



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.



Tuesday 24th March	Education Industrial Action—School to Proceed with modified timetable
Friday 27th March	Nurse Visit for Preps (rescheduled from the 12th)
Monday 30th March	School Athletics Day (Please see further information on next page)
Tuesday 31st March	Easter Activities—opt in activity Yinnar and District Athletics for selected students (rescheduled from the 24th) School Council Meeting
Thursday 2nd April	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 20th April	First Day of Term 2

From The Principal's Desk

Welcome Back BBQ

Thank you to all families who came to our Welcome Back BBQ. It was lovely to reconnect and begin the year together as a community. We are incredibly proud of our School Leaders who attended and received their certificates and badges, marking the beginning of their important roles within our school.

Our captains and leaders play a vital part in shaping the culture of our school. They act as role models for younger students, demonstrating our values through their behaviour, attitude, and commitment. Whether they are leading assemblies, supporting school events, or representing student voice, they help foster a sense of pride, responsibility, and belonging across the school. These leadership opportunities also allow students to build confidence, teamwork, and communication skills that will benefit them well beyond their primary years.

For those who were unable to attend the BBQ, badges and certificates will be presented at Friday's Assembly. Families who would like to share in this special moment are warmly invited to attend.

School Captains Jake & Ava

House Captains Jackson and Gewalin

Junior School Councillors Liam and Emma



At **Boolarra Primary School**, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.

Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child’s future.

Last **year**, 28% students at our school missed 30+ days. This equates to **more than half a term over the course of the year**.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school but to ensure minimal disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside of school time. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or exams, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher or **Sue or Patrick** about getting support.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible via uEducateUs (or call the office 5169 6471) so we can work together to support them.

For more information about the importance of everyday attendance, see [Attendance and Missing School](#).

Remember, **Every Day Counts**.

[BOOLARRA ATHLETIC SPORTS Monday 30th March](#)

The Boolarra Primary School Athletics Day will be held on **Monday the 30th of March**. Students are expected to attend school as normal and participate in the event. Please dress your child in a t-shirt in their house colour. If you are unsure of your child’s house colour please see your child’s classroom teacher. The first events of the day will be the running events, which will begin at approximately 9:30am. We have extended an invitation to Yinnar South Primary School to join us for our sports day, which will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to meet some new children and make new friends. Students will need lots of energy and hydration throughout the day. Please consider packing a few extra snacks and drinks. Parents are encouraged to attend the day. Bring your picnic rug and enjoy supporting your children and their teammates. We are always on the lookout for extra help with timing and running events. Please lend a hand where you can.

Photos from our Welcome Back BBQ



AROUND THE ROOMS

F-2 Class

Only 2 weeks to go until the end of Term 1! It was great to see so many at the welcome back BBQ this week and the students always enjoy the novelty of being at school out of hours and sharing it with their families.

Thank you to the parents who are embracing our home reading program and listening to their child read regularly or practising sounds for the Foundation students. We notice a significant improvement when this is happening. Please let us know if there are any issues or if you have questions as we are happy to help. We are very aware that sometimes home reading can be a challenge for various reasons.

On Monday Mrs Duncan took the students outside to make some volcanoes which they thoroughly enjoyed, and they are all loving Mrs Larrad's Science and Art lessons. Volleyball with the Sport in Schools Program is still a big hit and anyone living close to the school will hear plenty of screaming on Thursdays-they are having so much fun.

In Maths, the 1/2s are working on addition and subtraction with a focus this week on pairs to ten, with the goal of learning these to automaticity. The Foundation students continue to practise learning to read, write and order collections and numbers to 10.

Notes for return: *The Easter Celebration note.* (Before 31st March)

Student Details needs to be checked, signed and returned.

Have a great weekend.

F-2 Team



AROUND THE ROOMS

2-6 Class

It was lucky to have the sun come out on Tuesday especially for the timing of Boolarra Primary School's Welcome back BBQ. Significant for our Grade 2-6 class, was the Award presentation by Mrs Duncan as she formally recognised and handed achievement certificates to our grade's Ava and Jake, recognising them for their roles as 2026's School Captains. Gewalin and Jackson also received their achievement awards for their special House Captaincy positions, along with Liam and Emma B were recognised for their important roles on the Junior School Council.

We had a lucky Wednesday this week, too, with the sun shining for our school photos! Our new captains wore their badges and the students smiled their nicest smiles. It can be fascinating to see how much we may (or may not) have changed from one year to the next, as we can look back in time and can and compare our school photos from one year to another. Seeing how you looked in your Grade Prep photo compared to your later school-life photos can be really endearing.

Our class has also achieved completion of all our Naplan tests!! Well done Grade 3s and 5s!

There was a surprise at recess during one playtime recently, when many students noticed that we had a local koala keeping an eye on the school from its local tree branch.

Finally, we have just started preparing (our athletes are in their warm-up stage) for our school athletics day, which is to be held later in the month.

Have a great weekend.

2-6 Team



AROUND THE ROOMS

Specialist Classes

The Arts

During art lesson our students have been creating a whole school mural. The theme of this mural is inclusion. As a class we have been discussing how we each have individual needs and that a one strategy for all approach to learning does not lead to success for everyone. For the mural, students have designed a shoe. These will be displayed with the message: **EQUALITY IS WHEN EVERYONE HAS SHOES. EQUITY IS WHEN EVERYONE HAS SHOES THAT FIT.**



Science

Our junior class have been identifying how a push or pull affects the movement of an object. This week we explored how the strength of a force can change the distance and speed that an object moves. We moved tennis balls using a gentle force and a strong force and observed the differences.

The senior class have been learning about frictional force. This week they explored different surfaces and conducted experiments to see which surfaces create more or less friction. The experiment required students to test the speed and distance toy cars move on a variety of surfaces.

Separation Anxiety: managing morning separation

Separation anxiety is a normal part of childhood development, beginning at approximately 6 months of age and typically resolving around the time children begin kindergarten. For some children, separating from their parents remains difficult for a longer time.

Separation Anxiety is common

It is quite common for children to experience some difficulty in this area. Often, separating is just as (or more) difficult for the parents! We understand that you may be anxious about how your child is coping being away from you for several hours, but please be assured that they are safe and very well supported by their teachers. While you may be at home worrying, your child is very likely to be having a lovely time learning new things and making new friends. Most children settle very well immediately after their parent has left their eyesight.

Some strategies that are useful if you child is anxious or distressed

If separation anxiety persists for many weeks even after consistently using these strategies, then further assistance may be useful. Please ensure that you speak to your child's class teacher or myself if you are still concerned about your child.

- Establishing a morning ritual which includes a specific place where you say "See you later" to your child. ("See you later" is often received better than "Goodbye".)
- Make sure that your child has met up with a friend or is engaged in some kind of activity before you leave.
- Give your child a hug or kiss and let them know that you will pick them up after school (or tell them who will). Keep up your end of the bargain and try to be on time and where you said you will be.
- Remain calm, matter-of-fact and do not linger. Once you have said "See you later" it is important that you leave rather than prolonging the farewell. It is tempting to try to watch your child through a window or from around a corner, but once a child is settled, seeing their parent again often reignites the distress. Children really feel if their parent is anxious about leaving and this can also be a trigger for them.
- Never try to sneak away without saying "See you later" as this will only increase your child's anxiety about you leaving.
- If your child has forgotten something important, take it to the front office rather than risking distressing your child again by bringing it to the classroom and having another farewell.
- Allow your child to bring something belonging to you to school, such as a note or a piece of fabric with your perfume/aftershave on it.
- After school, talk about all the positive things that occurred throughout the day. Discuss these the following morning on your way to school.
- Engage the support of your child's class teacher. Together you could develop a plan if your child continues to resist separation.

Tina Larrad

Boolarra Primary School Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader



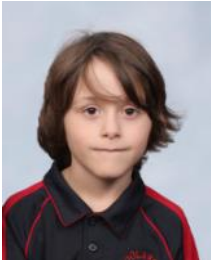
My workdays are all day Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 1pm

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Students of the Week



Students of the Week

<p>Week 7 Term 1</p> <p>F/1/2</p> <p>Declan</p> <p>It is great to see the big effort you make in all activities and you join in so well with class discussions.</p>		<p>Week 7 Term 1</p> <p>Grade 2-6</p> <p>Leon</p> <p>For always speaking kindly to people & brightening our days with his humour.</p>	
<p>Week 8 Term 1</p> <p>F/1/2</p> <p>Liam R</p> <p>For showing great engagement in Maths and Reading this week. You used your 'thinking' skills to work things out by yourself.</p>		<p>Week 8 Term 1</p> <p>Grade 2-6</p> <p>Blake</p> <p>For showing kindness to animals & great respect to the insects he find in our schoolyard.</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!



Granny Barb!

Emma

Zed

Ava

Maths Achievement Awards

<p>Week 7 Term 1</p> <p>F/1/2</p> <p><i>Leondre</i></p>	<p>Week 7 Term 1</p> <p>Grade 2-6</p> <p><i>Braxton</i></p>
<p>Week 8 Term 1</p> <p>F/1/2</p> <p><i>Blake B</i></p> 	<p>Week 8 Term 1</p> <p>Grade 2-6</p> <p><i>Ritchie</i></p> 

Last weeks award presented at assembly



JUST A REMINDER.....

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Thank you



We're excited to share that our school is running an **Easter Basket Raffle!!**

Tickets are just \$1 each, with all proceeds going towards our front garden makeover project.

We're also thrilled to announce that we've received another generous donation basket from Stephanie (Emma's mum), adding even more to be won! A big thank you to Julie Oliver and Stephanie for their kindness and support.

Make sure to grab your tickets for a chance to win one of these beautiful baskets. We wish everyone the best of luck in the draw!



Thank you!

- Mr and Mrs Black for our Wednesday breakfasts
- Julie Oliver and Stephanie for your generous Easter Basket donations
- For staff and families for attending our welcome back BBQ
- Granny Barb for your help this week in the classroom. HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

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!



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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



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CHURCHILL
BASEBALL CLUB
COME & TRY DAY

CHURCHILL BASEBALL CLUB
Braves 22ND MARCH
 EST 1974

10AM - 1PM
 ANDREWS PARK, CHURCHILL

5 - 16 YEAR OLDS
 • ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FAMILY FRIENDLY SPORT TO JOIN?
 • COME & TRY BASEBALL AT CHURCHILL BASEBALL CLUB
 • BBQ SUPPLIED

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

KIDS CONNECT

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GOOD CLEAN FUN
 PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK
YINNAR AUSKICK CENTRE
 JUMBULK ROAD OVAL
 THURSDAYS | 4:30PM - 5:30PM
 Starting Thursday April 23rd 2026

AFL PLAY

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.

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



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.





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



Transport Victoria
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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 – CAROLAYNE 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: Carolayne ph. 0419 526 709 or email carolyneboothman@gmail.com