



# Booleroo Centre District School

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## Newsletter Term 1 Week 1

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**  
THURSDAY 31ST January 2019

### Governing Council

Meeting

Monday 11th Feb

7.30pm

### Reception to Year 10

Information Night

Monday 4th Feb

5.30pm

Sausage Sizzle

### R-6 Swimming

Monday 4th to Friday 8th  
February

### Elevate Seminar Yrs 10 & 12

Wednesday 6th February  
10.30am at Gladstone High School

### ID Photos Yrs 7-12

Friday 8th February from 9.00am

### SRC and House Leader's Induction

10am Wednesday 13th February  
In the Gymnasium

**EARLY CLOSURE DAY**  
**TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2.20PM**

**PUPIL FREE DAY**  
**FRIDAY 22ND FEBRUARY**

### Share the Positives:

SRC elections complete, congratulations to all who stood!

Welcome to the 2019 school year. It is always exciting to start a new school year, in welcoming new students and their families and catching up with familiar faces. Booleroo Centre District School offers many unique opportunities and I look forward to your ongoing support and involvement.

I want to take this opportunity to bring your attention to a couple of very important expectations for 2019. I am confident that in working together we can see a continued focus on teaching and learning, being committed to our students being the best that they can be.

*Attendance:* It is proven that high attendance positively correlates to high achievement. Therefore we ask for your ongoing support to ensure students are in attendance to actively participate in their learning.

*Uniform:* BCDS has a strong uniform culture approved by our Governing Council, this includes the wearing of broad brimmed hats during terms 1,2 and 4 and when the UV rating is above 3. The wearing of the school uniform is a symbol of pride and demonstrates a sense of belonging, equity and is inclusive for all.

*Mobile Phones:* Our core business is maximising learning opportunities for our students and to ensure minimal distractions and diminish opportunity for bullying/harassment using mobile phones. To this end our policy asks students not to use their phones during recess and lunch and to ask teachers during lesson time to use (for calculator, taking a photo of their work). A great article to read that makes you think: <https://www.waituntil8th.org/blog/2018/11/12/middle-school-misfortunes-then-and-now-one-teachers-take>

We welcome Mrs Merridy Rokobaro to the 2/3/4 class and Ms Emma Branson & Mrs Penny McCulloch to the 5/6 class for 2019. We welcome back Leanne Opperman to the leadership team and Chloe Clarke to the teaching team. Special welcome to our new Reception, year 8 students and families.



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We have our SRC and House Leader Induction on Wednesday 13th February at 10am, Early Closure on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February for Flinders Partnership staff meeting and Student Free Days on 22<sup>nd</sup> February and 29<sup>th</sup> March.

SRC elections are complete, with the House Leaders to be elected early next week after our year 12's return from their aquatics camp.

**Jenny Stringer,**  
**Principal**

## SRC News

Congratulations to:

Presidents: Minnesota Cheriton & Zara Whellum;

Yr 12 Liam Bastian & Tara Kumnick;

Yr 11 Tess Jarvis & Sonia Zanker;

Yr 10 Leticia Sismey & Hunter Cheriton;

Yr 9 Talia Mitchell & Kayla Linke;

Yr 7/8A Alice Rees & Jaden Carey;

Yr 7/8B Colby Peacock & Sophie Orrock; Yr 6 Harrison Roocke, Izzy Dawson, Danielle Heaslip & Eve Sun-Dudley;

Yr 5 Billy Martin, Mikayla Garrard, Caleb Prosser & Zali Reed;

Yr 4 Ned Woolford, Henry Zwar, Jemma Groves & Olivia Roocke;

Yr 3 Annie Garden, Geoffery Garden, Darcy Jones & Olive Smith;

Yr 2 Eddie Piggott, Henry Piggott, Ty Roberts & Stella Roocke;

Yr 1 Lily Arthur, Elly Dawson & Peter Liversidge (one to come!)

Rec Deshae Adams, Frankie Arthur, Matisse Arthur, Wyatt Clarke

## Kindy News

Welcome everyone to Kindy and Rural Care for 2019. We had a great first day of kindy exploring our new surrounding with lots of new things to discover. The term already looks busy with visits to the pool and Mount View Homes, practise for sports day and a nature play excursion to Melrose.



## Kindy and Rural Care Staff

## Primary News

Welcome to the 2019 school year. We trust everyone had a nice holiday. We have had a positive start to the school year in the primary classes with all students settling quickly and working cooperatively. This year we have started with three primary classes. Ms Caldwell and Ms Crawford will teach the R/1/2 class, Mrs Rokobaro is responsible for the 2/3/4 class and I will teach the 5/6 class with Ms McCulloch.

Congratulations to Harrison and Izzy who have been voted in as our Primary Leaders for 2019 and to Eve and Danielle who are the vice leaders. Leaders will be attending the Young Leaders Day in Adelaide later in the term.

Swimming lessons will start next week on Monday 4th of February for primary students and continue for the week with the **R-5 Swimming Carnival** scheduled for **Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February in week 3**. Our swimming instructors this year will be Morgan McCallum and Meridee Groves. With the weather heating up it is important for children to have plenty of water, sunscreen and a rashie when swimming. We have programmed lessons early in the day with the Reception class starting at 10.00am to avoid the afternoon heat. The R-5 swimming carnival will start at 9.30am and run until around 1.30pm with a program of events to be sent home towards the end of next week.

**Parent Information Night** is next **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of February** from 5:30pm. This is a great opportunity for families to visit their child's classroom and hear about class routines, curriculum expectations and the great things happening for the term. The following timetable has been set for the night with **Reception/1/2 class starting at 5:30pm, Year 2/3/4 class at 5:50pm, Year 5/6 class at 6:10pm**. I look forward to meeting parents on the evening.

**Emma Branson**  
R-6 Primary Coordinator

## Secondary News

Welcome back to 2019! We welcome new students to our school, particularly those in the Year 7/8 classes. The students have settled in really well and we are very excited about the year ahead. Best wishes to everyone for a fulfilling and successful year.

### Information Night

On Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> there is an information evening planned. There is an article in this newsletter. We would love to meet parents of Year 7-10 classes in an informal way around the barbecue after the scheduled meetings. If you didn't get a note, could you please request one from your child's homegroup teacher. It is important you let us know if you are coming along for catering purposes.

### Elevate Seminars

On Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February the Year 10 and Year 12 students will be attending Elevate workshops at Gladstone High School. The purpose of these workshops is to strengthen a student's study skills and prepare them for their respective SACE journeys. A letter will come home on Friday with the final details.

### Subject Changes

At this stage, most students have a settled study pattern and are well underway with their studies. The Stage 2 Physical Education students are on their annual PE camp with their teacher, Mr Alby Nicholls. Students are advised that Monday is the cut-off date for any change of subjects.

### Vocational Education and Training (VET)

There are quite a few students undertaking their SACE using VET options. It is hoped by Tuesday of Week 2 that we have contacted providers and students have an idea of their study plans. There are a range of learning options available to students. If you are interested in any of these options, please contact Kathy at school (86672124).

**Kathy Kupke,**  
7-12 Secondary Coordinator

## School News

### Staff Skills



Did you know that we have a Whole School Literacy Agreement? And that an important part of that is our commitment to the Jolly Phonics and Grammar Program in our primary classes?

Just before school returned, the vast majority of our primary teachers, SSOs and some middle school staff participated in a day of training to **refresh** our understanding, **re-energise** our enthusiasm, and **strengthen** our capacity to extend the spelling and grammar program into the upper primary years.

The course was presented by a trainer from SPELD SA (The Specific Learning Difficulties Centre of Australia). Based on research, SPELD believes three factors make a significant difference to student's reading and spelling achievement:

- The type of program
- The amount of time spent actively learning synthetic phonics
- A belief that each child can learn to read

SPELD identifies and supports Jolly Phonics as an 'introductory reading program that includes these three factors taught in fun, multisensory lessons'.

For more information check out <https://www.speld-sa.org.au/> and [www.jollylearning.co.uk/jolly-phonics/](http://www.jollylearning.co.uk/jolly-phonics/). If you have any questions about how the program is being implemented in your child's class, please contact their teacher or myself.

**Kate Seidel – Student Wellbeing and Support Leader**

## Years 6-12 Health & Physical Education – Carnival Dates 2019

The Term 1 sporting calendar is filling up very quickly with the following dates:

BCDS Swimming Carnival - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February (week 3)

MNSEC Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February (week 4) – Booleroo Pool (5.00pm for a 5.30pm start)

BCDS Athletics Carnival – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March (week 6)

MNSEC Athletics Carnival – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March (week 8) at Jamestown Community School

From the BCDS swimming and athletics carnivals, a Booleroo representative team will be selected to participate in the MNSEC (Mid North Secondary Education Cooperative) carnivals.

Swimming will take place for Years 7-10 students during their Health & Physical Education lessons during weeks 2 & 3. Students must have returned their swimming and aquatic consent form and bring their bathers, rash shirt, towel, sunscreen, hat and water bottle.

Students are required to wear a wide brimmed hat during all Health & Physical Education lessons that are scheduled outdoors. There is some sunscreen provided in the school gym; however, it is highly recommended that students have their own supply of sunscreen in their bags/lockers that they can access and apply prior to outdoor practical lessons throughout the year.

We encourage students to change into an appropriate collared shirt for practical lessons and change straight back into their school uniform at the conclusion of the lesson. Please note that aerosol deodorant is harmful to students with asthma and is therefore, not allowed at school. Roll on deodorant should be used.

**Albert Nicholls, Chloe Clarke & Kate Fitzgerald (PE Faculty)**

### **R -12 Student and Parent Information Evening— Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February (A letter went home with all students this week)**

We are offering Parent Information Sessions for our classes from Years R-10 on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at the times listed below. It is intended that we provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teachers and to have a common understanding of classroom expectations, routines and subject related information.

This is a great opportunity for parents to visit classrooms and discuss various aspects of classroom routines and curriculum. Teachers will be discussing term overviews, classroom rules and routines, homework expectations, curriculum topics and assessment. Each class will hold separate information sessions for parents to accommodate families with children in more than one class.

There will be a sausage sizzle from 6.30pm on the Middle School lawns and families are invited to attend. Please list how many sausages will be required for your family, so that we can order these soon.

The session times are as follows:

<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>R/1/2 class with Jane Crawford and Jenni Caldwell</b>	<b>Room 1403</b>
<b>5.50pm</b>	<b>2/3/4 class with Merridy Jamieson-Rokobaro and Jane Crawford</b>	<b>Room 1401</b>
<b>6.10pm</b>	<b>4/5/6 class with Emma Branson, Penny McCulloch and Chloe Clarke</b>	<b>Room 2004</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>7/8A &amp; 78B classes with Kate Fitzgerald, Kirby Chapman, Kate Seidel (homegroup teachers) and subject teachers giving a brief outline of courses</b>	<b>Room 2104</b>
<b>6.50pm</b>	<b>9 &amp; 10 classes with Alby Nicholls, Kathy Kupke, Anthony Edgcumbe (homegroup teachers) and subject teachers giving a brief outline of courses</b>	<b>Room 2001</b>

**Please note these information sessions are general in nature and if you would like to discuss personal issues regarding your child, we advise you make a separate time to do this. Parent / teacher interviews will be held later in term 1 (week 9) or you could contact the school to make an alternative time with your child's class teacher.**

We look forward to meeting families on the night.