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Newsletter Term 2 Week 5

DATES FOR THE DIARY
THURSDAY
27TH MAY 2021

National Reconciliation Week
Monday 31st—Thursday June 3rd

Sapsasa Netball/Football
Year 6 students

Monday 31st May to
Wednesday 2nd June

Euphoria Year 11/12 English
Excursion

Tuesday 1st June

Sapsasa Netball/Football
Year 7 students

Wednesday June 2nd to
Friday 4th June

65 Roses Awareness
Assembly

Friday 28th May

World Environment Day
Friday 4th June

Sapsasa Cross Country
Thursday 10th June

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Monday 14th June

STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 15th June

Governing Council Meeting
Monday 21st June

SACE Information Evening
Monday 28th June

Principal News

Hello to all the members of our school community readership.

I wish I could somehow determine how big our newsletter audience is. I have always addressed parents and carers in my welcomes, but wonder how many other people actually read what we distribute.

The reason I raise this is because newsletters require a considerable amount of time and investment at our end. There are a minimum 4 staff in the chain of events that assemble our newsletter. Once upon a time a newsletter would have been the major source of school-related news in a community such as this. However, we now use Facebook, digital applications such as Seesaw and Sentral as well as the regular use of mobile phone messaging to share news and provide updates and reminders. If the newsletter was the only means of communication, we could justify it being a weekly event. Added to this, our school web-site, still under development, will also have news/events and a calendar for our readers. So in essence, we are communicating more, but our responsibilities are not diminishing: quite the opposite in fact. The best I can do is to write fortnightly. I have to maintain my productivity as a leader, so certain things need to be decreased to allow for optimum use of time at this end. It actually pains me to say that, but that is where we stand, for now. If you would like to have a say in this, please contact one our Governing councillors, or write to me in-confidence, so it might be raised at our next council meeting. Thanks for your anticipated understanding.

Student use of mobile phones and personal devices policy

The department's policy regarding student use of mobile phones and personal devices at school needs to be implemented before Term 3 commences.

Under the department's policy:

- primary aged students are not permitted to access their mobile phones and personal devices during the school day (unless they have an approved exemption as outlined in the policy)
- schools with secondary enrolments will make local decisions about how and when students will be permitted to access their mobile phones and personal devices during the school day (if at all).

This policy does not apply to devices brought to school under local bring your own device (BYOD) arrangements.

I will consult with the school community to make local decisions in line with the department's policy. There are various ways to consult with and receive feedback from students, staff and families, such as:

- governing council
- student representative council
- Surveys
- student brainstorming and research
- suggestion boxes
- interviews or more informal discussions.



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Principal News (cont)

There are many resources available for schools about e-crime, online bullying and cyber safety that you may wish to refer to when considering best-practice for our context and before you wish to weigh in on the discussion. These include:

- [Cyberbullying](#)
- [Cyber safety school resources](#)
- [Bullying Prevention Strategy](#)
- [Crime involving electronic evidence \(e-crime\)](#)
- [eSafety Commissioner](#)
- [Keeping safe: child protection curriculum](#)
- [Australian Curriculum](#)

External resources for parents

The Department for Social Services' Raising Children website contains written and video resources for parents about topics including role modelling positive behaviour with devices, children's responsible mobile phone use, managing screen time, cyberbullying and online safety; which are listed by age group:

- Children 5-8 years
- Pre-teens (9-11 years)
- Teens (12-18 years)

The e-Safety Commissioner's e-Safetyparents website contains resources and free webinars for parents on topics including online safety basics, how to use parental controls on devices, advice about popular social media sites and apps, and managing screen time.

Samples of research and literature include:

- [Impact of mobile digital devices in schools](#)
- [Review into the non-educational use of mobile devices in NSW schools](#)
- [Mobile phones in the classroom – what does the research say?](#)
- [Controlling smartphone use in schools](#)
- ["I don't think I would be where I am right now" – pupil perspectives on using mobile devices for learning](#)
- [The mere presence of your smartphone reduces brain power, study shows](#)
- [Australian students in a digital world](#)
- [Screen time and kids: what's happening in our homes?](#)

In summary, we need to implement a revised policy before Term 3 commences. As staff, we are acutely aware of the distractions caused by mobile phones. While leniency was granted during a period of time while our internet provision was dubious and unreliable, this no longer remains a valid argument. The school is undergoing remediation and already our internet provisions are vastly improved.

I look forward to seeing you at the Cyber safe presentation on 30th June so we can bring this all together throughout the remainder of term 2 to achieve a best-practice standard for our school.

Kind Regards, Peter

Kindy News

Dear Families,

Last Thursday, the Kindy visited Bundaleer Forest. We had a great time playing on the nature playground, going for a walk, and discovering the different sculptures. Overall, it was a great day had by all.

Families, if your child turns four before the 1st of May, then they can start preschool at the beginning of that year. If your child fits into this category for 2022, please get into contact with the Kindy on (08) 8667 2055 to register your interest. We look forward to hearing from you.

From the staff at Booleroo Kindy and Rural Care



**BUNDALEER FOREST
20TH MAY**



Senior School News

MNSEC Formal

On Friday 14th May, a group of year 11 and 12 students dressed up and attended the MNSEC Formal at the Orroroo Sporting Complex. They enjoyed a night of great dancing and good food; we would like to thank Orroroo Area School for hosting the event.

We believe that these social activities are beneficial and enjoyable for the students. It is a wonderful celebration of their senior years. They certainly looked fantastic as they dressed up for the event! Thank you to Mrs Bury and Mrs Sismey for transporting and supervising the students on the night.

Thank you to Meridee Groves who took amazing photographs of the evening. Printed photographs can be ordered through Meridee at:

merideegrovesphotography.shootproof.com/gallery/15049523



Industry and Education Partnership Forums

Find out how your business can influence and build your future workforce through a partnership with our local schools from the MNSEC group.

Vocational Pathway Advisors from the Department of Education (DfE) are hosting a range of meetings in our area. They will be discussing pathways for school students into entry-level employment at local businesses. They recognise local industry stakeholders, such as farmers, have the expertise to best prepare and support young people into local career pathways and employment.

There are evening and individual meetings to discuss the opportunities and requirements to build a future workforce in our local area. The individual meetings can be held at your workplace. An appointment is necessary for these. The larger events are held at the following locations and also require a RSVP:

- Peterborough – from 6.30pm The Junction Hotel (Wednesday 2nd June)
- Jamestown – from 6.30pm The Commercial Hotel (Tuesday 1st June)

Please contact Kathy at school to arrange an individual meeting or to attend the events in Jamestown or Peterborough (86672124) or for further information.

Careers Trip

During week 4, Year 10 students from Booleroo and Orroroo schools went to Adelaide for a Careers Exploration camp. We visited many sites during the week in response to the identified interests of the students. This was a valuable week and many student misconceptions about university and trade pathways were uncovered.

We would like to thank the following for sharing their expertise and giving us their time to understand some of the pathways we could pursue.

The businesses and organisations are:

- UniSA – Mawson Lakes Campus (STEM) and City East Campus (Health)
- PEER – plumbing, electrical, cabling and refrigeration trades
- CAVPOWER – servicing and repairing large machinery
- MTA – light and heavy automotive
- SAPOL – Police recruiting division
- ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE – hospitality and event management industries
- FLINDERS UNIVERSITY – A range of courses including archaeology, biology and sports science
- TONSLEY TAFE – Construction trades eg building, bricklaying, painting, refrigeration
- TONSLEY – Flinders University (STEM including app development)
- CIVIL TRAIN – careers in civil engineering
- REGENCY TAFE – shipbuilding careers including welding, food and hospitality
- PARLIAMENT HOUSE – careers in admin and politics
- DEFENCE Force – the careers in navy, army and air force

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As you can see, there were many opportunities for students to consider a range of careers. It was particularly interesting to hear of the capabilities students will need to pursue these careers. In particular, the importance of English and Mathematics was highlighted by both university and vocational pathway presenters. They also made mention of the personal and social capabilities a young person needs to develop to enter the workforce.

We also enjoyed some downtime by visiting Bounce and going for a round of ten-pin bowling before shopping in Marion. We stayed at Warradale Urban Camp School and there was plenty of space to enjoy games – both electronic and outdoors.

Thank you to Mr Duivestain for accompanying us on our camp and to Trish Wilson for driving the bus. We are grateful for your time and effort.

The students will share some of their thoughts in next week's newsletter.

Year 10 SACE Information Night

Students and parents are invited to an evening workshop on the SACE. The workshop will cover both subject and vocational education and training (VET) choices for students. A letter will be coming out in Week 6 highlighting the agenda for the evening.

Please note the date has been changed to Monday, June 28th.

It is an important workshop as it outlines the future years of schooling for the students. There are changes to the VET program, and these will be covered in this meeting.

Year 10 & 11 Work Experience

Letters outlining the process for arranging work experience have been sent out to Year 10 and 11 students. If students and their families have not received the letter and the accompanying forms, could you please contact Kathy at school (08 86672124). Thank you.

Kathy Kupke, Senior Coordinator

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Students in Year 9/10 Home Ec baked and decorated cupcakes and mini loaf cakes to sell as part of this year's Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. The focus of this task was for students to develop their skills in piping an icing of their choice. The cakes made included:

- *Orange Cupcakes with Swiss Meringue Buttercream
- *Carrot Cake Cupcakes with Cream Cheese Frosting
- *Lemon Mini Loaf Cakes with Swiss Meringue Buttercream
- *Mini Banana Loaf cakes with Cream Cheese Frosting
- *Lime and Coconut Mini Loaf Cakes with Swiss Meringue Buttercream
- *Apple Spice Cupcakes with Salted Caramel Frosting

A profit of \$150 was made and will be donated to the Cancer Council of Australia. Thank you to all who supported this great cause and well done to our students on their cake decorating skills.

Kate Fitzgerald, Year 9/10 Home Economics Teacher



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Statewide Netball

On Wednesday our Year 8-12 girls travelled to Port Pirie to take part in the Statewide Netball competition, with BCDS having three teams in the Year 8/9s, Year 10 and Open grades. The cold and wet conditions reminded the girls that netball is a winter sport! Despite the conditions, the girls had a great day out with Nic Carey's Year 10 team, which included some year 9s, being undefeated and moving into the next round. The Open girls, coached by Margo Sismey, were competitive but didn't quite get a win and the Year 8/9 team, made up of only year 8 girls and coached by Gayle Bury, lost two but had a win against Mid North Christian College.



Special thanks to Chloe Clarke for her organisation and umpiring and to parents Nic Carey, Meridee Groves and Brooke Orrock who generously volunteered to stand out in the rain to coach and umpire! Also thanks to Jacqui Jones for scoring. The girls had tired legs but smiling faces at day's end.

We wish the Year 10s luck in their next round!



65 Roses Awareness Day

Earlier in the year the SRC made decisions of what organizations to raise awareness for and collectively we made the choice that we would help raise awareness for Cystic Fibrosis through 65 roses. Friday, May the 28th is 65 roses day for cystic fibrosis. The term 65 roses comes from 1965, when an observant 4-year-old boy heard the name of his disease for the first time and pronounced it "65 Roses". This term is now used by young children all over the world with cystic fibrosis and is why the SRC are wearing paper roses on Friday. Although the term 65 Roses makes it easier for children to say the name of their disease it doesn't make it any easier to live with. SRC will be holding an assembly and making roses to raise awareness for this condition.

By raising awareness for this serious disease, we are actively supporting the families affected by cystic fibrosis. We hope that students and families will become more aware of cystic fibrosis, and take a moment to think about the families affected by the disease.

Leticia and Eliza

What is Cystic Fibrosis (CF)?



Cystic Fibrosis is a **genetic disorder** that occurs in Australia approximately **once in every 2,500 births**

Symptoms

- Thick mucus in respiratory system can cause repeated lung infection and permanent damage to lungs
- Mucus impairs the transfer of enzymes in the digestive system causing digestive related issues
- Lethargic or lack of energy
- Infertility in males
- Poor growth or weight gain



To be born with CF, **both parents need to carry the gene**, then there is a **1 in 4 chance** that a child will be born with the symptoms of CF.

Cystic Fibrosis is the **most common life limiting genetic disorder in Australia** at the moment, and there **is currently no cure**.



School News

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on Wednesday 30th June and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend.

ThinkUKnow Australia is an evidence based education program delivered nationally to prevent online child sexual exploitation. ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police, Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The program is delivered in collaboration with policing partners New South Wales Police Force, Northern Territory Police, Queensland Police, South Australia Police, Tasmania Police, Western Australia Police, as well as Neighbourhood Watch Australasia.

The presentation will be delivered by a local law enforcement member. The presentation is pro-technology and addresses topics including self-generated online child sexual exploitation material, online grooming, image-based abuse, sexual extortion, and importantly encourages help seeking behaviour.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about young people and the online environment, and how you can help them to be safe and responsible users of technology.

Please note that the presentation for parents, carers and educators is not suitable for children due to the nature of the topics discussed.

The presentation will run for approximately 60 minutes, with question time to follow. Light refreshments will available after the presentation. **If you would like to attend please RSVP by contacting the school on 86672124.**

Chloe Clarke – Wellbeing

For more information, you can visit www.thinkuknow.org.au

Industry & Education Partnership Forum

Bookings essential
...limited places

Grow your own local workforce!

Find out how your business can influence and build your future workforce through a partnership with a local school

Discussion topics include:

- ⇒ Industry & Employer Immersions
- ⇒ Flexible Industry Pathway Programs (FIPs)
- ⇒ Apprenticeships & Traineeships for School Students
- ⇒ VET for School Students Policy

Evening Sessions 6:30pm to 7:30pm:

1/6/21—The Commercial Hotel Jamestown

2/6/21—The Junction Hotel Peterborough

Or on these days one on one at your business between 8:30am and 4:30pm

To RSVP for one of the evening sessions please email: kathy.kupke820@schools.sa.edu.au

To book a one on one appointment at your business please contact: Kathy Kupke (08 86672124)

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Community News

The Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) is pleased to announce the 2021 High School Careers Evening, which will be held on Tuesday 8th June at 6:30pm AEST presented **Online via ZOOM**.

The goal of this event is to showcase a range of career opportunities in the health and medical sector to high school students in Years 9 to 12.

Please see attached flyer for further information.

Australian Society for Medical Research
Medical Research Week®
June 4th - June 11th 2021

Public, Political, Scientific Advocacy

High Schools Career Evening

Tuesday 8th June 2021
6:30 – 8:00pm AEST

Presented virtually via ZOOM

Are you interested in a career in a Health or Medical field?

Are you a Year 9 - 12 student?

Then come along to the ASMR High School Careers Evening and listen to exciting and informative presentations from trainees and professionals in the sector.

Please register [here](#)

Registrations are essential and close at 2pm 8th June

Please forward any queries to emily.colvin@sydney.edu.au

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