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**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

**YEAR 7/8 TRANSITION DAYS  
5<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**PRESENTATION NIGHT 7PM  
MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**BCDS FORMAL  
WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**BCDS ACTIVITIES DAY  
THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**SUPER 8S CRICKET  
THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**YEAR 7 – 12 SWIMMING POOL  
FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**EARLY DISMISSAL 2:20  
FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**NOTES SENT HOME**

**2017 CONSENTS/ PERMISSIONS**



# Newsletter

## Term 4 Week 8 2016

### From the Principal

Meant for last week's newsletter was the link to the parent opinion survey (you may have seen it on the school's Facebook page!) please use this link to access the survey <https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/8wx4XRvY> Thank you for taking the time to complete this and please note it closes Friday 16th December.

We have community members who have been working hard behind the scenes baking, gathering and putting together items for the Christmas themed fundraising table being held the night of Presentation Night. The funds raised on the night are destined for Variety SA. Earlier this year Variety SA kindly supplied and fitted seatbelts to our Sunshine Coach, it would be great if you could help by both contributing to the table and buying items! Thank you in anticipation.



The other idea for the night and to make it easier for parents was to hold a sausage sizzle however as we have had very few families respond to the Facebook item the sausage sizzle has officially fizzled!

Monday we welcomed our new Reception students, year 7 and 8 students to transition. Each class is undertaking 2017 curriculum this week and will again for part of next week. During the assembly Monday morning four year 12 students addressed the student body with reasons why they would make a great SRC President. All four students; Meg Jarvis, Claire Pilmore, Kyle Blesing and Matthew Stringer are to be congratulated on their speeches. All spoke with confidence and with convincing arguments, touching on how each of them connects to the school values and motto. Students voted during the home group that followed. And with the count in and announcement yesterday, we can congratulate Meg Jarvis and Kyle Blesing for becoming 2017 SRC Presidents. Now for year level speeches by nominated students and voting this Friday; to be inclusive again of our new students.

For several weeks this newsletter has contained an invitation to our Presentation Night. You are welcome to attend the event which begins at 7pm. We ask for students who will be receiving awards or making



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presentations to be dressed in school uniform. If you are looking for a few Christmas items, come a little earlier and partake of the Trading Table! See you there.

Several events still to happen which makes next week busy for all: Student reports will be sent home; primary pool splash event Thursday, secondary pool event Friday, School Formal and of course Presentation Night.

The Formal begins at 7.30pm with the expectation that students have entered the Civic Centre prior to this with the doors closing at 7.30pm. Students will not be allowed to access the outside of the Civic Centre once the Formal has begun until closing time when parents pick up. Should there be inappropriate behaviour parents will be contacted for the student to be removed.

#### End of Year Results

Year 12 students can view end-of-year results in Students Online (SACE website) from 8.30 am, Tuesday 20 December 2016.

Official documentation is expected to arrive in the post on the same day.

Before December students can:

- Check their access by logging in to Students Online using their SACE registration number (6 digits followed by a letter) and PIN (4 digits)
- Check their postal address by selecting Personal information from the Account menu

**Jenny Stringer**

**Principal**

## Kindy and Rural Care

Yesterday the Kindy children visited the Magic Cave in Jamestown. We had a fantastic time looking at the beautiful Christmas displays and having a chat to Father Christmas. One child went back to have a second chat because he had forgotten to tell Santa what Mum wants for Christmas! We'll catch up with Dad and give him the heads up before the end of term...

The Transition program for the 2017 Kindy group concluded on Monday with a full day Kindy session. Parents are welcome to contact the centre at any time with any questions or concerns about starting Kindy.

The current Kindy children were excited to tell us about their visit to school on Monday. By all accounts they had a wonderful time at their first session (no tears!) and can't wait to start school.

The two-worker program on Wednesdays and Fridays is continuing in 2017. Please let us know about your care needs if you haven't already done so and encourage other families in the community to do so as well. If our waiting lists demonstrate sufficient demand, we may be able to request additional two-worker days.



## KINDY GRADUATION 2016

WHEN:	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December straight after Kindy from 3.15pm – 4.30pm
	Afternoon Tea 3.30pm
	Graduation 4pm
BRING:	A plate of afternoon tea to share
WHO:	Parents, siblings and grandparents are all welcome.

On Thursday parents of Kindy children will bring home a draft Statement of Learning (Kindy report). Please write a comment in the 'Parent Comment' box and send the report back to Kindy or email your comment by Tuesday so we can prepare a final copy. You are also encouraged to look through the report and let us know if you find any mistakes or things you think should be changed. A copy of the Statement of Learning will be also be given to your child's school.

**Alison Arthur**, *on behalf of Shona, Cathie, Karen, Liz, Elfie and Vanessa*

### Primary School

Last Friday we held an assembly to announce the 2017 Year 6 SRC representatives. Well done to all students who spoke and congratulations to Cooper Dawson and Mia Arthur for winning the position and to our vice SRC leaders Samuel Simpson and Jaden Carey.

Primary classes have transitioned smoothly into their 2016 classes with the kindy children attending Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are fortunate to retain all our primary staff for 2017 with Jenni Caldwell and Jane Crawford taking the Reception class, Marika Spielhagen in the 1/2 class, Paul Arthur in the 3/4 class and Tamara Schmidt in the 5/6 class. It has been great to see the enthusiasm of the children as they start in their new year level. A big thank you to all who were involved in ensuring that the 2017 transition was a success.

**A reminder that next Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December we will be having a casual clothes day with a gold coin donation to raise some money for 'Cracker Carols'. 2017 year 7's are also encouraged to wear casual clothes.**

Next Monday night is the whole school presentation night which will be held in the school gym starting at 7.00pm. All parents and community members are invited to attend. Primary children will be singing two Christmas carols on the night which they have been busy practising. Children will also be receiving Citizenship awards, Premiers Reading Challenge awards as well as the Year 6 graduation certificates. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Next Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> December the primary students will have their class parties at the Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool starting at 11.30. We will again have a sausage sizzle lunch with a fruit box and ice cream at a cost of \$5 per student. Students not involved in the sausage sizzle need to bring their own lunch.

**Tamara Schmidt**

**Primary Leader**

**Senior School**

### **Year 8/9 Mid North Tennis Carnival**

Last Tuesday eight students represented BCDS at the Mid North Tennis Tournament in Port Pirie. The girls and boys teams played against teams from Jamestown, Gladstone and Saint Marks. The students had a great day with the girls team coming second from seven teams and the boys coming fifth from six teams.

Students played some close sets against the opposition teams. Overall it was a great day out, with students challenging themselves in the doubles and singles games, playing against opponents new to them and having a good hit. Thanks to Bob Arthur, Katrina Kumnick and Mellissa Clarke for driving the students to Port Pirie and their support throughout the day.



### **Presentation Night**

Next Monday night is our annual Presentation Night. Invitations are being sent home to parents today of students who will be receiving an award. On Monday morning there will be a rehearsal for all year 12 students and award winners from 9am. There have been some great achievements this year and we look forward to recognising and celebrating these on Monday night. Please ensure students are wearing the correct school uniform.

There have been a few apprenticeships and traineeships, courses and workshops available to students over the past few weeks. The following are new opportunities, or are being readvertised.

- Are you interested in studying **medicine or dentistry**? Please check out the advertisement for UMAT preparation and support. The UMAT is an admission test for undergraduates in these fields. Students are advised to attend these free workshops for rural students.
- Are you interested in **metal fabrication/machining**? There is an opportunity for a full time apprenticeship with Heavy Mech. Please see Kathy Kupke for details.
- Are you interested in a **Certificate III in Business/Traineeship**? There is an opportunity for a School-Based Traineeship with the University of Adelaide next year. Please see me URGENTLY if you are interested.
- Kelly Engineering

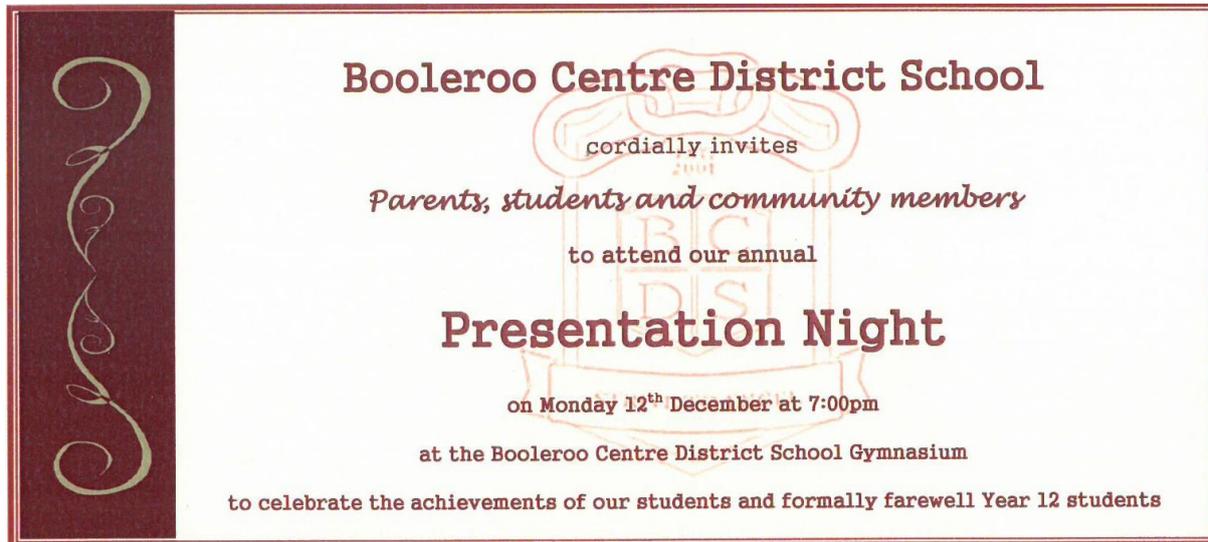
Please consider these career opportunities.

**Chloe Clarke, Leanne Opperman & Kathy Kupke, Senior Leaders**

## School News

### Maths in the 5/6 Class

To start the 2017 curriculum year off, the 5/6 class have been learning about BEDMAS. We did some examples in the classroom and then went outside. In partners we took turns writing down math equations and used BEDMAS to solve them appropriately. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the lesson and Miss Schmidt even heard a 'Ohh, is that the end of the Maths lesson?!'



## Community News

### GET YOUR BAKE ON FOR THE VARIETY CLUB

The "Christmas" themed trading table (at Presentation Night 12 December), in aid of the Variety Club, desperately needs your help to make it a success! We would gladly welcome your home baked treats - cakes, slices, biscuits! Doesn't have to be particularly Christmassy! If you can contribute from your kitchen, please ensure your goods don't require refrigeration and are labelled with the ingredients you have used. Please send your goods to school with your children or drop into the office on Monday 12th and we will organise it from there. **Let us know if you can help by texting either Donna Hall (0400 326 262) or Caitlin Polden (0456 866 565), giving us an indication of what it is you plan to donate.** If you can't donate, please come to the Presentation Night prepared to generously support the Variety Club by either buying some yummy goods and/or dropping a monetary donation in the tub on the table. If you can't make the Presentation Night event and would still like to donate money, please forward this to the school. Thanks in advance! Donna & Caitlin.

**HEAVYMECH**  
MACHINING AND GENERAL ENGINEERING

We are offering the opportunity to provide a four year apprenticeship as a Fitter and Machinist, culminating in the achievement of a Certificate III in Engineering (Mechanical Stream). The position being offered is at our heavy engineering jobbing workshop in Northfield, Adelaide. Applicants must be self-motivated with a positive attitude, and willing to take

instructions proactively. Strong mathematical skills and pre-vocational experience will be considered. Please forward applications along with your CV to [adelaide@heavymech.com.au](mailto:adelaide@heavymech.com.au).

For more information on our field please look at our website which gives a better view of the machining that we do in the engineering environment. [www.heavymech.com.au](http://www.heavymech.com.au)

### Don't miss out! VACSWIM enrolments closing soon!

**Registrations for SA Water's summer school holiday VACSWIM program are closing fast and families are reminded to book now before it's too late! Described as the best value-for-money holiday program with enrolment starting at \$30/child, VACSWIM provides children with the opportunity to develop skills and positive experiences in the areas of water safety, confidence and competence in the water, personal survival activities and basic aquatic emergency procedures. Enrolments close December 19 (which is very soon!). Don't miss out, visit [www.vacswimsa.com.au](http://www.vacswimsa.com.au) to register your child today!**

### Call for VACSWIM instructors

Are you an accredited swimming instructor? Are you available from 3-17 January? VACSWIM needs you! VACSWIM is seeking applications from eligible instructors for its regional water safety programs, running from 3-17 January. VACSWIM has been providing water awareness and skills to SA primary school children for more than 50 years, at more than 130 beach and pool locations statewide. And they can't do it without you! Find out more and sign up today at <http://www.vacswimsa.com.au/employment/>. All VACSWIM instructors must hold AUSTSWIM accreditation and a First Aid certificate, as well as DSCI clearance, Child Safe Environments certificate and Child Related Employment Screening.



### medSPACE UMAT Preparation Support Program

Do you need to sit the UMAT?

Completing the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT) is a key requirement when applying for medicine or dentistry at university.

RDWA's medSPACE UMAT Preparation Support Program provides you with a free two-day workshop giving you an overview of the different pathways into university, information, tips and strategies for approaching the UMAT questions, and an opportunity to sit a practice UMAT and receive feedback on your results.

Workshops for 2017 will be held:

**Whyalla** 10-11 January

**Adelaide** 13-14 January

**Mount Gambier** 17-18 January

In addition to the workshop, RDWA's medSPACE UMAT Preparation Support Program also provides you with access to an online distance learning package, including practice exams, guides and drills for you to work through and develop your UMAT performance.

If you are a South Australian student with a rural background needing to sit the UMAT in 2017 for admission to a university course, then this support may be for you.

**Register now at [www.ruraldoc.com.au/high-school-students](http://www.ruraldoc.com.au/high-school-students)  
Registrations close 9am on the day prior to each workshop.**

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