



# Booleroo Centre District School

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## Newsletter Term 1 Week 3

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**  
**THURSDAY**  
**11TH FEBRUARY 2021**

[Secondary Swimming Carnival](#)

Friday 12th February

[MNSEC Swimming Carnival](#)

Tuesday 16th February 5pm

[Primary Acquaintance Night](#)

Tuesday 16th February

[Year 8 Camp](#)

Wed 17th–Friday 19th  
February

[Flinders Mobile Library](#)

Friday 19th February

[Sapsasa Swimming Carnival](#)

[Adelaide](#)

Friday 26th February

[BCDS Sports Day](#)

Friday 5th March

[Adelaide Cup Holiday](#)

**Monday 8th March**

[Governing Council AGM](#)

Monday 15th March 7:00pm

[MNSEC Athletics Years 6-12](#)

Tuesday 16th March

[GRIP Leadership](#)

Friday 19th March

[National Ride to School Day](#)

Friday 19th March

[National Day against Bullying  
and Violence](#)

Friday 19th March

### Principal News

Hello Parents and Carers,

#### Governing Council (AGM)

The Governing Council (GC) will have its **AGM at 7.00pm on Monday 15th March** in the Library. The AGM is open to all parents/carers/community members to attend. Annual reports from sub-committees, SRC, Finance, Kindy and Principal will be presented. And as there will be a few vacancies on the GC, an election will also take place. Being on the Governing Council means you become very well informed about the governance, management, operations and educational direction of the school. Terms of office can be one-year or two. Once a councillor, you then become eligible for election to an executive role such as Chairperson, Treasurer or Minutes Secretary. Parents/carers are eligible for election. You can attend the meeting to be elected, or you can submit a self-nomination and have your intent brought forward by a returning officer on the night of the election. As our school community covers a large area of the Flinders, it is really important to have representation from all the towns and areas in our district. The 'tyranny of distance' need not be an issue for councillors because there have been numerous occasions when we have had meetings online. We are now well set-up in the library to have you attend 'virtually' from your own home office, if that suits your lifestyle.

If you are at all interested in being a parent or community rep for any one of the GC's sub-committees, you can self-nominate as well. These include: Finance Committee, Fundraising Committee, Uniform Committee, Bus Committee and the Agriculture, Grounds/Building and Sustainability Committee.

- Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged with the Returning Officer (the Principal) by 12:30pm on Monday the 15th of March.
- The ballot will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday the 15th of March.

#### Parent Acquaintance Night (s)

Thank you to the handful of parents who attended the Parent Acquaintance Night (**Secondary**). Each of the teachers of the Year 7-10 students were able to provide a bit of background about themselves, an overview of the content they are starting the year with, the expectations of students and the means of communication between school and home. All of this underpins preparedness for learning, which in turn, increases the potential for success.

The Parent Acquaintance Night (**Primary**) will occur next Tuesday 16th Feb after school. We hope to see as many parents as can make it to the Primary sessions.

It is especially exciting to also invite parents to a **FREE** session on "**The Science of Reading**" which will be provided by Louise Hanrahan (our literacy coach) in the Library at 2.20pm on the same day as the Parent Acquaintance sessions.

#### Swimming Carnival (s)

Not only were we blessed with lovely weather, but a terrific turnout of parents and spectators for the Reception –Year 5 Swimming Carnival this week. A BIG thank you to the volunteers who judged the place-getters, helped with the barbecue or served lunch. The R-5 students were very well-behaved and organised.

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## Principal News (cont)

The Year 6 students also did an amazing job both in and out of the water. Some of our little ones required a bit of extra help or some encouraging words, and the Year 6 leaders did that so well.

The Secondary Swimming Carnival is tomorrow. We hope the weather is going to be kind, and that we get sufficient volunteers to support the day. If you have not yet volunteered for a job then please don't hesitate to contact Mr Nicholls. He'd be delighted to hear from you.

### Installing Irrigation

Our Primary 'green-space' will have an automated watering system installed during next week. This may restrict some of the normal play area for primary students. If this occurs, then they will have special permission to use the big oval.

### Admin Paint job

Some of the paint on window frames, posts, rails and ramp on the Admin Building is fretting, so we will have a painter here next week to touch those things up. This should not interfere at all with the usual foot-traffic to and from the office.

Hope your week is going well,  
Peter Blackburn | Principal

## Kindy News

Dear Families,

It has been great meeting many of you over the last couple of weeks. Thank you too, for your warm welcome! It's been a very busy and fun first three weeks of term... the Rural Care children found a Spotted Grass Frog on Friday! We have also had our first two playgroup mornings up and running on Wednesdays. The Kindy children have been learning the new routines as well as starting units of inquiry looking at Elmer the Elephant and All About Me and My Family. Check out the display board to see some very creative family portraits!



Parents, please check your child's bag for this week's Kindy and Rural Care newsletter. If you haven't done so already, please return your SeeSaw permission slip. If you need a new form, please ask staff. We're looking forward to having the app up and running for all families as soon as possible.

From the staff at Booleroo Kindy and Rural Care

## School News

### Sentral Parent & Student Portal

Previously the Sentral Management system has been largely used by teachers to assist in organisational matters of the school. This year we would like to extend the use of Sentral as a communication and organisational tool to help support parents in supporting their children through their learning. If you are a previous user of Sentral, your login details will remain the same and can be used to login into the App. If you are a new user you will be able to download and set up the App but will require a family or student access key to access your children's information. This family key has been provided to new families via students today. It is essential that at least 1 parent downloads the App and checks it on a regular basis, otherwise important communication may be missed. If you have any problems in logging in, please contact Leanne Opperman.

The current and continuing features are;

- Platform where past student academic reports can be accessed
- New academic reports can be accessed
- A term by term calendar of school events
- A messaging service between teachers, parents and students
- An avenue for parents to notify the school of absences, and for parents to check student attendance

The new features which will be implemented this year;

- Booking of school interviews
- School letters and documents to be uploaded for parents to view
- Continuous assessment – 7-12 (further outlined below)

## School News

### Continuous Assessment – Years 7-12

At last night's information meeting, we discussed the trial of the proposed continuous assessment model. You may have noticed notifications regarding tasks due for your child on your Sentral app. Please understand that there may be some unusual entries in the next couple of weeks as we adjust. We have a lot of learning to do! Thank you. We have had positive feedback from parents who are assisting with the trial and thank them for their support.

### Benefits of Continuous Assessment

We believe in the following benefits of continuous assessment:

- Assist students by providing feedback that is kept electronically for their reference
- Support all parents in accessing students' assessment pieces
- Enabling parents to support students in their learning
- Enabling teachers to work with parents to enhance student learning
- Provide accountability for students in submitting tasks by due dates
- Provide timely feedback and to increase value of comments on assessment pieces

### Timeline

- All teachers are encouraged to 'have a go' at creating a task in the next couple of weeks and students to 'have a go' at uploading tasks and respond to teacher feedback.
- The following table outlines our assessment procedures for 2021

### What will be different?

- The main difference will be a written comment will be applied to each individual task throughout the semester, rather than a more general comment at the end of the semester. We believe this feedback will be more valuable than an end of term comment which reflects a number of assessment tasks.

### Proposed Assessment and Reporting timeline

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
7-10 (Week 10) Student-Led Conference (Stoptlight assessment)	Written Report (A-E grade, effort & attitude assessment)	7-9 (Week 9) Student-Led Conference (Stoptlight assessment)  Year 10 Subject Counselling	Written Report (A-E grade, effort & attitude assessment)
Continuous Assessment (4-6 tasks)		Continuous Assessment (4-6 tasks)	
SACE - Years 11-12			
11-12 Stoptlights (Week 6)	11-12 Written Report (A-E grade, effort)	11-12 Stoptlights (Week 6)	Year 11 Written Report (A-E grade, effort) Year 12 SARs
Continuous Assessment (tasks as required by SACE Board)		Continuous Assessment (tasks as required by SACE Board)	

Any feedback around the use of the continuous assessment model to increase the effectiveness of its delivery would be appreciated.

Please contact Leanne or Kathy on 86672124 to discuss.

# From the Wellbeing Team:

### SLEEP FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

#### Why sleep is important?

When your child sleeps well, your child will be more settled, happy and ready for school the next day. Good-quality sleep helps your child concentrate, remember things, regulate emotions and behave well. This all helps your child learn well. Getting enough sleep also strengthens your child's immune system and reduces the risk of infection and illness.

#### Sleep: what children need

At 5-11 years, children need **9-11 hours sleep** a night.

Puberty affects children's sleep. Sleep for children around 12 years and older might mean going to bed and waking up later, but they still need plenty of good-quality sleep.

#### How to help children sleep well

A good night's sleep is about getting to sleep, staying asleep and getting enough good-quality sleep. A bedtime routine and relaxing before bed are two important strategies to promote good sleep.

**More information on sleep can be found at :** <https://raisingchildren.net.au/pre-teens/healthy-lifestyle/sleep/school-age-sleep>.

## Governing Council News

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL AND SUB COMMITTEES

An election is to be conducted for parent members of the Booleroo Centre District School Governing School Council.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged with the Returning Officer (the principal) by 12:30pm on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March.

The ballot will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday the 15th of March at 7pm.

The term of office is for up to a two year period.

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Please note:

*Any additional information or questions in relation to this process should be directed to the principal as returning officer.*

*No campaign literature supporting candidates or groups of candidates may be distributed or posted in the school and no school resources whether human or material may be used to support particular candidates or groups of candidates.*

## School News

### 6-12 Swimming Carnival Friday 12th February

The Senior Swimming Carnival prices for this Friday are as follows.

- Steak Sandwich - \$4
- Sausage - \$2
- 2 sausages and salad - \$4
- 1 sausage and salad - \$3
- Steak and salad - \$5
- Just salad - \$2

Drinks will be provided by the Booleroo Centre Pool Committee

We are all looking forward to a fun day on Friday and we hope to see you all there. The SRC

### Photos from SRC and House Leaders Induction Wednesday 10th February



SRC Leaders Leticia and Eliza



Rogers House Leaders



Senior SRC Reps



Junior Reps



Year 5/6 Leaders



## Community News

Its time to check if those uniforms still fit your daughters, Mums  
because its time....that's rights, after a year off the courts

**NETBALL IS BACK IN 2021 – yeah Ladies !!**



**SOUTHERN FLINDERS NETBALL CLUB**

Commence training for:

**I and J grade squad** (girls in year 6/7) 4:30pm

**G and H grade squad** (girls in years 8 -11) 5:30pm

**All SENIOR players** – 6:30pm

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> at Laura courts**

Any questions to

Kelly Zwar 0412 189 883 or

Bern Schmidt 0439 864 330

\*\*\* Subbies (yr 2/3) and Minis (yr 4/5 )

will begin early March, so keep an eye on our

Facebook page for start dates

*Southern Flinders Tigers Netball Club*

**SOUTHERN  
FLINDERS**



**FOOTBALL CLUB  
EST 2002**

**COLTS AGM**

**Monday 22nd February 7:30pm**

**Laura Football Club Rooms**

Parents of Colts Players are encouraged to attend to get our plans in place for the 2020 season.

Contact Ben Crawford 0429 624 010 for more information.

**HAVE A BLAST!**

**GIRLS ONLY (5-10 YO)**  
**COLOUR BLAST**  
Clare High School Oval  
Monday 1st March 4:30-7:30pm  
\$30  
Register @ [playcricket.com.au](https://playcricket.com.au) - search 5453

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