



NEWSLETTER

FORTHCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

If your child is absent please let us know by calling on 5169 6471 or entering the absence via the uEducatUs app by 8.45am.



Monday 9th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 10th March	Student Free Day (Staff PD day)
Thursday 12th March	Nurse Visit for Preps
Tuesday 17th March	Welcome back BBQ
Wednesday 18th March	School Photos
Tuesday 31st March	School Council Meeting
Thursday 2nd April	Last Day of Term 1

From The Principal's Desk

We had one student represent our school at the recent interschool swimming competition. Jake demonstrated commendable sportsmanship and determination. Reflecting on the experience, he shared:

"I really enjoyed going because I love to compete. I noticed I need to go faster to win. I competed in freestyle, which is a very competitive event. My time was 1 minute 14 seconds. I was happy with my efforts."

We congratulate him on his efforts and for representing our school with pride.

School Council News

This week we held our first School Council Meeting for 2026. We welcome our new members Stephanie Kemsley and Trevor Haliday. Our returning members are Amy Sparrow and Julie Oliver (Community Co-opted member). Being on school council is a great way to have a clearer understanding of the operations of the school and have a say in how the school is run. At our first meeting all members were shown an induction PowerPoint providing an overview of the role of School Council, approved financial documents, and discussed fundraising events. This term we will potentially hold a stall at the Boolarra monthly market and run an Easter Egg Raffle. If you would like to donate Easter Themed items for our raffle we would very much appreciate your contributions.

We are currently seeking parent representatives on School Council, please contact the office if you are interested in being involved.



Please note Boolarra Primary School will be closed on Monday 9th of March for Labour Day Public Holiday and Tuesday 10th of March for a Student Free Day.

School will resume as normal on Wednesday 11th of March

We hope everyone has a wonderful extra long weekend!

AROUND THE ROOMS

Newsletter F-2

Hi everyone! It is the first full week for our Foundation students and, although a little tired, they are showing they are feeling more comfortable with the routines and being part of our school community. We are happy with how they are joining in and learning so many new things. They had their first lesson with the 'MARC Van' program-the mobile library that visits small schools. Students encounter many wonderful books and learn about the different types of texts and how to find them. They enjoy lots of singing too.

You will notice in the photos this week, our older and younger students reading their library books together. Many of them said how much they enjoyed doing this.

One of our other highlights this week was cheering the Targa Classic cars past the school. If you were near the area, you may have heard some loud revving and tooting as they drove slowly past our flag-waving and screaming school!! It was a lot of fun.

In Maths, the 1/2s continue to build their knowledge of place value, next week moving onto addition and subtraction. Foundation students will continue to read, write and order numbers to 10.

We hope you enjoy your long weekend and remember Tuesday is a pupil free day as well.

The F-2 Team.



AROUND THE ROOMS

2-6 Class

It's been a whirlwind of learning interspersed with storms, power drop outs and Classica cars burning by our humble school over the past two weeks.

Throughout it all, the power has been reconnected and the lights are on, we've seen the sun return and the entertaining cars have left us to cross their beckoning finish line. Our Grade 2-6 has stayed on track. Over the past two weeks, all our students have been learning about persuasive writing, and they have convinced me, Kylie and Emily that they are going to go perform well in their upcoming NAPLAN Assessments. Everyone has been sitting through some maths assessments in class too, just to guide what areas they will most benefit learning within the maths curriculum.

I hope you all have a fantastic long weekend!! We've passed the halfway mark for this term. See you all next week refreshed and reinvigorated.

Ms Pulbrook, Emily and Kylie



AROUND THE ROOMS

Photos from our Targa Classica Car Event

Tuesday 3rd of March



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



Students of the Week

<p>Week 5 Term 1</p> <p>F/1/2</p> <p>Aria</p> <p>For showing fantastic engagement and aspiration in your learning.</p> <p>A great week Aria!</p>		<p>Week 5 Term 1</p> <p>Grade 2-6</p> <p>Jake</p> <p>For representing our school in the swimming!</p>	
<p>Week 6 Term 1</p> <p>F/1/2</p> <p>Emily</p> <p>For trying so hard in our Sounds-Write lessons this week! Your writing is improving so much.</p> <p>Keep it up Emily.</p>		<p>Week 6 Term 1</p> <p>Grade 2-6</p> <p>Ethan G</p> <p>For being a great example of our school values.</p> <p>Ethan has demonstrated Respect, Aspiration, Responsibility and Engagement this week during class time and in the playground.</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



March




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

Emma

Zed

Ava

Maths Achievement Awards

<p>Week 5 Term 1 F/1/2 <i>Charles</i></p>	<p>Week 5 Term 1 Grade 2-6 <i>Ava</i></p> 
<p>Week 6 Term 1 F/1/2 <i>Bailey</i></p> 	<p>Week 6 Term 1 Grade 2-6 <i>Blake G</i></p> 

Thank you!

- Mr and Mrs Black for our Wednesday breakfasts
- Granny Barb for volunteering your time and for buying and cooking up some healthy corn for the students to enjoy on Friday
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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.



YOU ARE INVITED TO



KLEI STUDIO POTTERY CLASS!

HOP Latrobe



TUESDAY

14th April 2026



STRATFORD

Travel provided from Morwell office



AGE

5 - 12 years



ACTIVITY

Get hands-on with clay at the Klei Studio and create your own unique pottery piece!



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Scan the QR code, call 1300 736 765 or email admin@icg.asn.au



YOU ARE INVITED TO



WINGS 'N' ROSES BIRD SANCTUARY!

HOP Latrobe



THURSDAY

9th April 2026



PAKENHAM

Travel provided from Morwell office



AGE

5 - 12 years



ACTIVITY

Discover the fascinating world of birds at the Pakenham Sanctuary, topped off with a memorable up-close owl encounter!



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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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Latrobe City Synthetic Sports Facility
 Hockey Field, Churchill
 Mondays during February and March (excluding 9th March)
 5.30pm - 6.30pm
 Sessions are fully subsidised
 Ages 18 and above only
 Contact Kaitlyn for more information via 0456 699 656

Scan for more info



Travel Free

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

Buy a Youth myki

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Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne



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 – CAROLYNE 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