Statement of Purpose

In our unique, innovative and growing community we develop a passion for life long learning so that students achieve individual excellence and are confident, capable, respected citizens of our local and global communities.

Weekly Newsletter

All our newsletters can be accessed on our webpage: www.carranballac.vic.edu.au

2015 Calendar of Events

Friday 13 March  Walkathon
Sunday 15 March  Parents & Friends Family Photos
Mon 16—Wed 18 March  Year 9 Boardwalk School Camp
Mon 16—Wed 25 March  Jamieson Way Year 3/4 Swimming
Wed 18—Fri 20 March  Year 9 Jamieson Way School Camp
  Friday 27 March  Earth Hour
  Friday 27 March  Last Day Term 1 2015
  Monday 13 April  Curriculum Day
  Tuesday 14 April  Students Commence Term 2
Sunday 26—Wednesday 30 April  Year 5/6 Jamieson Way Canberra Camp
  Wed 29 April—Sat 2 May  Year 5/6 Jamieson Way Canberra Camp 2
  Tuesday 12—Thursday 14 May  NAPLAN

It's not OK to be away.

Parent Contact Details
If you have recently changed your contact details eg Mobile, Home Phone, Work Phone or address please remember to contact the office to advise your updated details.

Student Absence: Please SMS student absences by 10.00 am to 0429 305 552
Dear Parents

May I begin by saying I have been most impressed with the warm welcome I have received at Carranballac College. At the outset I would like to congratulate and also thank Lesley Hall for her professional leadership as Director to start the year off. Sincere thanks also goes to Kay Kearney, Sandy Naughton and the rest of the leadership team.

We are privileged at Carranballac to have a wonderful team of dedicated staff working closely together to engage students in purposeful learning. The depth of curriculum planning at the Professional Learning Team level supported by the extensive range of extra curriculum programs is amazing.

I was able to attend both College assemblies last week and do intend to now rotate between the two campuses for the full assemblies. It was a delight to see the bright and cheerful faces of the foundation students and to also be a part of the wonderful student performances/presentations.

Last week the leadership team undertook three days of professional development at the Local Area Network Conference and gained valuable insight into a range of strategies to support the implementation of the Carranballac Review outcomes. As School Council and staff confirm the College targets we will provide parents with ways in which they can support the College and their children, our students.

This week I was able to address the recently appointed leaders and families of our College: Guardians and Captains. It was a real honour to be able to meet these wonderful students, congratulate them and provide them with some advice on what sound leadership looks like. They were also able to share with the audience some of their thoughts on leadership as well – enlightening.

I am looking forward to meeting more families as the year progresses. Please take the time to say hello if you see me.
Boardwalk School Report—Principal Kay Kearney

Congratulations to the Boardwalk 2015 Year 9 student leaders.

Guardians - Callum Farmer, Jada-Lake Passi, Jasmine Anusornchonsaree, Logan Harvey, Louis Dobson, Louise Bituin, Milena Volkov, Nick Parnis and Sunny Nguyen

House Captains - Sea Eagles: Monique Comito, Cheetham: Tremaine Dawson, Golden Wattle: Aericka Bou and RAAF: Chase Mauheni

Yesterday they were presented with the appropriate pocket for their blazer. We look forward to seeing the new look blazer at Assembly on Monday.

The Year 2 Swimming Program continues this week. Thursday is the final lesson and I am sure all students have new skills they can demonstrate, given the opportunity!

The Rock Band has headed off for their annual camp, jamming, learning new songs and performing – well away from any neighbours.

Please do not forget the Walkathon on Friday as it is an important fundraiser for our Parent and Friends group. Students are encouraged to wear a splash of colour to identify which House they belong to.

Enjoy the rest of the week!

Jamieson Way School Report—Principal Sandy Naughton

Congratulations to our 2015 student leaders-

Year Level Leaders Gemma Hatton, Scott Rutherford, Alyssa Kwet-On, Ben McAteer, Amber Rutherford, Zion Missen. Megan Cotter, Bradley Gardner, Maddie Lamb, and Jake Mumberson;

House Captains - Sam Grylls, Hannah Russell, Michael Roocroft, Trunisha Patel, Mitchell Hansen, Kaitlyn Beeby, Owen Godfrey, and Carlie Myors-Moore;


The students were presented to the college community yesterday afternoon. We wish them well for the year of leadership ahead.

Well done to all our Year 7 campers - they represented themselves, their families and our school very well during their outdoor adventure experience last week. We have similar high expectations for our Year 9 students when they undertake their outdoor education experiences at Mt Buffalo next week.

Our Year 2 swimmers are also doing a great job at Laverton Pool. Feedback from our staff, from pool staff and from parents tells us that these little people are demonstrating their developing independence and we can be very proud of the manner in which they are listening, and progressing in safety and swimming skills.

This Friday is a exciting day for us all. We are all looking forward to our walkathon! This great community event benefits everyone! Our children are encouraged to wear a splash of colour from their sports house. The weather should be perfect for this amazing Parents and Friends event. Please support us by sponsoring your child.

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F/1 Boardwalk News

Special Person Day
As part of our term topic ‘Me, My Family, My Culture’, the F/1 students have been learning about themselves and what makes them a valued contributor to the class and school community, and how family and culture is different for everyone. As a celebration of this topic the F/1 students will be having a Special Person day will be on Wednesday 25th of March at 2.30pm. Students are encouraged to invite a Special Person in their life to come and visit their school community and classroom. This Special Person can be a Grandparent, Aunty, Uncle or family friend. We look forward to seeing you all on the 25th March.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Ben and Kyle Whitehead who have competed at the Victorian Karate State Championships. They were both selected to train with the 2015 Victorian State Karate Squad. Being part of this Squad means they will be eligible for selection in the State Team that will complete at the 2015 Australian Nation Championships in Adelaide over 7-9 August 2015.

Well Done.

Carranballac College Fun Run / Walkathon is on FRIDAY!

When is it? Friday 13 March 2015

What time? Early Years 9am to 10.30am
Middle Years 11.15am to 12.45pm

Where is it being held? Boardwalk – Point Cook Cricket Oval (Dunnings Reserve) adjacent the school

Jamieson Way – on the school oval

What to bring? Don’t forget to wear your house colours and a hat. Also don’t forget your water bottle!

This is an exciting opportunity for students to participate in physical activity whilst supporting the Carranballac College Parents and Friends Committee in raising funds for our school. At the same time, students have the opportunity to earn prizes simply raising money for the school. Sponsorship forms and permission slips have been sent home with all students. Please help us to make this event a success!
Science & Sustainability

Clean up Australia Day Friday 27 Feb 2015

Our Clean Up Australia day activity gave the College an opportunity to engage its students in appreciating Point Cook. Here some of our students tell about their experiences:

SEC members Rachel Kierstead and Madeline Chincarini 56T

“On Friday 27th February, it was Clean up Australia Day. Our school participated and picked up rubbish all around Carranbaliac College and around our community. It was a fun hour to clean and respect Australia and our wetland birds. We will continue to clean our school and community.”

Both campuses looked at micro litter in the school ground, and we have a report from Year 2P of their work on a small part of the school ground at Jamieson Way:

Georgie Stark and Tara Larcombe wrote:

“We found big pieces and small pieces. We counted all the rubbish, and found lots of plastic! When we finished we got into groups and sorted the rubbish. We had one glove on and we had fun!”

Evie Jackson and Saige Palu wrote:

“We had fun picking up rubbish. We found glass and lots of plastic on the oval. We sorted it out, and had one glove on.”

Photos: 2P at work and their collection.

Micro (Small) Litter Jamieson Way

Thanks to the Student Environment Council at both campuses for promoting and organising our big on-site and off-site events, including the micro litter surveys.

Uniform for Sale

Middle years uniform for sale boys shorts size 18, sports shirt and shorts both size 14.
Contact Dave on 9395 0456
Classroom Helpers Program 2015

As part of our Early Years Literacy and Numeracy program in our College, two Classroom Helpers programs will begin shortly. The Classroom Helpers program provides parents with understandings about the organisation of the Literacy and Numeracy blocks in the classroom together with insights into the strategies we use to assist children with their learning.

Upon training, Classroom Helpers may assist in the classroom under the direction of the teacher, supporting us by working with small groups of students and being a role model for learning. It is the practice of this College that Classroom Helpers do not work in their own children’s classrooms.

Classroom Helpers is a course of four sessions.

Program 1 will be held at Boardwalk School on Tuesday mornings: 17th and 24th March, and 14th and 21st April. These sessions will run 9.00am – 10.30am.

Program 2 will be held at Jamieson Way School beginning Friday 17th April and continuing on 24th and 1st and 8th May. These sessions will also run from 9.00am – 10.30am.

Parents from Boardwalk School and Jamieson Way School are welcome in either program.

Sessions cover an outline of how children develop, expectations of Classroom Helpers assisting in the classroom and basic strategies for supporting students with Speaking and Listening, Reading, Writing and Numeracy.

Classroom Helpers may be rostered to help in any Early Years classroom, depending on their availability and timetable constraints. However, your own arrangements will need to be made for toddlers while you help in the classroom.

Once trained, Classroom Helpers will need to undergo a Working With Children Check which can be organised at no cost for volunteers through Australia Post. The list of newly trained parents will be presented to our School Council as a pool of parents who are recommended to support in classrooms. Upon completion of the program you will gain a certificate that is recognised in all government schools across Victoria. Please contact Deb Way or Rose Pell if you have already completed the training at another school or in previous years and wish to be a Classroom Helper at Carranballac F-9 College in 2015.

Please complete the reply slip and return it to school as soon as possible.

Looking forward to working with you!

Deb Way                                      Rosemarie Pell
Early Years Sub School Manager               Early Years Sub School Manager
Boardwalk School                             Jamieson Way School
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CLASSROOM HELPERS PROGRAM 2015

Name_____________________________________ Contact Phone Number: _____________________

Child’s Name: _____________________________ Child’s class____________

☐ I am interested in the Classroom Helpers Program 1 Program 2 (Please circle)
I understand that I need to attend all four training sessions OR
☐ I have already completed the Classroom Helpers Program and am interested in helping in a classroom.
STRENGTHENING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Parent Information Evening

Wyndham City together with FMC Mediation and Counselling Victoria are presenting a parent information night which aims to provide support and information to parents and young people in the Point Cook community.

The topics presented and explored will be communication skills, modelling behaviours, strategies to deal with strong emotions, awareness of self and others and information on developmental stages in adolescence and how it impacts family relationships.

DATE: Thursday 19th March, 2015
LOCATION: Point Cook Learning Centre, Community Room 1, 1-21 Cheetham St, Point Cook
TIME: Registration at 6:45pm for 7pm start

This will be an interactive information session with the opportunity for questions. For more information call the Youth Resource Centre on 8734 1355.

Register your attendance to rosie.barbara@wyndham.vic.gov.au and go in the draw to WIN 1 of 2 books to take home at the end of the evening by Andrew Fuller ‘Tricky Teens’.

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au
Welcome to the Carranballac Corker. This is the weekly Numeracy challenge for you and your family to solve together. Discuss the challenge and place your answer in the box near the office. The correct winning entries will be drawn at the whole assembly on Monday mornings.

**Numeracy Word of the Week:** square root

**Last Weeks Word:** remainder - amount left over after a division

### Early Years

**How many children make 18 shoulders?**

### Middle Years

**How can I cut the board into only two pieces so that they will fill the hole exactly?**

- **A hole:**
  - (2m x 12m)

- **A board:**
  - (3m x 8m)

### Family Fun Time: Cooking together is a great way to have fun and do maths

**Lemon Slice**

**Ingredients**
- 1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 100g butter
- 200g plain biscuits
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon rind

**Method**
- Grease a 3cm deep, 15.5cm x 25cm (base) slab pan. Line base and sides with baking paper, extending paper 2cm above edges of pan. Place condensed milk and butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until smooth and combined. Remove from heat. Using a food processor, process biscuits until fine crumbs. Transfer to a bowl. Add coconut and lemon rind. Stir to combine. Add hot butter mixture. Mix well to combine. Press mixture over the base of prepared pan. Cover. Refrigerate for 1 1/2 hours or until firm.
- Make lemon icing: Sift icing sugar into a bowl. Add butter and lemon juice. Beat with a wooden spoon until smooth and combined. Spread icing over slice. Stand at room temperature for 30 minutes or until icing has set. Cut into pieces. Serve.

**Icing**
- 2 cups pure icing sugar
- 20g butter, softened
- 2 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice