

Newsletter



Once again we have had a busy and exciting few weeks at Carrum Primary School.

Grade 5/6 camp was great fun and the teachers posted lots of photographs on our Facebook page to give everyone an insight to the amazing activities our children got to experience at **Camp Woorabinda**. Mrs Carmichael and the other staff were very impressed by the students' effort and behaviour throughout the week. Well done Grade 5/6! **Our**

3/4 students and

teachers shared their Kananook Creek

tour learnings with me this week. They had a great time learning about the history of our local area and they gained an improved understanding of our area's indigenous history. They certainly had some fascinating information to share. **The Prep area smelled yummy last week with the students**

making lots and lots of pancakes in recognition of Shrove Tuesday. It was great to see so many parents in the kitchen supporting the children with this fun and engaging hands on learning experience. We are very grateful for the



Crazy Hair Day
17 March



Beachathon
30 March



Trivia Night
2 June

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support of our volunteers, as this makes many of these fun activities possible.

The **School Council Election process is now complete**. The number of nominations was equal to the number of vacancies, therefore, no ballot was required. I would like to congratulate Jamie Rae, Kate Kennedy, Marcus Mulcahy and Steve Watling who have been appointed

for a two-year term. The school council for 2017 will consist of Kate Kennedy, Louise Childs, Mick Ioviero, Melissa Galland, Sophie Simpfendorfer and Emily Egan as parent representatives and Steve Watling, Mandy Carmichael and Marcus Mulcahy as DET representatives. I thank them for their ongoing commitment to our school and its development.

Our swimming team tried very hard at **District Sport Swimming Events** over the past two weeks. It is a great achievement to make it through to the District Sports and they all should be proud of themselves. **Well done to the girls 9/10 relay team and Olivia for making it through to the Division level.** We wish you the best of luck and we are all cheering for you!

This term our students have been working hard to develop a deep understanding of place value during Mathematics sessions.

Our teachers have been providing students with differentiated lessons to support the children develop the skills they require to improve their Mathematical understanding.

Over the past 9 months we have worked hard to develop a consistent approach to the assessment of Maths and to use this data to drive our teaching practice. **It is clear when visiting classrooms that the children are engaged and appropriately challenged in their Maths sessions.** It is no coincidence that



when I walk around the yard at the end of the school day and ask students what they learnt today, they generally share what they learnt in Maths. It certainly looks and sounds like fun!

This Friday Sonya Kilkenny will be attending our Assembly to help announce the Carrum Primary School student leaders

for 2017. The teachers have completed a comprehensive selection process and have selected students that they believe best fit each role. This has been a very difficult process and I was very impressed with the quality of applicants for each position when I listened to the students' speeches a couple of weeks ago. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward and I know that even if a child did not get a position there will be a myriad of opportunities for other leadership roles at the school this year.

Thank you to all the families who have paid their **Essential Education Item payments** as listed on the booklist. If you are yet to make these payments could you, please

see our office staff. **The teachers work hard to provide the students with a comprehensive learning environment to support the development of all children.** Your support with this payment allows us to continue these programs.

Well done to all the families that continue to use the **school crossings on the way to and from school.** The **Kingston**

Council have invested in traffic supervisors to support our families cross various roads when accessing the school. It has been brought to my attention that some of our students are not using these crossings and choosing to cross part way along busy roads. Please discuss the importance of using the school crossings with your children as we want them to be safe when travelling between home and school.





Looking ahead, we have a **Crazy Hair day next Friday 17th March** in recognition of the **World's Greatest Shave**. Our 'Crazy' Miss **Derix** will be shaving her head to raise money for this great cause on the 18th March. So don't seem too shocked when you see her the following Monday.

Later in the term, on the **30th March** we will hold the annual Carrum Primary School **Beachathon**. This is a great celebration day at our school, promoting health and wellbeing while raising money that will go towards building shade structures over our playgrounds.

Finally, **please pencil into your calendar the 2nd June, as our Community Fundraising Committee are organising a Trivia Night**. This promises to be fun night challenging our general knowledge and competing for a number of great prizes. We hope we will be able to have a full house!

Once again thank you for your ongoing support and please remember that my door is always open.

Best regards,
Clem Langford
Principal.

Excursion to Kananook Creek

Students in Year 3/4 experienced a wonderful "hands on" opportunity to explore the way the Bunerong people lived in their local area before Europeans arrived.

Students were able to eat **Bush Tucker** and tasted local plants, **Warragul Green** and **Pig face** with great delight and curiosity. They used **Banksia seeds to brush their hair** and were able to paint their faces with **Ochre**. Students learnt how to plait



reeds to make belts and ropes and created stories using traditional **Dreamtime symbols.**

A highlight was patting a blue tongue lizard and looking at the patterns on these prehistoric animals. Students were fascinated with Indigenous Australians connection to the land and are keen to investigate more about **"Who lived here first?"**



Crazy Hair Day!

On Friday the 17th of March students are encouraged to let their hair go crazy! This can mean wearing it in a funny style or even using non-permanent coloured spray! Students are asked to **bring a gold coin donation** to support the **World's Greatest Shave** and Miss Derix who is being brave and shaving her head for this wonderful cause! So get thinking about what crazy style you would like!

Book Club



Orders Due on Friday 10 March



Garden Class

Some groovy garden pics showing how hard our keen gardeners have been



Carrum Primary School uses the **Tiqbiz App** to keep our community up-to-date with current events. Tiqbiz is a Free App available to download from the iTunes App Store, Google Play and www.tiqbiz.com
 Instructions on how to install the Tiqbiz App are listed below.

We have a school app

We are now using an app to send instant messages, newsletters and notices.

The tiqbiz app will help our school keep parents fully informed and up-to-date with newsletters, notices, news and events. It's easy to use and also has the benefit of helping reduce our paper consumption by printing less.

The first step is to download tiqbiz to your phone, tablet, computer... or all of them.

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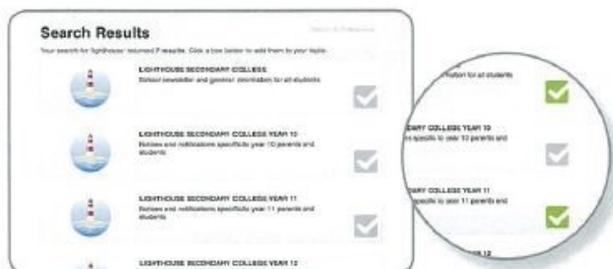
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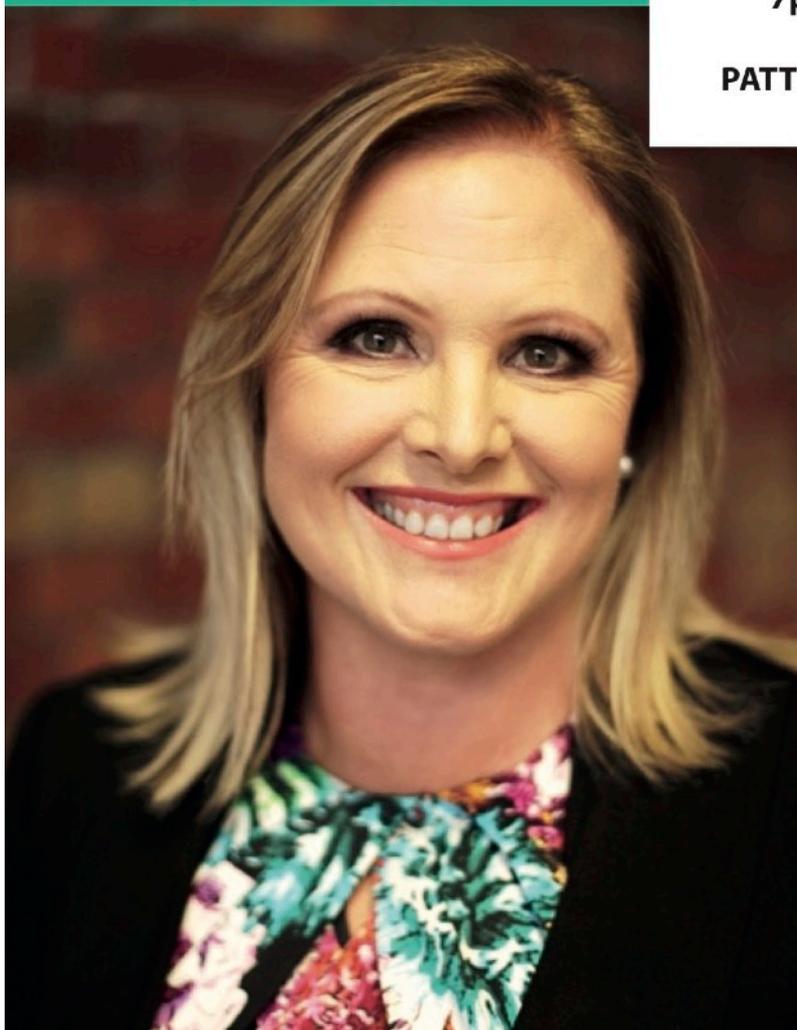


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Kingston Youth Services proudly supports:

Keeping safe in cyberspace: An informative session for Parents and Carers

7pm - 9pm Thursday 30th March 2017
Performing Arts Centre
PATTERSON RIVER SECONDARY COLLEGE
70-98 Eel Race Rd, Seaford VIC 3198



Susan Mclean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She is a mother of three and was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people.

She took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training in this area in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments.

She is a member of the National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB) Cybersafety Committee and is afforded 'expert' status on the Safer Internet Programme Data Base. She is also a member of the Australian Government's Cybersafety working group and a published author. Her book 'Sext's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive parents' guide to helping children stay safe online.

Susan will present an informative and enlightening session on understanding popular current social networking sites. Inform you about where children and young people go online, sexting, and recognising online grooming. Susan will further discuss misuse of technology and its legal consequences and provide parents and carers with the confidence in setting rules and boundaries when it comes to online use.



Open Night

Thursday 23rd March - 7pm

EXCEL Academic

Thursday 27th April 9am - 2.30pm

EXCEL Sport Testing

Thursday 4th May 9am - 2.30pm

School Tours

Every Thursday 9.45am

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New Players wanted!!

Wanting to play Netball in 2017?
Carrum is currently seeking junior
players from all age groups from Net
Set Go to 17& Under.

Training is Wednesday afternoons at
Jubilee Park Netball Courts 4.30pm till
5.30pm

First game of season Saturday 18th
March.

Registration is now open

For Further information contact the club
at carrumnetballclub@gmail.com



Carrum Patterson Lakes Auskick

For Boys & Girls, ages Kinder to Grade 6

Where: Roy Dore Reserve

When: Starting Saturday April 22nd, 9.30am

For more details like our Facebook page

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Can't get through to your pre-teen or teen? Is the frustration affecting your relationship?

The Communicating with your Adolescent workshop will support parents by targeting personal effectiveness in communication skills to enhance your relationship with your child. You will explore the origins of your communication style, better understand the communication styles used by others and develop personal communication skills.

You will gain a better understanding of your approach to the relationship, and specifically to communication with your adolescent. The workshop will enable you to develop valuable strategies and tools to become more effective in your communication, fostering a stronger relationship with your pre-teen or teen.

Topics include:

- Self-awareness: understanding who you are and how you came to be at this point
- Active listening skills
- Conflict resolution and problem solving
- Being assertive
- Practical tools and strategies

Investing a few hours now, will create a valuable roadmap for navigating those challenging teen years.

Best suited to:

Parents and carers adolescents aged 10 to 17 years.

When:

The workshop runs across three Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday 15th March 7pm to 9pm
 Wednesday 22nd March 7pm to 9pm
 Wednesday 29th March 7pm to 9pm

Light refreshments provided.

Where:

Family Life meeting room, 197 Bluff Rd, Sandringham

Cost:

\$165 per person (\$150 concession)

Bookings and more information:

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