

# CAROONA NEWS

Not long ago, a team of footballers made up of ten boys from Caroona Aboriginal School and the remainder from the local village school journeyed to Werris Creek to take part in the Knockout Competition there. It was the first occasion on which a co-operative effort of this nature had taken place. The boys were successful in going through undefeated, winning the 5 stone 7 lb. division.



**The Caroona 5 stone 7 lb. team, winners of their division in the K.O. Competition at Werris Creek**

Greg Sampson was the captain of this successful team.

On National Aborigines' Day, Caroona Aboriginal School was host to two visiting schools.

The Caroona Public School arrived early in the day, and joined in various athletic events until lunch time. After lunch Werris Creek School arrived to play the local boys football and the girls softball. On the day, Werris Creek was too good at football defeating the Caroona team by 4 points. However, the girls won their game quite easily. Many friends were made during the day and the Creek have issued a return invitation.



**The Caroona team at the Peel football carnival at Tamworth**

Wallabadah School children were Caroona's guests on 29th July, for a game of football. On this occasion the boys were in good form, winning comfortably. Many residents indicated that this Saturday's fixture was a good idea and it is hoped to arrange more such days.

On 5th August, the all confident footballers travelled to Tamworth for the Peel All Schools' Carnival. Their first game was a little too tough, and the boys were beaten. Young Dennis Saunders hit the ground rather heavily, and spent the rest of the day sleeping it off in Tamworth Base Hospital. He had recovered by late afternoon and was able to travel home with the others.

During the day, the boys had the thrill of being photographed with Reg Gasnier, Australia's Test captain, who also autographed their new football. This was the first time also that the team wore their new guernseys and socks which had been donated by many generous local residents, and how smart they looked in black and gold! A very tired bunch of happy boys arrived home just after dark on that day. Young Roger Allan was awarded the prize as the best and fairest player at the carnival in his division.

Congratulations, Roger!



**The Caroona Athletic Team at the Spring Ridge sports**

Friday, 4th August, saw eight Caroona boys and six girls travel to the Spring Ridge Sports Day to represent the School. All tried hard and the most successful on the day were Jim White and Gary Porter who are the fastest boys of their own ages in the district. Sue Porter and Annette Taylor both did well in the high jump. The boys pulled well in the tug-o'-war, but were a bit light for their opponents.

Education Week saw Rev. Mr. Purtell, of Quirindi, conduct a special church service in the Chapel for the pupils and staff of the school. Favourable comments were heard on the singing of the children in the hymns. Other events set down for this week were unfortunately hampered by heavy rain.