



Newsletter Term 1, 1st March 2017

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

The eNewsletter will also be available on our Website in a PDF Format, with limited hardcopies available from the Office on request for parents who do not have access to the internet.

Throughout the fortnight we send out regular news items via our free Carranballac College App called "Updat-Ed." Links to download the App are below.

Regards,

Henry Szkuta
Website Manager

Event Quick View

- TUE 21ST MARCH [Hobsons Bay Division Year 7 Summer Sport Competitions](#)
- WED 22ND MARCH TO FRI 24TH MARCH [Year 8 Camp - JW & BW](#)
- WED 22ND MARCH TO FRI 24TH MARCH [Year 2 Swimming Program JW & BW](#)
- WED 22ND MARCH [Year 7 Immunisations](#)
- FRI 24TH MARCH [Year 5/6 Weekly Summer Sport Competition Round 2 : Boardwalk V Jamieson Way](#)
- SUN 26TH MARCH [Movie Night - Parents & Friends Association Social Event](#)
- MON 27TH MARCH TO FRI 31ST MARCH [Year 2 Swimming Program - JW & BW](#)
- FRI 31ST MARCH [TERM 1 Ends](#)
- SUN 2ND APRIL [Daylight Saving Ends](#)
- FRI 14TH APRIL [Good Friday](#)
- SAT 15TH APRIL [Easter Saturday](#)
- SUN 16TH APRIL [Easter Sunday](#)
- MON 17TH APRIL [Easter Monday](#)
- TUE 18TH APRIL [TERM 2 Begins](#)
- TUE 18TH APRIL TO FRI 21ST APRIL [Year 9 Camp - JW & BW](#)

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Director's Report

A note from our College Director, Brendan O'Brien

Dear parents and members of the proud Carranballac Community,

The **School Council election** process is well underway and I encourage community members who are interested in improving the College to seek nomination for the available vacancies. You will find all of the relevant documentation on the web page and news feed. Nominations close at 4pm on Wednesday 1 March 2017.

Our **Korean** guests flew out to Sydney on Saturday. There were watery eyes on Saturday as our new friends hopped on the coach to the airport. The farewell function on Thursday evening was yet another highlight in this wonderful global project that we have made part of the College culture. May I thank **Chriss Barker and Lesley Hall** for their expert planning and organisation over the last two years, our lovely host families for taking strangers into their homes and making strong friendships, our flexible and supportive staff who accepted extra learners into their classrooms and supported them, our delightful students who embraced our new Korean students and made them feel at home in our community. The journey continues and we will be taking Carranballac students to Korea in October – more soon on this exciting phase of our extra curricula programs.

School uniform: Students across the College have been having their say about our College uniform. Votes have been taken and the results will soon be made public on new wind and light rain proof tops. I would also like to remind parents that College beanies will be available and permitted in the Winter months and that black leather sports shoes are now acceptable footwear. These shoes meet safety standards for both Wood technology and Food technology. They are indeed versatile as students can then play at breaks in sports shoes as well as Physical education and sport without a change of footwear. I have been impressed with *the much improved standard of uniform* across the College this year but do heed my warning that **'out of uniform' will not be accepted.**

Eeeeeee communication: Thankyou to those who have integrated e communication into their lives with Carranballac College. We are endeavouring to make our approach to 'keeping in touch' with families as broad and flexible as possible. We are asking that you seriously consider the APP available and also ensure that you have COMPASS accessibility on a mobile device. This way you will be able to keep in touch with your child's education, view reports on line, make sure they are at school, see if they have visited sick bay and more. Ask for and or speak to Elly Conduit; our communications consultant, if you need to know more.

Breaking news -

As of Monday 27th February parents will be able to view their child's attendance details on the College Parent Compass Portal. You will also be able to lodge approval notes for your child's Absences and Lateness. Approvals can also be done in advance, if you know your child will be away from school or be late to school (dental appointment).

The link to "Approvals" will be found in a list of links under your child's photo on the Student Profile page. If your child has not been absent or late, the Approval Alert will not appear.

Parents recently received an invitation to access the College Parent Compass Portal. In that invitation parents were also given a Username and Password to enable them to access the College Compass Portal. Simply click the link below or copy and paste the link into your preferred internet browser, type in your Username and Password in the box that will appear on the screen.

In the very near future we hope to release another COMPASS module which will provide parents with timely advice on sick bay visits. Please note that when this access is made available it is purely advice and your child will be okay. In cases where we believe your child needs to go home, have medical attention OR has received a knock or bump to the head – we will also phone you. This will be a change from past practise where we called parents for every first aid visit.

I would like to close by wishing all of our student and staff campers and enjoyable, educational and safe experience. I would especially like to thank our staff for their commitment to these valuable experiences for our students.

Have a great fortnight.

Brendan.

College Director.



Boardwalk School Report

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

As a school community we said goodbye to our visiting Korean Students this week. Their experience of Australian schools and the Australian way of life has provided them with life long memories. Once again, our College thanks the families who hosted these students. Both host families and Korean students spoke very fondly of their experiences and I believe the connections will be everlasting. My family hosted 2 students and our family was enriched in many ways. I highly recommend this experience if you have the opportunity.

Preparations are underway for our college 'Clean Up Australia Day' this Friday 3rd March. Our Early Years students will be assigned areas in the school grounds and will work under the supervision of their teachers. Our Middle Years students will venture out into the local Community with their teachers and under the direction of our Environmental Science Coordinator, Mr John Forrester. Each year level will be responsible for cleaning up a particular area. Please keep an eye out for our students, armed with gloves, tongs and rubbish bags as they undertake this important community service in our local area.

I would remind parents that as a Sunsmart School, the college implements a "No Hat, No Play" policy. Please remind your child to "Slip, Slop, Slap." We also have sunscreen available in classrooms for students use.

Our wonderful Parents and Friends organisation is busy coordinating a Fun Run for the College on the 20th March. This is always a great day and major fundraiser for our College. Please check your child's bag for information regarding this event.

Our school yard is supervised from 8.30am. Parents who need to drop off their child before this time should enrol their child in the Out of School Hours Care program. If you are later than **3.15pm** to pick up your child after school, please let the office know on 9395 3533. If you are regularly late, I suggest you enrol your child in the Out of School Hours Care program. Please phone them on **0437112955**.

All students need to be in class on time every day. Classroom instruction begins promptly at **8.45am** and we believe in maximising the learning time for all our students. With Compass now feeding attendance data direct to your phones, you have accurate information on your child's attendance. We seek your support in establishing and maintaining this important lifelong habit. Communication is vital.

Swimming trials, selections and events have been taking place over the last 2 weeks. Congratulations to all our successful athletes who have represented the College and thanks also to our house captains who have been assisting Ms Huell.

Janelle from the Commonwealth bank visited our school to promote the opening of accounts and to outline their awards program which has a trip to Tokyo Disneyland on offer. Please look into the school banking and support the program. This is a valuable life skill to teach our children from an early age.

Mr Montgomery has started Junior Rock band auditions which is an exciting and challenging opportunity. Good luck to those students who will be keen to display their talents.

Ms Peric has started another visual art project at the front of our school. This art work consists of house group symbols (no, it is not graffiti) and music symbols on the PKPAC.

Our year 9 elective program is in full swing. The Café program elective did a magnificent job last Thursday night catering for the Korean farewell dinner. Congratulations to these students and their teachers.

Enjoy the next fortnight and enjoy your kids.

Ros Myers

Boardwalk Campus Principal



Jamieson Way Report

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

Our Year 5/6 students are enjoying such a fantastic tour of Canberra this week. Their visit to the Australian War Memorial yesterday was definitely a highlight, providing memories these students will carry with them for a long time into the future. Each day is full of exciting tours within our nation's capital. Our teachers are so proud of the respect shown by our students, and our teachers are receiving many comments on their excellent manners and behaviour during tours. Well done to our intrepid travellers! Parents can find information relating to their itinerary on UpDat-ed (download this free app from App store).

Thank you to all our families who supported the recent Korean Exchange. We look forward to some of our students travelling to Korea in October this year. I would like to acknowledge the role a group of our students played during the Korean Farewell Dinner last week. Our Rock Band was just amazing, displaying their incredible talents. Some of our year 9 students who are participating in Food Tech as an elective, prepared and served the food. These students are to be thanked for the confidence and capable manner in which they represented our college. Thank you to all involved.

Well done to our wonderful Year 2 students who displayed their developing responsibility with a walk to the local shopping centre. I met them on their walk back and they were an absolute credit to our school, walking responsibly, wearing their uniform and hats very proudly and chatting excitedly about this adventure. These students are growing up very quickly! The authentic work completed in the classrooms from this excursion was of a high standard. We are proud of these students!

Our Environment Leaders are preparing for a very busy day on Friday as we participate in Clean Up Australia Day for schools. Year levels will be designated areas in and around Jamieson Way as we contribute, as citizens, in our local community.

Our year 3/4 students begin their water safety and swimming skills program next Monday. We wish them well as they build on their skills, understanding and knowledge regarding safety around water.

Enjoy your child this week. Reading with your child, reading to your child, listening to your child read, all contribute to your child as a learner.

Sandy Naughton

Jamieson Way Campus Principal