NEWSLETTER

FORTHCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

Tuesday 1st September	School Council meeting
Friday 4th September	Fathers Day Stall
Wednesday 9th September	Senior Class Excursion to Yinnar South PS
Thursday 10th September	Kurnai Music Workshop

From The Principal's Desk

As we move through Term 3, it has been wonderful to see our students continuing to engage positively in their learning and make the most of the opportunities available to them at Boolarra Primary School.

One exciting development this term has been the implementation of Little Learners Love Literacy (LLLL). The program is now fully operational and is providing our junior students with explicit daily instruction in phonics, handwriting, phonemic awareness, spelling and vocabulary. It has been fantastic to see students embracing the program with enthusiasm, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact this structured approach has on literacy outcomes across the school.

Following School Council approval, we are also looking forward to commencing works on a multi-purpose track around our oval. This exciting addition will create opportunities for students to ride bikes and scooters, participate in athletics activities and enjoy a range of active learning experiences throughout the year. The track will help ensure this valuable outdoor space can be utilised by all students across all seasons.

I am also pleased to share some positive staffing news. Following a successful recruitment process, we would like to officially welcome Mrs Nicole Nicholson as the teacher of our Senior Class. Mrs Nicholson brings extensive experience in primary education and is already a familiar face to many of our students through her work as a Casual Relief Teacher. We are delighted to have her join our team and know she will be a wonderful addition to our school community.

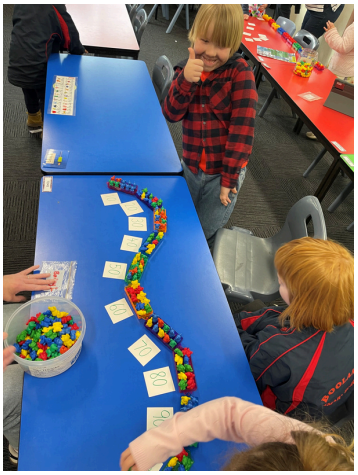
To support the continued implementation of our literacy programs and other teaching and learning initiatives, we will be trialling a revised daily timetable from Week 6 until the end of Term 3. This change will provide longer, uninterrupted learning blocks to support high-quality teaching and learning. As part of the trial, recess will move to 11.00am–11.30am and lunch will move to 1.30pm–2.15pm. We look forward to monitoring the impact of these changes and appreciate the support of our school community as we trial this approach.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and school. Together, we are creating wonderful opportunities for every child to learn, grow and thrive.

Cameron Kaljouw & Susan Duncan

AROUND THE ROOMS

F-2 Class



There have been some exciting things happening in the F-2 class over the past couple of weeks. As you will see in the photos the students visited the Boolarra Preschool to learn about bees! They had a lovely morning and learned so much from this adventure.

We also had our 100 days celebration which saw some creative dress ups, and we enjoyed doing some different activities for the day. We counted to 100 using different items and learned it is easier to group a larger number of things into tens before counting! Filling up the carriages on the 'teddy trains' was a great way to practise counting by tens. They enjoyed making some 'old' faces using scrunched paper bags and cotton wool too.



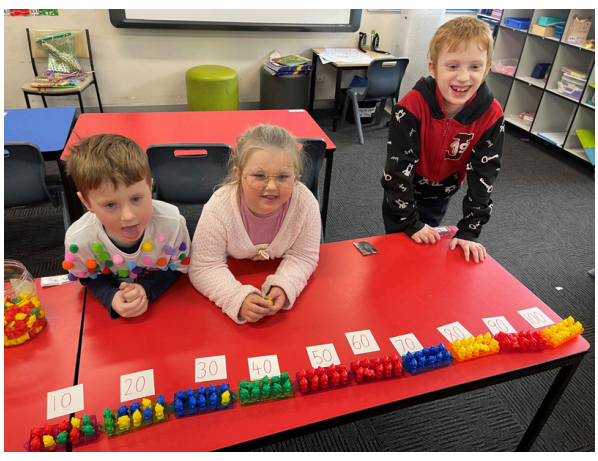
Another exciting development in the F-2 class is we have just begun our new Reading, Spelling and Writing Program called 'Little Learners Love Literacy'. This is an engaging way of teaching Literacy to our younger students. More to come on this soon!

We hope you have a great weekend.

The F-2 Team

























AROUND THE ROOMS

2-6 Class



In the area of Mathematics, we are learning about time. This involves reading time using both digital and analogue clocks. Students in years 5- 6 will extend their learning by converting between 12- and 24-hour time and apply their knowledge to solve time duration problems. Next week we will begin a book study on The Sugar Can Kids and the Red Bottom Boat. In this sequence, students analyse setting, mood, character and clues in a mystery novel, then plan, draft and edit a news article using text evidence. We have been implementing the Spellex program since the beginning of term. We are learning skills and knowledge that are helping us to spell correctly. Some of the key areas have been identifying when to double letters when adding vowel suffixes. Students are also learning the spelling of tricky words and some lesson common graphemes. In Personal Learning we have been focussing on managing our emotions. Students have reviewed their Ready to Learn Plans and identified calming strategies.





Have a great weekend.

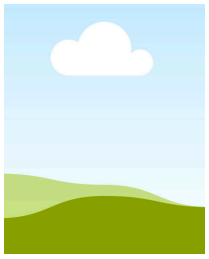
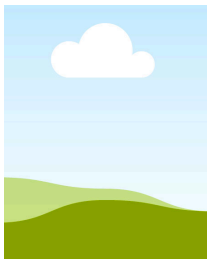
The 2-6 Team

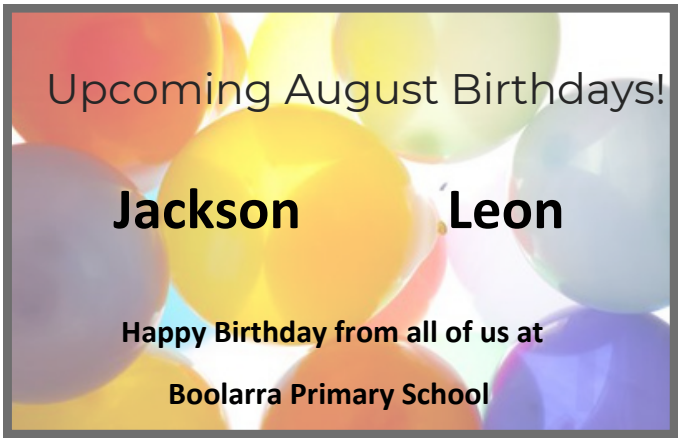






Students of the Week

Week 3 Term 3 **F/1/2** **Banjo** **For always showing such great enthusiasm and engement in class activities**		**Week 3 Term 3** **Grade 2-6** **Kobi** For showing our values of Engagement and Aspiration with her learning this week! Well done Kobi!	
Week 4 Term 3 **F/1/2** **Marindah** **For showing responsibility and engagemnt during class activities.**		**Week 4 Term 3** **Grade 2-6** **Liam B** **For showing responsibility in all aspects of learning. For being a great example to others. Liam you have behaved with respect, enthusiasm and remained focussed this week.**	



Positive Yard Behaviour

Congratulations to the following students.

You have demonstrated our school values out in the Yard:

Students canchoose an item

from our prize box

Maths Achievement Awards

Week 3 Term 3 **F/1/2** **Cooper**	**Week 3 Term 3** **Grade 2-6**
Week 4 Term 3 **F/1/2** ***Sadie*** 	**Week 4 Term 3** **Grade 2-6** ***Alyssa***

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.

Save your 10c cans or take them to the PostOffice!

Boolarra Community Development group are running a fundraiser on our behalf raising funds towards a Defibrillator!

More details to follow.

Thank you!

- Mr and Mrs Black for our Wednesday breakfasts
- Our amazing community members who are organising our Monday lunch orders again for Term 3
- Our volunteer Granny Barb
- Boolarra Kinder for hosting our F-2 class Bee excursion
- Mirboo North Secondary Collage for having our amazing Grade 5-6 for their Discovery Day

JUST A REMINDER…….

If your child is absent

Please let us know by calling on 5169 6471 or enteringthe absenceviatheuEducateUsapp by 8.45am.

Thank you



BERRY STREET EDUCATION MODEL
Curriculum and Classroom Strategies

Introducing BSEM

Our school has started using the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM), a whole school approach that supports learning and wellbeing. This information sheet is designed to share the BSEM strategies being taught and used at your school with families. We also share stories of BSEM in action at home, because we know these strategies can be helpful for families too!

Food for thought ...

Children do best when routines are regular, predictable and consistent.

What we learned

Consistent, predictable, routines

Routines help us start our day in the best way and keep us on track.
What are three routines your family already practise? E.g. wake up time, lunch prep, bedtime.

Actioning routines at home

Being organised helps us keep a routine. Ask your child to choose two things to try from the list below to help them get to school on time and be Ready to Learn.

- Put your clothes out the night before.
- Pack your school bag the night before.
- Have a morning pump-up song.
- Set an alarm.
- Have your lunch ready.

Family story

I have two daughters, aged 9 and 13, and as part of our morning routine we use a visual timetable. Rather than saying, "Are you dressed? Have you packed your lunch?" over and over again, I say, "Great I can see you're dressed. What's next on the list?" This sets clear expectations and helps everyone stay on track and remember the things they need for school. I am providing my kids with some autonomy, it is making my morning a little easier, and I get to feel like I am helping rather than hassling them.

My youngest daughter has a visual timetable at school already, so using one at home too has really helped her.
TIP: Discuss your morning routine and create the visual timetable together. This helps the child have some ownership, which always helps with motivation!

Sarah – BSEM Senior Consultant, NSW

Resource recommendation



Check out this podcast by our friends at Guiding Growing Minds.

Pop Culture Parenting

Follow the **Berry Street Education Model** by scanning the QR code or check out their website at **bsem.org.au** to find out more.

Australian Masters Disc Golf Coming to Mathison Park

Masters-aged disc golfers from across Victoria will soon be heading to Churchill, with the Australian Masters Disc Golf (AMDG) bringing the Victorian Masters Series to Mathison Park Disc Golf Course on Saturday, September 5.

The Victorian Masters Series is a friendly, state-wide competition designed specifically for players aged 40 and over, providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for people of all skill levels.

The event will showcase the recently installed Mathison Park Disc Golf Course, which has quickly become a valuable new recreational asset for the Churchill community. Developed in collaboration with Latrobe City Council and VicHealth, with ongoing support from the Friends of Mathison Park volunteer group, the disc golf course has been designed to cater for both beginners and experienced players. Free to play, the course offers a fun and accessible way to enjoy the outdoors, while adding another exciting attraction to the park for locals and visitors alike.

Between rounds of the Victorian Masters Series, AMDG will host a free "Come and Try" session from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm at Mathison Park. The session is open to people of all ages and abilities, providing the perfect opportunity for anyone who has been curious about disc golf to give it a go. Experienced players will be on hand to provide discs, basic instruction and guidance throughout the session. Easy to learn, affordable and suitable for the whole family, disc golf is a great way to combine fun, fitness and community.

For more information about the Victorian Masters Series, the free Come and Try session, or Australian Masters Disc Golf Incorporated, visit amdgi.au.

