

NEWSLETTER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS

Monday 11th September	Parent meeting in staff room at 8.45am
Friday 15th September	End of Term 3—2.30pm dismissal
Monday 2nd October	Term 4 Starts
Wednesday 25th October	Responsible Pet Program
Wednesday 11 October	School Council Meeting 7pm

Term 3 Week 9

PARENT MEETING—TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

*Last week our school began our four-yearly review of our Strategic Plan. The process involves independent reviewers from outside the school investigating our work. On **Monday, 11th September at 8.45**, the review panel would like to talk to parents to identify our successes and areas for improvement. The school will provide morning tea. We are hoping to have a strong representation of our parents so we can accurately understand the opinions of our parents.*

2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey: Currently only 10 families have responded.

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 behavior, 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.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

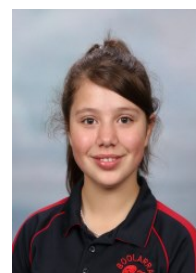
The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey closes today **Friday 8 September 2023**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Shot Put – Regionals

GOOD LUCK Ryleigh

Good luck to Ryleigh who is competing in the Regional Shot-Put competition next week at Joe Car-mody oval. We are very proud of Ryleigh and wish her all the best.





Communication Platform with Families U-Educate Us

Due to significant increase in price, we are no longer using Audri as our family communication platform. I understand that the change may be annoying, however in the long-term families will understand the service is significantly improved.

The school can see families who have logged in and those who haven't. Our data tells us that most families have not moved to U-Educate us. Today we will resend the note with instructions on how to download the app onto your phone. Please do this as a matter of importance. **The school is not using Audri.**

We attach a copy of the [installing the mobile application](#) below for relevant app stores to download the app on to your electronic devices.



Installing the uEducateUs Mobile application

In order to download and install the **uEducateUs Mobile** application you must navigate to the default storefront for your device and search for: **uEducateUs Mobile**



If you are an **iPhone** or **iPad** user, this would be the **App Store**.

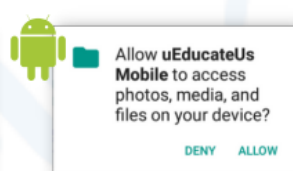
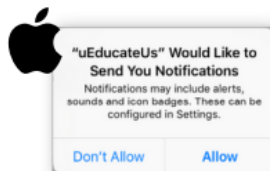
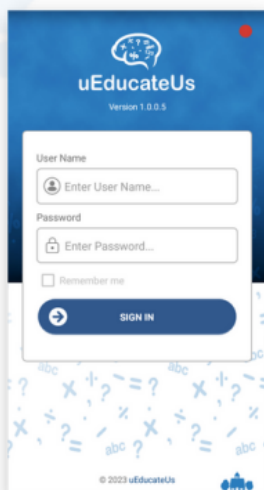


If you are an **Android** user, this will be the **Google Play** store.

Once the app has finished downloading and has been installed on your device, click on the **uEducateUs Mobile** icon to open it.



On both iOS and Android devices you will be asked to allow notifications, access to photos, media and files on your device the first time you install the app. We strongly recommend you **Allow** in order to receive all relevant information from your school and to allow the app to function correctly.



Enter your username and password into the fields provided and tap the **Sign In** button to log into the application.

You can choose to remember your login details via the Remember me check box.

PIN login can also be enabled from your Profile.



SOVEREIGN HILL SH CAMP

I went to Sovereign Hill and my favourite activity was the Red Hill mine. **Kodee**

I really enjoyed this years camp because it had lost of activities to keep me busy. Sovereign Hill was based on the 1850's. They showed how people lived and made stuff like candles, lollies an gold moulding. **Angela**



Last week we went to Sovereign Hill for our school camp. Yinnar South joined us because they don't have enough people to go on their own camp. My favourite activity was the candle making, even though I couldn't make one. **Violet**



During the Sovereign Hill camp I enjoyed the gold panning but the light show was my favourite. **Ruby**



I went to Sovereign Hill and I enjoyed the lolly shop and you can get free lollies. **Daisy**



AROUND THE ROOMS

Grades 3-6

In the 3-6 class we are doing some activities that challenge us to 'think mathematically' and show this by writing or drawing our solutions to problems. We like to use hands-on materials as much as possible to help work things out and to have lots of discussions. In Literacy we are continuing to look at how non-fiction texts are structured through our reading and writing activities. As we went off on our Sovereign Hill adventure, we are researching gold and the gold rush era. This week we presented our history projects that we published on the digital platform, 'Purple Mash'. They looked fantastic and some of us overcame our nerves to talk in front of the class. It was great to see the application of writing skills in the final posters.



Grade F-2

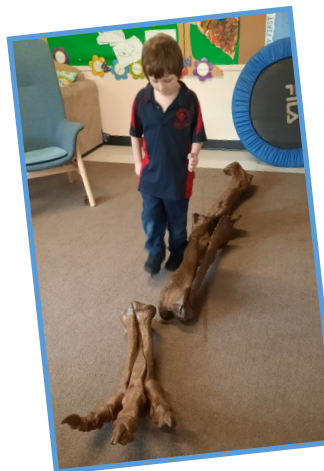
On Thursday 31 August the F-2s travelled back in time to the Boolarra Kinder to discover some of the Earth's most ancient inhabitants – the dinosaurs. Students were met by Wendy from the Melbourne Museum, who taught them how to think like palaeontologists. She was very impressed with our students song *I'm a Palaeontologist* – which they learnt from Mr. Halliwell from the MARC Van. The students got to assemble a very large dinosaur leg and then came face-to-face with the ginormous head of a Tarbosaurus. The kids also loved looking at the smaller fossils and playing with the fossilised dinosaur poo – eww!

They had dinosaur poop and you got to hold it – Jake

The bones were huuuuge! – Jackson

We got to hear the story of the triceratops and pick what colour we thought his skin might be - Charli

Thanks to Boolarra Kinder for inviting us.



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://emergencyvic.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 8 Term 3 Callen</p> <p>For showing aspiration in all class activities. You actively engage in your learning.</p>		<p>Week 9 Term 3 Whole Class 3/4/5/6</p> <p>For the engagement they showed during the Sovereign Hill Camp.</p>	
<p>Week 8 Term 3 Gewalin</p> <p>For always paying attention to instructions and completing her work to a high standard. In this way Gewalin demonstrates the values of Responsibility and Aspiration.</p>		<p>Week 9 Term 3 Leon</p> <p>For developing his stamina during work time and is able to stay on task longer and complete his work more easily. He has also been working independently on the floor during Math Review, which is a great achievement Well done!</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 **Billie**



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

September birthdays:

Logan **Nate** **Callen**

Thank You

Maths Achievement Awards

Week 8 Term 3

Logan



Week 9 Term 3

Sophia



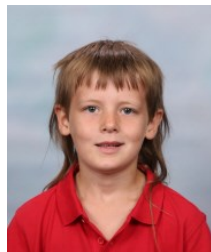
Week 8 Term 3

Zed



Week 9 Term 3

Jake



- ◆ To all our families who completed the parent and guardian survey.
- ◆ To Malcolm for his time working with the review panel.

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 new uEducateUS App.

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

[Installing uEducateUs Mobile \(cloudinary.com\)](https://cloudinary.com)

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



Community News



Mid V free holiday fun!

WEEK ONE

Captain Twist Magic Shows
Monday 18th to Friday 22nd September
Two shows daily at 11am & 1pm, located near Cotton On Mega
Captain Twist is bringing pirate mischief and magic to Mid Valley!
Watch amazing magic tricks and disappearing acts live on stage.
Plus, meet his friend Cooky the Cocky for more interactive fun and laughter!
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED. MOST SUITABLE FOR AGES 4 TO 13 YEARS. PARENTAL SUPERVISION REQUIRED.

Catch a movie at Village Cinemas this school holidays!

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SHOPPING CENTRE

Mid V free holiday fun!

WEEK TWO

Footy Handball Competition
Monday 25th to Friday 29th September
Game sessions at 11am, 12pm & 1pm, located near Cotton On Mega
Join in Mid V's AFL footy handball competition
with lots of AFL footy merchandise prizes up for grabs!
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SHOPPING CENTRE

Spend a relaxing weekend wandering through the studios of Latrobe Valley artists and galleries while they show and demonstrate their artistic talent; 10am – 4pm both days.

Open Studios Latrobe

Save the Date

21st & 22nd October 2023

MORTZ inc

Find 'Open Studios Latrobe' on Facebook and Instagram



Mirboo North
Secondary College

Two days
packed full
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



YOU'RE INVITED

AFL Victoria would like to invite you to participate in
our 2023 NAB AFL Auskick Carnival! A one day
introduction event into Junior Football.

Morwell Recreation Reserve Synthetic Grass

Friday 8th September

5.00pm - 7.00pm



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

GIPPSLAND PERFORMING
ARTS CENTRE

**LIVE THEATRE
LIVES HERE**

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

A Weekend of Drama

22 - 24 September 2023

A Weekend of Drama

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	Sticks Stones Broken Bones - Bunk Puppets Little Theatre
	2:15 PM	Workshop: Shadow Puppets from Junk - Bunk Puppets Town Hall Theatre
	7:00 PM	An Evening of Monologues GPAC Foyer