
Years 3 to 6 focused on POSITIVITY.

Here, students needed to think of a symbol that represented positivity to them. They also thought of a clever small quote with big impact to place into it.

Together with careful placement and colour choices they were able to create immediate visual impact.

All students did a magnificent job and the artwork is on display in the JW corridor.





Art Electives

Photography

Year 9 Photography students have been building their technical and creative skills this term. They've learned how to confidently use DSLR cameras, explored the work of influential photographers for inspiration, and applied their knowledge through portrait and mixed media photography. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow behind the lens!



EJ, 9B

Street Art

Year 9 Street Art students have been exploring the world of contemporary urban art. They have researched and created artworks inspired by artists and styles, including graffiti lettering, Keith Haring, KAWS and Vexx. Through this unit, students have experimented with bold lines, colour, character design and street art techniques to develop their own creative visual style.



Laine, 9A

Yarn Rebels

Our Year 7/8 Yarn Rebels have been exploring creative ways to transform wool and yarn into unique artworks. Students have experimented with techniques including wool portraits, felt badges, mini mascots and pipe cleaner flowers. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and confidence grow as they bring their designs to life.

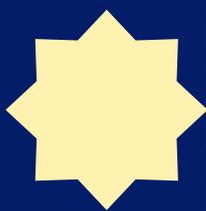


Nina, 7B



FOOD TECH NEWS

TERM 1



FOOD TECHNOLOGY IS RUNNING AT JAMIESON WAY!

Year 7 students have been busy learning the foundations of healthy eating by identifying and recalling the five food groups. They have also been developing essential practical skills, including safe knife techniques and understanding important principles of food safety and hygiene. These lessons are helping students build confidence and independence in the kitchen while preparing for more complex cooking activities.

Year 8 students have been exploring sustainability and the impact of their food choices, including how different foods contribute to carbon footprints. They have been applying this knowledge in preparation for their upcoming burger design task in Week 7, where they will create balanced, nutritious, and environmentally responsible burgers. Students are showing great creativity and understanding as they plan for this hands-on challenge.

MKR students have been busy developing their own recipes and experimenting with flavour combinations in each lesson. They have come up with some creative and interesting dishes, showing great imagination and growing confidence in the kitchen. Their hands-on work continues to build practical cooking skills, teamwork, and a strong sense of culinary creativity.

I am incredibly proud of our Year 8 students who have been demonstrating safe and hygienic kitchen practices to our new Year 7 students. Their leadership and care in the kitchen reflect their commitment to the college values, and they are setting an excellent example for our younger students while continuing to build their own skills and confidence.

Students in Food Around the World have been exploring a wide variety of cuisines, from Indigenous ingredients to dishes influenced by cultures from across the globe. Students have enjoyed creating and tasting a variety of recipes, exploring flavours and techniques from different cultures. I have included a Biscotti Girandola recipe (a popular Italian biscuit) for you to try at home. While there are many variations of this recipe, we found this version to be both suitable and delicious, and it has been a hit with the students in class.



RECIPE: BISCOTTI GIRANDOLA

Preparation Time: 10 minutes

Cooking Time: 25 minutes

Makes: 9 biscuits



IT'S BEEN A DELICIOUSLY BUSY TERM IN
FOOD TECHNOLOGY!

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 eggs
- $\frac{3}{4}$ C caster sugar
- 60g cold butter, cubed
- 1 t vanilla extract
- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ C plain flour
- 1 t baking powder
- 1 T cocoa powder
- 1T milk (if needed)
- 50g dark chocolate (melted)
- 1T icing sugar

METHOD:

- 1.Preheat oven to 170 degrees C.
- 2.Line a baking tray with baking paper.
- 3.Rub butter into flour, sugar and baking powder.
- 4.Add eggs and vanilla; mix to form a firm dough.
- 5.Divide the dough evenly in half.
- 6.Add cocoa powder to one piece of dough. Mix and knead well, adding a little milk if the dough feels dry.
- 7.Roll out each piece of dough between baking paper into rectangles of the same size.
- 8.Place the chocolate dough on top of the vanilla dough.
- 9.Press lightly, then roll tightly from the long edge into a log.
- 10.Slice into 1cm pieces. Lay slices flat and bake for 20-25 minutes, until dry and crisp. Turning once.
- 11.Cool completely.
Drizzle with melted chocolate and dust with icing sugar.





BOARDWALK
FOUNDATION, YEAR 1 & 2

EASTER
HAT
PARADE

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL | 2:15PM

DOUBLE BASKETBALL COURTS
BOARDWALK CAMPUS

Join us for a very special Easter hat parade!
Students will be sharing their hat creations
made in class.

We Connect - We Learn- We Thrive!



JAMIESON WAY
FOUNDATION, YEAR 1 & 2

EASTER

HAT

PARADE

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL | 9:00AM

DOUBLE BASKETBALL COURTS
JAMIESON WAY CAMPUS

Join us for a very special Easter hat parade!
Students will be sharing their hat creations
made in class.

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Invitation to join

PARENTS & FRIENDS CLUB MEETING

Join us to discuss forming a Parents and Friends Club at Carranballac P-9 College!

- ✓ Connect with other parents
- ✓ Get involved
- ✓ Support our school

All parents are carers are welcome.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Justine Ryan
Principal



WEDNESDAY
25TH
MARCH 2026

10:00AM

Boardwalk Campus
Performing Arts
Centre

WE CONNECT - WE LEARN- WE THRIVE!



CARRANBALLAC COLLEGE PARENTS AND FRIENDS PRESENTS

MOONLIGHT FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

\$10 PER FAMILY



THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 6 PM

ON THE JAMIESON WAY OVAL

Enter via Jamieson Way Community Centre Car Park. Movie will start at 7pm.

MOVIE

Students have voted and the winning movie is

How To Train Your Dragon!

TICKETS & SNACK PACKS

Available to purchase for pre payment via Compass. Prepaying for snacks will help to avoid disappointment. This event will be CASH ONLY on the night

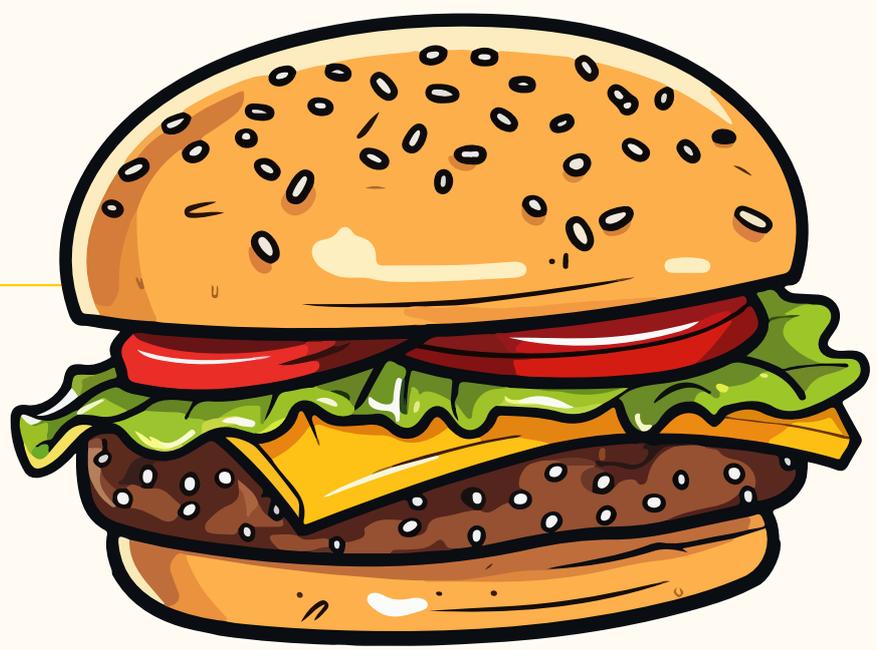
WHAT TO BRING

- The whole family!
- Dinner
- Chairs or picnic rugs
- Warm clothing
- Torch

ALL FAMILIES FROM BOARDWALK AND JAMIESON WAY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

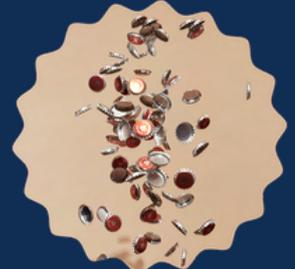
**VOTE
NOW!**

Grill'd
**LOCAL
MATTERS**



Carranballac P-9 College will be featured on a Local Matters jar at Grill'd Point Cook from the 1st of March!

Please add your token to our jar when you eat at Grill'd in the month of March! We have a chance to win up to \$500 which will go towards school grounds improvements!



GRILL'D POINT COOK
Cnr Main & Murnong
St
Point Cook Town
Centre

Tuning in to Kids[®]

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A parenting program for parents of children aged 3 - 10 years.

Learn how to be better at:

- talking with your child
- understanding your child
- helping your child manage their emotions
- preventing behaviour problems in your child
- teaching your child to deal with conflict

Tuning in to Kids[®] shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.

Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Wyndham Vale IPC Health Meeting room 1
510 Ballan Road, Wyndham Vale, VIC, 3024

When: Term 2
6 consecutive weekly sessions on Thursdays:
30TH April, 7th May, 14th May, 21st May, 28th May, 4th June

Time: 10am to 12pm

Contact:

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AGES 3 UP

HANDS ON

TEACHER LED

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NURSERY & GARDEN

EDUCATION
FOR **MARCH**

SAT
7



10am- 11am

We'll read a story about a scarecrow, explore the nursery to find one, and then make our very own scarecrow to take home!

**SCARECROW
ADVENTURE DAY!**

SAT
14



10am- 11am

Join us on an exciting garden adventure to discover the hidden world of mini beasts! Learn how these tiny creatures help our plants grow and even create your own mini beast masterpiece!

**CREATE A
MINIBEAST**

SAT
21

10am- 11am



Come along for a fun adventure exploring the vibrant colours of Australian trees in autumn! We'll discover leaf patterns, learn about their structure, and create our own beautiful tree crafts.

**TWISTED AUTUMN
TREE CRAFT**

SAT
28

10am- 11am

Unlock your creativity and discover the vibrant world of Australian leaves! Explore colours, patterns, and leaf structures through fun art activities!



**LEAF PAINTING
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AVAILABLE**

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For more information,
Contact Shelley shelley@allgreen.com.au

*(Minimum spend \$50 | Full RRP products only | Valid on the day)

Receive 20% off* any purchase after the workshop

FOR AGES 13-18

FREE
EVENT

LIBRARY

YOUTH NIGHT

Bring your friends along or make new friends
at our night of free activities at the library!

With multiple activities on offer,
there's something for everyone at
our Library Youth Night!

To take part in the evening and see
what's on offer, visit the link below!

March 13 | 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Point Cook Library

For 13-18 only

FEATURING
FOOD & MUSIC
GAMING
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS
PHOTOBOOTH
TREASURE HUNT
FORTUNES
MINI GOLF
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