

# Carramar Chit Chat

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Kaya Carramar families

It is hard to believe that the first 10 weeks of learning for 2023 is nearly at an end. All students are to be commended on their wonderful efforts during Term 1.

We are especially proud of the way in which all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 participated in our recent School Evacuation Practice. The students were excellent, following directions calmly and quietly, with the whole school being at our two "assembly points" in just over 5 minutes – excellent!



As we move towards the end of term, we are all appreciating a break in the hot weather with the beginning of **Djeran**. Cooler nights, light breezes and the presence of dew in the early mornings are most welcome.

The red flowers from the Red Flowering Gum (*Corimbia ficifolia*) and the Banksia flowers, which are providing a food source for the birds and insects that rely on them are a wonderful sight in our environment.

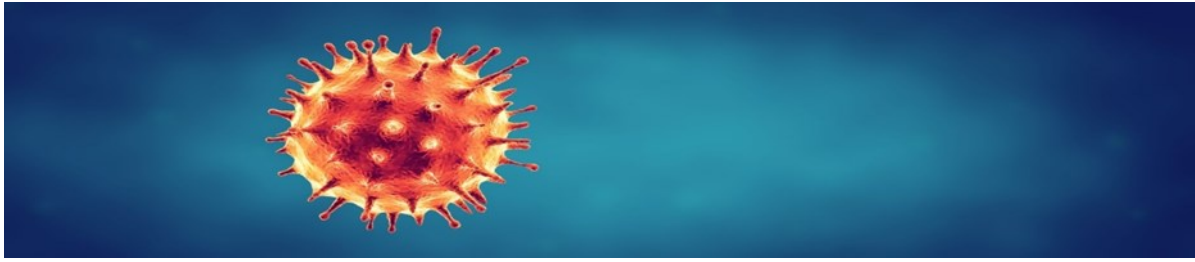
Sincere thanks to all guest speakers at our recent **Harmony Day** Assembly. It was wonderful to hear your stories. Sharing the cultural diversity of our school community is so important and provides an excellent opportunity for us all to reflect, value who we are and learn from each other. Please see more photo's further in the newsletter.



Leonie Clelland, Assistant Regional Education Director from the North Metropolitan Education Regional visited our school yesterday, and was very impressed with what she heard and saw. Representatives from our Student Leadership group and key staff met with Leonie to share our journey of improvement.



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Thank you for keeping everyone safe and stopping the spread of COVID 19, which is prevalent in our school community. Please maintain your vigilance in monitoring your child's health and do check if they present with any symptoms. Please pop into the office if you require additional RATs – we have plenty!



During the second week of the School Holidays, on **April 20**, we will experience a very significant phenomenon. A **solar eclipse** will occur over three hours from **10am - 12.46pm**, with maximum totality in Perth at approximately 11:20am, when the sun, moon and earth align. Please remind your children of appropriate safe behaviour in regard to this event: ***never look directly at the sun without proper eye protection.***

We look forward to seeing you at our **ANZAC Commemorative Assembly** on Thursday morning at 8.50am as we acknowledge our service men and women and thank them for their service for our country. If your children are members of Scouts or Girl Guides, they are invited to wear their uniforms. **All students are asked to wear their Carramar Uniforms on Thursday – no faction shirts please.**



In closing I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our school community for your wonderful support which was very evident today with all those creative hair styles and hats. We have some very talented parents among us. Thank you to the year 6 ministers for coordinating this fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House Charities. We raised a total of **\$588.10**. Please see photo's elsewhere in the newsletter.

We wish everyone a safe and restful holiday.

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PRINCIPAL

### Sun Smart Tip

Ultraviolet radiation can penetrate clouds so do not be fooled when it's overcast. Protect yourself from the sun when the UV Index is 3 or above.



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# Early Childhood Chatter

**Message from Deb Parker (Deputy Principal - Early Childhood)**

Hello everyone,

That's the first term at an end – how quickly did that go?

Most children are now settled into their new classrooms and routines are becoming more established. I would like to acknowledge our new Kindergarten students. I think that you will agree that they have learned classroom and playground expectations very quickly here at our school. We are really looking forward to watching them grow and develop as the year passes.

## **Oral Language Information for Parents**

In this week's *Early Childhood Chatter*, I would like to talk to you about talking!

As we all know, having rich conversations with young people is vital in developing their early literacy skills. Children learn to pronounce words, to put words into sentences and to use a variety of interesting vocabulary. But, what should you do if your child pronounces words or sentences incorrectly? This is a question that we are often asked here at school.

The following information, provided by the Language Development Centre, will help you to understand how you can effectively help your child if this happens.

## **Recasting**

### **What is recasting?**

Recasting is not a new concept. In fact, many parents naturally recast their child's speech. Recasting is basically taking something your child says incorrectly and repeating it back to them correctly. Recasting is about listening to the way a word is supposed to sound. For example, if your child points to a cat and says "tat!", you would say "yes, it's a cat!" Recasting can also be used to help your child integrate sounds they have learnt in therapy into their day-to-day conversations.

### **What is recasting not?**

Recasting is *not* asking your child to repeat the word correctly. Your child does not have to do anything to be involved in recasting therapy.

Recasting is *not* exaggerating the incorrect sound. When recasting your child's speech, you do not have to place any emphasis on the new sound.

### **How will recasting help my child?**

Recasting helps a child to make the connection between the way they pronounce a word, and the correct way to pronounce a word.

### **How do I recast my child's speech?**

Recasting is most effective when it is:

1. Immediate (That is, repeat the child's speech as soon as they have said it)
2. Gives the child new information (That is, repeat the child's speech using the correct pronunciation of the word)

Recasting works best when it becomes part of your daily interaction with your child. You do not have to set aside any special time to practise recasting your child's speech. Learn to make recasting a natural part of conversing with your child.



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### Playgroup at Carramar

Our school playgroup continues to flourish.  
Take a look at some of this week's photographs:



Please remember, if you know of anyone who will be attending our Kindergarten in 2024, please direct them to our school website, where they can find out all the information about our school playgroup. Alternatively they can search Carramar Playgroup on Facebook.

<https://www.carramarps.wa.edu.au/>

Have a safe and wonderful Easter break.  
Remember, keep playing and conversing with your child – it's a fabulous way for them to learn

### PLAY GROUP







S2 Class



S3 Class



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# Year 4 Science

This term the Year Four Students have been learning all about the different types of materials. We looked at natural materials and processed materials. The students investigated the properties of these materials as well as their uses. The students then applied their knowledge of materials to complete their design and technology project. They had to design and make a shoe that was both durable and waterproof. We will be testing our shoes early next term to see if they are able to withstand stomping in a puddle and being worn for three laps around the basketball courts.

Here are some photos of the students making their shoes as well as some of the finished designs.



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# P&C News

## P&C Chat

Well, Term one is wrapping up and what a busy term it has been. We are sure you have seen some HOPPY P&C faces at the gates around the school, selling our EPIC raffle tickets. The donations that came in from the Carramar Families was absolutely incredible. Sabine Winton MLA donated a gift basket too. To top it off, Coles in Banksia Grove donated some amazing gifts to make sure it was our most impressive Easter Raffle to date with 52 prizes handed out! Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you to our community for participating. The Easter Raffle was drawn at the assembly last Friday 31st March. Winning names below. If you see your name below but have not yet collected your prize, please do so from the office BEFORE the end of the term.



### EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS

- ★ 1st prize - Gary
- ★ 2nd prize - Hollie Hawtin
- ★ 3rd prize - Osten Stokke



☁ Phil Santoro ☁ Jack Robinson ☁ The Grahams ☁ Jake Keats. ☁ Novella. ☁ Wayne. ☁ Damien. ☁ Emma Markey  
 ☁ Kylie Cockman. ☁ Jess Saunders ☁ Sherrie. ☁ Kerri. ☁ Tania. ☁ Amy Rowland. ☁ Kelly Ward.  
 ☁ Craig ☁ Ruby Knight. ☁ Turner Family. ☁ Laura ☁ Karen. ☁ Stephen McDowell. ☁ Jasmine King. ☁ George & Jacob.  
 Alicia Davidson ☁ Mark Oneal. ☁ Little Nana. ☁ Kade ☁ Ella Lauder. ☁ Kate Radha ah. ☁ Kyril Cahill.  
 ☁ Molly Luppin ☁ Sherridan Nash. ☁ Sophie. ☁ Donna Hollens. ☁ Bonnie. ☁ Jain-Yi-Chen ☁ Emma Wathall  
 ☁ Kirsty Marie Ballantyne ☁ Andrew Bines. ☁ Theresa Renouf ☁ Hayley Clifford. ☁ Kobe T ☁ Tristan Emerson  
 ☁ Diann Bodell ☁ Steve Liley. ☁ Bibi Tamjutyin. ☁ Nadia ☁ Kensie Beattie. ☁ Sabrie

Dads Of Carramar held their now FAMOUS Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday 29th March, led by Ryan Graham, Darren West, Alex Dunster and Luke Williamson. For those who don't know what the Dads of Carramar is, it is designed as a way of helping Dads and Father Figures to come together within the school community. The events are usually with children in tow but can sometimes be just the dads. With busy lives, work and children, we know it can be virtually impossible to meet other Dads or build a network of friends. Along the lines of the Fathering Project, we hope that the Dads of Carramar can encourage strong bonds between fathers and their children by participating in fun activities together. Our hope is that through our events, some Dads and Father Figures within our community will be able to form lasting friendships as well as enjoy a fun activity and bonding time with their children.

Wednesday 29th saw an amazing turn out at Carramar Primary School. The Dads had a meet and greet, followed by an Easter Egg hunt. There were some GOLDEN eggs amongst the hundreds of eggs hidden around the school. Those lucky winners not only got their chocolate eggs, kindly donated by Woolworths Carramar and the Carramar P&C, but received an additional prize.

Total Tools donated an INCREDIBLE first prize to the Dads Of Carramar Raffle. The amazing second and third prizes were kindly donated by The NewsXpress in Carramar Village. And fourth prize was generously donated by the West Family.

Thank you to the awesome and always supportive mums who came along to help cook up a storm to feed the hungry crowds. As usual, these events can't happen without the volunteers behind the scenes and what a wonderful group we had.

Check out the photo's on the next page.



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# DADS OF CARRAMAR

