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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 9 2016

WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

DATES FOR THE DIARY

BCDS FORMAL
WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

BCDS ACTIVITIES DAY
THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER

SUPER 8S CRICKET
THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER

YEAR 7 – 12 SWIMMING POOL
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

EARLY DISMISSAL 2:20
FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

2017

TERM ONE BEGINS
MONDAY 30TH JANUARY 2017

The Staff at Booleroo Centre District School would like to wish all students, parents and caregivers a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.



From the Principal

This last week of school has been momentous in several ways. We have held our Presentation Night, tonight is the school Formal and we farewell students and staff.

First to the Presentation Night: there are many people who put in a considerable amount of time and effort into an event such as this and whilst not mentioning everyone, there are a few standouts who need to be recognised; Chloe Clarke, Lisa Woolford, Rob Sanders, Kathy Kupke, Maureen Waters and Russell Glayde. I know all supported the event in some way, shape or form. Thank you for making the evening a success.

A special addition on the night was the trading table organised by parents. Pictured are Donna Hall, Jacqui Jones and Caitlyn Polden who ran the table to raise funds for Variety the Children's Charity. Variety the Children's Charity originally donated a bus to the school for us to get



students to events when we couldn't use DECD buses. This year Variety the Children's Charity then fitted the bus with seatbelts, again a sizeable donation. What a trading table it was! All families who contributed to it are to be congratulated as it displayed some mighty talent and flair and was unlike any other trading table I have ever seen. \$1015.60 was raised for Variety the Children's Charity. Well done.



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Child Development

Congratulations to all of the award winners for their work this year and being recognised Monday night at Presentation Night. Special thanks go to Luke Nottle as our guest speaker for letting us know how important it is to work at learning during school as there are real life instances where we need to use it! Special thanks also to Samantha Stevens as our guest speaker for sharing with us that the key to many doorways is SACE through challenges and planning. I can see some more public speaking on your horizons....perhaps with some Pathway classes in 2017!

Thank you to the parents who have popped in orders for Dunstan and Rogers shirts, we need orders of 20 (or more) of each shirt type to place the orders and meet expenses. If you haven't placed an order on Qkr! yet but intend to purchase please do as soon as you can so we can get the order away. Thank you.

We thank and farewell our year 12 students and their families, wishing you all the best in life beyond school. We also thank and farewell staff; Danielle Evans, Brooke Gamlen, David Byrne, Isabella Meredith and Barry Zander. Special mention to Barry Zander as you know from an earlier newsletter DECD recognised his 47 years in education and with Barry retiring at the end of this year, I am sure you will join me in wishing him well. Barry came to BCDS in 2005 to complete his teaching journey in a country school. Barry intends to travel, so in the words of an old Irish Blessing:

'May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.'

Enjoy the school holidays with family and friends, travel safely and we will see you back on Monday 30th January 2017.

Jenny Stringer

Principal

Kindy and Rural Care

As the 2016 Kindy and Rural Care year draws to a close, it's time for some farewells...

To the 2016 Kindy group we say good bye and thank you for just being you! You are an amazing little group of learners and we are excited for you as you start a new chapter in your lives.





To the Arthur, Frick, Jones, Lee-Bruce, O'Callaghan, Roberts and Sims families, we thank you for being part of our community over the years (for some, many years)!

To our Kindy teachers, Shona Simpson and Cathie Bammann, we say thank you for being with us in 2016. You will be greatly missed by children and families for your skills, talents and expertise as teachers and by the staff for your companionship, work ethic and humour.

To Jasmin Lommann and Christina Callus we say good bye and good luck with your new adventures. Jasmin has accepted a full-time position at Port Pirie Children's Centre and Christina is taking on the role of Community Development Co-ordinator at Port Augusta Children's Service. Both Jasmin and Christina have been highly valued by children, families and staff for their contribution to our service on the two worker Rural Care days. In 2017 we welcome Stacy Martin (Wednesdays and Fridays) and Porzia Slattery (Wednesdays) to Booleroo Rural Care. We are still in the process of filling a Friday shift.

I am also saying good bye, but just for a little while! In Term 1 I will be taking on the role of Early Childhood Leader for the Pirie Portfolio. Kerry Thomas will be the Director at Booleroo Kindy and Rural Care and Melrose Rural Care while I am in the ECL position. We welcome Kerry as an experienced Preschool Director, most recently at Peterborough Preschool and Rural Care.

The last day for Rural Care is Wednesday 21st December and we will reopen on Monday 9th January.

Have a Merry Christmas and a happy, safe New Year!

Alison Arthur

on behalf of Shona, Cathie, Karen, Liz, Elfie and Vanessa

Primary School

Thank you to everybody who made our whole school presentation night a success. Primary students performed admirably and it was great to see so many families present. Congratulations to the following award recipients.

Primary Service Award: Bryce Winen

Student Incentive and Achievement Award: Britt Thomas

Citizenship Awards:

Reception – Zander Martin and Milla Roberts

Yr. 1 – Henley Smith and Henry Zwar

Yr.2 – Mikayla Garrard and Aidan Borgas

Yr.3 – Maxwell Polden and Scarlett Jones

Yr. 4 – Eliza Polden and Ava Bishop

Yr.5 – Tayla Sismey and Samuel Simpson

Yr. 6 – Britt Thomas and Tom Heaslip

BCDS are lucky to have committed staff and I would like to personally acknowledge the efforts of Jane Crawford and Jenni Caldwell who taught the R/1/2 class this year, Brooke Gamlen who taught in the 2/3/4 and 4/5/6 class and Marika Spielhagen who was responsible for the Year 4/5/6 class. We are extremely fortunate to have Tanya Crozier, Danielle Evans and Craig Roberts our trusty SSOs who has provided excellent support for our students this year and our Pastoral support Worker Trish Hooper who regularly visits our classes. Thanks also to Elaine Forrest for taking the students for library lessons and Toby Cocks for teaching in all the Primary classes in Paul's absence.

I would like to acknowledge all the volunteers who have helped in any way this year whether it be in the classroom, sports carnivals, excursions or camps. Thank you! Our school would not function effectively without the role each and every one of you performs. Finally, thankyou to the students at Booleroo District School; we are fortunate to have such wonderful kids who all follow our school values of Integrity, responsibility, resilience and respect. These qualities in our children ensure excellent learning is happening throughout our school and that all children are doing their best.

Due to weather the year 1-7's will not be visiting the pool tomorrow. Student's will remain at school and have activities within their classes. We will still have the sausage sizzle at school for 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.

Finally, I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday break and look forward to working with you all again in 2017.

Tamara Schmidt

Primary Leader

School News

OUR YEAR 12 GRADUATING STUDENTS 2016



**Congratulations to
Amy Vogelsang
2016 Student of the year**

**Year 7 – Year 12
Academic award winners**



**Year 7 – Year 12
Athletic award winners**



SRC Fundraiser – Cows for Cambodia

As you would be aware this year the SRC raised \$600 to donate to Cows for Cambodia by selling chocolate cows and holding a casual day. We were very fortunate that Susan and Kirby Eatts participated in Cosi's Cows for Cambodia trip in November. This meant we were able to see firsthand where the money donated by BCDS went. Susan has kindly shared some photos and highlights of the trip.

Susan's Report:

In November 2016 we participated in a hosted tour of Cambodia! Cows for Cambodia plan on running two or three of these trips each year now giving small groups capped at 30 a travel experience like no other. Each participant fundraises \$2,000 towards the charity and best of all we get to see where the money goes! We visited the best tourist destinations in Cambodia, were immersed in the village, Chambok Village, Roluos commune, Bakong district, Siem Reap province. About 16km from Siem Reap, where Cows for Cambodia is set up. We worked with the cows. Tagging, vaccinating and drenching them, while details of calves and cows were recorded. We did the same with the goats which are now also part of the charity. We visited the school and families. Provided meals to for the school students and took them on an excursion to Siem Reap museum.

Our tour group broke into five smaller groups to do the rice runs where we gave rice to families in poverty and helped to build a home for a family in poverty and set up an income path for them.

The rice run really was a fantastic day. So little can make such a difference. We were directed to this family by a lady in the village we were giving rice to as she said to give it to this family instead of her as they needed it more. They didn't have food to feed the children the night before. We gave the family 2 bags but also gave some to the lady who sent us to them.

The whole trip was amazing. The Cambodian people were lovely, friendly and so willing to help others.

I was so impressed with the "Cows for Cambodia" charity and the extent of its impact not only for the Cambodians but for all of us that get to see and participate in the charity. Cows for Cambodia not only gives the Cambodian people a "leg up" but also the opportunity to provide an ongoing way to educate and improve life for themselves and their families. The aim is that in 5 years the charity will be profitable and be able to run itself as an ongoing organisation.

A huge THANK YOU to the students, staff and school community of the Booloroo Centre District School.



The family who received the BCDS rice



Cosi showing Kirby where to inject one of the cows. Each trip to Cosi makes with 'Cows for Cambodia' the cows are checked as are the other stock and updates are recorded to keep track of progress, health and calves.

