NEWSLETTER

FORTHCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

Friday 18th September	Last Day of Term 3 early dismissal 2.30pm
Monday 5th October	First Day of Term 4
Monday 19th October- Friday 23rd October	Whole school swimming
Tuesday 27th October	School Council meeting
Monday 2nd November	Student Free day
Tuesday 3rd November	Melbourne Cup Day public holiday
Wednesday 11th	Pie Drive orders due
Wednesday 11th - 13th November	Year 3-6 Melbourne Camp with Yinnar Primary School
Friday 20th November	Pie Drive delivery Colour Fun Run

From The Principal's Desk



As we come to the end of Term 3, we would like to sincerely thank our students, staff and families for their hard work, dedication and support throughout the term. It has been wonderful to see our students continue to learn, grow and support one another while demonstrating our school values each day.

Today, students enjoyed a wonderful final day of term, complete with a movie, popcorn, hot chicken and chips. They also took great pride in our school by participating in one final litter pick around the grounds, ensuring Boolarra Primary School is left neat, tidy and ready for the holiday break.

We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved two-week break and has the opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time with family and friends. Let's hope the sunshine continues throughout the holidays!

We are also excited about some upcoming developments around the school. We are nearing completion of our brand-new chicken coop, which will be erected during the first week of Term 4. In addition, we look forward to welcoming Dunbar Road Landscaping Services on our first day back as they begin work on our new multi-purpose track around the oval.



Term 4 begins on Monday, 5 October and, as always, it will be a busy and exciting term. Please keep an eye on the newsletter, website and school calendar for important dates, events and updates.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break and hearing all about their holiday adventures.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Cameron Kaljouw & Susan Duncan

Kurnai College Music Workshop



CDN 2026 Writing competition winners



AROUND THE ROOMS

F-2 Class



Around the rooms F-2

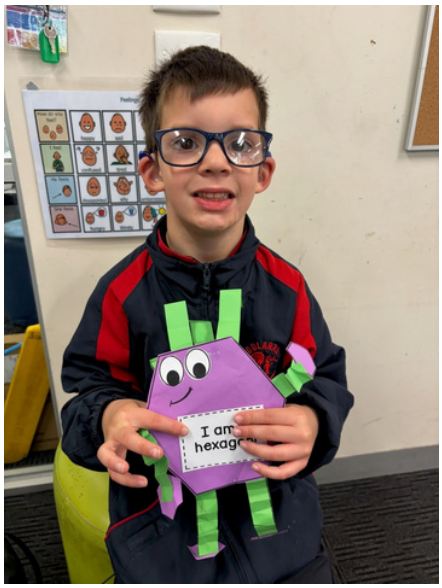
What a wonderful time we have had in F-2! We were very excited to welcome our local kinder children for a special visit. We all had lots of fun playing games together, sharing, laughing and making new friends. It was lovely to see everyone joining in and enjoying themselves.

We also enjoyed a fantastic visit from the Kurnai School music band. The children loved listening to the music, singing along and dancing to the lively tunes. There were lots of smiles, laughter and enthusiastic dancing! It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate music, friendship and our school community together.

We are enjoying our new, Little Learners Love Literacy program and are all becoming more familiar with the routines. It is great to see steady improvements in knowledge of 'heart words' and reading fluency.

We hope everyone enjoys a safe and happy holiday break and be well rested for Term 4.





F-2 Team

The 2-6 Team.





AROUND THE ROOMS

2-6 Class



This week we had an exciting excursion as we travelled to Yinnar South Primary school for a joint incursion run by Victorian Space Science Education Centre VSSEC. Students began the day with a warm welcome from Winnie the therapy dog. As hearts melted students quickly put their literacy skills to work writing a persuasive letter to Ms Duncan and Mr K to convince them of the benefits of therapy dogs. Watch this space for Ms Duncan Mr K's response.



After the excitement of meeting Winnie, students learned all about the rockets and how rockets fly through space. The excitement was high as students began building their rockets it was time to test the rockets. Students loaded up their rockets with water, connected them to an airline to reach 40psi. Launching their rockets with spectacular results exceeding all students' expectations with rockets reaching new heights it was a fun day had by everyone.

Thank you to Mr K and Yinnar South Primary School for providing a sausage sizzle lunch before we headed back to Boolarra Primary with lots of new buddying scientists on board the bus.

This week we welcomed the Kurnai College Band to Boolarra Primary School for a spectacular performance, showcasing their musical talents both singing and on the instruments. All students were singing and dancing along in the hour long concert from old time chart toppers to the crowd favourite Big Red Car by the wiggles.



In the grade 2-6 classroom we have been working on our team work with some exciting challenges like the tower of terror. Students worked in teams to get all 3 cups to stack on each other as they pulled out cards. Lifting a tennis ball without touching it was another great team work challenge where communication was high for the students to be successful.

Wishing everyone a restfull school holidays.

From the 2-6 Team











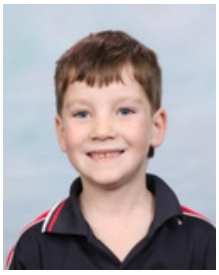
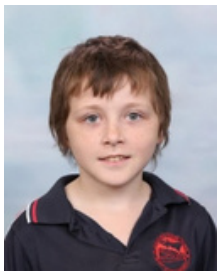


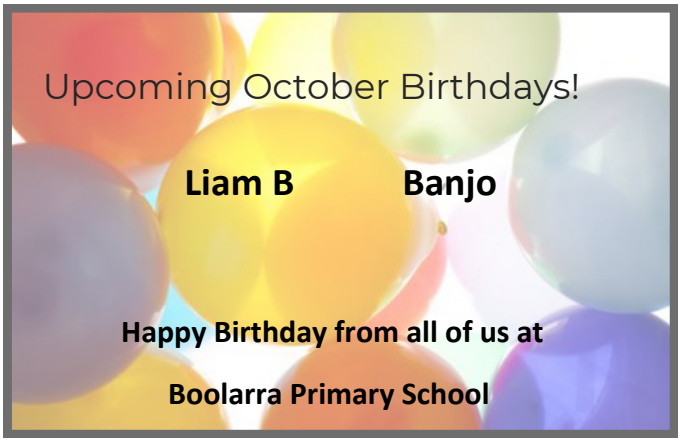






Students of the Week

Week 9 Term 3 **F/1/2** **Tj** **For a fantastic improvement in your engagement with learning. Well Done!**		**Week 9 Term 3** **Grade 2-6** **Ava** **Setting learning goals to improve your learning. Great job Ava!**	
Week 10 Term 3 **F/1/2** **Sadie** **For being respectful and trying your best in all activities**		**Week 10 Term 3** **Grade 2-6** **Richie** **Great work in literacy this week.** **Well done!**	



Positive Yard Behaviour

Congratulations to the following students.

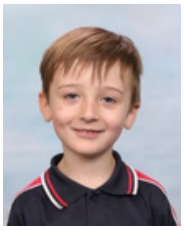
You have demonstrated our school values out in the Yard:

Students can choose an item from our prize box!

Thank you!

- Mr and Mrs Black for our Wednesday breakfasts
- Our amazing community members who have organised our Monday lunch orders for Term 3
- Our volunteer Granny Barb
- Our Handyman Greg for putting a roof over our chicken run! Chicken coop to come next term!
- Staff for dedication, support and positive outlook each and every day !
- Thank you to everyone who has donated towards our defibrillator. We truly appreciate every donation, big or small!

Maths Achievement Awards

Week 9 Term 3 **F/1/2** **Liam R** 	**Week 9 Term 3** **Grade 2-6** **Oscar**
Week 10 Term 3 **F/1/2** **Banjo** 	**Week 10 Term 3** **Grade 2-6** **Kobi**

Boolarra Community Development group are running a fundraiser on our behalf raising funds towards a Defibrillator.
We are looking for a volunteer who can assist by taking the cans to the recycling depot once a week or fortnightly.
If you are able to help, please contact Alex in the office. Thank you for your support!

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.

JUST A REMINDER…….

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.

Thank you



Lumen Christi Sacramental Program for Students at Government Schools:

Dear Parents,

Our Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation (Grade 3 children) will begin on October 18th. The program is for 4 sessions and takes place at the Lumen Christi Parish Office at 10.00a.m. on Sundays after 9.00a.m. Mass. The Sacrament will be conferred on Wednesday, November 18th at 5.30p.m.

Children who participate in this Sacrament will be eligible for the Sacrament of Holy Communion in Term 1, 2027.

Please contact Father Paul Zaher paul.zaher@cdsale.org.au
or Helen Dyson(Catechist) helenmdyson@hotmail.com for further information.

Schools in Category 3 on the Bushfire At-Risk Register

School preparations for the bushfire season
Each year, we undertake a range of activities to ensure the safety of our school and to prepare for bushfires and grassfires.



An important part of this process is communicating to parents what will happen when certain fire danger ratings are issued to help ensure the safety of students and staff.
Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school.

Ourschool will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **West and South Gippsland fire district.**
Closure of the school due to a Catastrophic fire danger rating will be enacted when the Bureau of Meteorology forecast and related public safety messaging are confirmed. Due to uncertainties in the forecast, the timing of this confirmation may vary. Information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by uEducateUs as well as phone calls.

It is also important to be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.
What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website (https://www.boolarra.vic.edu.au/), by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements if our school is closed due to Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the CFA's website.
- Action your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are actioning your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

Families are encouraged to action their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days in their district. The safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day. **Onsuchdays,childrenshouldneverbeleftathomealoneorinthecareof older children.**

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website https://emergency.vic.gov.au
- Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency)
- Twitter (https://twitter.com/vicemergency)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the department's policy?

The Department of Education annually assesses the fire risk of all schools and early childhood services with the support of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 6). Schools and services that are Categories 0-3 are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). Schools at some risk of bushfire and grassfire are published on the Category 4 List.

The department's Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR and the Category 4 List to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

The policy also requires that schools at the highest risk of bushfire (those in Categories 0, 1 and 2 of the Bushfire At-Risk Register) enact pre-emptive action plans based on the fire danger forecast for their Local Government Area (LGA).

Who issues fire danger forecasts?

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) provides public fire danger rating forecasts each day of the fire danger period using fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are 9 fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries.

The department uses these forecasts when supporting schools to enact their pre-emptive bushfire actions plans.





GREAT DEALS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT WYNCITY MORWELL!



The school holidays are finally here, and there's plenty happening at Wyncity Morwell!



