



# CARRARAGARMUNGEE P.S NEWSLETTER

## Principals Note:

TERM 2 - 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY

Hi everyone,

What a whirlwind it has already been this term at Carraragarmungee Primary School! Our days have been filled with rich learning, community connections and special moments that truly reflect who we are as a school. A highlight has been our preparation of the Māori version of the New Zealand National Anthem in readiness for the Eldorado ANZAC Dawn Service last Saturday. Alongside this, School Council has been in full swing, and we have welcomed visitors who have shared photos, stories, emails and treasured memories as part of our ongoing work capturing the history of Carra. We also celebrated the final day of filming for our 150th Birthday documentary—an exciting milestone as we bring our story to life.

The ANZAC Dawn Service at Eldorado on ANZAC Day was a truly special and reflective occasion. In the quiet stillness of pre-dawn, our students, staff and families marched down Main Street behind service personnel, alongside members of the Eldorado and Wangaratta North CFA, and the wider community. The peaceful atmosphere, accompanied by the sounds of kookaburras and magpies, created a moment of deep reflection, with a lone piper and bugler marking the service. I was incredibly proud of our students, who performed beautifully—leading the community in both National Anthems and sharing the Auslan song “Thank You to the Soldiers.” Thank you so much to our dedicated staff and supportive families for making it possible for students to participate in this important early morning community event. It was a wonderful example of our mission in action: Connecting to Self, School, Community and Environment.

What a fantastic start to the term—busy, meaningful and full of connection!

### The Carra Team



## IMPORTANT DATES

04 May Student Free day

09 May Working Bee

15 May Pirate Day

23 May 150 Year Anniversary

04 Jun 100 days of school

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## IN THE F-2 'LITTLE LEGENDS' ROOM


This term, students have continued to build on their strong foundations in phonics, showing excellent retention of previously learned letter sounds. It has been fantastic to see them confidently applying this knowledge as they begin to encode (spell) and decode (read) CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. Students are developing their ability to hear, identify and manipulate individual sounds within words, which is a key step in becoming fluent readers and writers. Older students have been extending their understanding through targeted PLD activities, with a focus on blends. They are learning to recognise and use common consonant blends in their reading and writing, helping them to tackle more complex words with increasing independence.

In numeracy, students have been exploring the concept of partitioning numbers and have achieved great success. They are confidently breaking numbers into two and three parts, helping them to better understand how numbers are made and how they can be manipulated. This foundational skill supports a wide range of future mathematical concepts, including addition and subtraction. Older students have been challenged to apply these skills to larger numbers, encouraging deeper thinking and flexibility in how they approach problems. It has been wonderful to see students explaining their thinking and using different strategies to represent numbers in meaningful ways.



### Reminders

Please send students to school with news item to share on their news day and reading logs to change books

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# IN THE 3-5 'SUPER SENIORS' ROOM

Super Seniors – Term Update

So far this term, students have been involved in a range of engaging and meaningful learning experiences.

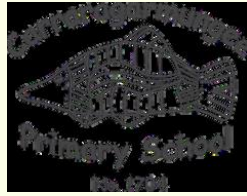
We were privileged to take part in a Smoking Ceremony, which helped deepen students' understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and traditions. Alongside this, students explored the importance of an Acknowledgement of Country, learning how to respectfully recognise the Traditional Custodians of the land.

In the classroom, our Mathematics focus has been on fractions, with students building their understanding and confidence in applying fractional concepts. In English, students created ANZAC-themed poetry, thoughtfully reflecting on the significance of the day.

They also produced charcoal sketches of soldiers on the battlefield, which are now proudly displayed in the main entrance—be sure to take a look!

A special highlight was our school's ANZAC Service, led by the senior students. They did an outstanding job running the ceremony, demonstrating leadership, respect, and pride. Students also had the wonderful opportunity to meet former teacher David Alan, who taught at Carragarmungee Primary School in 1963–1964. It was a fantastic experience for students to hear his stories and gain a deeper appreciation of the school's rich history, especially as we approach our 150-year celebrations. David also generously presented the school with a special birthday gift—an oil painting that he had painted himself—which will be a treasured addition to our school.





# SOME OF OUR 'SUPER SENIORS' ANZAC DAY POETRY

I see the poppies in the grass  
I see the soldiers as they pass.

I hear the gun shots in the distance  
I hear me shouting as they need assistance

I feel the rain at the night, sort and still  
I feel the morning chill

I smell the bad air  
I smell the trenches that we share  
I taste the tear we try to hide  
I taste the sea breeze

**Hamish Brauman**

I see the red poppies shimmering in the sunlight  
I see soldiers that can't sleep staring at the moonlight

I hear the bugle during the day  
I feel a ghost haunting me late into the day

I smell the disgusting food that we were forced to eat  
I smell the soldier's sickness in the heat.

I taste bug and dirt in the trenches  
I take bloom form on the fences

We remember, we stand tall  
We honour and thank them all.

**Max Herrman-O'Brien**

I see the lights glow in the trenches  
I see soldiers laying on benches

I hear the soldiers fall  
I hear the bugle in the rainfall

I feel frozen in the cold rain  
I feel shocked from the bullets in the terrain

I smell the sea breeze  
I smell the morning air calm and at ease.

I taste the dust in the cold morning  
I taste water as everyone is snoring

We remember that soldiers who died  
We remember the good souls who fought and helped.

**Mason Webbers**



# WELLBEING

Congratulations Super Seniors! You have reached your class meditation goal and have all meditated for 35 minutes!

Congratulation Little Legends! You have reached your class meditation goal and have all meditated for 20 minutes!

This term in Wellbeing we are focused on designing and recording our own guided meditation. We are using the tools and skills we have learnt in Term 1 to script, rehearse, and record our own meditations. This is a practice that we can use at home to help us feel calm, relaxed, and emotionally regulated.

We are also looking at developing our understanding of friendships here at Carra. We are discussing the difference between close friends, play partners, classmates, and friendly people at our school. Why being a kind community member is important and how friendships grow and change.

As always, I have been absolutely impressed by the wonderful effort every student makes in our wellbeing sessions at Carra.



Lucille Milne - Wellbeing



# MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS



## Australian Folk Song & Bush Dancing



For the first half of this term, in Music and Performing Arts, we will be delving into the **World of Australian Folk Song & Bush Dancing** as part of the history learning we are doing for our 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.

As part of our daily fitness, students have been enjoying learning Bush Dances each morning in preparation for the Birthday Bash on Saturday 23 May—we can't wait to celebrate together!



# AUSLAN

In Auslan, this term we are beginning to incorporate a new online platform to support our classroom teachers and Shirley, our Tutor, to plan and implement an even more engaging Auslan Curriculum at our school.

This will involve:

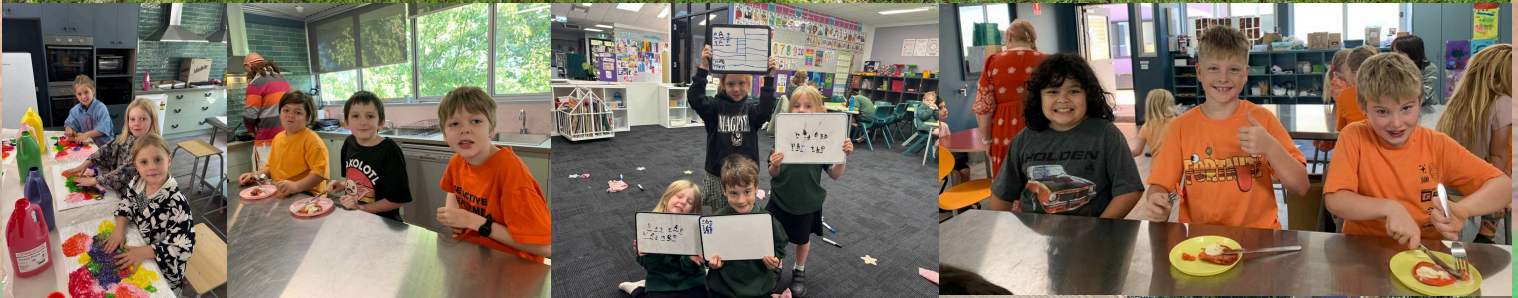
- Video lessons on our own unique school page
- Comprehensive Teacher Planner for every lesson
- Illustrated Sign Reference Sheet with the signs from each lesson.
- Free PD support for Teachers (both implementation and Auslan)
- Free School check- in with our Deaf Team member and Interpreter.
- Free Assessment videos and support.
- Free home Auslan tasks (HATS)

We are looking forward to using and sharing this resource for our students, staff and parents.

**Marie**



# PHOTO GALLERY





# TERM 2 CALENDAR

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	
W 1	20 Apr <b>Students Return</b>	21 School Council 5:30 - 7PM	22 AUSLAN 	23	24 ANZAC Ceremony 9am  Specialist Day	A P R
W 2	27 Parent/Teacher Interviews  Smoking Ceremony / Documentary Filming	28 Parent/Teacher Interviews	29	30	01 May	A P R / M A Y
W 3	04 <b>Student Free Day</b>	05	06 AUSLAN 	07	08 Specialist Day	M A Y
W 4	11	12	13 Open Day 9-11am	14	15 Pirate Day 	M A Y
W 5	18	19	20 Open Day 9-11am Cross Country 3-6 Whorouly AUSLAN 	21	22 Day before 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Specialist Day	M A Y
W 6	25	26 'Green Sheep' Performance @ WPAC (F-2's)	27 Open Day 9-11am	28	29	M A Y
W 7	01	02	03 AUSLAN 	04 100 days of school for foundation students	05 Specialist Day	J U N
W 8	08 Kings B'day (Public Holiday) 	09 <b>Student Free Day</b>	10 'You and Me and the land of lost things' Performance @ WPAC (3-6's)	11	12	J U N
W 9	15	16 School Council 5:30 - 7PM	17 AUSLAN 	18 Winter Lantern Festival 	19 Specialist Day	J U N
W 10	22	23	24	25 F-2 Sleepover 	26 <b>Last day of Term 1 (3:20 Dismissal)</b>	J U N



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TAKE A JOURNEY DOWN MEMORY LANE AND CELEBRATE CARRARAGARMUNGEE PRIMARY SCHOOL'S 150TH BIRTHDAY. FEATURING:

HIGH TEA LUNCHEON

OPENING OF TIME CAPSULE

FEATURE FILM- CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL'S RICH HISTORY

CHILDREN'S GAMES AND ACTIVITIES AND MUCH MORE!!

23RD MAY 2026

11AM - 3PM

1005 WANGARATTA-ELDORADO RD, LONDRIGAN VIC 3678

TICKET PRICE

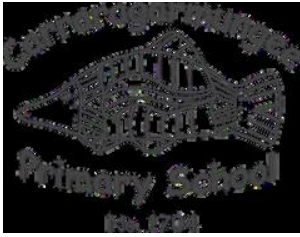
\$10 PER PERSON

\*CHILDREN ENTER FREE

BOOK TICKETS HERE



9 AM SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY



# WORKING BEE

We're asking all families to join us for our upcoming School Working Bee! This is a great opportunity to come together as a community, improve our school environment, and show our students the value of teamwork and care for shared spaces.

There will be a range of jobs for all skill levels—gardening, tidying, basic repairs, and general clean-up—so any help you can offer is greatly appreciated.

We will provide a sausage sizzle on the day to thank all helpers!

### **What to bring (if you can):**

Gardening gloves

Shovels, rakes, or spades

Wheelbarrows

Secateurs or hedge trimmers

Buckets and cleaning cloths

Any other handy tools

