



Latest Newsletter

Dear Subscribers Name,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Carranballac P-9 College e-Newsletter! We are thrilled to be able to provide you with this mobile device friendly Newsletter.

The eNewsletter is available on our Website in a PDF Format. Access the full PDF Newsletter by [clicking here](#). Limited hardcopies will be available from the Office on request for parents who do not have access to the internet.

Regards,
Henry Szkuta
Website Manager

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[Click here to go to our Events Calendar](#)

Event Quick View
Fri 11th August to Fri 18th August Rock Band student workshop with Pat Powell
Wed 16th August Point Cook District Athletics Carnival
Wed 16th August to Fri 25th August Year 8 Korean Exchange Program
Fri 18th August Whole School Assembly
Mon 21st August Student Free Day
Tue 22nd August to Wed 23rd August Year 3/4 Mad About Science Robotics incursion (Jamieson Way)
Wed 23rd August Year 1 Life Education van visits (Jamieson Way)
Wed 23rd August Year 2 Werribee Mansion (Boardwalk)
Wed 23rd August Foundation Life Education van visit
Fri 25th August Year 2 Werribee Mansion excursion (Jamieson Way)
Mon 28th August Foundation - Collingwood Children's Farm (Boardwalk)
Tue 29th August to Wed 30th August Year 3/4 Mad about Robotics incursion (Boardwalk)
Thu 31st August Foundation - Collingwood Children's Farm (Jamieson Way)
Thu 31st August to Fri 1st September

Fathers and Carers Day stall
Mon 4th September to Fri 8th September Kids Teaching Kids Week
Mon 4th September Secondary District Athletics Carnival
Wed 6th September Battle for Australia
Wed 6th September Kids Teaching Kids Conference
Wed 6th September Kids Teaching Kids Conference
Thu 7th September Love Your Locals



Director's Report

A note from our College Director, Brendan O'Brien

Dear parents and Carranballac community members,

Congratulations to our Parents and Friends team for such a successful **COLLEGE DISCO**. To all of our parents helping out on the night along with the many staff who provided support – thank you.

Congratulations also to the high number of parents who attended, stayed on and support their children and the event. A massive well done to our students who behaved so fantastically on this occasion and had a great time to boot.

Special thanks goes to the café staff and parent helpers. Our senior students showed such professional conduct in serving the College community in such a friendly, polite and helpful manner. Approximately 500 students attended, 200 more students compared to the 2016 event – **wow!**

Homework – Currently College staff are examining the delivery of homework across the College. We are examining the current College homework policy, researching the effectiveness of homework, consistency across year levels and campuses as well as the continuum of homework as students rise through the year levels. I will keep families informed of how this progresses and seek community feedback in order to have an agreed and consistent model in place for the start of the 2018 school year. Current expectations will remain in place as delivered by teams across the College.

Parent FORUM: Last Thursday evening we had 27 parents turn up to our College parent Forum. Parents had fielded questions beforehand on a range of topics including: The College approach to Safe Schools, Homework, Learning standards, Year level Transitions, Assemblies, Uniforms, Curriculum information availability, What happens in the Secondary space in the College and more. It was pleasing to see and hear the deep level of questioning combined with positive feedback on a variety of topics. We need to keep in contact with our community and to listen to them. Our parent forum is one such avenue. When the next one is advertised please take the time to either contribute or attend.

Safe Schools: There has been a reasonable amount of social media coverage on the this topic of late and I believe it is important for me to clearly outline how Carranballac College approaches Safe Schools. My outline is a combination of the Department's guidelines and also more specifically the College approach.

The Department guidelines state:

The commitment is determined by individual schools.

This is not a subject in the Curriculum.

Schools have the discretion to use as many or as few resources as they deem appropriate.

National and International research shows that positive and inclusive school environments lead to better academic results, increased confidence and better attendance at school.

The College approach is:

Our College has expanded it's understanding and implementation of inclusivity to now include LGBTI students as demonstrated by the inclusion of a positive activity in Diversity week and professional learning for staff.

We have conducted a parent information forum on Safe Schools to inform our community and this was favourably accepted.

We have adopted an inclusive strategy of; Non acceptance of homophobic language.

Safe Schools is not a program in our College.

A significant benefit of being aligned with Safe Schools is the incredibly confidential, sensitive advice and support that it provides to individual families where they are experiencing gender equity concerns within their family.

I am happy to address any questions that may arise from our approach and would **clearly prefer your questions to be addressed and then answered** by the College to ensure that authenticity is maintained.

Kindred Studios: On Wednesday evening last week our music department; students and staff, put on a wonderful display of the College's music and performance capabilities. All are to be congratulated for the high level of performance, participation and support

(parents and staff) in order to bring this gig together. I was so proud of our students and those of the VET program. We are extremely fortunate to have such an incredibly strong music program at Carranballac.

Student Representative Council: I had the pleasure of attending our SRC meeting this week and to facilitate a discussion on the following topics:

- College uniforms
- Primary and Secondary schooling
- Assemblies
- Student leadership in general.

I continue to be impressed with the strong 'student voice' in the College, the level of maturity of our student leaders and the impact they are having on the College as we constantly evaluate and refine our way forward. Well done Mr. Beiers and our student leaders. Friday the 18th August will be the **WHOLE CAMPUS assemblies** and we will be presenting leadership badges to all student leaders.

May I encourage parents of leaders; in particular, to make every effort to attend and then to stay on for afternoon tea.

Have a great fortnight at the College.

Brendan O'Brien
College Director



Boardwalk School Report

Principal Ros Myors gives her insight into the last fortnight at Carranballac College Boardwalk Campus.

We are so fortunate to have an active and hard-working Parents and Friends Committee. They held a great disco last Friday night at Boardwalk, attended by many hundreds of excited dancers! A big thank you to the P&F as well as our brilliant student helpers. Thanks also to Ros in the canteen and her workers - they had a very busy night, it was great to have the support of so many teachers and staff after school hours on a Friday night.

Last Wednesday night at Kindred Studios in Yarraville was a wonderful opportunity to hear the skills and talents of our four VET Music bands. Congratulations to these students and to Alex Colston-Ing and Steve Montgomery for making this night possible. It was great to see our staff, families and friends supporting these young musicians.

We had a good turn-out for the parent forum last Wednesday evening. This is just one avenue for us to include parent-voice in our College.

A random selection of families have been chosen to receive an email containing the Education Department's Parent Opinion Survey. This is an Education Department systemic requirement to track our communication and performance against state-wide measures. We appreciate those who have taken the time to complete the survey and submit their responses.

Our Year 3/4 students enjoyed their swimming program last week and this week. These programs require significant organisation and the disruption to our normal timetable is very valuable and well worth the work involved. Thank you to our teachers and Mrs Clarke and Mr Beiers for arranging this important event.

You may have noticed the Life Ed Van in the car park this week. Our Foundation and Year 1 students are receiving invaluable Health Ed lessons from Healthy Harold! At home it provides a great opportunity to ask your child about these classes and what lessons they have learned.

The long corridor near the library has received a makeover! Year 9 Art and Photography students have some amazing displays along there now. Pop in and have a look! Their work is wonderful.

I have spent some time collating data from our HERO initiative. Since August 2016, our absenteeism has halved! This is a very pleasing result and will support improved learning opportunities for our students. However, too many students are arriving after the 8.45am start time. Punctuality is an important life skill and maximises learning opportunities for our students.

Our Premiers Reading Challenge continues this week. All reading will need to be completed by Friday 1st September. Students have up until Friday 8th September to enter their reading online. After this date the website closes.

Have you logged into Compass yet? Log on details are needed to access your child's reports, attendance, and event information.

Please contact the office if you have any concerns/questions regarding Compass.



Ros Myors
Principal
Boardwalk School
Carranballac P-9 College
Point Cook



Jamieson Way Report

Principal, Sandy Naughton gives her insight into the last fortnight at Carranballac College Jamieson Way Campus.

What a day of celebration for our littlest students on their 100 days of school! Thank you to all of our families who created the most amazing capes! There was so much rich learning that occurred around that day, it was a very special event indeed!

We are still celebrating our wonderful Wakakirri performance by our Year 5/6 stars! Such a clear story line, outstanding choreography and the most amazing costumes! And of course... The BEST actors in the universe! Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who supported our students by attending on the night. We are all waiting for further news.....

Thank you to the families who supported our Parents and Friends Disco last Friday night. A huge turnout for such a chilly winter night. Please remember to send in your family favourite recipe for the P&F cookbook. This will be a community effort!

Thank you to those students and staff who are working at the Breakfast Club. Breakfast is free and served with a warm smile. This is a great way to start the day with friends. The mornings are chilly so meet your friends at the warm Food Tech room for breakfast.

Congratulations to our parents who have completed the Classroom Helpers program. You will be joining a small but very dedicated group of parents who support our students in so many different ways across the college. Your help for our students is invaluable. Our students look forward to Classroom Helpers being in their rooms. Thank you!

Good luck to the many students competing in the Point Cook District level athletics carnival next Wednesday. They are all champions in our eyes!

The Premier's Reading Challenge is nearing the end. Will your child be receiving a certificate from the Victorian Premier this year?

Help your child be in the running to be the class HERO this week.

Enjoy your child this week.



Sandy Naughton
Principal
Jamieson Way School
Carranballac P-9 College
Point Cook

Carranballac Food Drive

There are many families in our community struggling to provide the basics for their children. Carranballac has decided to support these families with a food drive. Wicker baskets will be placed in the reception areas of both campuses so that parents, caregivers and anyone else can donate items for these families. These baskets will remain there so donations may be added at any time in an ongoing basis.

The food will be made into parcels and given to families on an as needs basis by the college's Family Support Worker.

Any items are welcome; it may be a good opportunity to clear out your pantry of items you no longer use or items close to or just past their best before date.

From time to time, we will let you know if there are any specific items we are short of, but staples will always be needed as well as things like soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, dishwashing liquid, washing powder etc.

Every donation no matter how small will be received with thanks, as all are valuable. If you have any questions about our Food Drive, please don't hesitate to call Glenda, the Family Support Worker on 0488 548 653.

Food Drive Donation Suggestions

- Canned vegetables (to accompany rice and pasta dishes)
- Cereals
- Toiletries
- Canned tuna
- Canned fruit
- Long life milk

Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and received with our gratitude.

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College Vision and Values Competition

To celebrate our new College Values we will be running a college competition to create characters and symbols to represent each of the five values.

Click Read More to find out more, and to enter the competition.

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The School Wide Positive Behaviour framework is being introduced at Carranballac P-9 College. The program is based on the explicit teaching and reinforcing of positive school behaviour. Explicitly teaching our behavioural expectations and acknowledging students for demonstrating them is the key to our success.

The values of the College will play an important role in this framework as we see them embedded in all school activities.

This behavioural framework can be seen now in many schools across Victoria and is a Department of Education initiative "to improve the health, safety and well-being of all students and staff in schools."

To introduce the Carranballac P-9 College Values to our Community, we are holding a competition for all students to learn the Values and create a visual representation of them.

- Students may enter as many times as they like.
- Students are asked to create a character or a symbol that represents one of our College values.
- Every participant will receive 100 house points.
- A winner will be drawn from each of the Value categories, and each category winner will receive 5000 house points.
- Entries must be submitted on the template (below) by Friday 30th August.
- Entries may be submitted to your child's classroom Teacher, or in the box at the office.

[Download the Competition template here](#)

Limited copies of the template will be available from your classroom teacher



eSmart Top Tip
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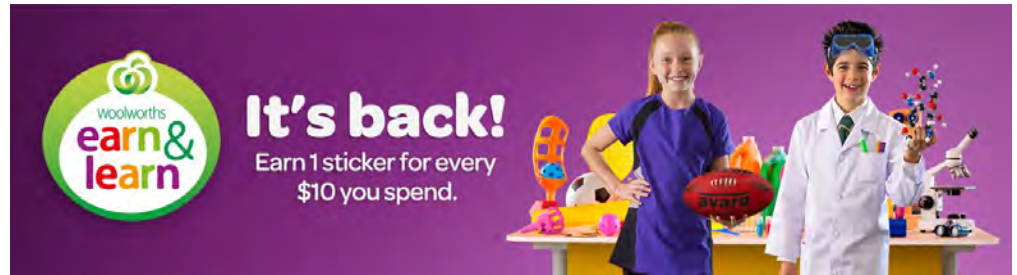
Social media wants you to share as much as you can bear! But the share should be rare. NEVER share: passwords, private/personal information, your location.

[More information here](#)



Woolworths Earn and Learn

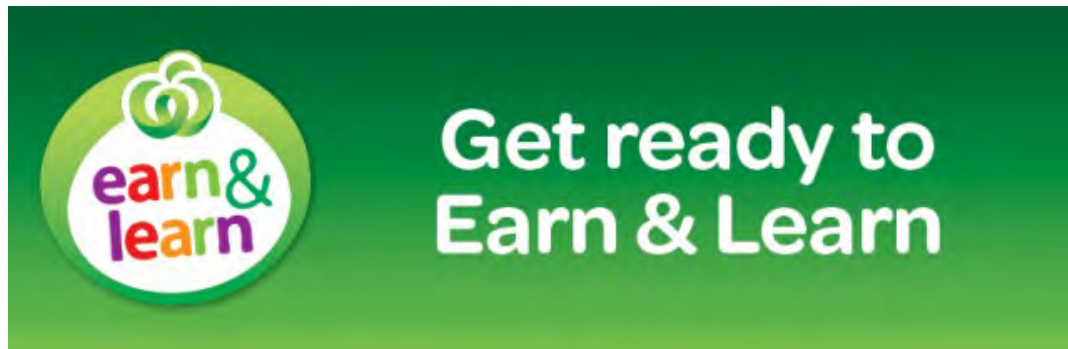
Available from 26th July at your local Woolworths supermarkets. Please be sure to complete your full sheet of stickers prior to returning your sticker pages to School. Unfortunately Woolworths do not count incomplete sheets.



Now anyone can help local schools earn amazing equipment. Just shop at **Woolworths to earn one sticker for every \$10 spent** from 26 July, while stocks last.

Incredibly, last time over 16,000 schools and early learning centres participated in Earn & Learn. This is your chance to help!

Grab your sticker sheets from Woolworths and add your stickers to the sheet as you collect them. Once your sheets are full, bring them into school and drop them in the Woolworths Earn and Learn mailboxes. **Please note, that Woolworths won't count unfinished sticker sheets, so please be sure to complete your sheets before you drop them in to school.**



Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Carranballac P-9 College is excited to be participating.

Students Participation will be logged online and Parents will have the opportunity to add books using a secure online student login.

Children from Foundation to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books on their own, with their parents, and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to independently read 15 books before September 1st 2017.

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The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for Literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2017. Students must be registered through the College.

Each campus Library has a number of books with Premiers Reading Challenge stickers, providing a quick visual guide to books that are on the Book List. Please note that not all books on the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge book list have stickers in the library.

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Students may read from their current Year Level list, or above and below year levels if their reading ability is better suited.

All students at Carranballac P-9 College will be provided with an online login username and password so that books may be added for each student, by Parents online. Families without internet access may continue with the printed record sheet and provide to the campus Librarian. Once the students have been registered by the School, a username and password will be sent home.

All children may participate in the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge and those who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier. Parents can choose to have their child's name included on the online Honour Roll.

Speak with your Child's Teacher to let them know you're interested in your child participating and if you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please [click here](#) to complete this form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

- [Foundation - Year 2 Book List](#)
- [Year 3-4 Book List](#)
- [Year 5-6 Book List](#)
- [Year 7-8 Book List](#)
- [Year 9 Book List](#)
- [All Years Book List, ordered by Author](#)



Parents & Friends Cookbook

As part of celebrating our diversity at the college, the P&F is delighted to announce that we are professionally publishing our very own stylish multicultural cookbook.

We would love you to contribute, and share photos of your meal to add to your cookbook recipe. Click below for instructions.

We chose this project because it can involve all our children and their families, we will produce a very special cookbook full of your most loved family favourites (from quick & easy weeknight dinners to special birthday desserts), and because it will make a truly beautiful and personalised gift for your family and friends.

It is SO simple to submit your recipes!

1. Go to the www.publishedauthors.com.au/recipes/ website and submit your recipes using their really quick and easy online template.
 - a. We encourage you to submit more than one recipe. Make sure to include why the recipe maybe special to your family and any hints which may be needed to achieve the perfect result.
 - b. When entering your recipe, choose the continent/region which matches where your recipe comes from e.g. Africa, Europe, etc.
 - c. Don't have access to the internet? Just give us your recipe & we'll find a volunteer to enter it for you.
2. If you have a high quality photo of your completed recipe, or one of your family either cooking or eating it please feel free to send it as a jpeg file to pf.president@carranballac.vic.edu.au

[More instructions can be found here](#)



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3. We will distribute order forms in Term 3 so you can pre-order your copies of this very special cookbook.



Write 4 Fun

The 2017 Schools Writing Competition is now open!

Write 4 Fun encourages students to read and write through fun competitions that are easy to enter. School students across Australia will battle it out for great cash and gift prizes, including a \$1000 cash first prize with \$500 awarded to their school and \$500 to the winning student.

To find out what you can win, and how to enter, click on [READ MORE](#).

Writers Wanted!

Your school receives \$500 and

You win \$500 Cash and your choice of

- Apple iPad (32GB) or

- Xbox One or
- PS4 or
- \$500 Rebel Sport Gift Card

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There is no theme. Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on any topic and in any style.

Students from all grades are welcome to enter - Kindergarten to Year 12.

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The Prizes
Poetry Prize
1st: \$1000 CASH (\$500 to YOU & \$500 to YOUR SCHOOL!) And YOUR CHOICE of an: Xbox One or PlayStation 4 or a \$500 Rebel Sport Gift Card or Apple iPad Air (32GB)
2nd: \$250 CASH + Write4fun Gift Pack
3rd: \$150 CASH + Write4fun Gift Pack
15 x Finalists: Write4fun Gift Pack
Short Story Prize
1st: \$1000 CASH (\$500 to YOU & \$500 to YOUR SCHOOL!) And YOUR CHOICE of an: Xbox One or PlayStation 4 or a \$500 Rebel Sport Gift Card or Apple iPad Air (32GB)
2nd: \$250 CASH + Write4fun Gift Pack
3rd: \$150 CASH + Write4fun Gift Pack
15 x Finalists: Write4fun Gift Pack

The Rules
• Only one entry per student - either a Poem OR Short Story.
• Entries to be typed or neatly handwritten.
• Poems must not exceed 16 lines and Short Stories must not exceed 500 words.
• Entries must be in by Friday 31st August 2017.
• Entries must be the original work of the author.
• Co-written entries will be disqualified.
• Entry form details must accompany each entry.

The Book
Poems and short stories entered into the competition will be considered for inclusion into our 2017 Write4fun anthology!
Those selected will have the opportunity to purchase the edition at a discounted rate. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizewinners will receive a complimentary copy of the book.
"We are very excited to be sponsoring this competition," stated Julia Woods, Managing Editor for Write4Fun. "Reading and writing seem to be taking a back seat these days to computer games and evolving technology! Our hope is that competitions such as these inspire the students to be creative with words once more and have fun doing it!"

Enter Online: www.write4fun.net or
Email To: enter@write4fun.net
Mail To: Write4Fun P.O. Box 2734 Nerang DC, QLD 4211
Phone: (07) 5574 3622 • FAX: (07) 5574 3644
www.facebook.com/Write4Fun

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Postal entries must be addressed to:

PO BOX 2734
Nerang DC
Queensland 4211



Friday Cuppa and Yr 9 Master Chef

The Carranballac Cafe is open in the Food Tech room for Parents and Carers every Friday afternoons

Jamieson Way Assembly from 2:30-3:15pm

Boardwalk Assembly from 2pm - 3pm

For a cash donation, barista Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Chai latte and Mocha can be purchased, along with cake and cookies.

All proceeds of sales go to fundraising for the Year 9 Graduation.



Fathers and Carers Day Stall

Fathers and Carers Day Stall

31st August - 1st September

Gifts ranging in price from 50c - \$6

All students will have an opportunity to purchase gifts from the stall, during their allocated class times.

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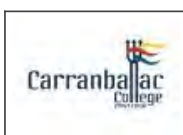
Parents Friends

31ST AUG - 1ST SEP

FATHERS AND CARERS STALL

GIFTS FROM 50¢ - \$6

ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A GIFT DURING ALLOCATED CLASS TIMES.



Kids Teaching Kids Week



we're taking part in the 2017 Kids Teaching Kids Program to Inspire Future Environmental Leaders

To find out more about
Kids Teaching Kids visit
www.kidsteachingkids.com.au



Carranballac College will take part in the Kids Teaching Kids program again in 2017.

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Kids Teaching Kids week at the college will take place from Monday 4 September to Friday 8 September.

KTK week is our Science Week, in which all classes report back to at least one other class on a science topic related to water or science in general.

There is an emphasis on developing leadership among students, and other schools will attend our College to take part in our activities.

On October 23 and 24, selected students from Carranballac P-9 College will take part in the Melbourne Water KTK Conference to be held at Melbourne University and at Collingwood Children's Farm.

Our students will present a workshop at Melbourne University and also at Collingwood Children's Farm.

We are one of only two schools funded by Melbourne Water to attend that conference, because of our expertise and quality of presentations.

Upcoming Events