

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Carranballac P-9 College

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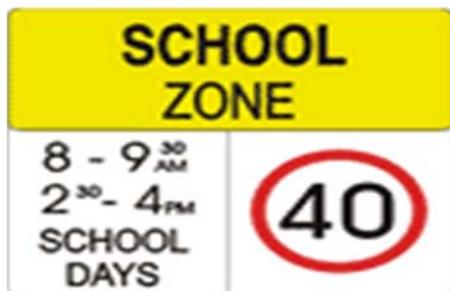
Brendan O'Brien

School Council President

Penny Heron

Dates to remember

Wednesday 3 February	Foundation Students to not attend School
Wednesday 10 February	Foundation Students to not attend School
Thursday 11 February	Student Learning Conferences 3.30 to 7.00 pm
Wednesday 17 February	Foundation Students to not attend School
Wednesday 24 February	Foundation Students to not attend School
Mon 29 Feb to Weds 9 March	Year 3/4 Jamieson Way Swim Program
Weds 2 to Friday 4 March	Year 7 Camp—Echuca
Monday 14 March 2016	Labour Day Holiday
Thursday 24 March	Last Day Term 1 2pm Finish
Monday 11 April	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 12 April	Students resume for Term 2



Every minute counts!



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.

Student Absence: Please SMS student absences by 9.00 am to

0429 305 552

D irector's Report

Dear Parents and members of the Carranballac Community

Welcome to our first fortnightly newsletter for 2016. Please make sure you also keep in touch with Carranballac using our webpage updates and of course the 'parent's' facebook page – created for parents by parents.

Once again I have been thoroughly impressed by the capacity of our staff; across the College, with their planning, friendly and open manner, understanding of the needs of both parents and students as we start the school year. It has been an absolute delight to view first hand all new students and families integrate into our community so smoothly. ***May I extend my congratulations to all new families for their preparation of their children for the start of the 2016 school year.***

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff across the College and to those returning from leave. You are to be commended for your professionalism and so are our regular staff who have supported you.

The weather has thrown a few obstacles in our way as we commence the year with ***the flooding of 14 teaching spaces*** over the weekend (12 at Boardwalk). Staff and students responded perfectly and classes have been maintained with the minimum amount of disruption. Major repair works commenced mid Monday and we anticipate that all classrooms will be available again next week. Thankyou to our facilities team and the Department of Education for their support in rectifying the situation with expediency. Thank you staff for your flexibility and parents for your patience and understanding.

Our ***Korean visitors*** have meshed superbly into our community. It is a privilege to have this opportunity for our families and College available to us. I have received incredibly positive feedback from all involved in this exchange and I can already see; first hand, the wonderful cultural and educational benefits of this project. A huge thankyou must go to Mrs Hall, host families and our staff organising the behind the scenes activities. Well done.

Jamieson Way parents and students were greeted by the addition of a much needed and long sought after improvement on their return to the College. The new PATHWAY entrance from the public car park with gateway to the basketball court now provides improved access to the Jamieson Way campus. Special thanks goes to Ian Muir and the facilities sub committee of School Council for their dedication in achieving this.

Parents please make yourself familiar with the changed arrangements around sport uniforms for Terms 1 and 2 and support the College by ensuring your children are dressed appropriately at all times.

Every minute is precious. Attendance is a priority. Lateness is not acceptable. Staying on task has many background determinates – diet, sleep, happiness. Parents have these responsibilities to ensure their children can be educated to the best of their potential. If you need support please ask.

“Only the educated are free”– Epictetus. I believe this quotation sums it all up beautifully.

Have an amazing week.

Brendan O'Brien



Boardwalk School Report

Welcome to the 2016 school year. Welcome to the many new families and students to the Boardwalk School and welcome back to all others. A special welcome to the Korean students and their teachers. 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 have a well-earned mid-week break each Wednesday in February, beginning today.

The downpour of rain at the weekend has had a severe impact on some of our classrooms, but the repair process is well under control. A number of classes have moved locations in the short term and I must congratulate the teachers and students for their flexibility and sense of adventure!

All Early Years students look great in their uniforms and it is particularly pleasing to see everyone wearing a College hat when outside. As the Middle Years students are able to wear their college sport uniform on their Sport and PE days, we must ensure that correct college uniform is worn every day. Thank you for your support in making this happen.

We also have a new lunch break time this term and the third session of the day is now 1.5 hours. School start and finishing times remain the same. We welcome any feedback concerning these two changes.

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 11 February. 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!

Kay Kearney



Jamieson Way School Report

Welcome to all our new students and families, with a very special welcome to our new Foundation students. From the very first day all our students have settled in so well this year – thank you to our parents who have ensured their children are ready for school and excited to learn. Even the weather did not dampen their enthusiasm! If our families have any questions, please ask your relevant Assistant Principal, Rose Pell (Early Years) and Ros Myors (Middle Years).

Welcome back to our magnificent staff who have worked extremely hard to settle classes down and engage in learning from Day One. Welcome to our new staff – we know you will enjoy working with our families.

We also welcome our student group from Korea – these students are extremely respectful and incredibly excited to be in an Australian school. A huge thank you to our host families for being involved in this international visit at such a busy time of the year. We trust our families are enjoying this experience too.

Well done to our 2016 student leaders for the great start they made at assembly on Monday. We will be holding a college presentation of their leadership colours once the school year is underway. Information about this event will be sent to families of the student leaders when details are finalised. As a community we were incredibly proud of these student leaders and we wish them a great year ahead.

Our new pathway from the community car park into our oval area is amazing! Thank you to our parent and school councillor, Ian Muir for his management of this. It has made a big difference to our families.

We look forward to meeting our parents and negotiating learning goals during student learning conferences next week. Reading every day is vital – to your child, or with your child or by your child. Read, Read, Read!

Enjoy your child/children this week!

Sandy Naughton



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is 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 is:

- \$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

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



S easons for Growth

Learning to live with change and loss

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives.

At Carranballac we recognize that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called **Seasons for Growth**, which will commence during Term 1.

'**Seasons for Growth**' is run in small groups and is based on research, which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practice new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as:

Self-esteem	Managing feelings	Problem solving
Decision making	Effective communication	Support networks

'**Seasons for Growth**' runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is approximately 50 minutes. The program is run during school hours and there is **no cost** involved.

If your child has experienced loss or grief due to a death, separation, divorce or other life changing circumstance and you are interested in your child being involved in this program please fill in the slip below and return to school by **Friday 19 February 2016**. It is recommended that you discuss **Seasons for Growth** with your child as we will require their full participation and cooperation during the program.

You will be contacted prior to the commencement of the program if your child has been selected.

If you have any questions please contact Glenda, the College Family Support Worker on 0488 548 653.

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Seasons for Growth

Student's Name:	_____	Class:	_____
	_____	Class:	_____
	_____	Class:	_____

I would like my son/daughter to attend the **Seasons for Growth** program.

I have discussed this program with my child/ren Yes / No (please circle)

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Contact Details: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Soundhouse Term 1 2016



Welcome back, we hope that you enjoyed your break over the New Year.

Thanks to those who have enrolled and paid for Soundhouse already, we will begin lessons next week (week starting 8 February). Lessons have been structured around the school specialist timetable where possible.

If you haven't enrolled/paid for Soundhouse and would like your child to join then it isn't too late. The office will have the forms and can help you out with payment which needs to be in by the end of this week at the latest.

If there are any enquiries regarding Soundhouse please feel free to contact Maddie Owen on 0401 844 522 or meowen9@gmail.com

Swimming Program—Year 3/4 Jamieson Way School

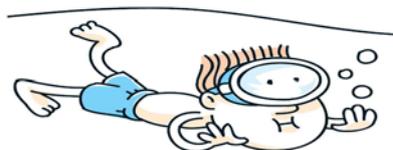
Notes have gone home for the Year 3/4 Jamieson Way School Swimming Program to be held at AquaPulse in Hoppers Crossing from Monday 29 February to Wednesday 9 March 2016. This is an intensive program in which students will receive a 45 minute swimming and water-safety lesson for eight days in a row. After an initial swimming assessment students will be placed into ability groups based on their level of skill. However AquaPulse have also asked that families fill out the 'Parent Assessment Letter' and return it along with the permission note by Friday 12 February 2016 to help with this assessment process.

We strongly encourage all children to learn to swim. This is recommended both for their own and other's safety, to improve their awareness and confidence around water and also just to have fun in a different physical environment. We are providing this opportunity at a new venue this year. **Please return the permission note, payment and the AquaPulse Assessment form by Friday 12 February 2016.**

Thank you.

Henric Beiers

Student Leadership Development



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Jamieson Way School

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