

NEWSLETTER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

Every Friday	Lunch Orders.
Wednesday 19th July	School Council Meeting 7pm // PIE DRIVE ORDERS DUE BACK TODAY
Friday 21st July	Bring a Broom Friday at 2.30pm (Parents to help with our Little Projects)
Friday 28th July	PIE DRIVE ORDER S TO BE COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL
Wednesday 2nd August	Teddy Bear Hospital Incursion (with Kinder)
Wednesday 9th August	School Council Meeting 7pm
Thursday 31st August	Melbourne Museum Dinosaur Incursion (with Kinder)
Monday 4th September to Wednesday 6th September	Sovereign Hill Camp Grades 3-6
Thursday 7th September	School Closure Day
Friday 15th September	End of Term 3—2.30pm dismissal

Term 3 Week 1

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone was able to have some family time and enjoyed spending time together. Over the holidays we have had the Breezeway painted by the Boolarra Men's Shed. The paint was generously supplied by the Uniting Church. A huge shout out to Doug for organising everything. Moving forward we will ask the students for some ideas on positive affirmations we can use to decorate the walls.

We welcome Scott Mildenhall to the 3-6 classroom who will be taking the class for the next six weeks as he finishes his Bachelor in Education at Federation University. We also welcome Emily Lade to our school. Emily will be working with the 3-6 grade for the rest of the year. Emily is in her final year of a Masters in Education at Melbourne University.

Enrolments

Do you have a child starting prep in 2024? Please contact Boolarra Primary School for a personal tour. Ring Susan Duncan on 51696471 to learn about the educational opportunities offered at Boolarra Primary School. Our school has demonstrated significant improvement over the last several years which is evident by our strong academic results, student & parent survey data. This year we have introduced a vegetable garden and chickens to add to the variety of ways we engage students. We implement the Berry Street Education Model to ensure our students are ready to learn. We implement the Sounds Write, structured synthetic phonics programme based on evidence in how students learn to read.

SCHOOL REVIEW

This term our school will undertake our school review that occurs every 4 years. The purpose is to inform the directions of the school's 4-year School Strategic Plan (SSP) A copy of our current SSP can be found on our Website Under the "ABOUT US – REPORTS & PLANS tabs.

The first component of the review is the pre-review self-evaluation (PRSE) where schools review their data and other evidence to form a collective view of current practice and areas for improvement. To ensure our community has a voice in the process we will create opportunities for engagement. Parents will be asked to assist with the pre-review self-evaluation (PRSE) by contributing through online surveys about the school's practice and performance from a community perspective.

The School Review Process has multiple stages that consist Pre-Review of self-evaluation followed by a panel who works with the school on four separate days. The panel consists of an independent school reviewer, school principal, Senior Education Leader, School Council President and two Challenge Partners who are drawn from the educational community. At the end of the process the school will have been developed a new Strategic Plan. This will be used to form our improvement direction over the next four years.

Next week a survey will be sent home in both written & digital format. We asked parents to ensure your opinions are included by completing the surveys.

Literacy

Our teachers are all trained as Sounds Write Practitioners and we use our skill. For parents of young children who would like to learn more about the teaching & learning of literacy skills please follow the link below.

This is a free course for parents and carers will help you get your child off to a good start! The course will show you how to:

- help your child take their first steps in reading and spelling
 - understand how to help your child build, write and read simple cvc (consonant, vowel, consonant) words
 - understand how to correct your child when they make a mistake in their reading or writing simple words
- have a basic understanding of how phonics works

Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As ever, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.

Susan Duncan

Bring a Broom Friday

At our last School Council Meeting, we discussed engaging parents to assist in helping to keep our school grounds neat and tidy. Next Friday, we are asking for parents to come in to help clean up paths. We are calling it "Bring a Broom Friday". If you can help, please rock up at around 2.30pm with a broom or rake (we have a few spares) to help in our Little Projects as we take pride in our school.

AROUND THE ROOMS

In the Year 3-6 class, we are launching into our Australian History theme and there seems to be a lot of enthusiasm for this which is great. Over the next few weeks we will cover the Australian Colonies, reasons for settlement, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We will utilize our new 'Purple Mash' program to help us in our historical journey, a resource that the students are really enjoying. In Maths we are stretching our minds learning about fractions and time, while continuing to review concepts about place value. Science is looking exciting with Mrs Larrad teaching us about chemicals! Stay tuned to hear about some of our great learning over the next month.

Mrs C and Mr M

Specialist Classes

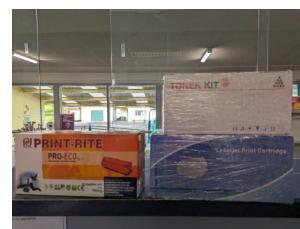
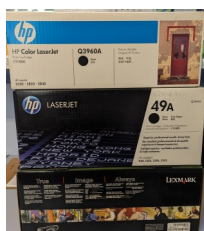
This term 3/4/5/6s will be focusing on basketball in PE, beginning with a focus on dribbling. The F/1/2s will continue the Perceptual Motor Program, focusing on memory and balance.

Chemical science is the focus for term 3 science. Grade 3/4/5/6 will be exploring how solids, liquids and gases behave and consider ways to classify them. Grade F/1/2 will be looking at the properties of materials and changes that can be made to them.

Our arts focus for term 3 is the Performing Arts. Students will be learning how to perform a story as a play. They will consider the needs of their audience with a focus on speaking clearly and with expression and the importance of facing the audience while performing.

Free Printer Cartridges

We have an assortment of free printer cartridges for pick up from the office. If you are interested please contact the school.



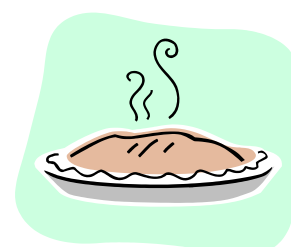
FREE FRIDGE

Is there anyone out there who would like a free fridge, in working order? It would make a good beer fridge. If you are interested please contact the office on 5169 6471 to arrange a time to come and collect it. We no longer have any use for it as we have a new fridge.



PIE DRIVE


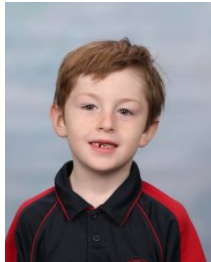
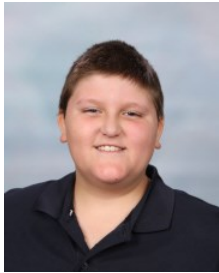

Our annual pie drive is on. Please help our school fundraising efforts by ordering up the delicious pies from Out of Dough Bakery. You still have time to get your orders in. All orders are due back by Wednesday 19th July. Order can be picked up on Friday 28th July.



Students of the Week



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<p>Week 9 Term 2 Leon</p> <p>For the engagement he is showing in the yard. Leon has been actively participating in games with his peers and interacting more socially in class.</p>		<p>Week 1 Term 3 Jack</p> <p>For making an excellent start to Term 3. Jack demonstrates the school values of Responsibility and Respect each day in the way he remembers to complete his jobs and in the respect he shows staff and his peers.</p>	
<p>Week 9 Term 2 Kodee</p> <p>For always demonstrating our school values of aspiration and engagement. You always stay focussed on your learning and accept feedback with a big smile.</p>		<p>Week 1 Term 3 Angela</p> <p>For her extraordinary participation and engagement in every lesson.</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 or a hot chip lunch on Friday

Ruby Kyden



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

July birthdays:

Kodee Daisy

Maths Achievement Awards

Week 9 Term 2

Harry



Week 1 Term 3

Gewalin



Week 9 Term 2

Ruby



Week 1 Term 3

Toby



Thank You

- The Men's Shed for doing a fantastic job painting our breezeway area over the school holidays.
- Amir from Yinnar Pharmacy for his donation of a junior Epipen for our school.
- Barb for helping in our classrooms.

CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS—PARENT PAYMENTS 2023

We are asking \$150 for 2023 curriculum contributions. 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 or if you are not sure if you have contributed and would like to do so, please telephone the office on 5169 6471.

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



Bush Babies Playgroup @ GLENGARRY

Mondays ~ 10.30 – 12.00
Wednesdays ~ 9.30 – 11.00
Wednesdays ~ 11.30 – 1.00
Wednesdays ~ 1.30 – 3.00

\$16 per
child per
session

*sibling discounts apply

Term 3 ~ **CASUAL** bookings

Follow the link or QR code

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJPD>



Further Enquiries:
Wendy MacDougall
0400 456 410
bushbabies3854@gmail.com



FUNDRAISER FOR THE SPUD MAN

Family Bush Dance

Saturday 15th July

Featuring the **BRIAGOLONG BUSH BAND**

The Boolarra Memorial Hall

From 6.30pm till 9.00pm

Tickets are \$20 p/h, \$50 a family, to be purchased at the door, or through Eventbrite.

There will be a BBQ and other food available.

Sure to be a fun night, so come along and dance away the winter chill in a worthy cause.

Any enquiries, please contact Colin Brick, 0455 121 259

Let's get together as a community to try and assist Peter and Jess and their family to recover.