

Weekly Newsletter

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2015 Calendar of Events

- Wednesday 15 July Doodle 4 Google Competition
- Thursday 16 July Wakakirri Workshop Boardwalk School
- Tuesday 21 July 100 Days of School Celebration for F/1 Students
- Thursday 23 July Student Learning Conference
- Monday 27 July E.A.L, SLC Boardwalk School
- Monday 3 August E.A.L, SLC Jamieson Way School
- Thursday 30 July Australian Maths Competition

Every minute counts!



It's not OK to be away.

Parent Contact Details

If you have recently changed your contact details e.g. Mobile, Home Phone, Work Phone or address please remember to contact the office to advise your updated details for emergency purposes.

Foundation 2016 Enrolments are now being taken!

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

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

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Sandy Naughton

Director's Report—Brendan O'Brien

Dear parents and Carranballac families,

Welcome back to everyone for Term Three. *I would like to start by thanking all of our families for their support with our Curriculum Day on Monday.* All staff benefitted greatly from their Inquiry Learning studies, capably led by Lesley Hall and the College coaching staff. One of our College priorities; over the next period of the Strategic Plan, is to strengthen the consistency of the '*across campus curriculum planning and pedagogy*'. Curriculum days provide us with the valuable opportunity to have all staff working together in the planning and learning process to achieve this goal. On Monday our ES staff; from across the College, spent time building their knowledge alongside teachers and also under the guidance of our Well Being leader – Chris Billings. This is just another way these professional learning days can build consistency and improve learning opportunities for staff and students. Staff are to be commended for the professional manner in which they engaged in their learning and planning for our students. Special thanks goes to Lesley and Chris for leading the sessions and to the coaching staff for their expert assistance.

Facilities: The challenge in such a large College; with two campuses, is to ensure we have ever improving facilities to match the needs of the student population. In order to address this challenge School Council has formed a Facilities sub committee made up of two parent representatives and three College staff: Ian Muir (chairperson and Council member), Liz Whiffen (Council member), Jim Hoile (College facilities manager), John Forrester (Sustainability Co ordinator) and myself.

The committee has a number of projects and approaches currently under consideration – all aimed at improving College facilities. We will provide details of each project as they progress to the action stage in each case.

Our first action is to introduce a trial partnership with **Corrections Victoria** and have a **supervised work team** on site on alternate Sundays. The first week will be at the Boardwalk School (this coming Sunday), the second at Jamieson Way and so on. The work team will undertake various grounds and gardening tasks as directed by the College and under the supervision of the appointed supervisor.

Our second action has been to finalise the implementation of an energy efficiency project which will improve the lighting in both halls and save the College considerable money over time. All gym lighting at both Schools will be replaced in the next few months. The funding for this project came from the Victorian Government through the Resource SMART project. Thankyou John for your successful application.

Another thought to reflect on at home and work:

"What the good teacher has is not necessarily more knowledge than his student, but rather a superior competence to inquire and to be reflective". Joseph Schwad.

If we add 'parent' or even 'adult' into the quotation, then we immediately grow the partnership of empowering student learning, especially if we are all on the same supportive pathway. *The partnership that we strive for with families has strong links through the four **Student Learning Conferences** we conduct every year.* Please take note that **Student Learning Conferences are on next week. Your attendance is essential.**

I look forward to catching up with more families over the course of the next few weeks.

Boardwalk School Report— Principal Kay Kearney

We are officially in the second half of the school year! It is great to see everyone rested and ready to work. Not even the cold and rain can dampen our spirits!

Excitement is mounting as the Year 5/6 trip to Ballarat and Warrnambool gets closer. If you think the weather is cold and ordinary here, spare a thought for those going to Ballarat. Extra warm clothes are definitely required!

The Duke of Edinburgh and Compass programs commence next week with a number of students venturing into our local community. Our students learn important skills and develop very important positive community service habits, values and attitudes by participating in these programs.

All students are now required to wear winter uniform and please name any items of clothing that are likely to be removed when your child becomes hot. Remember that the College scarf can keep necks, heads and faces warm. If you are short on jackets/windcheaters, please check the growing pile of lost property. This is situated in the office area near the uniform shop.

The student-led Student Learning Conferences are next Thursday 23 July, so please make sure you have booked in for this important occasion. The details are in the report envelopes, but if you have misplaced this information a quick phone call to the office will solve the problem.

Have an enjoyable week and keep warm during the coldest week for nineteen years!

Regards

Jamieson Way School Report— Principal Sandy Naughton

Welcome back to all our community! We look forward to working with all our families this term, continuing our focus on high expectations for all our students to build on their learning and move forward as individuals.

Next week, as we do at the beginning of each term, we provide yet another opportunity for parents to work with us in monitoring their child's progress. Student Learning Conferences will be held on Thursday next week, 23 July. For our Middle Years students this becomes student led conferences as the students negotiate their learning goals, lead the conversations during the conference, and talk about their learning goals with their teachers across the term.

Further opportunities for individual growth and development are available this term, with the Duke of Ed and Compass Awards programs starting for our Middle Years students. The Premier's Reading Challenge continues for all our students which builds upon reading skills, word knowledge and world knowledge. Wakakirri is happening this term as an amazing performing arts experience for our year 5/6 students, with an environmental science edge. What an exciting term!

While events may bring opportunities across the term, it is important to impress upon your child that every day presents opportunities to do their best, to work through challenges and move forward as a learner, demonstrating personal growth, respect and responsibility.

Enjoy your child this week!

House Points

Winning Houses for Term 2

Boardwalk School: Golden Wattle

Jamieson Way School: Cheetham

JOIN SCHOOL BANKING

Hundreds of amazing prizes to be won.

A Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings. Help the Dollarmites activate it for the chance to win amazing prizes.

To activate the Prize Portal, simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and you'll automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes.

You can also complete a Money Mission online to double your chance of winning a prize. You can start your Money Mission at any time, but you'll need to make sure you've made three School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3 to double your chance of winning.

To complete your Money Mission, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizeportal



PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE

WAKAKIRRI

There will be another Wakakirri costume working bee this Thursday 16 July from 1-3pm in room 18A at Boardwalk School.. All help will be gratefully received.

WAKAKIRRI

AUSTRALIA'S ULTIMATE PERFORMING
& CREATIVE ARTS CHALLENGE FOR SCHOOLS

WAKAKIRRI TICKETS

Ticket sales close this Friday.

Tickets can be purchased from the Jamieson Way school office.

Ticket price: \$34.00. Limit of two per family.

Event: Clocktower Theatre, Moonee Ponds, Friday 14th August at 7.15pm.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Return of Forms and Payments

Parents and Guardians are reminded that ALL forms are required to be returned promptly and completed in FULL. This is particularly important in regard to medical issues your child has or has experienced in the past as some of the destinations we visit for programs do not have hospitals or medical centres as close as we experience here in Point Cook. When we are aware of any potential issues in advance we can put measures in place to assure you and your child has the support available should it be required.

I am often asked if no special dietary or medical issues need to be reported does a form still have to be returned and my answer is always YES. We are required by law to have forms, medical and permission with dates, returned for all attending students and to keep these for 7 years. If forms are not returned on time, students are unable to attend.

All payments are required to be received by the dates provided on the forms for students to be included in programs. No late payments can be accepted as we have a number of organisations to inform and coordinate with their own deadlines to adhere to. If you require a payment plan to be organised to allow your child to attend a program, other than the one provided to you, please do not hesitate to seek this prior to the closing date.

Your assistance in helping us to adhere to these deadlines is greatly appreciated.

YEAR 56 CAMP – BOARDWALK CAMPUS

At the conclusion of Term 2, students in Year 56 at our Boardwalk campus were provided with the notes for their camp to Port Fairy and Warrnambool. Presently, classes have been scheduled to attend on the following dates:

56 B & C -Wednesday 26th August - Friday 28th August 2015

56 A & J- Monday 31st August – Wednesday 2nd September 2015

Places are limited so please remember to return all forms and payments promptly.

While attending camp, students will have the opportunity to learn more about the history of our Shipwreck Coast in addition to going fishing, cruising the waters of Port Fairy and visiting an extinct volcano and the site of the Loch Ard shipwreck.

COMPASS & DUKE of EDINBURGH AWARDS

Registration for the 2015 programs is available with forms having been distributed to interested students last term. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you to the students who are checking and using their College webmail to organise their participation in the awards on offer.

Kate Bytheway
Student Leadership Development

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to the new term. It certainly has started with a chilly blast. The menu for the term has changed. We have added the butter chicken and Mexican burrito that were popular choices during cultural diversity week. The burrito will be served in a long container this term. We have also added a tasty beef burger option. Great for the cold days. Warm milo will also be available for snack and recess. This can be ordered and your child just needs to come to the window and pick it up. Our first hotdog day will be coming soon. Stay tuned.

EARN & LEARN

The College is once again participating in the EARN and LEARN program run by Woolworths. The college uses the rewards to purchase Maths and Science equipment for student use. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths you can collect a sticker. If you are a regular shopper please add them to a sheet and return the completed sheet to the box located in the school foyer. If you only shop at Woolworths occasionally please place stickers in the box – we can then use them to fill incomplete sheets. Due to the generosity of families and friends the college was able to redeem approximately \$700 worth of equipment last year. With your help we hope to do as well if not better in 2015.

Thanks for your support
Lesley Hall
Assistant Principal
Curriculum Implementation



MID YEAR REPORTS

Could all families please complete and return their feedback sheets regarding the mid year reports to their School Office.

Student Learning Conference – Parent Teacher Online Thursday 23rd July 2015

You will be given the opportunity to attend a Student Learning Conference on Thursday 23 July 2015.

Student Learning Conferences for **Foundation/1 Silver** have been rescheduled for Thursday 13 August as Mrs Savic will be unavailable on Thursday 23 July.

Conferences will be ten minutes duration and will be conducted in classrooms from 3.30 pm to 7.00 pm.

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 with their reports.

We urge all parents to attend these important conferences,

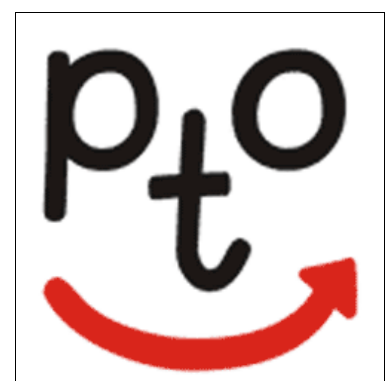
Please access the system as follows:

Go to the school's home page www.carranballac.vic.edu.au/

Click the PTO icon as shown here ...

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

New Families to the School should contact their office to arrange a Student Learning Conference for their child.



Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camps** provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school of the eligible applicants.

Some common examples of school-organised programs for which the CSEF payment may be used include:

- School camps/trips
- Swimming and other school-organised sporting programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions/incursions

To apply please collect an application form from the office or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. **Completed forms should be submitted, along with a copy of the Centrelink concession card, to the office.**

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term two, or;
 - on the first day of Term three;
1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 2. Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 3. Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between 5 and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term two (13 April 2015) or term three (13 July 2015).

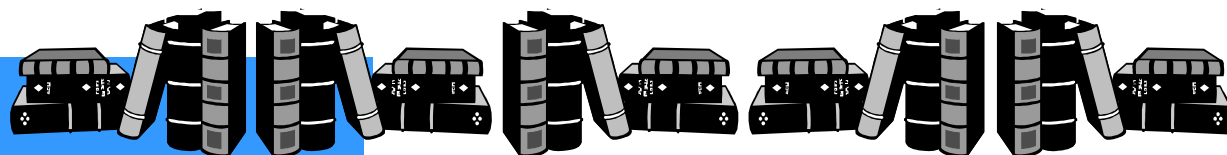
Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an **annual payment** to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.



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

Like us on Facebook to share tips, literary articles and recommended reads www.facebook.com/VicPRC

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.

CARRANBALLAC P-9 COLLEGE
PARENTS & FRIENDS *present*

disco night

FOUNDATION
For to
Only YEAR 6

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST
at Jamieson Way School Gym
FROM 5.30 to 8 PM • ENTRY *only* \$2

PARENTS MUST DROP OFF & PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN FROM THE GYM
THEY ARE WELCOME TO STAY AND DANCE TOO!
THE CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN ON THE NIGHT

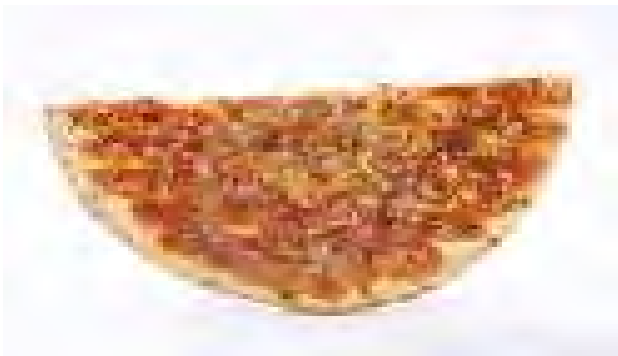
Welcome to the Carranballac Corker. This is the weekly Numeracy challenge for you and your family to solve together. Discuss the challenge and place your answer in the box near the office. The correct winning entries will be drawn at the whole school assembly on Monday mornings.

Numeracy Word of the Week: CAPACITY

Early Years

The answer is $\frac{1}{2}$ a pizza.

What could the question be?



Middle Years

The answer is 2,468. I am a multiplication problem. What could the question be?



Family Fun Time:

Conduct Family Interviews

Members of your family's older generations, like grandparents, great-aunts, and great-uncles, have many fascinating stories of growing up in different eras. Have your kids ask them what life was like in yesteryear and use a smart phone, Ipad video recorder to capture their tales, voices, and expressions. Encourage older family members to take turns interviewing someone, including the kids. By collecting personal anecdotes and memories, you'll have a time capsule of family history. Transcribe the interviews to create a book or a CD of photos for a slide show to accompany the interviews.