



NEWSLETTER

FORTHCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

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Tuesday 24th February	Welcome back to School Barbeque 5pm—6pm
Tuesday 3rd March	Targa Classica Car event—drive by school 11.55am—12.55pm
Tuesday 3rd March	School Council Meeting 5.00pm
Monday 9th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 10th March	Student Free Day (Staff PD day)
Wednesday 18th March	School Photos
Thursday 2nd April	Last Day of Term 1

From The Principal's Desk

We are very much looking forward to seeing our parents and families at next Tuesday evening's **Welcome BBQ**. This special event is a wonderful opportunity to connect as a community and celebrate the beginning of the school year together.

On the evening, we will proudly present our 2026 student leaders with their leadership badges. Congratulations to:

- **Ava K** – School Captain
- **Jake W**– School Captain
- **Gewalin B** – House Captain
- **Jackson S** – House Captain
- **Emma B** – Junior School Council
- **Liam B** – Junior School Council

We are incredibly proud of these students and the leadership qualities they have already demonstrated. We look forward to formally recognising their commitment to our school at the BBQ.

It has also been fantastic to see so many students demonstrating our school value of **Responsibility**, particularly by consistently wearing their hats in the yard. As the warmer weather continues, this simple but important action shows care for their health and a strong commitment to our school expectations.

School Assemblies

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend our school assemblies every Friday at 2:45 pm. We would love for you to come along, celebrate the children's achievements, and be part of our school community.



AROUND THE ROOMS

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Already end of week 4, Term 1! Foundation students are working on 's, a, t, i, m' **sounds**; building words and practising recognising and writing the written representation of the sound. It is a gradual process and soon they will have something to bring home and practise. This is the start of building a home reading habit. In Maths we have been continuing to work on the numerals to 5 and counting the matching amount. We have also been learning about first, next, and last.

The 1/2 students are continuing to build their reading skills in Sounds-Write each day and home reading books have started. You will notice a new recording book in their take home folder and we are encouraging them to read each day. Certificates & prizes will be handed out at assembly for 25 nights reading, 50 nights and so on. We will also have some little surprises in class for those hitting 10 and 20 days. I cannot stress enough how important it is for them to develop a regular habit of reading. This builds fluency and helps them in so much of their general learning, not to mention confidence!

Every day the class works on what a sentence is and how to create one. We have plenty of opportunities for discussion and developing our oral language skills.

During AUSLAN over the last 2 weeks the Year 1/2s learnt some breakfast and transport words, while the Foundation students have been working on the alphabet and some greetings.

In the photos you will see us learning to play volleyball (kids version) during the Sporting Schools program which runs for the rest of this term.

SPOONS!- We have a shortage of spoons and while we do our best to accommodate, it would be great if you send a spoon when they are eating tubs of yoghurt or custard etc. Even if it is disposable, we will endeavour to send it back home!

Have a great weekend and please contact myself or Mrs Duncan if you have any questions.

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AROUND THE ROOMS

2-6 Class

It has been an interesting start to the year as we restart programs and get into the swing of 1st term.

Week 4, this week, saw the resumption of Gecko Sports for the whole school. Both Grades played and had fun with volleyball.

The 2-6 grade showed a lot of athletic activity throughout the past two weeks, with Jake representing Boolarra Primary School in swimming on Friday 20th February. Jake enjoyed his participation and caught up with some friends at the swim meet. This time around, Jake did not progress to a follow up competition, but well done Jake, and congratulations on having a go, and representing our school.

Over the past two weeks, the students of Grade 2-6 have been studying biographies in class. They have learned how to identify the features that make up this genre of writing and storytelling. The class have sourced research on a person they have chosen, and comprised some very interesting pieces of writing on their subject for the biographies they have been creating. Some of the people they have chosen for subjects have been famous, and some of them, not so famous, but well known and loved to our student authors. We should be proud of the interest and effort our Grade 2-6s are making in their writing development.

Have a great weekend.

Ms Pulbrook



This year, Boolarra Primary School is excited to continue our involvement in the Mental Health in Primary Schools Initiative, a program developed by the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute, Melbourne University, and the Victorian Department of Education. The MHiPS program focuses on a whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing, with the appointment of a dedicated Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader (MHWL). Tina Larrad carried out this role in 2025 and will continue in this role in 2026. The MHWL is distinct from allied health roles as it does not provide one-on-one counselling, but instead focuses on a broad approach to supporting the entire school community.

For those of you who don’t know me, I’ve been a teacher at Boolarra Primary School for over 20 years, working across all grade levels delivering classroom and specialist programs. This year along with my role as a Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader I am also the Health and Physical Education coordinator and teach science and the arts.

As a Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader, I will focus on improving the mental health and well-being of our students by supporting both our staff and families. I will work closely with teachers to implement Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships, Zones of Regulation and the Berry Street Educational Model (BSEM), which is our whole-school approach to social emotional learning. I will also help connect families and staff to support services, both within the school and through external agencies. My aim is to identify and address mental health concerns early, ensuring the best possible outcomes for our students.

Throughout the year, I’ll be sharing helpful information, strategies, and resources in the newsletter to keep you informed and supported. My goal is to make sure everyone in our school community has the tools they need to promote positive mental health and well-being. If you ever have any questions or need additional support, please don’t hesitate to reach out. My workdays are all day Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 1pm.

Tina Larrad


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Students of the Week



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<p>Week 3 Term 1</p> <p>F/1/2</p> <p>TJ</p> <p>Trying so hard with your handwriting this week. A great effort.</p>		<p>Week 3 Term 1</p> <p>Grade 2-6</p> <p>Azaleah</p> <p>Azaleah has shown kindness and fabulous attitude in class. She works happily and brightens up the classroom with her refreshing input & presence.</p>	
<p>Week 4 Term 1</p> <p>F/1/2</p> <p>Sadie</p> <p>For showing our school value of 'Engagement' this week. You tried very hard!</p>		<p>Week 4 Term 1</p> <p>Grade 2-6</p> <p>Jackson S</p> <p>Excellent articulation & reflection on his own personal development. Jackson produces some great work when he is enthusiastic about the topics, such as his "HuGris" writing.</p>	

Positive Yard Behaviour

Congratulations to the following students.

You have demonstrated our school values out in the Yard:

Students can choose an item

from our prize box

Sadie Declan



Happy Birthday





February

We hope these students have a brilliant time celebrating becoming one year older. Happy Birthday from all of us at Boolarra PS!

Harry Liam

Maths Achievement Awards

<p>Week 3 Term 1 F/1/2 <i>Emma K</i></p>	<p>Week 3 Term 1 Grade 2-6 <i>Harry</i></p> 
<p>Week 4 Term 1 F/1/2 <i>Liam R</i></p>	<p>Week 4 Term 1 Grade 2-6 <i>Liam</i></p> 

Thank you!

- Mr and Mrs Black for our Wednesday breakfasts
- Granny Barb for volunteering three days at the school for the last couple of weeks! We know time is valuable, and we truly appreciate the energy and support you have given to make a difference to our students.
- Our new School Council Members! we are looking forward to working together in 2026
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JUST A REMINDER.....

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Thank you



We are currently taking **enrolments for 2027**. If you know of potential eligible students encourage them to come for a school tour by making an appointment.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Families of students attending a government or non-government school in rural/regional Victoria may be eligible for financial assistance to help them meet the cost of transporting children to and from school.

The financial assistance – known as a conveyance allowance – is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school. Types of transport modes include public transport, private car and private bus.

In most instances, public transport is free for students aged under 18. If the student has turned 18 years old, or the transport service is not covered under free public transport, an eligible student may be granted an allowance based on the most economical public transport fare only. Schools must sight confirmation of ticket/pass purchase before approving any application.

To be eligible for a conveyance allowance, students must be of school age and:

- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from home to school and:
- live in rural and regional Victoria and attend their nearest government school/campus

The conveyance allowance is paid by the Department of Education to families via the school.

If you think your child may qualify for a conveyance allowance, please contact the school to discuss eligibility, and for further information on the application process and payment amounts.

More information is also available at: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/conveyance-allowance/policy>



KIDS CONNECT



After School Reading Club



For children aged nine to 13 years

After school activity club for children in Years 1 to 6.

Facilitated by a friendly librarian, there will be a different activity each week, including:

- Arts and craft
- Lego
- Games
- Photography
- Badge-making and more

MORWELL LIBRARY

Wednesdays 3.30pm to 4.30pm

You can attend all sessions or just one or two, but bookings are required. Children under the age of 12 must be supervised.

Hang out with other book loving kids and share your latest read!

- Chat about your favourite characters and plots
- Bring your current read/book
- Bookish craft
- Sneak a peek at the latest arrivals in our junior collection
- Snacks!

MOE LIBRARY

First and third Friday of each month
3.30pm for a 3.45pm start.

Walk-ins welcome. Children under the age of 12 must be supervised.



For more information and to book, scan the QR code. Or, visit your local library.



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YOUTH ACTIVITY EXPO 2026

Thursday 19 & Friday 20 February
3pm to 6pm
Saturday 21 February
11am to 2pm

Information and Registration day for youth activities including:

- Football
- Netball
- Music
- Dance
- Community Youth Programs
- Youth Skills & Job Centre
- Pre School activities & more!

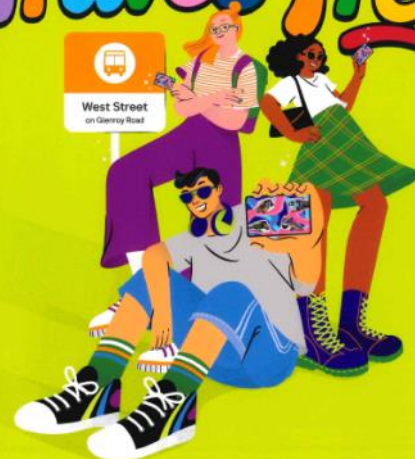
LOCATED IN CENTRE COURT

Scan the QR to see the organisations & clubs that will be participating:



THE HEART OF THE VALLEY
www.midvalleyshoppingcentre.com.au

Travel free



Under 18s travel free on all public transport with a Youth myki



Buy a Youth myki



Transport Victoria



Latrobe Valley All Ability Sports

'All-ability' sports are about fun and participation for **EVERYONE!** The local All-ability groups are parent-run and driven, so cater directly to the needs of kids with additional needs in the local area. During the sessions a variety of games and activities are played to learn and develop new skills and are non-competitive. Activities are modified so that everyone can 'have a go!' Participants can also benefit socially by making new friends and feeling part of a team.

We currently run three sporting programs locally (during school terms), Term 1 – Tennis at Pax Hill Tennis Club, Term 2 & 3 – AFL Footy at West End Junior Football Club and Term 4 – Cricket at Traralgon West Cricket Club.

All Ability Tennis, Term 1, 2026



Two tennis sessions will be held at Pax Hill Tennis Club in Traralgon, every Monday afternoon during Term 1.

Junior/Beginners session (5 years-13/14 years) – 5.00-5.45pm

Siblings welcome to participate but must also be registered.

Youth Plus session (14 years – 25 years) – 5.00-5.45pm

The cost will be \$25 for the term (cash please), payable by the 3rd session. Registration will be done at the first session.

Tennis will start on Monday 2nd February, 2026

All equipment supplied, just bring a drink bottle and wear a hat/sunscreen! If you wish to bring your own racket, please make sure it is named.

A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate/support if necessary.

Any further queries phone Lou Varsaci 0414540296 or email varsaci@aussiebb.com.au or via the facebook group

All-ability sports, Latrobe Valley



Love singing? For fun or for performing..... SINGING LESSONS

For beginners and intermediate levels,
children (7yo and up) and adults



ABOUT THE TEACHER – CAROLYN BOOTHMAN (B.Ed)

- 35 years of teaching experience – all ages and abilities
- registered with the Victorian Institute of Teaching
- singing and performing for over 40 years
- singing lead and harmonies with the band "Bordertown" for 20 years

PRIVATE LESSONS AVAILABLE:

- Morwell - Wednesdays from 5.30pm
- 30 min. sessions

LESSONS INCLUDE:

- your own preference of music styles and songs
- correct techniques, warm-ups, voice control, microphone use and stage presence

ENQUIRIES WELCOME.

Contact: Carolyn ph. 0419 526 709 or email carolyneboothman@gmail.com