

NEWSLETTER

FORTHCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

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



Friday 29th May	Student Free day
Monday 8th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9th June	School Council meeting
Friday 26th June	Student Free day—Last day of Term 2

From The Principal's Desk

Mr. Kilday and Ms. Pulbrook recently attended the Maths Pedagogy and Practice course through the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership to further strengthen their teaching practice and support student learning outcomes.

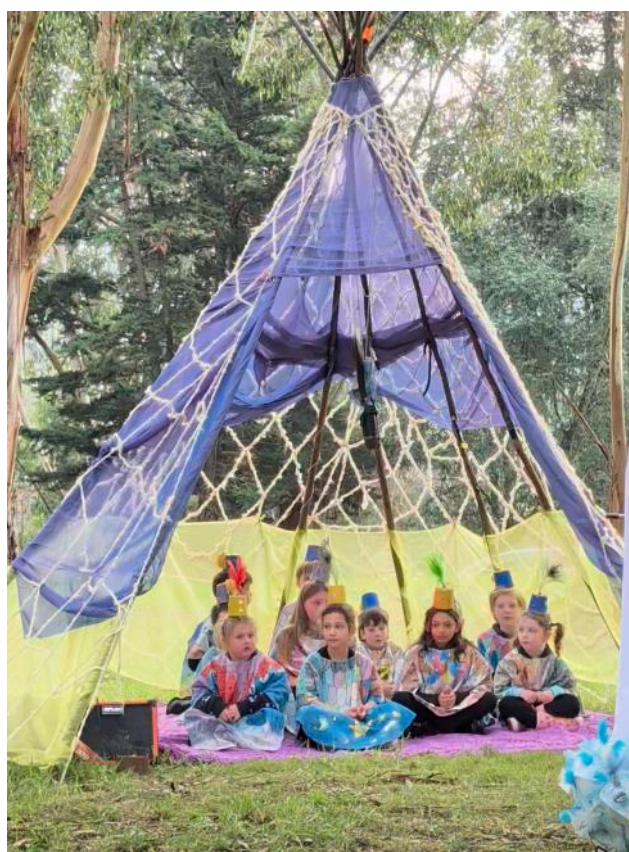
The course focused on evidence-based strategies, effective mathematics instruction, and practical classroom approaches designed to build student confidence and understanding. Throughout the program, they collaborated with educators from across Gippsland, explored current research, and refined techniques to enhance engagement and achievement in mathematics.

Mr. Kilday and Ms. Pulbrook are excited to bring these best-practice approaches back to our classrooms and continue providing high-quality learning experiences for all students.

Conference of the Birds

Thank you to all of the families who supported our involvement in the mammoth Conference of the Birds Arts Event. This has been the third year the school has been involved in this production that showcases the incredible talent that lives in our community and local area. The children had been practicing all term with Margie, Gilbert and Garryelle. The students dressed in capes and hats that they made and designed three years ago. Their first performance was on the rail trail where they accompanied Garryelle performing four songs she had written. The last being "I am a Shining Light" which celebrates the uniqueness and strengths we all have. After this performance we all headed up the Rail Trail to the Meadow. In The Meadows we participated in the lantern parade which was beautifully performed under the night sky and then finished with our dance that Gilbert had taught us Black Fella White Fella.

I'm sure we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Margie, Gilbert and Garryelle for the time and effort they put in to ensure our school was included The Conference of the Birds.





AROUND THE ROOMS

F-2 Class

What a fun morning we had on Wednesday for the 'Walk to School Day'. Thanks to Barb and Craig for cooking the tasty egg & bacon muffins, and to all the families who joined us there too. It was great to see our friends from the Kinder again who had also come for a visit last week to play some indoor games at school.

Last Friday during clubs some of the students made French toast which everyone enjoyed eating afterwards. The second group worked on a 'leafy' craft activity. Our leaders are doing a great job in helping to plan and lead these activities each fortnight.

In some of this week's photos you will see the students enjoying their first 'Monday lunch order'. It is a great opportunity for families to have a day off from making lunches and we appreciate the generosity shown by the community members who have offered to do this for us.

Well, it is the end of week 6... have a great weekend!!

The F-2 Team



AROUND THE ROOMS

2-6 Class

It's been a very full and exciting two weeks for our grade 3-6s. We met up with Granny Barb & Craig for Breakfast in the Park with our local Boolarra Preschoolers. We experienced the phenomenon of the Conference of the Birds, featuring our school's lovely singing and bright dancing performances, which were appreciated by the event's large audiences. In recent weeks, we've really got into the hockey spirit at school, and lastly (but definitely not least of all), the school leaders from our class have really provided some delicious and creative cooking and craft activities for all the school's students to take part in.

We met our local preschoolers for a second time this year, when they came to have an egg, bacon and cheese roll with us in the beautiful Boolarra Park. The food was delicious and we thank our BBQ experts, Granny Barb and Craig for helping make this a fun and sociable event. It was really great to see parents, carers and family members who came along to support our outing. The hot breakfast set us up for a midweek day of diverse learning.

The Conference of the Birds performance was beautiful. Arriving at 2pm, the children wore their specially painted smocks, with their fringed and feathered hats and took to the park to perform for the many onlookers. Reaching the meadows, after watching other performances occur as they walked along the rail trail, the children ate and prepared for their visually stunning lantern walk and Conference-closing finale dance. In front of the torches and nightlights of the crowd, our students dazzled with the vibrant dance all had practised over the last several weeks.

Hockey, as this term's Gecko Sport, has really livened up the schoolyard, and our end-of-week club activities have capped off our weeks of learning. Our student Captains have shone in supporting and exemplifying school spirit in their guidance of these activities, which have helped enrich the experience of learning at our school.

As the middle of Term 2 slips by, we can see just how much we have achieved in a matter of weeks, with its flurry of activities, and the progress we are constantly making, throughout this jam-packed, school year.

Have a great weekend from the Grade 2-6 team.



Students of the Week

Week 5 Term 2 F/1/2 Sadie For your fantastic engagement in Sounds-Write! Great listening and joining in!		Week 5 Term 2 Grade 2-6 Gewalin For being a great and resilient learner, displaying many strengths and talents.	
Week 6 Term 2 F/1/2		Week 6 Term 2 Grade 2-6	

Last weeks awards winners



Thank you!

Maths Achievement Awards

Week 5 Term 2 F/1/2 Emily 	Week 5 Term 2 Grade 2-6 Harry 
Week 6 Term 2 F/1/2	Week 6 Term 2 Grade 2-6

- Mr and Mrs Black for our Wednesday breakfasts
- Our volunteers Granny Barb and Craig for helping out with our Walk to School breakfast
- Parents and Carers for your support and involvement in Conference of the Birds
- Our amazing community members who are organising free Monday lunch orders for our whole school, look at these happy faces!

Upcoming June Birthdays!

Braxton

Richie

Happy Birthday from all of us at
Boolarra Primary School

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.



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!

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.



Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases

Some areas in regional northern Victoria are experiencing a longer mosquito season this year due to recent flooding. While the overall risk is currently low, some mosquitoes may be carrying diseases that

The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites. The free Japanese encephalitis vaccine is also available for more Victorians.^[2]

Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines

Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes. It can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.

The [free Japanese encephalitis vaccine](#) is available for:

- people aged 2 months or older who live or work in eligible high-risk local government areas in Victoria
- until Friday 31 July 2026, people who plan to visit high-risk areas in Victoria or interstate for outdoor recreation such as hiking, camping, caravanning or boating.

For more information:

- refer to the Department of Health's [Japanese encephalitis webpage](#) for a list of high-risk areas
- speak to your GP or immunisation provider to check if your family is eligible for a free vaccine ahead of any planned travel during the coming months.

How to help prevent mosquito bites

To help protect against mosquito bites, families can:^[2]

- cover up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing^[2]
- apply insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when outdoors^[2]
- limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are active
- clean up and remove containers and items around the home that may hold water where mosquitoes may breed.

Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone^[2] [Nurse-on-Call](#):^[2] 1300 606 024^[2] (available 24 hours).

Find out more

For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:

- [Mosquitoes can carry diseases](#)

WHAT'S ON: June



1-7

The Land as Witness Exhibition

WHERE: Latrobe Regional Gallery, 138 Commercial Road, Morwell

WHEN: Monday 1 June – Sunday 7 June: 10am – 4pm

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Earthsong Exhibition

WHERE: Latrobe Regional Gallery, 138 Commercial Road, Morwell

WHEN: Monday 1 June – Sunday 7 June: 10am – 4pm

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The Lane - Kids Art Space

WHERE: Latrobe Regional Gallery, 138 Commercial Road, Morwell

WHEN: Monday 1 June – 7 June: 10am – 4pm

Latrobe Visitor Information Centre

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