

CARRANBALLAC P-9 COLLEGE

NEWSLETTER

WE CONNECT | WE LEARN | WE THRIVE



Monday 7 September

BW & JW Year 8 Scienceworks Excursion

Thursday 10 September

R U OK? Day

Friday 11 September

Senior Rockband School Band Festival
Parents Club Primary School Disco

Monday 14 September -
Friday 18 September

BW & JW Grade 5/6 Water Safety Program

Friday 18 September

Last Day term 3 - 3pm finish
Footy Colours Dress Up Day
Parents Club Secondary Challenger Games

Monday 5 October

First Day Term 4

Wednesday 14 October -
Friday 16 October

JW Year 9 Outdoor Education Camp

Friday 16 October

Grandparents & Grand Others Morning

Monday 26 October - Friday 30
October

F-3 Glasses for Kids Vision Testing

Monday 2 November

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 3 November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 4 November

BW Year ¾ Scienceworks Excursion

Thursday 5 November

JW Year ¾ Scienceworks Excursion

Friday 6 November

Colour Fun Run



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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.



TERM 3 & 4 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

JUSTINE RYAN, BRETT WATSON & JANELLE BARKER



Dear Families,

Book Week *Symphony of Stories*

This week we celebrated Children's Book Week, with the 2026 theme *Symphony of Stories*. The theme invited students to explore the many ways stories can be shared through words, music, art, performance, imagination and voice.

There was a wonderful buzz across both campuses throughout the week. Students took part in morning Book Week conversations, listened to music connected to classic stories, searched for Wally and other characters around the school, and participated in a huge range of recess and lunchtime activities. These included buddy reading, bookmark and mini-book making, character Pictionary, puppet theatre, trivia challenges and opportunities to create their own book worlds.

A highlight, as always, was our Book Week Parade on Wednesday, with students and staff bringing favourite characters to life. It was terrific to see the creativity, enthusiasm and sense of fun across the College.

Thank you to the many staff who planned, organised and ran activities throughout the week, and to our families for helping students join in the celebrations. Book Week is great fun, but importantly, it also reminds us of the joy of reading, storytelling and sharing ideas with others.



Staff Learning

On Friday 21 August, our staff came together for a day of professional learning focused on strengthening student learning, engagement and wellbeing.

Staff continued to develop their understanding of the Victorian Lesson Plans, supporting consistent, high-quality lesson planning aligned with the Victorian Curriculum. They also participated in Respectful Relationships professional learning delivered by the Department of Education.

An important part of the day involved examining our student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS) data. Staff worked together to consider what our students are telling us about their experiences at school and identify actions we can take to continue strengthening connection, belonging and engagement across the College. Days such as these give us valuable time to learn together, challenge our thinking and ensure that the work we undertake continues to make a meaningful difference for our students.

Wyndham Division Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 27 August, secondary students represented Carranballac College at the Wyndham Division Athletics Carnival, held at the VU Athletics Track. Students were selected to compete following their outstanding performances at our College Athletics Carnival earlier this year.

Competing against schools from across the Wyndham Division, our students demonstrated determination, sportsmanship and a commitment to doing their best across a range of track and field events.

We were extremely proud to see many students achieve fantastic results and earn ribbons for the College, with a number of students also qualifying for the Western Metro Regional Athletics Carnival in Term 4.

Congratulations to every student who competed. You should be very proud not only of your performances, but also of the way you represented Carranballac College throughout the day.



Showing Pride in Our School

You may have noticed that the tokens in the canisters at our front offices are steadily building!

Students earn tokens when they demonstrate pride in our College by taking responsibility for the way they care for their campus. This includes putting rubbish in bins, looking after shared spaces and taking action when they notice something that needs attention.

Families can help reinforce this message at home by:

- Talking about how looking after shared spaces demonstrates respect and responsibility.
- Encouraging children to take responsibility for their own rubbish rather than expecting someone else to pick it up.
- Using reusable containers, lunchboxes and drink bottles where possible to reduce single-use packaging.
- Choosing snacks with less individual wrapping and packaging.
- Reminding students that if they see rubbish nearby, picking it up—even when it isn't theirs—is a simple way to show pride in their community.
- Encouraging students to notice the difference between “That’s not my rubbish” and “This is our school.”

Small actions, repeated by hundreds of students every day, make an enormous difference. Our goal is not simply cleaner campuses; it is developing young people who understand that belonging to a community also means taking responsibility for it.

STUDENT SAFETY BRIEFING SICK OR DEAD BIRDS

You may have heard that bird flu (avian influenza) has recently been found in some birds in Victoria.

There is no need to be worried, but there is one important safety rule we all need to follow at school.

If you see a bird that is sick, injured or dead:

- Do not touch it, pick it up, kick it or move it.
- Keep a safe distance away from it.
- Tell a teacher or another staff member straight away.
- Do not encourage other students to go and look at or touch the bird.

Staff will make sure the area is kept safe and the bird is dealt with appropriately.

If you accidentally touch a sick or dead bird, tell a staff member immediately and wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.

The important message to remember is:

See a sick or dead bird? Leave it alone and tell an adult.

For more information please visit the Department of Health website:
<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/health-alerts/avian-influenza-found-in-birds-in-victoria>

2026 BOOK WEEK SYMPHONY OF STORIES



The Day Books Came Alive

By Juliana and Matilda 3/4L



On the 26th of August, students and staff dressed up as their favorite book characters. This celebration occurred at Carranballac College across both campuses. It was delightful admiring the massive turn up of participants wearing costumes to align with their interests in literature.

There were some very popular renowned themes which included Harry Potter, Dr Suess and Fairy Tale Princesses. Within all the year levels there were several students representing characters from these three themes however there were many others who chose costumes from different genres.

Many students enjoyed admiring the costumes of others and commented on how fabulous they looked. An interviewed student was questioned about the book week parade, they answered...

"It took us 2 days to make the costumes from the book The Cars."

Another student got asked why they chose to wear that as their costume, he replied
"Because it's from my favourite book."

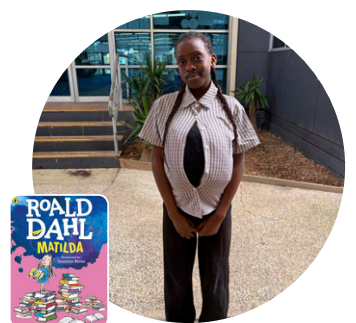
All the teachers dressed up in different themes based on the different cohorts. The 3/4 cohort did Harry Potter, and the 5/6 teachers dressed up as dalmatian dogs from 101 Dalmatians. Office staff including the principal did a toy story theme, our principal choosing to be an inflatable alien.



Everyone was extremely excited and enthusiastic; they were all giving high fives as students circled around the gym, along with great big cheers. Each year level showed respect and inclusion and accepted all creativity with a smile.

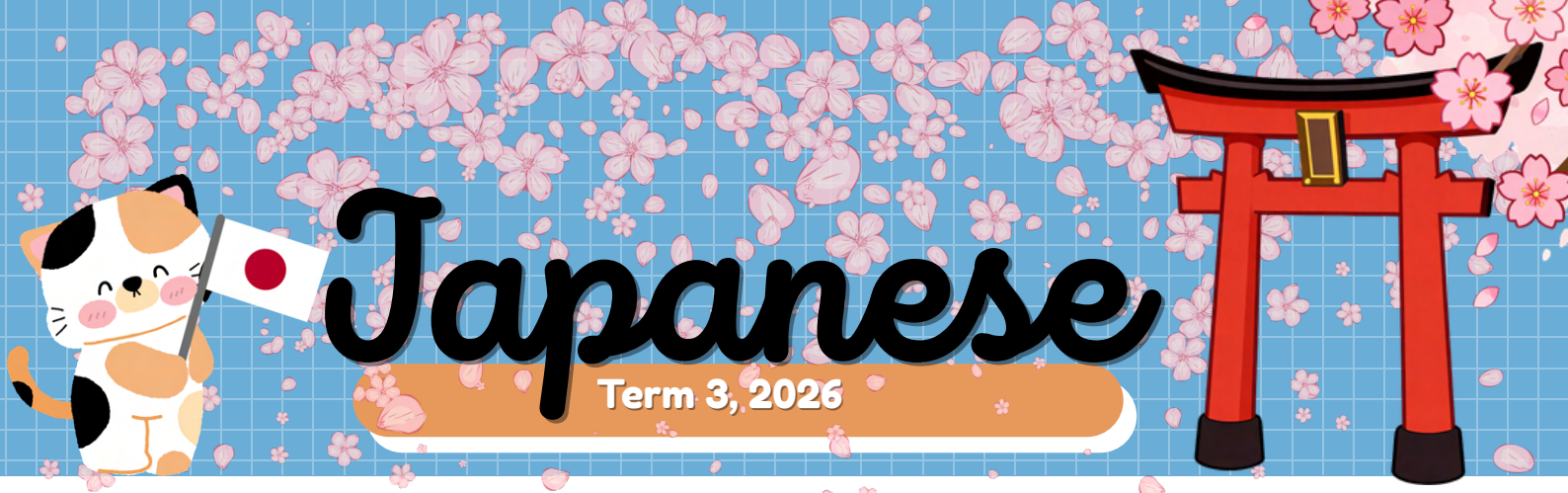
Book week is an important but fun celebration that we continue to love and treasure and that brings us all together. While the costumes are packed away, the real magic of book week remains. Books keep inspiring young readers long after the parade ends. A real love for books never fades away.

2026 BOOK WEEK PARADE



Illustrator: Briony Stewart.

SYMPHONY OF STORIES



Japanese

Term 3, 2026



It has been a busy and exciting term in Japanese, with students across the year levels building their vocabulary and confidence in using Japanese through a range of fun and engaging activities.



Year 3/4

Year 3/4 students have been learning how to talk about their families. They have practised introducing family members, sharing how many people are in their family and giving information such as names and ages.



Foundation & Year 1/2

Foundation students have been learning the names of different fruits in Japanese. They even created their own plate of fruit salad by going 'shopping' at Sensei's Fruit Shop!

Year 1/2 students have been exploring farm animals, learning how to recognise, read and say the names in Japanese. Students had the opportunity to make a farm animal origami with our Japanese Language Assistant, Ruka.



Year 5/6

Year 5/6 students have been exploring the theme of restaurants and food. They have been learning a range of food names and practising ordering food in Japanese.

They also played a traditional Japanese card game called Karuta with our Japanese Language Assistant, Ruka.



Mark your calendars!



Keep an eye out for a Japanese celebration, Tsukimi, coming up in September. Tsukimi means "moon viewing" in Japanese. It happens in September or October on a special night called Jugoya, which means the "15th night" of the lunar calendar. On this night, the autumn moon looks extra big, bright, and round.

Tsukimi this year:
September 25, 2026



BW & JW YEAR 9 BODY WORLDS EXCURSION



Student Recounts

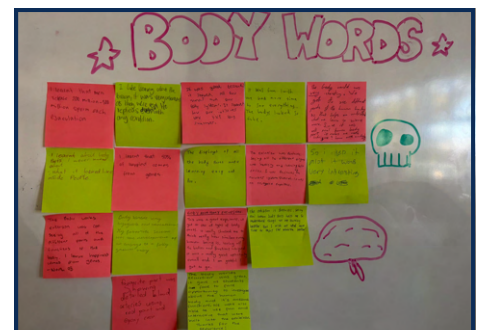
1. I enjoyed learning about the brain. It was very interesting to see how the brain works and how the replicas helped us understand different conditions.
2. It was good because it showed all our nerves and body systems. It also showed what our intestines look like, and they looked like long sausages.
3. It was fun. I wish we had more time to see everything. Some of the bodies looked so fake.
4. Body Worlds was very interesting. We got to see different parts of the human body, which helped me understand what we learn in science more. Since the body parts were real, it made me more intrigued about the human body.
5. I learnt about body parts that I had never learnt about before. I also learnt what it looks like inside people.
6. I learnt that 50% of happiness comes from genes.
7. The displays of all the body parts made learning easy and fun.
8. The excursion was fantastic. Seeing all the different organs was interesting and made learning easier. I was fascinated by the nervous system overall. It was an enjoyable experience.
9. I liked it a lot. It was very interesting.
10. The Body Worlds excursion was cool. I liked seeing all the different parts and functions of the body. I learnt that happiness comes from genes.
11. Body Worlds was very enjoyable and educational. My favourite section was the circulatory system because it showed how everything connects in a fully grown body.
12. This was a great experience. We got to see all types of body parts. It really shocked me to think about how similar every human being is when seeing all the bodies and their functions. It was a really great opportunity overall, and I am grateful I got to go.
13. The exhibition was fantastic. Seeing real human body parts helped me understand things we are learning better, but I wish we had more time to enjoy the exhibition better.
14. My favourite part was seeing the detailed blood arteries using red paint and epoxy resin.
15. The Body Worlds excursion was great. It gave us students a face-to-face opportunity to investigate the human body and its awesome functions. We were also able to use fun and interactive displays that were built into the exhibition. Thanks for the experience!



Year 9 students visited the BODY WORLDS exhibition and had a great day exploring the body systems they have been learning about since Year 7.



Year 9 students created reproductive system models to show their understanding of the topic in a hands-on way.



FOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS

TERM 3



Food technology students have been busy cooking up a storm!

Year 7 students investigated enzymatic browning and made delicious apple turnovers. They also prepared for their upcoming Sandwich Design Task by making a Croque Monsieur – a fancy French toastie!



Year 8 students made fried rice and mastered the culinary skill of absorption. They have also been practising their skills in preparation for their upcoming Burger Design Task.



MKR students have been working on their creativity by designing cupcakes, developing their skills in planning, designing and creating their own products.

Food Around the World students have been travelling the world through food! They explored Southern European cuisine by making Cevapi and Lepinja, before travelling to France to create a delicious French quiche (the recipe is below). They also explored Hawaiian cuisine by making the delicious dish Loco Moco.



RECIPE: QUICHE

Preparation Time: 20 minutes

Cooking Time: 20 minutes

Makes:



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

INGREDIENTS:

SHORT PASTRY:

- 200g plain flour
- 100g margarine
- Pinch of salt
- 50ml water

FILLING:

- 2 eggs
- 150ml milk
- 50ml cream
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup grated cheese
- Mushrooms, bacon, onion, capsicum (brunoise).
- Salt, pepper

METHOD:

1. Sift the flour into a bowl and rub in the margarine to resemble fine sand.
2. Dissolve the salt in water and fold the liquid into the flour mixture.
3. Turn onto the bench and mould the dough into a ball. Cover with a tea towel and let it rest for 10 minutes.
4. Spray a 12-cup muffin tin with oil.
5. Sauté bacon and onion in a frying pan then mix with mushrooms and capsicum.
6. Roll out the dough until it is 3mm thick.
7. Cut the rolled pastry into discs and press into muffin tins.
8. Place Tablespoons full of filling into each case and evenly distribute the cheese.
9. Prepare a savoury custard by whisking eggs, milk and cream together in a jug. Season to taste.
10. Carefully pour the mixture into the cases, filling to within 5mm of the top.
11. Bake at 190 degrees for about 20 minutes.
12. Allow to cool slightly before removing from tins.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

0 days off school

100%

Perfection

Equates to 2 days off school each year

99%

Excellent

Equates to 5 days off school each year

97%

Good

Equates to 10 days off school each year

95%

Slight Concern

Equates to 20 days off school each year

90%

Concerned

Equates to 30 days off school each year

85%

Very Concerned

5 days absence over the whole year

97% - 100%

Good chance of success and progress

20 days absence over the whole year

90%

Less chance of success. Harder to make progress

20+ days absence over the whole year

Under 90%

Detrimental to success and progress

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

**BE AT THE
CLASSROOM
ON TIME
AND READY
TO LEARN!**

PRIMARY SCHOOL DISCO

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH

2-3PM IN THE SCHOOL GYM

\$10 PACKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON COM PASS (INCLUDES SNACK, DRINK AND GLOW STICKS)



COME IN YOUR FAVOURITE RAINBOW DRESS UP



2026

CARRANBALLAC COLLEGE YEAR 8 SCIENCE FAIR

Jamieson Way Science Fair



Date: Tuesday, 15 September



Location: Year 9 Gallery



Schedule

1:20 pm

Lunch concludes

1:20 – 1:45 pm

Science Fair preparation

From 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Parents and carers
are invited to attend

Boardwalk Science Fair



Date: Wednesday, 16 September



Location: BER Building



Schedule

1:20 pm

Lunch concludes

1:20 – 1:45 pm

Science Fair preparation

From 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

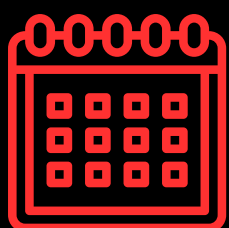
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CARRANBALLAC COLLEGE
SECONDARY

CHALLENGER GAMES

2026



FRIDAY 18TH
SEPTEMBER



SCHOOL
GYM



ENTRY \$10
VIA COMPASS



\$30 GIFT VOUCHER

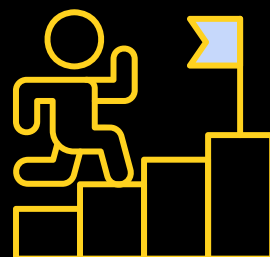
\$5 CANTEEN VOUCHER



PLUS SPOT PRIZES
TO THE BEST CROWD MEMBERS!



EPIC
PRIZES



AMAZING
CHALLENGES



DRINK & SNACK
INC WITH \$10
OR PURCHASE
AT EVENT.



WILL YOU BE CROWNED THE
CARRANBALLAC COLLEGE
CHAMPION
2026?



FOOTY COLOURS DRESS UP DAY



FRIDAY 18 SEPTEMBER



**Swap your uniform for your favourite sports
team colours for a gold coin donation.**

**Money raised will be put towards school
grounds improvements!**

**GOLD COIN
DONATION**



Thank you for getting involved!



School staff have a right to be safe at work



Any abuse will not be tolerated

Parents, carers, advocates and adult members of the school community must engage respectfully with school staff.

Unacceptable behaviour will be addressed promptly. This may include calling the police if required or issuing you a School Community Safety Order.

These behaviours are **not permitted** in-person, over the phone, by email, text message or on social media:

- ⊗ Rudeness
- ⊗ Aggression, including raising your voice at a staff member
- ⊗ Discriminatory or derogatory comments
- ⊗ Insults or offensive communication
- ⊗ Harassment
- ⊗ Threatening gestures
- ⊗ Malicious or defamatory communications
- ⊗ Intimidation
- ⊗ Threats
- ⊗ Violence

These behaviours are **never okay** and can make staff and students feel unsafe.

