The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students. **The importance of arriving on time**
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

**What if my child has to be away from school?**
On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:
- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days, you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence. Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

It is vitally important that school attendance is taken very seriously by parents. Every day away from school is a day away from learning. Let’s set our students up for the best possible learning outcomes.

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**Quote of the Week**

“LEARNING is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere”

Sandy Ryan
Relieving Principal

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Tuesday 12—15th May:**
NAPLAN

**Tuesday 12th May:**
P & C Meeting
Tonight
7.00pm
Staff common room
All welcome

**Wednesday 13th May:**
Yr 12 Geography Excursion

**Friday 15th May:**
Secondary Zone Cross Country—Yanco

**Tuesday 19th May:**
School Photos—Envelopes were sent home last week. If you havn’t received an envelope one can be collected from the front office
Working with our new Ipads

Last week students in 1/2 got to work on our new school Ipads for the first time. We used a maths program called Monkey Maths where the students were having to do addition and subtraction problems in their heads before selecting the correct answer.
Continuing on with Planet Earth. Students this week looked at water pressure and buoyancy. As part of this they have watched these principles be applied in videos and were able to participate in a demonstration that linked buoyancy with density.

Students using agriculture to create Mothers day gifts in the form of miniature terrariums.

SECONDARY SYDNEY EXCURSION
Thank you parents, for securing your child’s position on this excursion so promptly! So far only three spots are still available for students. However if students are keen to attend, please put their name on as a ‘reserve’ in case others are unable to attend later in the year due to other commitments etc.

Secondary Silver Awards
Charly Mott, Jack Tong, Jack Jennings
SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tuesday 19th May

Last week students received envelopes for school photos. All the information about photos and payment is printed on the envelopes. Individual orders and sibling/family orders are available. The envelopes for sibling or family groups can be collected from the front office. It is essential that student names are printed on the top of the envelopes and all the other information is filled in correctly. The order envelopes need to be returned to the front office with correct money by Friday 15th of May. If envelopes with orders and payment are returned earlier they will be held at the front office until required. On the day of the photos all students need to be dressed in their correct winter uniform. Parents or carers of students who do not wish their student to be photographed need to remind the rollcall teacher or the class teacher.

3-6 EXCURSION
This years 3-6 excursion to Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre, will be late in Term 4. This is a great opportunity for students to participate in activities with students from other classes, have a go at new, fun challenges and show off their independence and organisation skill with getting themselves ready. At this stage the cost of the excursion will be between $250—$300. More information and final costings will come out closer to Term 4. Please remember that students on the banned list during Term 4 will be unable to attend.

RIVERINA INDIGENOUS
MANAGEMENT
ANZAC CAMP
On Thursday 23rd April, I travelled to Canberra as part of the Riverina Indigenous Student Leadership ANZAC Camp. The next day I had the opportunity to visit the Canberra War Memorial, the old Parliament House and the Tent Embassy. At the Tent Embassy I joined in a smoke spirit ceremony. On ANZAC Day on Saturday the 25th I had the opportunity to attend the Dawn Service which was very moving and a great experience. Ngargan is a Wiradjuri word meaning dawn. I, along with many, felt the cold and made many friends. Thanks to Nat for taking me to catch the bus.

By Stacey McRae, Yr 9.

We are thrilled to announce that our School Fun Run Fundraiser was a huge success! With your assistance we were able to raise $1990.45 to put towards school equipment. Thank you to everyone for your efforts. It was wonderful to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our fundraiser. A special mention to the following students for their outstanding effort:

Jessi Knowles $200.40 Year 5
Maddison Burgess $150.00 Kinder
Arlee Hayward $146.00 Kinder

Enrolments are now being taken for students in Kindergarten and Year 7 2016. Please contact the school on 69672277 to obtain an enrolment pack.

P & C MEETING
Hillston Central School P & C Meeting will be held this:
Date: Tuesday 12.5.15
Time: 7.00pm
Place: HCS Common room
All welcome

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE WINNERS
Thank you to all the children who brought from the mothers day stall last Thursday and Friday.
Thank you to all who brought tickets in the mothers day raffle the winners are:
1st Mellisa McGovern
2nd Kevin Hall.

Borambola from previous excursions
Last Thursday both our Under 15 girls and boys team travelled to Leeton to play soccer in the 1st and 2nd round of the Bill Turner Cup Competition. On the way to the oval we picked Charlotte and Kaleb up who were waiting for us at McDonalds as they had come back from band camp to make up our team. Thanks guys we appreciate it (and a big thanks to Brittany & Rebecca Dalton for driving them to and from Wagga so they could take part). It was a windy day out on the field but playing the game kept us all nice and warm. The boys played first against Griffith High. They worked well as a team even though Lachlan scored all 3 goals. There was a lot of team work in the lead up to getting the ball to the strikers. Griffith came back strongly in the second half to score 2 goals. The final score was 3-2 to Hillston, unfortunately due to a number of students pulling out and being ineligible to play as they were on levels we had to play students who were 16 to fulfill our school commitment to the gala day. This then meant we were unable to move into the next round against Saint Francis.

The girls game we took on Saint Francis, who previously had beaten Leeton High. Hillston played very well but lost 6-0. Amber lead the team well, with Tatum, Storm and Lekisha having a number of opportunities in St Francis’ half. Players player was Natassia Ceccato who played really well and stopped a lot of raids with her strong kicks.

It was a fun bus trip home, we were all in good spirits, whether we won or lost. Thank you to Mrs. Bartholomew for all her time and effort to get us all there, and to Miss Denham for helping coach the boys team on the day and an extra special thank you to Mrs. Bartholomew for driving the bus.

Amber Baldock-Claire and Miss Denham.
SECONDARY SPORT DATES

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Remember if you are on Level 2 or above you are ineligible to attend.

SECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY

The following students have qualified for Zone Cross Country in Yanco on Friday 15th May and we will be taking the school bus. Students have been asked to collect notes from Miss Denham if they have not received one already. If students do not wish to attend then they have been asked to cross their name off the list at the front office.

1. Thomas Lette
2. Kiffy Stead
3. Billy Kennedy
4. Luke Mackie
5. Damian McRae
6. Simran Singh
7. Jack Tong
8. Logan Kerr
9. Kaleb Dalton
10. Nick Rhodes
11. Chace Cashmere
12. Hudson Bateman
13. Todd Rhodes
14. Jordan Keefe
15. Matt Brettschneider
16. Charlotte Bartholomew
17. Hayley Burgess
18. Charly Mott
19. Priyanka Jatan
20. Ellie West
21. Tatum Meyer
22. Harriet Kelly
23. Adela Neal
24. Lekisha Kennedy
25. Storm Power
26. Timon Meyer
27. Amber Baldock
28. Jade Neal
29. Preeya Burgess
30. Laney Hyder
31. Denelle Burgess

YEAR 9 SCIENCE

In Science, we have been learning about how the processes that occur within our bodies keep us functioning. Last week, we conducted kidney dissections as part of our study of the excretory system. Later in the term we will be learning about health and disease.
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2015

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 15 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:
- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
**PEANUT ALLERGY**

Remember that some students at our school have a dangerous allergy to peanuts and other nuts. Students must be aware of this and discouraged from bringing nuts to school. If nut products are brought students should ensure they tell their teacher, sit away from allergic students while eating and remember to wash face and hands after eating.

**WINTER UNIFORM**

**Girls**
- Navy Hipster pants (stubbies) K-12
- Navy Elastic waisted pants (stubbies) K-12
- Navy Skirts to be purchased from the school (pleated skirt) K-10
- Tartan Skirt 11/12
- White Shirt (as for summer)
If girls want long sleeve shirts see local retailer to order

**Boys**
- Grey Cargo pants (side pocket elastic waisted) (stubbies)
- Grey Banded college pants (zip front pending sample) (stubbies)
- Grey Shirt (as for summer) K-10
- White Shirt (As for summer) 11/12
If boys want long sleeve shirts see local retailer to order.

**Unisex Tracksuit all ages**
- Navy Stubbies micro fibre tracksuit pants (side pockets Velcro leg tabs)
- Sports uniform top (Blue stubbies polo shirt)
- Navy Stubbies polar fleece jumper
- Box pleated skirt stipulated only to wear 2nd/3rd Term K-10.

Terms 2 & 3 children are expected to wear Winter Uniform. All items are the required brand and style.

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**LACHLAN TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

Annual General Meeting
Thursday 14th May 2015
6.00 pm
Hillston Ex-Servicemen's Club

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If you cannot do your duty please swap with someone or get someone to fill in your spot.
Please do not leave your spot unattended. Thank you for your support with the canteen roster.
Go the Swannies!!!!!

Fit For the Future - Have Your Say

If you have completed this questionnaire online please do not complete it a second time

**PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK PEN**

1. Do you support Carrathool Shire to remain as a Stand Alone Council? Yes / No / Not Sure
2. Do you require further information to inform your decision making? Yes / No
3. If you answered Yes to Q2. Do you need further information about:
   a. The Stand Alone Option
   b. Other (please specify)

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
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Ken Croskell
General Manager

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