



# Booleroo Centre District School

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## Newsletter Term 3 Week 5

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**  
**THURSDAY**  
**19TH AUGUST 2021**

[Parent Cyber Safety](#)  
[Presentation 6:30pm](#)

Wednesday 30th  
June

*Postponed*

[National Science Week](#)  
Monday 16th–Friday 20th  
August

[Flinders Mobile Library](#)  
Friday 20th August

[Statewide Badminton](#)  
Friday 20th August

**[No Year 10 or](#)**  
**[Year 11 classes](#)**  
**Friday 20th August**

[Subject Counselling](#)  
[Year 10s and 11s](#)  
Friday 20th August  
Wednesday 25th August

[Year 11 Work Experience](#)  
Monday 23rd –Friday 27th  
August

[Bookweek](#)  
Monday 23rd –Friday 27th  
August

**[Student Free Day](#)**  
**Thursday 2nd**  
**September**

[Wheelenet visit R-Year 10](#)  
Friday 3rd September

[R U OK? Day](#)  
Thursday 9th September

### Principals News

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am aware that our newsletters keep making reference to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sadly, they are necessary. I just want to re-assure you though, staff at BCDS have been purposeful in preparing themselves to make the switch over to Flexible Learning. We have prepared two support documents: **'Flexible Learning'** (Staff & Family versions). These have both been endorsed by the BCDS Governing Council. The Family version is attached to this newsletter. You are encouraged to read and understand the document in preparation for the next lockdown, should it be necessary. If you have any issues or concerns, there are contact details throughout the document to direct your enquiry to. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

### Year 6/7 Transition to High School

It was delightful to be able to host a visit to our Science Expo by 19 students from Melrose PS and Wilmington PS. This is the beginning of a transition process that will incrementally increase as terms 3 & 4 unfold. The next anticipated visit from those students will enable them to join with our own Year 6/7 s in the Colour Run on Friday 17th Sept. Secondary staff and leaders were busy at this week's staff meeting putting together a transition calendar that will include a parent/carer info session, half and whole day attendances and quite possibly an excursion with an emphasis on team-building for success. More updates to follow.

### Friendly Reminders:

1. **Materials & Services Fees** need to be paid, if not paid already. If you are struggling to make ends meet, please contact one of our friendly finance officers: Maureen Waters or Jodie McCallum to negotiate an alternative such as an instalment plan.
2. **Student Free Day: Thursday 2-Sept**
3. **School Closure Day: Friday 10-Sept** Two weeks ago I notified you of a school closure day for The Royal Adelaide Show, pending approval. Approval was granted, and a notification appeared on the BCDS Facebook Page that day. It was same day the premier announced the cancellation of The Show. The most recent information from the Education Director's Office today is that ***pre-approved applications for a school closure day will still be honoured.***

### Swift Technology security notifications

Booleroo Centre District School now has a highly efficient internet filtering capacity that alerts senior staff of any inappropriate use of the internet. This means we have increased confidence in students browsing in a safe cyber-space. Please advise your child/ren that the search terms they use need to have a curriculum focus otherwise they will be invited to explain to staff what their intentions were. All alerts will be noted and if there is a continuation of inappropriate activity by any student, then parents/carers will be notified and certain digital privileges removed for a defined period of time.

### Parent Engagement Survey

The parent engagement survey is an annual, voluntary survey for parents and caregivers. It aims to gauge the level of parent engagement with our school.



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## Principal News (cont)

The 2021 parent survey is now open. Parents and caregivers of school-aged children and young people are invited to complete the survey, which takes less than 10 minutes. This survey gathers information from parents and schools across South Australia. It gives a broad picture of how parents engage with schools.

The department coordinates the survey centrally. This avoids adding administrative workload at our school.

### COMPLETING THE SURVEY

You would have received a unique link to complete the survey. If you did not receive a link, contact [education.parentsurvey@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.parentsurvey@sa.gov.au) and make reference to this school. You will be sent a fresh link to the survey. The survey will ask about how you perceive your child's school, including how well the school:

- supports your child's learning and wellbeing
- communicates with you and your child.

The survey closes Sunday 29 August.

### Bus Driver Vacancy

A school bus driver is required for regular service before and after school (during school term time). Please contact Peter Blackburn, the Principal, to discuss the role, requirements, availability, etc.

Have a busy, productive week!

**Peter Blackburn | Principal, BCDS**

## Kindy News

At Kindy and Rural Care, children have been enjoying the sunshine of late and making the most of it with lots of learning during outside play. We continue to enjoy story times and books and love the learning conversations and interest they generate. We are all excited about Book Week next week and the Book Week Parade.

Recently our Kindy children went on an excursion to Peterborough to visit Steam Town. We did a recount of the excursion, the following are some examples of the children's learning. The trains were old and run on steam and fuel, there was a piano in the train, there were bunk beds on the train and pretend people. The children learnt how mothers who lived far away could bring their babies to the train to see a nurse.

When we found Steam Town on google maps, the children excitedly recognised the turn table, the train track and the sheds with the trains inside. The children sang a song for their tour guide when asked and he responded by singing opera!

The visit to the nature playground was a new challenge as the children navigated and climbed their way around the playground, demonstrating dispositions of bravery and persistence.

### Quote

*"Your kids will remember the adventures you went on, not the stuff you bought them. Kids outgrow stuff, they never outgrow adventures."* (Unknown)

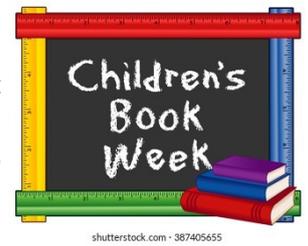
### The Kindy Team



## Junior School News

The Kindy—Year 6 students will be doing the Book Week Parade next Thursday 26th August from 10.30, visiting the Booleroo Hospital, Mount View Homes, the Men's Shed and the IGA. (Consent forms went home last week.) Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Parents and community members can wave as we go past!

**Jane Crawford on behalf of the Primary Team.**



## Senior School News

### Year 11 Work Experience

Work Experience is considered more than a requirement for a course at school. Work experience can be challenging to organise and while some students don't enjoy it, for others the benefits are significant.

Therefore, we have chosen to offer work experience to those year 11 students who appreciate the value of this scheduled time to:

- Experience work in a specific field and an opportunity to experience an employer/employee relationship
- Gain a deeper understanding of the implications and practical realities of what is involved in a specific field.
- Gain experience to strengthen their resume as employers are generally impressed by applicants with a breadth of work experience
- Ascertain the possibility of a school-based or full apprenticeship, or future work/work placements in this field.

Some students will be working on a modified program during the work experience week. Year 11 students have the opportunity to complete further work experience in week 8 of term 4.

### Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience is due back very shortly. A notification (as homework) and appropriate forms have been posted on the Sentral website for those students intending to do extra work experience or who have lost their original forms.

This needs to be organised quickly (by week 7) to maximise the potential of getting the right opportunities.

For Year 10 students, Work Experience is part of their curriculum.

### Student-Led Learning Conferences (SLLCs) – Years R-9

These meetings will be held in Week 10 and students are currently preparing their work in primary classes and secondary pathway lessons.

**Bookings for the SLLCs will open next week. Please check your Sentral app/Interviews to book at time to meet with your child's mentor teachers.**

### Subject Counselling – Year 10 & 11

There will be no classes on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> August for Year 10 and 11 students as we complete subject counselling for these students. There are currently bookings available tomorrow, 20<sup>th</sup> August and next Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August. It is important for students to attend and understand the options available to them.

### Events

We have had a few significant events over the past few weeks in the secondary school.

- The SRC have been very busy providing food for the soccer carnival and Science Week activities. This takes a great deal of organisation, led by our wonderful student leaders, Leticia and Eliza and their mentor teachers, Mrs Bury and Mrs Roocke. There were several students and staff who manned the barbecue and food stalls for much of the day. We thank them all for a wonderful team effort.
- The 5-a-side soccer carnival was held under sunny skies and the atmosphere was fantastic as students from several schools joined us for the day. There was a lot of activity on the oval and the planning of the day was superb. Thank you to Amanda Bowman for her organisation, but especially to Alby Nicholls who does a lot of behind-the-scenes setting up and Russell Glayde who prepared the oval into tip-top condition.
- Statewide events are always a highlight and our volleyball, netball, football, basketball and badminton teams always give us a great source of pride and represent us with great sportsmanship qualities. Some of these events have been held and some will be held in upcoming days and we look forward to seeing the results of their exploits.
- An epic celebration of all things scientific was held on Wednesday. It was spectacular as there were many, many scientific experiments conducted for our visiting students and primary classes. The atmosphere was literally electric and went off with a bang! Thank you to Mr Duivestain, Lenie McCallum and Lisa Stewart for the work they did in preparing the Year 7-9 students for their presentations.

## Senior School News (cont)

- It was excellent to have students and their teachers visit from other schools. We hope they enjoyed the science activities and lunch, and felt warmly welcomed into our school community. Thank you to Mr Blackburn for organising and Russell for driving the bus.
- This week is SSO week. The school would not function without the support these people provide to our learning programs, from Science to PE, Home Ec to classroom support, in the gardens, grounds, library and in the administration roles – thank you!

We are so fortunate to have staff to assist students in their learning journey – we greatly appreciate the work you do!

### Open Days

Students are encouraged to access the University Open Days which continue this weekend at campuses such as Mawson Lakes and next weekend (29<sup>th</sup> August) at Whyalla UniSA campus.

Students can utilise the on-line campus tours as well as attending in person. There is information available at school for students but each university website has a section dedicated to open days.

The benefit of attending is great as the presenters offer the most up-to-date information on the courses offered. This will assist students in planning their career pathway.

**Kathy Kupke, Senior Coordinator**

### Open Boys and Open Girls State-wide Volleyball 2021



On

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August we travelled to Adelaide in preparation to compete on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August in both the Open Boys and Open Girls State-wide Volleyball Competitions at the Mars Sporting Complex in Marden. Our boys team was lead by the experienced campaigners in Hunter Cheriton and Darcy Bastian. These two displayed some exceptional leadership skills and helped our boys team perform at a high level throughout the competition. Our girls team had less experience, but showed some excellent development and gained confidence in their abilities as the day went on.

Unfortunately, both teams were competing against the same schools at the same time and were unable to watch each other. The first match of the day proved to be the biggest challenge for both teams. The girls were competitive in the first set, but Concordia's depth of players with volleyball experience was too much to overcome. They defeated us convincingly in both the second and third set. This gave the girls a good taste of how high standard volleyball is played and they held their own throughout some rallies.

The boys put up a fight and pushed Concordia, but similar to the girls their previous experience and knowledge of the sport was difficult to overcome. The level of game-play was excellent and put the boys in a good position to challenge other teams throughout the day.

Cornerstone was the next school we played and both the boys and girls won their respective matches. The boys team had their match under control, taking out both sets. The girls were in a tight tussle having to play the final set after time had expired to win the third set 17 to 15 and claiming a narrow victory.

Our next opponent was Clare High School, the only other rural school in the competition with Quorn Area School having to withdraw in the week prior to the event. The girls confidence from the Cornerstone match was still running high and translated to a 2 sets to 1 win. Our boys were victorious, winning both of their sets, and were playing some great points.

## School News (cont)

St Francis de Sales were the final opponents for the day. The girls team played some good points and put themselves in a position to close out all 3 sets, but the plays did not go our way and they unfortunately could not secure a set, losing all 3 sets. It was a different story in the boys match, with them playing some exceptional volleyball with communication and teamwork on display throughout the majority of their rallies. This paid dividends with them winning both sets and the match.



It was a fantastic day out and both teams should be pleased with their efforts. We as a community should be proud of the standard of play our students were able to produce against some impressive competition. We were by far the smallest school attending this competition, with the other schools ranging from 600 students to over 1200 students. Each player / representative should be happy with what they achieved, especially considering the lack of opportunities to play the sport locally because many players we competed against were club level players.

Special thank you to Brooke Orrock who drove the bus and spent the night in Adelaide with us. Without parents like her willing to support events like this they simply would not happen. These experiences are invaluable to students and it is crucial we continue to provide these opportunities.

The manner in which both teams conducted themselves on the day was outstanding and the level of sportspersonship was amazing. Our teams may not have progressed to the finals this year, but they played very well and the development of each player was obvious as the day progressed.

The boys finished second with the Year 12s leading the way, but the youth in the team will put us in a good position for the years to come. Our girls had limited experience at this level and began to thrive in the competition, developing a better understanding of the level of play and skill level required to compete at this standard. They finished third in the competition.

There were many examples of how students developed and rose to the level of play, but Tayla Sismey played exceptional. At school she was an inconsistent server, but showed a high level of poise, making consecutive serves in crucial situations on several occasions. Both teams had players showcase blocking and some superb spiking. It is difficult to mention everyone, but you know the number focus from this events is to not necessarily win. More importantly it is about development and having fun along the way.

Well done everyone! You did BCDS and the wider community proud!

**Alby Nicholls**

**HPE Coordinator**



## Cyber Safety Parent Presentation

Unfortunately, the Cyber Safety Presentation, presented by SAPOL has been put on hold for the time being as SAPOL have had to deploy officers to the border for border control. Hopefully, the presentation can be rescheduled for later in the year.

**Chloe Clarke - Wellbeing**

# R U OK? Day

We would love all students to wear blue to show support for this worthwhile cause

R U OK? Day -Thursday 9 September, 2021 - is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" and support those struggling with life's ups and downs. SRC will be doing a presentation and working with students to promote this movement.

Other SRC events this term include

- **Anti-Poverty Day** – Thursday 9th September Wk 8
- **Cross Country Colour Cup** – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September Wk 9

More information will be included in the next newsletter.

Leticia and Eliza, SRC Presidents



## Open Boys State-wide Basketball 2021



On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August our Open Boys Basketball Team travelled to Caritas College in Port Augusta to compete in the State-wide Basketball Competition. We played against Caritas College, Port Augusta Secondary School (PASS) and Samaritan College. This is our first time competing in the boys competition for a number of years. When the State-wide Sport paperwork went home at the beginning of the year it was obvious the interest in basketball was back! It is great to see and lets hope this trend continues for years to come! Our next venture is to get our Open Girls Team competing again as well.

Our first match was against Samaritan College and in the early stages of the match we looked a little rusty, but the team soon gained control, scoring at will in the paint. The minutes were shared around in this match with the team winning by 39 points. The level of competition was significantly higher in the next two matches.

We played Caritas College next and it was a significantly lower scoring match and was quite a grind in the first half. Our team was not far off making the game interesting, but when we caused a turnover leading to a fast break we were unable to capitalise with points. Hunter Cheriton was a lone hand offensively, scoring 11 of our 15 points for the match. Caritas College won 27 to 15 and were relying on our result against PASS to give them a chance to progress to the finals.

The team did well to regain its focus for our match against PASS. We knew that if they were able to win that progressing to the finals was not out of reach. For a large part of the match it was a hard fought contest with a high level of physicality. Our team shot well from three-point range making 5 three-pointers. This put us up by 7 points, but in the latter stages of the second half our scoring had dried up and PASS managed to regain the lead. Our team put in a well balanced contribution offensively with almost everyone scoring. PASS made some good shots to close out the match and went on to win 38 to 32.

Congratulations to PASS who progressed to the finals in Adelaide in the coming weeks. Our team showed so much promise and can hold their heads high! They not only played well, but conducted themselves exceptionally well, even when it may have been difficult to maintain a good level of sportspersonship and composure. Thanks to Hunter and Jaxon for their leadership on the day. Our young players will hold us in good stead for the years to come. Looking forward to BCDS competing in the competition again next year!

A special thanks to Teegan Prosser for umpiring on the day, without her contribution we would have been unable to participate in the competition. We also need to thank Russell Glayde for driving us to and from the event. We appreciate you transporting us Russell and also cheering us on from the sideline.

A great day out!

Alby Nicholls, HPE Coordinator

## NEW HOUSE COLOUR TEAM SHIRTS!

The uniform committee has been busy designing new polo shirts for students to wear at school house events and for physical education classes. These are optional uniform items.

The polo shirts are made from a cool mesh fabric and are the same sizing as our current school Polo Shirts.

The cost of the shirts are \$35. To order a polo shirt please do so **BEFORE tomorrow, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August , week 5** to Mrs Waters in the finance office or through the Qkr App. Polo Shirts must be paid for when ordered. Polo shirts take approximately six weeks to produce.



### Booleroo Centre District School

Tax Invoice

ABN 54 284 320 489



### Sports Polo Shirt Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No.	Size	Please circle House Team	\$35 each
		Dunstan / Rogers	
		Total Enclosed	\$

*Please return to school BEFORE Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August, Week 5*

*No late orders can be accepted.*

*Orders can also be placed through the Qkr App*

## School News

### 5-a-side Soccer

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August our Physical Education classes from Year 7 to 9 concluded their soccer units by competing in the annual MNSEC 5-a-side Soccer Carnival held at BCDS. Unlike SSSA State-wide Competitions, the focus of our MNSEC carnivals is participation and promoting living a physically active lifestyle.

We entered 3 boys teams and 4 girls teams into the carnival. All teams conducted themselves well and displayed positive attitudes throughout the day. Many smiles and laughs were had, which is fantastic because having some fun whilst competing is what it is all about!

Several MNSEC schools attended the event and the interaction across the schools was fantastic, we appreciated them supporting our SRC by purchasing food and drinks. Amanda Bowman always does an exemplary job organising the carnivals and what we see on the day is only the tip of the iceberg with the majority of work happening behind the scenes. It does not go unnoticed, thanks Amanda!

Gayle Bury, the SRC and their many helpers on the day did a superb job catering the event and it added to the carnival with many positive comments about the quality and availability of food. Russell Glayde did an outstanding job preparing the oval for the event, the line marking adds to the professionalism of the event. The Year 7/8A PE class also contributed to the goal set up and helping set the boundaries of each field. Numerous Year 10s coached and umpired and did a great job. Without all of these efforts, the day would have been difficult to facilitate. We thank you all for your contribution to the successful completion of the carnival.

As previously stated, the focus of this carnival is participation, but we also need to acknowledge that two of our girls teams played off for a spot in the Grand Final. The successful team competed against Jamestown Community School and played well, but were outclassed in front of goals losing 4 – 0.

It was a great day and we hope you all had a fun day! We now turn our attention to preparing for the Tag Rugby Carnival for Year 7 to 9 students and Fast Five Netball for Year 10s.

**Alby Nicholls**

**HPE Coordinator**

### Hockey Clinic

The end of Term 2 and start of Term 3 saw our R-8 students participate in 3 hockey sessions with Darren. The students have learnt many skills in relation to the sport of field hockey. We were very fortunate to secure a grant to be able to provide these clinics for our R-8 students.

The sessions included an active warm-up, skill development and drills and concluded with minor hockey games which looked like fun. As you can see from the photos the children really loved learning new skills and getting a taste for a sport many may not have played before.

On behalf of the school we would like to thank Darren, his daughter Montana and Danica from Port Pirie Hockey Association for providing this opportunity to learn more about hockey.

A special thanks to Miss Fitz who secured the grant for our school and did all the heavy lifting in getting the clinics organised to give our students a wonderfully unique experience.

**Leigh Wade, Primary PE Teacher**



## School News

### 6 Health and Physical Education

The students have been competing in 3 teams since Term 1 during PE lessons. Each week the students compete in activities such as: Euro Handball, Frisbee golf, T-Ball, Dodgeball, Soccer, Binball, Tag games, Generals, capture the flag and many other sports and games. During each week, the students have a role to fulfil which changes every week. These include: captain, coach, umpire, packer upper, scorer, proxy and MVP vote selector.

The 3 teams chose a country and mascot to represent them using alliteration: **Philippines Phantoms**, **Russian Redbacks** and **British Bullants**. They then designed team shirts and stencils to begin making them using fabric paint and plain shirts. The process making the shirts was lengthy and the students showed amazing patience and understanding.

Leigh Wade, Primary HPE Teacher



### Design Technology

The Design Technology subject area has a new addition to the workshop. We would like to welcome the 'Table Saw' to our school. The new saw is a state-of-the-art machine designed to cut accurately and safely using saw stop technology. This is a huge boost for our workshop and will significantly improve students learning and overall production quality, particularly in Stage 1 and 2 Technology. Myself and the students are looking forward to utilising the Table Saw moving forward.

Leigh Wade

Tech Studies Teacher



## Community News

### BOOLEROO BAKERY

The Bakery has re-opened on Mondays and Tuesdays now. Full menu is available for lunch orders . Pizzas are only available on Fridays. For any enquiries or to get a menu for lunch orders please email

Sondra at [mybooleroobakery@bigpond.com](mailto:mybooleroobakery@bigpond.com).

Thankyou, Sondra

11th August 2021

### Dear Principal and Year 12 Coordinator

The 2022 **C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships** open on **Monday 6th December** and close on **Friday 7th January 2022**.

**C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships** are one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to **\$60,000** over three years. The scholarships are available to all Australian students. The majority have been awarded to students entering their first year of university studies.

Selection is largely based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability. Undergraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of Australian educational institutions.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier and pastoralist Charles Allan Seymour Hawker and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected statesmen.

In the past decade, **C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships** have been presented by Governors-General **Ms Quentin Bryce AC** and **Major General Michael Jeffery AC**, former Speaker of the House of Representatives **Hon David Hawker AO**, Australian of the Year **Dr Richard Harris SC OAM**, Director of the Australian War Memorial **Dr. Brendan Nelson AO**, NFF President **Ms Fiona Simson** and the Governor of South Australia **the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC**.

At this challenging time for your year 12 students and before they commence final year examinations, I respectfully request you inform them of the potential life changing opportunities offered by being awarded a **C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship**.

Might I suggest they go to the website [www.hawkerscholarship.org](http://www.hawkerscholarship.org) for information about the scholarship and download an application form. The Secretary to the Trustees can be contacted on 08 8127 1654.

Yours sincerely,

**Ian Doyle OAM**

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C.A.S. Hawker School Coordinator



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### Spark's Ride Day

9kms East of Jamestown on  
Whyte Yarcowie Road  
(signage for directions on side of road)

Sunday 22nd August

All ages Mini, Junior & Senior Tracks

Seniors \$60 Juniors (U16) \$15

Enter on the website or cash on the day

[bundaleermotorcycleclub.com.au](http://bundaleermotorcycleclub.com.au)



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# OPEN DAYS

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