

NEWSLETTER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

Every Friday	Lunch Orders.
Wednesday 10th May	School Council Meeting 7pm
Friday 12th May	Mother's Day Stall
Monday 15th May to Friday 19th May	BOOK FAIR
Friday 2nd June	Student Free Day— Student Reports
Monday 12th June	Public Holiday—King's Birthday
Tuesday 20th June	Reports being sent home
Friday 23rd June	End of Term. Early dismissal 2.30pm

Term 1 Week 2

Welcome to term 2. I hope everyone had some down time over the holidays and was able to spend some time to enjoy as a family. I also hope that all chocolate lovers enjoyed Easter Bunny's tasty gifts.

Around the Rooms

This term, our Specialist sessions are Digital Technologies and Music. The 3-6 class is learning block based coding using the Scratch Program. Some students have used the program before and were very excited to be able to spend time at school to create animations and games. Our junior grade made a video this week showing how technology is used in our school.



Anzac Day

Last week all students learnt about the history of Anzac Day. We learnt about Anzac biscuits and followed a procedural text to make them.



Staffing

As most parents will be aware, Mr Chambers has resigned and we are currently in the recruitment process for a senior teacher. I will keep families informed of the process. In the meantime we have been fortunate that Mrs Cascianelli has been able to step back into the classroom. On the days she is unable to assist I have been taking the grade. We are ensuring that the learning and wellbeing of the students is not disrupted as we work through the change. The children told me they were thrilled to have Mrs Cascianelli back.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR CHILD IS THERE

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

If the school has concerns about your child's attendance we will make contact to discuss the underlying issues and develop some improvement strategies. We can also support families to engage with external agencies if additional supports are wanted.

Student Leaders

Our student leaders ran our Easter Activity day on the last day of Term One. They worked collaboratively to plan and deliver the activities. Some of the highlights were our cup cake decorating competition and of course the Annual Egg Roll. A huge shout out to Gewalin's family who kindly donated the boiled eggs.



School Values

Our focus value for this week was **Respect**. As part of our work on student behaviour, we have created documents so students understand the expected behaviour for each level. Classes talk about our values at the start of each day and during goal setting conversations.

This is part of one of our resources on **Respect**. Our next week focus value is **Responsibility**.

Foundation	1 & 2	3 & 4	5 & 6
<input type="checkbox"/> I learn with others. <input type="checkbox"/> I help my friends with learning tasks.	<input type="checkbox"/> I help everybody contribute to achieve the overall goal. <input type="checkbox"/> With support, I listen, negotiate and establish common goals.	<input type="checkbox"/> With support I am able to make joint decisions that match tasks to individuals and their strengths. <input type="checkbox"/> I understand that communication is a vital part of the team functioning effectively.	<input type="checkbox"/> I collaborate with others to make joint decisions about issues, problems or processes and match tasks to individual strengths and expertise to develop a team solution.

Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRR&R)

This week all classes began RRR&R Topic 3: Positive Coping. Learning activities in this topic provide opportunities for students to identify and discuss different types of coping strategies. When children and young people develop a language around coping, they are more likely to be able to understand and deliberately utilise a range of productive coping strategies and diminish their use of unproductive coping strategies.

In coming weeks, students will complete activities that introduce them to the concept of self-talk and practice using positive self-talk to approach and manage challenging situations. Positive self-talk is a key strategy for coping with negative thoughts, emotions and events. It is associated with greater persistence in the face of challenge, and can be learnt or strengthened through practice.

2023 School Photo Update

- 2023 School Photos have now been distributed to students to bring home.
- Digital image orders links will be sent overnight ready for download. Automated emails with links can often go to your spam folder.
- Self collection orders are now available to collect from the collection point you nominated.

Pakenham - Roylaines 148 Main Street, Pakenham

Warragul - Roylaines 16 Smith Street, Warragul

Trading Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am-5:30pm, Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm. Closed Public Holidays

Late Orders:

If you have not already ordered, you can still order, you have not missed out.

Access code requests can also be made at www.spargophoto.com.au from the School Photography tab on the menu.

[Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation \(Prep\) for 2024](#)

The Department of Education has released a new statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2024 school year.

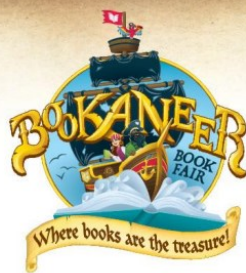
If you have a child starting primary school in 2024, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday 28 July 2023**.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2024, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy.

It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep.

If you are seeking to enrol your child into Foundation next year, please contact our school office on 5169 6471 and email boolarra.ps@education.vic.gov.au to request an application form or enrolment form.



Dear Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

The theme of our Scholastic Book Fair is **Bookaneer Book Fair**. It's a fun reading event that brings the books kids want to read into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: **May 15 – May 19**

Shopping hours: **8.30-8.45am & 3.15-3.30pm**

Special activities: **colouring competition to win a share of \$60 in books.**

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

Boolarra Primary School



BOOKFAIR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for some parent volunteers to help run our Bookfair. If you could please offer some time to help, please use the steps provided below to view and add your names.

1. Visit <https://signup.zone/TFvESfNc4vsvAQ42J> to view the signup.
2. Press the 'Log In' button in the top right corner of that page.
3. Log in using the email address jo.cardillo@education.vic.gov.au, and press the 'New user' button. (If you have a Google account with the same email address, you can sign in with that instead.)

Try making changes to the signup yourself by pressing the 'Edit' button at the bottom of the page - you can always undo them with the 'Undo' button.

If you have any questions, please check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page on the site.

BIG NEWS—Our out of School Hours Care is back, bigger and better than ever, running five days per week. If you would like your child enrolled for out of school hours care please come and get an enrolment form.



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CHILDCARE



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT

O.S.H.C?

Hey! We're BIG and we're your after-school care provider at Boolarra Primary! Let me tell you a little bit about us.

We run every afternoon in the room next to the library and always serve up some nutritional, delicious food for the children. We do HEAPS of amazing activities that the children help plan out for every single day!

We'd love to see you at our next OSH session, and you can grab more information from your school office!

- This term we are planning to do;

Amazing artwork/craft activities

Sporting games outside

Cooking/Food craft activities

Board game competitions

Scavenger hunts and lots of fun things to keep your children busy after school!



Students of the Week



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Week 1 Term 2 Violet For showing our school value of engagement.		Week 2 Term 2 Kodee For demonstrating our school value of Responsibility and Engagement. You participate in every task with 100% effort!	
Week 1 Term 2 Toby M For showing responsibility towards learning. I am super impressed with your confidence to read to the class. Great engagement		Week 2 Term 2 Kean For showing great engagement this week. Kean focuses on his tasks and always completes them in the given time.	
Week 1 Term 2 Gewalin For showing the school value of engagement in all areas of her learning and reminding others of this value also.		Week 2 Term 2 Daisy For aspiring to do her best by taking on feedback. Great reading.	

TEACHER OF THE WEEK

Mrs Cascianelli



Happy Birthday

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

May birthdays:

Gewalin Charli Avaleigh Patrick
Ivy-Rose

Positive Yard Behaviour

Congratulations to the following students. You have demonstrated our school values out in the Yard:

Student can choose an item from our prize box or a hot chip lunch on Friday

Sophia Daisy

Maths Achievement Awards

Thank You

Week 1 Term 2

Gus



Week 2 Term 2

Callen



Week 1 Term 2

Jake



Week 2 Term 2

Jackson



- Barb for helping with our classroom activities.
- Elizabeth and Doug Black for preparing our breakfast at school and also cleaning out all the water from our Life Skills Kitchen.

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS—PARENT PAYMENTS 2023

We are asking \$150 for 2023 curriculum contributions and are asking for parents to pay by the end of March 2023.

We thank those of you who have already contributed.

If you would still like to make payments for this year's curriculum contributions you are welcome to do so.

Our bank account details are BSB 063522 Account No. 1006 8539. Please use your child's name as reference and contributions for easy receipting.

Attendance Requirements

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, through SkoolBag or phone

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why or the school has not been able to contact you, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

The <insert school name> Attendance Policy which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences is available <insert details>.



For an effective way of receiving our school emails and other notifications and notices if you do not use our website, please follow this link to jump on board with our SkoolBag App.

You can also enter your child's absence from school.

<https://www.mogproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/>

JUST A REMINDER.....

If your child is absent

Please let us know by calling on 5169 6471 or entering the absence via the Skoolbag app by 8.45am.

Thank you



Community News



BOOLARRA & SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Is proudly supporting
DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY

By

Getting together to start a conversation enjoy cars, bikes, food, market stalls, raffles, kids activities \$10 entry for car & bike competition—prizes on the day chosen by the public, Clydesdales, live music & dance. Club rooms open for the evening—Boolarra Football Grounds on **Saturday 13th May, 2023. Starts at 11.00am**

Together we can create a kinder and safer world for Australia's kids and communities.

#DoltForDollyDay

#BeKind

Dollysdream.org.au



Please follow community supporting do it for Dolly Day Facebook page for updated details!

MOE KIDS MOVIE CLUB

Join us at the library on
the first Saturday of each
month from 10am.

Join our Moe Kids Movie Club to
watch a new-release film aimed at
primary school aged children /
families.

Bring a friend, or make new ones
— everybody is welcome to come
along!

We'll provide popcorn and snacks.

**Bookings preferred. Book at
Eventbrite or your local library.**



CHILDREN'S
AUTHOR TALK

Stories Behind the Stories

with Jane Godwin



**Tuesday 2 May 2023
4pm to 5pm
Traralgon Library**

In this fun and interactive
session, Jane will empower
young people to see themselves
as writers and storytellers. She
will offer tips and strategies for
kids to explore their own ideas
and experiment when writing
creatively.

For children in primary and lower
secondary.

Scan below to book or
visit your local library.



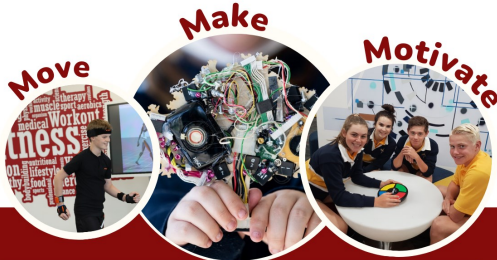
Supported by Reader's
Emporium.

MONDAY
15TH
MAY 2023

GIPPSLAND
TECH
SCHOOL

EDUCATION WEEK

at Gippsland Tech School
From 4:30pm - 6:00pm



Workshops | Games | Activities
And a Lot More...

For more info:
enquiries@gippslandtechschool.vic.edu.au

VICTORIA
State Government
Department of Education

KAISERCRAFT

MOTHER'S DAY Craft Activity

Get crafty and create a greeting card
or picture for your mum or someone special.

Thursday 11th May 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Friday 12th May 10.30am - 1.30pm

Saturday 13th May 10.30am - 1.30pm

FREE for children and adults.
Located near Cotton On.



Parental supervision required at all times.
This craft activity involves the use of scissors, glue and small parts.

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SHOPPING CENTRE
Celebrating 40 years

Open Day

Saturday 13 May, 10am - 2pm

St Paul's
ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Time to choose a Secondary School?

Discover a place of learning that is committed to the growth, development and potential of all students, whatever their academic level and wherever their futures may take them. At St Paul's, we are dedicated to ensuring that all students are nurtured, feel a strong sense of belonging and are able to actively prepare themselves for the future.

Our students and highly qualified staff are ready to share with you our expansive grounds and purpose-built facilities, our curriculum and their lifelong love of learning. Delve into the many and varied service, co-curricular and leadership opportunities that assist each child to pursue their potential, developing resilience and confidence as they grow into independent and articulate young adults.

Register now: stpaulsags.vic.edu.au

Enrol Now for 2025 and beyond

Limited places available for 2024

Kinder to Year 12 • Warragul and Traralgon