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#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Senior School Swimming  
Carnival  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

MNSEC Swimming  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Year 8 Aquatics Camp  
22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February

Governing Council Meeting  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
7.30pm

Governing Council AGM  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
7.30pm

School Sports Day  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Young Leaders Day -  
Secondary  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017



## Newsletter

### Term 1 Week 3 2017

#### From the Principal

This Monday, 13th February was a 'Pupil Free Day'. All staff travelled to Peterborough to participate in a full day Training and Development, presented by Corwin Organisation. All school staff from within our Flinders Partnership – Booleroo Kindy, Melrose Primary, Wilmington K-7 Primary, Orreroo Area School, Peterborough Pre-School, Primary and High School will also be in attendance, with a significant amount of Flinders Partnership funds provided to begin our learning around 'Visible Learning'. The theme for the day was an introduction Visible Learning, which is incorporated in the Collaborative Impact Program. All staff will develop and understanding of:

- Key findings from Visible Learning Research
- Characteristics of visible learners
- Identify ways to demonstrate the progress of students
- Describe characteristics of inspired and passionate teachers
- The role of feedback and impact on learning
- Describe mind frames which can have a major impact of student achievement (links to growth Mindset)
- Connections and implications for our school

Whenever groups of people are part of an organisation, there are times when people are confused or frustrated about different events. At these times, people feel the need to share and vent their frustrations to others. We ask if you want something to change or you want more details about what is happening, then the best place to go who is responsible for example; class teacher, coordinator, senior leader or principal.

I encourage you to bring your questions or concerns to the school so that we can work with you to increase understanding or attempt to solve them with you. We work within a set of rules and guidelines that operate in all DECD sites and sometimes those rules determine our actions but we can at least explain this to you if you bring your concern to us.

Generally the best place to start is with the person responsible directly for a happening or event as they have the greatest knowledge about that area. For example, a class room based question is best answered by the class room teacher as they will know the background and the context in which your concern is based.

Please find enclosed with this newsletter a copy of the DECD "Raising a complaint with DECD".



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and  
Child Development

The primary students had beautiful weather on Tuesday for the swimming carnival; it was great to see everyone having a go! Many thanks to our volunteers who helped out on the day. What a fabulous job the staff did in getting the carnival organised and running it on the day. The rest of the staff and students are hoping for similar weather on Friday. Good luck to all.

Monday and Tuesday next week we welcome Liz Matheson and Sandy Richardson to BCDS for the External School Review.

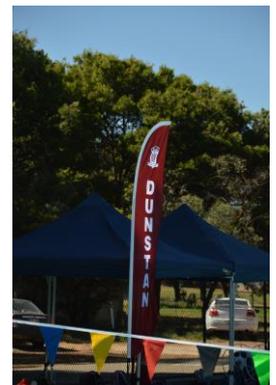
**Jenny Stringer**  
**Principal**

## Primary School

It was great to see all the students participating and enjoying their time in the water yesterday at our annual R-5 swimming carnival. Congratulations to Dunstan who ran out eventual winners 130 to Roger's 102. We were blessed with perfect weather this year for a change and it was again great to see the children being sun smart. A big thank you to Morgan McCallum and Meridee Groves for their efforts with the students over the past week of swimming and for their help at the carnival; also to Elizabeth Stringer who volunteered as our life guard. Thank you to the staff and parents who helped put up and pack up the shades, Noel and Greg for cooking the BBQ, Trish for looking after the canteen, a special mention to the Year 6 children for their various roles, Rob Sanders for delivering the BBQ, and Sarah Arthur for cleaning the change rooms; it is great to have such a reliable group of helpers.

Congratulations to students that were inducted into our Primary SRC and a special mention to Cooper Dawson and Mia Arthur who this year will be our Primary Leaders. This year our Primary SRC will be organised under the guidance of Miss Schmidt and will consist of:

- Yr. 6 – Mia Arthur, Jaden Carey, Cooper Dawson and Samuel Simpson
- Yr. 5 – Eliza Polden, Tess Jones, Chloe Frick and Carly Prosser
- Yr. 4 – Matilda van der Werf, Claire Sard, Isabelle Batchelor and Bayley Dodman
- Yr. 3 – Mikayla Garrard, Billy Martin, Dylan Frick and Caleb Prosser
- Yr. 2 – Jemma Groves, Paige Bishop, Ned Woolford and Henry Zwar
- Yr. 1 – Annie Garden, Olive Smith, Darcy Jones and Zander Martin
- Rec - Elsa Cocks, Elise Frick, William Bishop and Clancy Jones



We are now in the process of organising our combined Sports Day with Wilmington and Melrose. This will be held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March at BCDS. A detailed programme of the day will be sent home in the near future.

**Paul Arthur**  
**Primary Leader**

## Senior School

Even though last week it was over 40 degrees the year 12's happily modelled their new school jumpers. Well done to Matthew Stringer for organising and designing the Year 12 jumpers.

The Year 8 students are getting excited for their camp next week to Port Vincent, hopefully they have nice weather for aquatic activities.

The school is running another shearing school and the interest from high school students at BCDS and around the district and community members has been great.

Therefore we are looking for a **kind farmer who would be willing to lend the school 200-250 sheep** to shear for the course. The course will be run during Week 10, **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of April**. For more information please contact Chloe Clarke at the school. Your help and generosity would be greatly appreciated! Without sheep we can't run the course.

The weather is looking good for tomorrow's swimming carnival, house captains have been busy making events cards and ensuring all events are filled. Good luck to both teams!

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

## Community News

SRC will be having a BBQ lunch at the swimming carnival, BBQ volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Steak & salad - \$5	Snag & salad - \$4
Two snags & salad - \$5	Steak - \$3.50
Snag - \$2	Salad - \$2

### RI Lessons

Any Catholic families who would like their children to receive Religious Instruction, please contact Mary Bartlett on 0418 983 671. Lessons are held twice a term after school (3.30 – 4.30) at the Presbytery in Booleroo, next lesson Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like your child to receive the sacraments, please contact Mary ASAP. Thanks.

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## **Southern Flinders Tigers Football Club** **Colts AGM**

The AGM will be held:

**On:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

**Time:** 8pm

**Location:** Laura Clubrooms

All parents are urged to attend.

BMWNC welcomes all new and old players to the 2017 trials and training. Trial 1: March Sunday 5th  
- Trial 2: March Thursday 9th  
- Squads: March Thursday 16th  
- Squads: March Thursday 23rd  
- Teams: March Thursday 30th, April Thursday 6th, April Wednesday 12th (Easter), April Thursday 20th

Primary years (Yr 4-7): 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Yr 8-10: 5.30pm-6.30pm  
Yr 11,12 and Seniors: 6.30pm-8.00pm  
Minis and sub-minis: Training starts 16th March  
(details of ages invited to these trainings to follow)

Free parenting seminar  
The mysterious world of teens:  
survival tips for parents



Are you the parent of a teen or pre-teen?  
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Find out:

- what's going on in your child's brain
- what it means to be a teenager in a digital world
- how best to communicate and what to do when things get tough
- what parenting style works best.

Wednesday 22 March

When: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Where: Riverbank Room  
Adelaide Convention Centre  
North Terrace, Adelaide

Presented by Kirillie Smout, an Adelaide psychologist working with children, teens and their parents

Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>  
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*This seminar is designed for an adult audience.*



# SHEARING COURSE

Booleroo Centre

April 3rd to 7th, 2017

**Course type:** Beginner  
**Instructor:** Greg Pittaway, TAFE SA  
**Where:** PRTTC - Booleroo District School shearing shed facility.  
**Fee:** Free  
**Eligibility:** Available to School age (16+) and Adults.  
**Register:** Limited places are available, so please register your name & contact details with your High School.  
Or contact Chloe Clarke  
Booleroo Centre District School  
[Chloe.clarke867@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Chloe.clarke867@schools.sa.edu.au)  
0886 672 124  
By Friday 3rd March 2017



This course is a joint initiative of TAFE SA, The Pichi Richi Trade Training Centre and the South Australian Government's Skills for All in Regions program.



Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner

## Keeping an eye on screen time

Are your kids constantly glued to a screen? Where do you draw the line to keep screen time in check? This quick guide can help parents manage screen time.

### What is screen time?

Screen time is the amount of time spent watching a screen or electronic media for entertainment. It includes:

- Watching TV
- Watching videos on tablets, phones
- Using apps, video or entertainment on computers and mobile phones
- Playing games on computers and mobile phones
- Texting

Screen time does not include time spent on educational activities, such as for school work.

### What is the right amount of screen time?

We know parents are time-pressed, dealing with work and other life pressures, so screen time can be an easy alternative for keeping kids occupied. But what is recommended?

Health experts suggest these screen time limits:

Age 0-2	No Screen time	Age 2-5	Less than 1 hour per day	Age 6-17	Less than 2 hours per day
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Source: Australian Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines

### Is too much screen time a risk?

It is important that parents help their children enjoy a mix of entertainment and social activities. Excessive screen time may lead to problems such as:

- Increased risk of obesity
- Sleep difficulties
- Poor performance at school

### But not all screen time is bad

Screens are a part of family life and when used in moderation can offer positive benefits, like:

- Enhancing learning experiences
- Facilitating social interaction
- Improving motor skills, coordination, literacy and numeracy

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## 8 tips to keep on top of your child's screen time

- Lead by example - reduce your own screen time.
- Plan screen-free time, like outdoor play, music and sport.
- Agree on daily screen time limits. It's not punishment, it's about keeping a balance.
- Be involved - watch TV and play games together.
- Start with small reductions to help lessen any resistance.
- Use tech tools to manage access, such as parental controls.
- Resist giving mobile devices to children when going out - take books or toys instead.
- Set tech-free zones and times at home - e.g. all screens off in bedrooms after a specified time.

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