Parents and friends of Caragabal Public School,

Forbes Small Schools Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations to all the students who attended the small schools swimming carnival last Friday. It was our most successful carnival yet with 6 students qualifying to go to the next level at Condobolin in two weeks time. Halle, Tully, Angus, Tom, Hamish and Jack all qualified to go to the district finals.

Some Results
Tully: (8 years girls) 2nd 50m freestyle, 3rd 50m backstroke, 3rd 50m butterfly.
Sadie: (7 years girls) 1st 50m freestyle, 1st 50m backstroke, 1st 25m breaststroke, 1st 25m butterfly
Jacory Hart: (8 years boys) 1st 25m freestyle
Halle West: (8 years girls) 1st 50m freestyle, 3rd 25m breaststroke, 1st 25m backstroke, 3rd 25m butterfly
Polly Napier (8 years girls) 3rd 50m freestyle
Angus Troth: (8 years boys) 50m 1st freestyle
Tom Ray: (10 years boys) 2nd 50m freestyle
Jack Ray: 12 years boys) 50m 1st freestyle
Hamish Napier (11 years boys) 1st 50m breast stroke

Jargon buster
Wondering why your kids talk about playing under the school COLA? Baffled at parent-teacher discussions about KLA’s? This list of common abbreviations or terms will help you to become familiar with the world inside school.

Avoiding injuries
Have you ever wondered if your child may be suffering physically from using a computer for schoolwork? Or if carrying their school bag may be causing them pain?


Tuckshop
The tuckshop roster will come out today. Please let us know if there are any difficulties with this.

Quandialla Swimming Carnival

Don’t forget to send swimmers with the students on Wednesday for the swimming carnival at Quandialla. They will also need them for active after school on Friday.

Regards,
Caragabal Staff
Thought For the Week:

“Money talks; the secret is to hold it long enough to hear”. Henry Chester

Caragabal Country Golf Club:

Following the AGM yearly membership fees are now due for the 2012/2013 year. Current membership fees as passed at the meeting are;

Registered players: $110.00
Social members: $55.00
Junior Members $11.00

Fees can be paid either at the club or to the treasurer Peter Toole.

Director’s Meeting:

The next Director’s meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 13th February 2013 at 8.00pm at the club house.

DUTY ROSTER:

Sunday: 17/2/13: D Forde, D Troth, J Baker

BOWLS:

Social bowls will held each Sunday with play commencing at 6.00pm. **ie on the green at 6.00pm.** Anyone who would like a game will be made very welcome.

Royal Hotel News:

**Meat tray raffle:** Winner; Clint Baker

**Counter meals** are available Saturday night from 6 to 9pm in conjunction with normal takeaways.

**Café Hours:** 7.00pm – 8.00pm – Wednesday
6.30pm – 9.00pm – Friday & Saturday

**Coffee Shop:** NOW OPEN and serving freshly ground and brewed coffee to drink in or take away.

We look forward to seeing you at the Pub

Grant & Melissa

Caragabal Water Progressive Association:

You should by now have received your water account. Thank you to those who have already paid. Payment would be appreciated ASAP and can be made at the Caragabal Post office for those who have not done so.
Caragabal Post Agency:

**PLEASE NOTE NEW HOURS**

Hours: 2.30pm to 5.00pm
Monday to Friday

Stamps, post packs and parcel posting is available at the PO Agency Caragabal.

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Anglican Church Services:

**Sunday 17th February**
11.30am Holy Eucharist, St Peter’s, Caragabal
*with kids time & activities*

**Sunday 24th February**
11.30am Holy Eucharist, St Margaret’s, Glenelg
*With kids time & activities*

**Monday 11th February**
11.00am Anglican chapel service with Holy Communion at Grenfell MPS

**Wednesday 13th February**
10.00am Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Grenfell

Lost:

_The Death’s Lane Wanderer, “Red Cat”, has left his part-time home at “Myall Park”._
_If you see an ugly yet friendly, male ginger cat (desexed) possibly with a red collar and tag, could you please contact Melanie on 0417 963 475_

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The current **BOOK CLUB order form** is due back at school on or before Wednesday 20/02/2013
TAI CHI FOR HEALTH

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

From Tuesday 12\textsuperscript{th} February I will be conducting 2 Tai Chi for Health classes as follows:

8.15-9.00am
Tai Chi for Energy (Chen & Sun)
24 Forms(Yang)

9.15-10.00am
Tai Chi for Arthritis parts 1&2 (Sun)

Between these 2 sessions we will have a brief Green Tea Break. Participants are welcome to either or both sessions

\textit{Tai Chi helps with balance, falls prevention, relaxation and many other health conditions. It can be performed seated.}

\textit{Caragabal Country Golf Club}

Wear comfortable clothes and sensible shoes to exercise in.

Enquiries to Helen Denovan 6349 1777.

*Anyone is also welcome to join me for a practise session on Friday at 7.30 am commencing 15\textsuperscript{th} February.*
CHEESY PIZZA BUN

Ingredients

1 large wholegrain bread roll
4 tablespoons canned no-added-salt chopped tomato
½ teaspoon dried oregano
4 slices red capsicum
4 tablespoons chopped mushrooms
4 tablespoons reduced-fat grated cheese
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Method

Cut the bread roll in half. Preheat oven grill to medium. Spread each half of the roll with half of the tomatoes and sprinkle with oregano.

Place 2 capsicum slices onto each half. Add half the mushrooms to each then sprinkle with cheese.

Place roll halves onto a foil-lined tray and grill for 3-5 minutes, until cheese is golden and melted. Serve sprinkled with parsley.

A great recipe for the children to make and eat. Serves 2.
The biggest news of the week to many people will be that Dr Akhiwu has advised he will fly into Sydney on 27 February. He will spend the first day attending the offices of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency for the obligatory presentation of original documents, following which he will be free to travel to Grenfell with his family.

The Area Health Service has been liaising with him regularly and is looking to arrange assistance with transport.

Readers will be aware that the doctor has to spend most of his initial months at the Cowra Medical Centre, but everyone will be much more relieved once he is in the country.

I suspect that Dr Al Badran may also be a little relieved once a second doctor is available.

Ismael has worked long and hard for over two years, earning the respect of Council and the community. His response on receiving a community achievement award at the Australia Day celebrations was to pledge to work even harder, something many hope doesn’t need to happen.

It will be a relief to everyone once we have two doctors again. Let’s hope this will be a catalyst for the improvement of relationships within the local health services.

Unfortunately the Grenfell Swimming Pool had to be closed for a few days including the weekend, when water circulation was reduced to the point where water quality was being affected. It appears that the old suction pipe deep underground has developed a blockage which has restricted the flow to the main pump.

Workshop staff were able to locate a substitute length of suction pipe which they installed on Saturday, enabling the pool to be reopened on Monday. This temporary arrangement will be in place for the rest of the season.

The ability of the pump to adequately circulate the pool water was one factor behind much of the concern earlier in the season. As it has turned out, the temporary suction pipe is enabling a faster rate of circulation than we had last year. Clearly the offending blockage has been developing for a while, gradually constricting the flow of water. Swimmers can now be even more confident about water quality.

As tends to happen in life, all the difficulties at the pool have occurred when Council has been without a Director Environmental Services, which has added an additional workload on the Director Engineering and his staff. Due to a high level of inter-departmental cooperation most services have continued to run as normal.

One area where residents have experienced some difficulties has been in the handling of development applications where assistance is being provided by staff at Cowra Shire Council. The absence of our Director has extended beyond what was originally anticipated and not doubt this has given Cowra Council some problems trying to handle Weddin’s work on top of their normal workload. There have been some delays but applicants are requested to remain patient – your applications will be dealt with.

The staffing problem above is exactly the sort of problem identified in a recent media release by the Local Government Independent Review Panel which is investigating options for the future of local government. However the conclusion of the underpinning study that the last round of amalgamations has produced better councils is intriguing, particularly when one of the new councils referred to is Palerang. This council was formed primarily by the amalgamation of Tallaganda and Yarrowumla Councils and has had a litany of problems ever since it began, including staffing. I have heard one staff member describe it as a basket case, doomed to fail. We shall see.

The tone of the Panel’s media release is quite interesting when the Panel’s report is not due until June. It gives the impression of a softening-up exercise to gain public support for the changes which are stated to be coming. Readers should monitor the publicity and keep an open mind until they have sufficient information on the benefits and disadvantages to draw their own conclusions.

The position of DES has now been advertised for the fourth time. On each occasion several applications were received from people who were either planners or building inspectors but not both. This is one of the disadvantages of a small shire, that you need staff with broad experience and qualifications, not specialists. The latest round of applications looks promising and hopefully an appointment can be made this time.

The Councillor Appreciation Dinner will have taken place concurrently with the printing of this paper and will no doubt be reported in a subsequent edition.

Over 80 people were booked in with representatives of Blayney, Cowra, Young, Forbes, Parkes, Condobolin and Central Tablelands Councils as well as the Shires Association. No doubt it was a great night to acknowledge a cumulative total of over 63 years of service to local government, including Mo Simpson’s 13 years as Mayor.

The next important public function is the workshop at the Grenfell Bowling Club being held by the Local Land Services Panel on Tuesday 12 February. The next nearest locations are Bathurst and Wellington, so this is a great opportunity for local landowners to turn up, be informed, and possibly voice an opinion on another Government driven amalgamation.

Background information is available on the website www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/locallandservices
Make sure you check it out before the day.
The Lawson Festival Committee gained one valuable coordinator last month, with Pam Livingstone offering to be Minute Secretary. There are still positions to fill so hopefully a few more people may be prepared to step forwards at the next meeting. Please get behind the Committee – one poor Festival could ruin our reputation for years.

There was an interesting piece of reading lately from sometime author and one time footballer Peter FitzSimons, about a sliver of Henry Lawson’s life growing up in a Phillip Street cottage with his very radical mother Louisa. It was there they published their “infamous red rag – The Republican”. Henry was not a fan of British royalty – I wonder if he would be any better received now than then?

Apparently Louisa also published her women’s magazine “The Dream”, from the same little cottage. The legacy of her campaign for women’s rights has been much more successful through the years than her son’s.

**Dates to Note**

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**Street Stall**

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**Advertisements**

**POSITION VACANT**

Council invites applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the following position:-

- Yardman/Sewer Attendant

Please submit written applications with details of qualifications, drivers licence, WorkCover Certificates and work experience together with written references and/or the names of two people who may be contacted for work references.

Further information and job descriptions can be obtained by contacting Lisa during business hours on (02) 6343 1212.

Applications for these positions should be sent to the General Manager, Weddin Shire Council at the address below and will close at 2 pm on Wednesday, 27 February 2013.

The Weddin Shire Council is an equal employment opportunity employer and provides a smoke free work environment.

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