

NEWSLETTER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

Monday 28th August	ALL MONIES AND FORMS TO BE BACK FOR 3-6 CAMP
Thursday 31st August	Melbourne Museum Dinosaur Incursion (with Kinder)
Friday 31st August	Rubbish Free Day
Monday 4th September to Wednesday 6th September	Sovereign Hill Camp Grades 3-6
Thursday 7th September	School Closure Day
Friday 8th September	Parent Survey Closes.
Friday 15th September	End of Term 3—2.30pm dismissal

Term 3 Week 7

Thank you Bunnings

A huge shout out to Bunnings who are kindly donating the paint and brushes so we can rejuvenate our concrete tunnel. Some of our student leaders wrote a letter to Bunnings requesting the donation, what a great job they did.

ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN FOR 2024

At Boolarra Primary School we celebrate responsible and respectful learners who aspire to do their best. We are asking our families to spread the word and encourage families to come and have a look at what we offer.

Interested families can book a personalised tour with Mrs Duncan by calling the office.

District Basketball Competitions

Well done to our Basketball Teams who represented our school at the recent competition in Churchill. The students showed great engagement and sportsmanship. They had a wonderful time and should be very proud of their efforts.



Parent Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

We have currently had 5 responses. Please complete the survey and tell us what you think.

Information will be sent home tonight so you can access the survey.

The Girls Have Arrived

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our new school members. Our chooks have been a great hit with the students, many of whom are spending recess and lunch with them. They are receiving loads of love and attention. The chooks will be used to enhance the science and personal learning curriculum. Interacting with animals helps children to self regulate and have empathy. They also help to assist social interactions with others.



Friday Afternoon Assemblies (starting at 2.45pm)

Parents are invited to join us for Friday afternoon assemblies. Several years ago, we ran a Monday morning assembly, however we decided to change the time so students who received awards received them in the week they showed wonderful behaviour. Our assemblies are led by our student leaders, Ryleigh and Toby. They show great responsibility as public speaking is never easy. Sophia provides weekly weather forecasts and always makes us giggle. Please come and help us celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students.



Keeping Our Students Safe

To ensure our school environment is safe for our children we have regular inspections. Our playground audit showed we needed to increase the depth of our Soft Fall. A huge shout out to Craig and Max who moved 55 cubic meters of Soft Fall.



What an action packed fortnight we have had at Boolarra Primary School

BOOK WEEK

Wow, What an amazing amount of effort our students went to. We had princesses, Harry Potter, Footballers, Bananas in Pyjamas and even a dinosaur. There was great diversity in the characters portrayed. Our Student Leaders ran some activities inspired by Disney.



Science Week

Last Week was Science Week. To celebrate, our students rotated through several activities aimed to provoke their curiosity. Students learnt about water tension, clouds and gases.



Thanks Ms Lar-rad for bringing the lambs in. Violet is doing a great job caring for her.



AROUND THE ROOMS

Around the Rooms F-2

We are all hoping to see some warmer weather creeping in over the next few weeks. We are also looking forward to getting to spend some more time with the chickens and learning how to take care of them. We have been playing a lot of rounds of the game 'Sit Down Sunday' to help the Preps master the days of the week. Also, the senior class invented a version with the months of the year called Drop Down December, which would benefit the Grade 2s. Below is an outline of our learning for the remainder of the term.

Maths:

Finishing up 3D Shape

Measurement – Mass, Volume, Capacity and Area.

Place Value – read, write, compare, order, rename numbers to 100/1000

Reading:

Preps: y, x, ff, ss, ll, zz

Grade 1s: Spellings of <er>, <e>, and <ow>

Literature:

Identifying the purpose, audience and message of a text.

Retelling fiction and non-fiction texts.

Writing:

Writing Procedures [recipes/instructions] linked to our History studies.

Identifying adverbs and using these to expand simple sentences.

History:

Comparing toys from the past and present.

Learning about 'artefacts' and how they can teach us about the past.

Students will be working to set up a mini-museum towards the end of term featuring artefacts from their families.

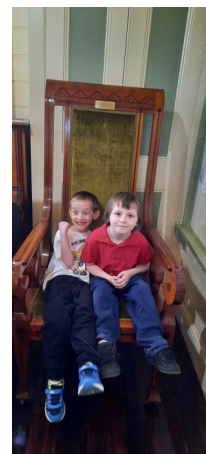
Extracurricular:

Dinosaur Fossil incursion at the Kinder on 31st August

Ms Smith on 3-6 Sovereign Hill camp 4-6 September

Museum Visit

On Wednesday 16th August, the F-2 Grade visited the Boolarra Old School Historical Museum. As part of our Then & Now history unit, the students are learning how aspects of communication, transport, family life, toys and school have changed over time. During our visit to the museum, the children were able to see firsthand the old Boolarra Primary classroom. They were enamoured with the old wooden desks and loved writing with chalk and boards. We found some embroidery sample cards in the desks that would have been used to teach the girls how to do different stitches. In other parts of the museum, the students saw the old Boolarra telephone exchange and examples of old dial phones. Other things of interest were the old typewriters and box cameras. In the adjacent room, the students loved seeing photos of trains on the old railway, one of the older students found a photo of her grandparent and one of the Grade 1 students found a photo that showed there used to be a bridge over the river on her farm. The students really enjoyed their visit. We are very lucky to have a Museum of this quality in Boolarra. Thanks to Linda Minter from the Boolarra & District Historical Society for organising our visit.



Bushfire - Potential Closures

BARR—School preparedness and pre-emptive actions for bushfire season School preparedness and pre-emptive actions for the bushfire season.

Fire danger ratings indicate how dangerous a fire would be if started in those conditions and provide clear direction on the best options for preserving life. They can be a trigger for action in community and for school and household level fire plans.

Schools and children's services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those some lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list be closed when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Schools and early childhood services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list take pre-emptive actions on elevated fire danger days to minimise the risk of being caught in a fire in these conditions. The category of risk (per the BARR or Category 4 list) determines the actions that the school or early childhood service will need to take on days of elevated fire danger.

Our school has been identified as being one of these schools at high bushfire or grassfire risk, and is listed on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) / a category 4 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **West & South Gippsland fire district**. The department will advise our school of the potential for a **Catastrophic fire danger rating** as information becomes available, however the pre-emptive closure will be **confirmed by 4pm the day prior to Catastrophic fire danger day**.

Fire danger ratings are forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology up to four days in advance. Should a Catastrophic day be forecast, we will notify you of the potential closure by an email or hard copy letter, Skoolbag Notification and SMS message/phone tree. Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

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

Depending on which fire weather district is impacted, bus route cancellations may affect our school.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, 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 parents do?

Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is relocated / undertaking remote and flexible learning and/or closed due to elevated fire danger or a Catastrophic fire forecast.

Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website [Boolarra Primary School](#) by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.

- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's Bushfire Survival Plan.

You can access current information about school and early childhood services closures, including those due to elevated fire danger, on the [Department of Education and Training's website](#)

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

- 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







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Students of the Week



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<p>Week 6 Term 3 Ethan</p> <p>For concentrating on his work and finishing tasks independently. Ethan also impressed this week with his knowledge of 3D shapes.</p>		<p>Week 7 Term 3 Sophia</p> <p>For excellent engagement in writing this week. You researched enthusiastically about gold and found some great points of interest.</p>	
<p>Week 6 Term 3 Ruby</p> <p>For her revolutionary efforts in basketball. She displayed extraordinary tenacity and sportsmanship by playing in the mixed team. Ruby's efforts allowed her to score a number of goals.</p>		<p>Week 7 Term 3 Connor</p> <p>For showing improvement in his letter formation and sizing during handwriting. Connor did a fantastic job of using the lines to size and shape his letters. Keep it up!</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

Kyden



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

August birthdays:

Violet Jackson Leon

Maths Achievement Awards

Thank You

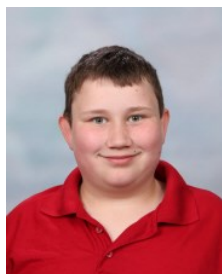
Week 6 Term 3

Leon



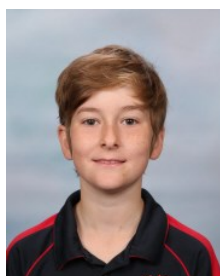
Week 7 Term 3

Toby



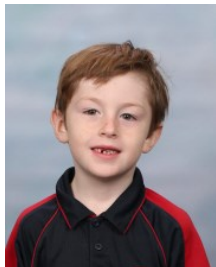
Week 6 Term 3

Toby



Week 7 Term 3

Jack



- Barb for helping in our classrooms.
- Elizabeth and Doug Black for preparing our breakfast at school.
- Gewalin's Dad, Craig and Avaleigh and Connor's Dad, Max for spreading all of our pine mulch through our playground and play equipment on the oval.

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.



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



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FREE MACHINES

MEMORIAL FUN RUN & FESTIVAL 29.10.23

**SPOT PRIZES
FANCY DRESS
PRIZES**

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YOUNG
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS**

MEDAL AWARDED TO ALL FINISHERS

GEOFF WATT MEMORIAL ATHLETICS TRACK
BURKE STREET, WARRAGUL

EVENT TIMES 8AM - COLLECTION OF NUMBERS AND RACE PACKS
9.00AM - L&F EYECARE GEOFF WATT HALF MARATHON
9.50AM - MITCHELTON 10K AND JAYCO 5K
10.00AM ASICS 2.5K 11.20AM APERLOOS BAKERY 300M
FAMILY FESTIVAL & PRESENTATIONS: 9.30AM - 1.30PM

FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL **LIVE MUSIC** **FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT** **VINTAGE CARS**

Sponsors: L&F Eyecare, Jayco, Yorkshire Tea, Harvey Norman, The Gazette, Domino's, Mercure, fisciorem, Bulla, SPORTSCOVER, active feet, ALMONDCO, SSI-SSG, watshotz.com.au

Looking for an affordable summer sport?



Little Athletics caters for children aged 5-17 and includes sprints, middle-distance running, hurdles, throws and jumps.

**2023/2024 TRACK & FIELD SEASON
COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 30TH**

SEASON RUNS SEPTEMBER-MARCH

Registrations open mid August

See our Facebook page for more details

Location: Joe Carmody Athletics Track
Newborough at 8:45am

\$135

per athlete

*2 free trials via LAVic registration

Like Moe Little Athletics on

Facebook to stay up to date with the latest information!

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Email: moe@lavic.com.au





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Secondary College**

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of fun
and learning





Strive to Serve

2024 Year 7 Transition Event

December 11 & 12 2023

More information will be sent out term 4
or for more information please contact
Jen Talbot on 5667 9000
jennifer.talbot@education.vic.gov.au





**SUNDAY 27
AUGUST 2023
PHILLIP
ISLAND**
TOUROFGIPPSLAND.COM.AU



**RIDE THE PHILLIP ISLAND
CLASSIC**

The Phillip Island Classic includes an opportunity for all graded cyclists to come and race on the GP track. The Phillip Island Classic will offer racing from U11 through to U17 and A, B, C and D graded racing.

Come and watch the final stage of the Tour of Gippsland NRS on the morning of Sunday August 27 at Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, then race yourself on the famous circuit with a full program of graded racing starting at 12 noon.

AusBike

**LEARN TO RIDE
PROGRAM**

AusCycling will be running a free AusBike Skills Session for kids 5 to 12 years old from 11am to 2pm!

AusBike's fun activities are designed to empower kids with the competence and confidence needed to enjoy life on a bike. Whether kids are just coming off training wheels, wanting to tackle longer and more difficult rides, or looking to learn some new tricks, AusBike will help get them there.

The Taster Skills Session will give families an initial trial session of the program, and information on where they can take part in the full AusBike program near them.

FREE for kids 5-12 years!
Sun 27th 11am - 2pm
Phillip Island GP Circuit

To register for the AusBike Taster Skills Session - scan the QR Code and click on the AusBike link on the Entries page.



Scan to register for the
Phillip Island Classic

Scan to register for the AusBike
Learn to Ride Program












**Glen: 0408762679
Sally: 0403282630**

Come play tennis at the Yinnar Tennis Club

"HOTSHOTS Tennis"

A program teaching children aged 4 – 12 the basics of the game.

"Let's Play Tennis"

A program for children aged 12 and above. Groups available for those that have never played before and for those that want to improve on their current skills.

FREE 'Come and Try' Session

Call for times

FREE trial lesson available for all programs.
FREE junior racquet and Hotshots t-shirt for new players

SENIOR and JUNIOR competitions starting in October

Call now for information or to register your interest

Pre-season Practice session
Wednesday September 13 at 4pm
Come along if you are interested in
playing this season – beginners welcome

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Cnr Kay and Church Streets, Traralgon
5176 3333
gpac.latrobe.vic.gov.au

A Weekend of Drama

22 - 24 September 2023

A Weekend of Drama

Day	Time	Event
Fri 22	10:00 AM	Dip A Toe Into Playwriting - Jessica Bellamy GPAC Meeting Room 2
	11:00 AM	Hamlet: Prince of Skidmark - The Listies GPAC Main Theatre
	8:00 PM	Where Worlds Might Exist - Skin of Your Teeth Productions Town Hall Theatre
Sat 23	10:00 AM	Playwriting Workshop - Christine Davey GPAC Meeting Room 2
	2:00 PM	Acting Workshop - Howard Fine Acting Studio Town Hall Theatre
	7:30 PM	Death of a Salesman - Hearth Theatre GPAC Main Theatre
	Sun 24	1:00 PM
	2:15 PM	Workshop: Shadow Puppets from Junk - Bunk Puppets Town Hall Theatre
	7:00 PM	An Evening of Monologues GPAC Foyer