

# Weekly Newsletter

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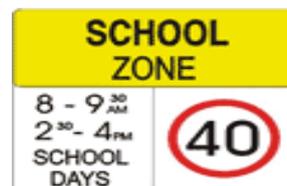
### Parent Contact Details

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.

## 2015 Calendar of Events

Wednesday 4 February	Foundation students do not attend school
Wednesday 11 February	Foundation students do not attend school
Thursday 12 February	Student Learning Conferences
Wednesday 18 February	Foundation students do not attend school
Wednesday 25 February	Foundation students do not attend school
Friday 27 February	Clean Up Australia Day
Mon 2–Wed 11 March	Year 2 Swimming
Mon 2–Wed 4 March	Year 7 Boys Camp
Wed 4–Friday 6 March	Year 7 Girls Camp
Mon 16–Wed 18 March	Year 9 Camp 1
Wed 18–Fri 20 March	Year 9 Camp 2
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

**It's not OK to be away.**



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

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Sandy Naughton

## Acting Director's Report—Lesley Hall

We have had a smooth transition to the beginning of the 2015 school year with students settling into their classes, making new friends and building relationships with their class teacher.

Our prep enrolments have been greater than our projections and this has facilitated the establishment of a new Foundation/1 classes, at Jamieson Way School. This step was taken to keep class sizes to a minimum and to maximise the learning for the students. Parents of all students to be moved to the new classes will be contacted and I thank those parents for their understanding.

I urge all parents at both schools to undertake safe practices when dropping off and collecting their children. Please park legally to ensure the safety of all. We have been warned that the police and council officers will regularly patrol and book offending vehicles.

We encourage all students to attend every day and remind parents that the school day begins at 8:45.

Student Learning Conferences will be held next week, you should receive information in the mail about how to make bookings to talk with your child's teacher.

A Parent Information Evening was to be held on Thursday 19th February. This has been deferred until the appointment by the region of the Acting College Director.

The Parents and Friends Association hold their first meeting of the year tonight and would welcome any new parents to come along and join with them in building community spirit and continuing to fundraise for air conditioners. We have now received quotations for installing more air conditioners and hope to have them in place before the last of the hot weather. Stay well.



Lesley Hall  
Acting College Director

### Student Learning Conference — Parent Teacher Online Thursday 12th February 2015

You will be given the opportunity to attend a Student Learning Conference on Thursday 12th February 2014. Student Learning Conferences for 3/4 Quartz has been rescheduled for Thursday 19th February as Miss Parsons will be unavailable on Thursday 12th February. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Conferences will be ten minutes duration and will be conducted in classrooms from 3.30 pm to 7.00 pm. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and to share insights about their child. It is a 'feed in' discussion where parents can talk about their child's interests, likes etc in order to support the teacher to better meet the child's developmental needs.

To enhance our Middle Years students' responsibility as learners, all Middle Years students (Years 5 to 9) will be expected to participate in the discussion with their teacher and parents.

Using Parent Teacher Online you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. If you do not have internet access please contact the college on 9395 3533 and we will arrange an interview for you.

Parent's login and passwords were posted home last week.

**We urge all parents to attend these important conferences.**

Please access the system as follows:

Go to the school's home page [www.carranballac.vic.edu.au/](http://www.carranballac.vic.edu.au/) Click the PTO icon as shown here ...



Enter your surname and PIN, provided in the letter sent to you.

## Boardwalk School Report— Principal Kay Kearney

Welcome to the 2015 school year. Welcome to the many new families and students to the Boardwalk School and welcome back to all others. The weather has been unusually cool, but as we all know Melbourne weather is most unpredictable, the hot weather is on the way!

Welcome to all the Foundation students and they are as cute as ever! They are having a well-earned mid-week rest today and each Wednesday in February.

All students look great in their uniforms and it is particularly pleasing to see everyone wearing a College hat when outside. Thank you for your support in making this happen.

All parents, across the school, are most welcome to have a quick chat with their child's teacher before or after school. If you have any major concerns feel free to make an appointment with either of the Sub School leaders, Early Years – Deb Way or Middle Years – Lauris Doyle, or myself.

As usual Student Learning Conferences are happening next Thursday 12 February afternoon/evening. Please avail yourself of this opportunity to meet your child's teacher and share any relevant important information. It is a College expectation that all Middle Years students will attend with their parents, as they are now old enough to have significant input into their learning.

As I am sure you are aware, our Canteen has a great array of healthy treats. Please be aware that lunchtime goodies may be ordered first thing in the morning, along with lunch orders. This means that your child is given the treat in the classroom without having to wait in long lines during lunchtime. Thank you for considering this option!

Have a great week!



## Jamieson Way School Report—Principal Sandy Naughton

Welcome back to all our families! A very special welcome to our Foundation students and all those students who have just joined our community. It was a very smooth start last week- thank you to our parents who prepared their children so well with enthusiasm and excitement!

We believe the safety of our students entering and exiting the school is a shared responsibility. Please consider the traffic around our school at drop off and pick up times. Double parking is extremely dangerous. Park a short distance away and walk. When you are parking please consider the local residents- parking across driveways does not create a positive profile for our school. Our staff carpark is not a walk way. This is a pedestrian free zone - please do not walk through the carpark.

At the start of each year we remind our community that we have children with severe allergies-so we ask that nut products are not brought to school. We have a 'no sharing food' policy to protect our children. We ask our community to understand that this extends to birthday cakes and lollies. Over the years our parents have been absolutely amazing with their creative ideas for celebrating birthdays without sharing food. The allergies in our student population are very real, so please protect all our students.

Thank you to our wonderful staff for their hard work in preparing and planning for the start of the school year. We look forward to meeting our parents at student learning conferences on Thursday 12 February.

If you have any questions, or any issues please contact our assistant principals Rose Pell (Early Years) or Ros Myers (Middle Years).

Enjoy your child this week!



## Middle Years Music 2015

Welcome to another year of exciting musical opportunities at Carranballac F-9 College. As part of the Musical Futures classroom lessons, your child is asked to bring their own head phones. It has become impracticable and prohibitively expensive for us to continue to provide these during lessons. Inexpensive bud-type ear phones are fine. Your child is asked to be responsible for these and to be sure to bring them to class each week.

## Music Lessons

For families who are new to Carranballac F-9 College, we have an ongoing relationship with Soundhouse Music Schools to deliver a user-pays music tuition program to our students. Now in its tenth year, we offer tuition in Keyboard, Drums, Electric Guitar and Singing/Performing. This is a contemporary program delivered in small groups, during class time. Payment is due today for Term 1 lessons which will begin on 9<sup>th</sup> February. If you have any questions about this program please contact me:

## Minor Sensation

We welcome back Barry Davies who delivered an exciting and enjoyable first rehearsal for our rock band students last Friday. I extend a warm welcome to our new band members Jacinta, Paige, Tommy, Samuel and Hamish. The other nine musicians are on-going band members from 2014. There is already evidence of strong commitment, enthusiasm and talent from these students and 2015 will be an great year of music making and performing for our fabulous college rock band.

Gaye Edmonds  
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# School Banking 2015 is ready for launch.



For over 80 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dollarmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

Information on how students can get on board with School Banking, including a Savings Tracker and a rewards redemption card, is available from your School Banking Co-ordinator.

Your school has received parent packs that include all the information you need to get on board. If you haven't received a parent pack yet, please ask your School Banking Co-ordinator.

## Rewarding good savings habits with eight new items in 2015

The School Banking program encourages good savings habits by rewarding students with awesome reward items. For every 10 deposits made through the program, they can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range, including ET DVDs, Planet Handballs, Invisible Ink Martian Pens, Intergalactic Rockets, Glow-in-the-Dark Solar Systems, Cosmic Light Beam Torches, Outer Space Savers Money Boxes and Lunar Light Bands.

## You could win a family trip to Disneyland

In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California's Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD\$2,000 spending money.

For more information, visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

**Things to know before you Can:** Conditions apply. Promotion starts 9.00am AEDT 27/1/15 and ends 11.59pm AEDT 18/12/15. Entry is open to all Youthsaver account holders aged 5-13 years who participate in Commbank's School Banking program. Entrants under 18 must have parent/guardian consent. The draw will take place at 12.30pm AEDT on 12/1/16 at the Promoter's office. The first valid entry/drawn will win a family trip to California's Disneyland valued at \$22,245. The winner's name will be published in the public notices section of *The Australian* on 29/1/16. Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Full terms and conditions available at [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) NSW Permit No LTPS/14/09857; ACT Permit No TP14/04345; VIC Permit No 14/5966; SA Permit No T14/2327.



## STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - 2015

Welcome back and to all new Carranballac F-9 College students and families welcome!

We have a full timetable of events again this year under the Student Leadership portfolio starting with the **Year 7** camps at Wesburn/Yarra Junction. There has been a change of date from when notes were first issued at last year's transition day, the camp dates, for which new notes have been issued, are as follows:

**BOYS CAMP:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

**GIRLS CAMP:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March

All other information remains the same and we look forward to seeing many of our students there.

### YEAR 9

All students in this year level have the opportunity to attend the Mt Buffalo Leadership camp in March. This camp is the first compulsory program if students wish to attend the end of year surf camp at Warrnambool. The camp dates for Mt Buffalo are as follows:

**Boardwalk School:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

**Jamieson Way School:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

This term students also have the opportunity to apply to attend the Victorian Sailing School in Geelong. A two day program is offered to students with 15 places per school and selection is based on written applications submitted by interested students.

### Year 5/6 at Jamieson Way School

This year Jamieson Way School students are off to Canberra for their camp in late April, early May. There are two camps operating, capped at 40 students each and we are again using the fly/drive option offered by our tour provider. Classes will be notified shortly of their travel dates and notes sent home. Please remember, as this camp involves a flight, late cancellations and alterations are not possible and all information is required by the due dates listed on the forms.

### Year 8

Students across Carranballac F-9 College at this year level are offered one camp which is held at Halls Gap over 3 days in April. This is a fabulous camp at which students undertake a range of activities including Mountain Bike riding, Bush walks and a hands on visit to the Halls Gap Zoo.

### Year 3/4

This year the camp for students is held in Warburton East at Arrabri Lodge, the dates are as follows:

**Boardwalk School:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Jamieson Way School:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

We look forward to seeing many of you there for three days of fun and adventure!

### Year 5/6 at Boardwalk School

Boardwalk School students this year get a brand new camp which will happen over three days in late August, early September. This camp will again link to the Inquiry focus for the term and will operate out of Port Fairy. It's going to be a fabulous few days away down along the Shipwreck Coast.

## Canteen News

Welcome back to school everyone. The new menu is now up and running. If you do not have one they are available at the canteen or at the office. With the hot weather coming up I would like to ask that you order your child's cold foods through the lunch order system. This means they will not need to line up at the window at lunchtime in the heat.

We are very happy to see a few new volunteer faces in the canteen but we could use some more help, especially at Boardwalk. Pop in and see us and we can help get you started. A Working with Children check is needed which is available for free online.

## Uniform for Sale Middle & Early Years

Shirts, polar tops and shorts \$2, jumpers \$4, pants \$3 and 2 blazers \$40 each

Please contact on Violet 0407988322

## Science & Sustainability

### Chicken Program

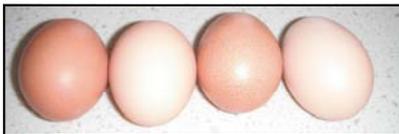
The recently arrived chicken cage at Jamieson Way School was constructed for the College by Ron & Elaine Wilson, of Wiltek Group Services Williamstown. We wish to thank Ron and Elaine for their support and assistance in the continuation of our chicken program.



The large cage is situated in a previously untidy area and will add value to the school ground. (see photo). The cage will have the old chook house inside, with modifications, equipment, hay and plants added and shade provided for the chickens which we hope to return to the school ground as soon as possible.

The Boardwalk School chickens have enjoyed a summer break away from school. Here Jasmine of 5/6 Silver outlines some of her experiences with them.

*"Over the school holidays we looked after the three chickens from Boardwalk School. It's been fun having the chickens around. I enjoyed collecting eggs and the food we made tasted scrumptious. The eggs tasted better than the ones we buy from the supermarket. I enjoyed holding the chickens and seeing them exploring. The littlest chicken was a bit cheeky and even escaped over the fence to the neighbours – but I caught it easily and brought it home. I'll miss them now, but I know everyone at school will be pleased to see them."*



We wish to thank Jasmine and her family for looking after the chickens so well over summer.

The funds which have made the return of the chickens possible and the improvements we have been able to make and have planned are courtesy of support from Point Cook Real Estate, River Plumbing Services, Carranballac Parents & Friends and two donors who wish to remain anonymous. Other support has been accepted and more was offered. We wish to thank all of those people and ensure them that we will be continuing the chicken program at each school.

### Applications for Student Environment Council 2015

Applications are being sought now for the Student Environment Council. Entries close Friday 13th February and positions available for Years 6-9 only, one per class. Priority will be given to continuing student members from 2014. Students can ask their class teacher for an entry form and will need to answer two questions in good handwriting; which they then hand in to Mr Forrester.

1. What personal strengths and experiences do you have that would make you a good Student Environment Councilor? (Your answer must have two or three sentences to be considered).
2. What passions or skills do you have to assist the SEC work towards a better environment and a more sustainable community? (Your answer must have two or three sentences to be considered.)