

Weekly Newsletter

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2015 Calendar of Events

Wed 6 - Thurs 7 May Mothers Day Stall
 Tuesday 12–Thursday 14 May NAPLAN
 Mon 25 –Wed 27 May Boardwalk Year 3/4 Camp
 Wed 27–Fr 29 May Jamieson Way 3/4 Camp

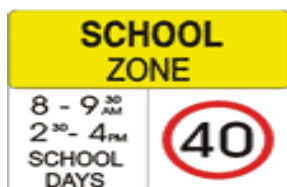
Monday 8 June Queens Birthday Holiday

Thursday 11 June School Photos
 Friday 12 June Student Photos
 Friday 26 June Last Day of Term 2
Monday 13 July Curriculum Day
 Tuesday 14 July Students resume Term 3

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

Foundation 2016 Enrolments are now being taken!

Please contact our Registrar Margaret Porter on 9395 3533 for enrolment information.



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

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 Point Cook Vic 3030

Sandy Naughton

College Director *Brendan O'Brien*
 School Council President *Penny Heron*

Message from School Council President Penny Heron

School Forum

It was great to see a good turnout for our first school forum this year. We had at least 30 parents, in addition to School Councillors and the School Leadership Team, headed by Brendan O'Brien.

The purpose was to provide an open environment where any questions could be raised and addressed by the school. We seek to engage with the school community and this forum provided an opportunity to do so.

Questions that were raised included:

1. Class Sizes
2. Oval
3. Naplan
4. Macbooks
5. Parents/camps/excursions
6. Parent helper program
7. Composite classes
8. Sports uniform
9. School strategic priorities for the next 3 years
10. Ability to email teachers directly
11. Kids teaching kids/kids teaching parents/open session
12. More performing arts
13. Specialist reporting & report content
14. Transitioning to different grades.

Brendan O'Brien and the leadership team answered all questions and I thought the evening to be beneficial and informative. Thank you to all that came to share your insights and opinions – they are all very valuable.

Penny Heron
School Council President



NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will begin on Tuesday 12th May 2015. Carranballac F-9 College encourages all students to participate in NAPLAN however, we recognise that many students do become quite stressed at this time. If you have concerns about your child's participation in the testing program please contact the School Principal.

Director's Report—Brendan O'Brien

Dear Parents and students,

Welcome again to our newsletter for this week.

Are you going to join us this Friday at 6.00pm in the Performing Arts Centre to listen to our wonderful Senior Rock Band? **Minor Sensation** will be entertaining us and are a perfect example of the exemplary extra curricula programs we have at Carranballac. I am looking forward to meeting more families at yet another College function.

Last night we held our first **Parent Forum** for this year in the PAC at Boardwalk. I hope that everyone present walked away with answers to their questions and gained insight into the challenges as well as opportunities that Carranballac both faces and provides. I also hope that parents' perception of the College will grow as we build stronger communication links with the community. I am happy to address any issues that are facing the College and will certainly make sure that all aspects of any matters will be fully investigated in order to arrive at a fair and reasonable outcome for families and the College. We are in this together and as a Carranballac College Community we can strengthen what is already an excellent school with outstanding programs. I am personally highly motivated and excited about the collective work we all do and look forward to building our reputation in the community.

I would like to pass on our thanks to the hard working 'parent and friends' for their outstanding Mother's Day preparations. The dedication shown by the P and F team in support of the College is to be admired and also aspired to. Well done.

As mentioned above we are faced with challenges from time to time. Presently the use of phones at school are a matter of concern. I am asking *parents to please reinforce* with their children the school rule: "Phones are to be handed in to class teachers on arrival at school". Please refer to the Mobile Phone Policy on page 6 of the Newsletter. Phones are a constant source of distraction to learning and every minute at school counts. The same applies to student lateness. Lateness disrupts learning for everyone. *Parents can work with their children* to make sure they attend on time. In the final analysis the good habits you establish now will stand your children in good stead later in life. If you need assistance in working through management matters with your children then please ask.

State Budget: I have just read a budget letter from Minister Merlino and am pleased to report that schools will receive much needed additional funds over the next few years to support student learning. This comes at a critical time for Carranballac as one of the highest priorities heading into 2016 is to reduce class sizes across the College.

A quote from the Director:

"The purpose of education ... is to create in a person the ability to look at the world for themselves, to make their own decisions" James Baldwin.

This is certainly worth contemplating. Does your language, which is subsequently supported by your actions help grow the capacity of your children; our students, their independence in decision making???

Have a great week
Brendan O'Brien
College Director

Boardwalk School Report— Principal Kay Kearney

Thank you to the School Councillors and parents who braved the cold weather to attend the Parent Forum last night. This was an important opportunity to exchange information and ideas about our College.

As Mothers' Day is just around the corner it was great to see so many presents purchased from the Parents and Friends stall today. Thank you to the hard working parents who made this possible and to our Guardians who managed the eager buyers very well. There will be an opportunity before recess tomorrow to buy any necessary last minute gifts.

As the weather appears to be consistently colder it is important that all students wear their winter uniform, which includes a tie in Middle Years. If you need support in this area please contact the office and we will do our best to help.

The challenge of keeping the winter chills and ills is fast approaching!

Regards

Kaye



Jamieson Way School Report— Principal Sandy Naughton

Well done to all our Year 5/6 students who toured Canberra last week. We have had such positive feedback from so many different people about the way these students represented themselves, their families and the college. Our teachers were so proud of them, and our school is so proud of them. Mighty effort by all! Thank you to our staff who gave up their family time to ensure our students gained life long memories. Our students have not stopped talking about their time in our Nation's capital, and our teachers have not stopped talking about how sensational our children were during this time. Our next exciting camp learning adventure is our Year 3/4 camp at the end of May. We have high expectations for these students as well!

Please take the time to visit our foyer and see the amazing display we have following ANZAC Day. We have class work from Early Years and Middle Years students as well as photos from our ANZAC Day ceremony. There is also an incredible display of art work created by our Year 5/6 students based on the Hall of Memory Stained Glass Windows at the War Memorial. Staff at the Australian War Memorial were so impressed with the knowledge our students had of these windows, when they were told we had some on display, they asked our teachers to send photos of our students' work to them. Amazing!

Individual Learning Plans have been sent home. Have a conversation with your child about the learning goals that have been set. Determination is our Word of the Week this week. How are they showing determination towards achieving their goals?

We wish all our mums, grandmothers and significant women in our students' families, a very happy Mother's Day for this weekend. Have a special day!



Boardwalk School
 RAAF 50
 Golden Wattle 48
 Cheetham 43
 Sea Eagles 41

House Points

DETERMINATION

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Word of the Week



Boardwalk School

Corker

Jamieson Way School

Early Years: Katie Saywell 3/4 Jade
Middle Years: Alice Henry 5/6 Crimson

Early Years: Keanen Theron 3/4 Ruby
Middle Years: Joshua Tabone 5/6 Purple

STUDENT AWARDS PRESENTED AT THIS WEEK'S ASSEMBLY

Brooke Meade	Ella McCarthy	Chloe Johnston	Marlon Cambasis	Aleks Blanus
Cameron Mcharg	Raiden Persuad	Daniel Graham	Tony Nguyen	Rosalind Lam
Noah Harb	Charlie Putland	Kyle Pullar	Evelyn Lay	Ben Howard
Hamish Stephenson	Jett Clark	Harvey Jackson	Aaliyah Downing	Sophie Yang
Yasmine Chehade	Bailey Gellatly	Jerome MacDonald	Bobbi Cekanceski	Ethan Chongue
Toni Nguyen	Shyanne Drake	Mitchell Hansen	Poppy Morley	Angad Singh

Canteen News

We will be running a Hotdog Day on Friday 15th May. Notes should have gone home with all students. Hotdogs are \$3.00 each and sauce is 0.30 cents. Oak drinks will be available for \$2.00 on the day. All orders must be placed by Monday 11th May. Do not forget to write your child's name and class on the note.



Mobile Phone Policy



Rationale:

- Mobile phones may be a security measure put in place by families for students travelling to and from school.

Aims:

- To support families who opt for this medium as a safety measure for their children travelling to and from school within a context of respect for student safety and privacy.
- To support student understanding that mobile phones should always be used with respect to people's rights and privacy.

Implementation:

- Students bringing mobile phones to school are to hand these to the teacher at the beginning of each day. Students are required to collect phones from teachers at the end of each day.
- The college does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged mobile phones. However teachers will place mobile phones in a secure location.
- Mobile phones are not to be used or sited within the college grounds.
- Mobile phones are not permitted on camps or excursions.
- Students misusing mobile phones at school or causing a nuisance will be accountable.
- The principal may revoke a student's privilege of bringing a mobile phone to school.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the college's three year review cycle.

MINOR SENSATION

Our senior rock band Minor Sensation entertained the Jamieson Way School last Friday. This was a great gig and the audience danced, clapped and sang along.

SONGMAKERS

Our Year 11, Cert III Music students undertook the Songmakers program last week. They worked with Rai Thistelthwayte (Thirsty Merc) and music producer Grant Windsor to write, edit and produce original music compositions. This was an amazing learning opportunity for our students. My thanks to our teacher Barry Davies who coordinated this event.



WAKAKIRRI

Rehearsals resume this week after one week off due to the Year 5/6 Canberra camp. Parents should have received a letter of explanation about Wakakirri, including a brief synopsis of our entry this year. Please be sure to return permission notes so that your child can be photographed and videoed during this exciting event.

MINOR SENSATION

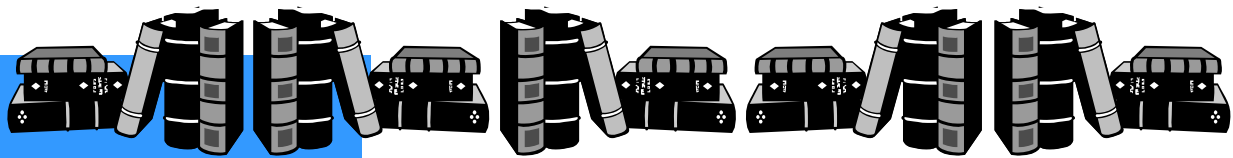
Our fabulous rock band will hold a public performance on Friday night. This will be held in the PAC from 6-7pm. Everyone is most welcome.

SOUNDHOUSE SINGERS

Boardwalk School Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 Soundhouse Singers will perform at the Point Cook Community Learning Centre Kindergarten next Tuesday 12th May. Families are welcome to walk to the Kindergarten with us. We will depart from the Soundhouse Room at 9am and return by 10am.



Gaye Edmonds
Assistant Principal



Victorian Premiers' reading challenge

About the 2015 Reading Challenge

Who is eligible? All Victorian Students in Foundation to Year 10.

Why? The Challenge aims to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student.

When? The 2015 challenge started during Term 1 2015 and will officially end on the 14 September 2015.

How? Students in Foundation to Year 2 are challenged to read or 'experience' 30 books and students in Years 3 to 9 are challenged to read 15 books by 14 September 2015. If children are learning to read you can help them to experience books by reading to / or with them and talking about the text, story and pictures.

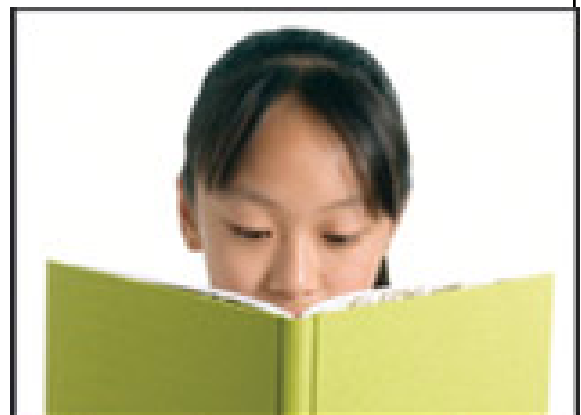
Getting started. Complete the consent form on the reverse of this page. Hand in the consent form to Library Staff. You will receive a record sheet to list books read. You are ready to begin.

Good luck and happy reading!

Some Helpful tips!

Our College Libraries at Boardwalk School and Jamieson Way School have a large selection of Reading Challenge Book List Books Available. They are colour coded to make your choice very easy. Just see your Library Staff they will be happy to assist.

Remember to bring in your record sheets to your Library regularly. Library staff will enter books read onto the Reading Challenge website on behalf of Students.



**Victorian Premier's
Reading Challenge**

Welcome to the annual Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. Reading is an essential life skill for everyone and the Challenge encourages families to be actively involved in supporting children to read. The Challenge invites children and young people to read a set number of books and record their efforts online. It's a great way to get them talking about reading with friends and family and to push themselves to read as many books as they can. Join the Challenge today and discover new authors, get expert tips, book recommendations and more. Participation is free. To find out more about the Challenge and access the booklist visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

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2015 Privacy and Consent Form (Schools and Early Childhood Settings)

By signing this document, you agree to the TERMS and CONDITIONS outlined below. These include consent for your child to participate in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge and for their name to appear on a certificate of completion and for their name to appear in the online honour roll. Please note that the child's name only will appear on the certificate and online Honour Roll with no other identifying factors. Participating schools appear as a separate list.

Child's name: _____

Year level/class: _____ Yes I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour Roll
 No I do not consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour Roll (Please tick)

Certificate name (only if different from name above): _____

Parent/guardian name (please print): _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: *Department* refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, *Person* refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school or early childhood setting will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the early childhood setting or school to the Department. The Department will then:

Use the information to register your child and to generate an online account (through which school age children can record the books that they read);

Publish your child's name and year level on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as school name.

Give the name of your child to Finsbury Green Pty Ltd ABN 52 007 743 151 who will then disclose to a 3rd party for the purpose of printing Certificates of Achievement.

Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Visit the College and discover Carranballac F-9 College programs for Year 7 and beyond

Our college delivers quality educational programs and maintains a positive reputation in the local community.

What are the elements of our College that make it an attractive option for your child?

- ◆ Excellent student results
- ◆ Students feel safe and secure with a sense of belonging.
- ◆ 'Firm but fair' discipline
- ◆ Strict uniform policy
- ◆ Students are known and cared for as individuals
- ◆ High levels of respect, courtesy and manners are expected from all stakeholders
- ◆ Student Leadership opportunities

◆ **Curriculum needs covered under AusVels:**

English
Mathematics
Economics
Geography
History
Science
Inquiry based Learning

◆ **Extra-curricular incursions and excursions**

Camps
Outdoor Education
Compass/Duke of Edinburgh Award

◆ **Specialists subjects:**

Materials Technology – Wood
Materials Technology – Textiles
Musical Futures
PE
Sport
Food Technology
Art
Cross Age Sharing

Lauris Doyle
Assistant Principal Boardwalk School

Ros Myers
Assistant Principal Jamieson Way School

We encourage you to make an appointment for a tour with our Middle Years Sub School Leaders.
Please contact the college on 9395 3533.



Carranballac P-9 College

Mother's Day *Stall*

6TH & 7TH MAY 2015

- PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS NEW CLASSROOM AIR CONDITIONERS
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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

Early Years

Jill counted the number of petals on five flowers that are all alike. When she finished she had counted 20 petals. How many petals are on each flower?



Middle Years

Which sum is most likely to be rolled on a pair of dice, 3 or 7?



Family Fun Time: Create Self-Portraits

You've got a hard drive full of family photos, but drawing self-portraits captures the present in a more revealing way. Get each family member to draw themselves and display the masterpieces gallery-style on a wall.

