



# Booloroo Centre District School

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## Newsletter Term 1 Week 3

**Dates for the Diary**  
**THURSDAY**  
**17th FEBRUARY 2022**

[Year 8 and Year 10  
immunisations](#)

Friday 25th February

[Year 5 upwards  
Swimming Carnival](#)

Tuesday 1st March

[Sports Day](#)  
Friday 11th March

**[Adelaide Cup  
Holiday](#)**  
**Monday 14th March**

[Governing Council AGM](#)  
Monday 21st March

[MNSEC Athletics](#)  
Tuesday 22nd March

[SSSA Athletics—Santos  
Stadium](#)  
Tuesday 12th April

### Principals News

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the Booloroo Centre District School Community,

Welcome to the 2022 school year. I hope you have all had a wonderful break from routine, survived a disrupted harvest, enjoyed a moderate summer and feel rested enough to really get cracking again. Spraying out summer weeds is probably on the agenda for some. It has been delightful to move around the school and welcome in students. Some have been here over the last 2 weeks, but many students have arrived for the first time this week.

#### **New and returning students**

Welcome to Alfie Arthur, Evie Arthur, Lachlan Foulis, Heath Keller, Ted Koch and Airlie Waters who have transitioned from Kindy to the Reception class this year.

Welcome to the new Yr 7s from neighbouring schools. These are the first wave of Yr 7s to High School. We are very excited to have them on board, and judging by their smiles and acknowledgements are finding High School to be pretty exciting: Hudson Cains, Charlie Lines, Isaak Shanks, Brody Speed, Cameron Warren, Katelyn Warren, Dwayne Wilson-Solomon, Ava Lee, Elijah McCallum, Noah McKerlie, Jaxon Modystach and Mia Noll.

Welcome to the Yr 8 students also from Melrose & Wilmington Primary Schools. It's great to have you on board as well! Che Lee-Bruce, Sonny Miyamoto-Avey, Beau Macfarlane, Riley McCallum and Lucas Omahen. We are delighted that Nathan Thomas (Yr 8) and Sammy Thomas (Yr 9) have also moved to the district from Adelaide.

And a welcome back to Faith Lloyd (Yr 11), Mack Bishop (Yr 11) and Ray Perry (Yr 12). Good call you three!

We hope that you all experience personal success and grow your potential this year and beyond.

#### **New staff**

Welcome to Mrs Emma Bennett who will be teaching the Yr 5/6 class Monday to Wednesday. Catharine Watson has been appointed as a Yr 7/8 English and Geography teacher, with a few lessons in the Yr 5/6 class. Benjamin Forster has the exciting combination of teaching The Arts as well as secondary Maths. Mrs Gapp has been appointed as Senior Leader (Student Well-Being & Learner Engagement), and will be teaching the Yr 5/6 class on Thursday & Friday. And finally, we welcome Julia Goldsworthy (Pedagogy Coach & Daily Operations) who is also teaching SACE Community Studies, as well as Home Group and Pathways teacher for Yr 7/8B. To all of our new staff (and others), thank you for riding the turbulence and uncertainties of a disrupted beginning to our school year. I'm sure we will find our regular gait very soon.

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## Safety

Every student, every staff member and every visitor to this school deserves to feel safe and that their well-being is assured.

### Safety Reminders:

Australia has the highest occurrence (per capita) of skin cancer in the world. Here at Booleroo Centre we expect everyone to be wearing a broad brimmed hat, and on certain extreme days, it may even be necessary to play under cover. We also share the school grounds with snakes (of the venomous variety), which we see on (fairly rare) occasions. Students need to be aware of the danger of approaching a snake. They are to stop, look and assess the snake's movement, walk away slowly when it is safe to do so, warn others NOT to approach and TELL AN ADULT IMMEDIATELY.

### Goal Setting

Every student in this school is special and valuable. We, as teaching staff and you as parents, invest in our students. But to complete the equation for success, every student has a responsibility to DO THEIR BEST.

My own personal goals are 1. To keep my office space tidy; 2. To reduce coffee intake; 3. To get more sleep. These are realistic, achievable goals, broken down into daily actions.

Help your child/ren to set some goals as well. **Realistic, Achievable and Daily.** Be RAD! Celebrate with your child when they achieve that goal, and steer them on to the next. School is the perfect place for goal setting. Speak to your child's teacher about goals that we can all support, and they don't just have to be academic goals! Learning to get along with others is a goal in itself!

### Coming Up

A more detailed program will follow, but Term 1 will NOT feature Swimming lessons, unfortunately, because of the staged return to school. Instead they will occur in Term 4 when the swimming instructors are next available. But we will be having a year 5 upwards Swimming Carnival (1-Mar); our Sports Day, which we share with Melrose & Wilming-ton Primary Schools, will be (11-Mar) and MNSEC Athletics will be at Jamestown (22-Mar).

We know the Booleroo Centre District School Community is wonderfully supportive of these occasions. As much as we know that you would all love to attend, we will be directed by SA Health and The Department for Education regarding any possible restrictions that *may* still be in place. The best we can do is let you know as soon as we know. Believe me, your children would love to have you along, and the staff would love to have your support and company! Fingers and toes crossed.

Wishing you all a very successful week. I know that the 168 students who walk through our doors this week are in great hands.

All the Best, Peter Blackburn | Principal, BCDS

## Kindy News

We warmly welcome 11 children to Kindy this year and their families. At our Kindy, as educators and our kindy community we strongly value: Belonging and Friendship; Curiosity and Wonder; Learning through Play and Optimism for the Future. Already in our first few weeks of Kindy we are seeing the unlimited potential of our new group of learners and friendships that are in their early stages. Our new learners are asking many questions, such as "What noise does a sloth make?" after a child shared a toy sloth for Show and Share (curious?, google it). Another question to be explored was "How is snow made?" after a child and educator were looking at the rain clouds.

A recent highlight was one of the children bringing her families 4 puppies to visit us at Kindy. The joy the puppies brought to all was evident in the smiling faces of the children and staff. A pet lizard has also visited us at Kindy, helping us in our learning about lizards and adding to the children excitement when our resident kindy lizards sun themselves or dash across our yard. The Kindy Team

Quote Childhood means simplicity. Look at the world with the child's eye – it is very beautiful." Kailash Satyarthi



## School News

### Welcome to our new staff



Hi, my name is Julia Goldsworthy and I am the new senior leader in pedagogy (teaching practice), daily operations, and numeracy. I feel quite fortunate in winning a position at BCDS as I have been looking to move into the Flinders area for a couple of years. What a wonderful school and place to live. I am a frustrated kelpie lover who has a Siberian Forrest cat, a well-known breed for people who want a dog. This breed retrieves items and is highly attention seeking. As I really enjoy bike riding you may see me on the Booleroo rail trail or Willowie Forrest riding my trusty mountain ebike.

My underlying passion is to help students recognise their strengths and have confidence in their ability to be successful independent people by the time they leave school. I am highly skilled in creating ways of adapting the curriculum to support student's learning so please come and chat with me if you would like to discuss how best we can support your child's learning. I look forward to meeting you.

**Julia**



Hello! My name is Mrs Gapp and I am the new Wellbeing Leader here at Booleroo Centre District School. I am very excited to be working with and getting to know our students, parents and carers.

I am a qualified counsellor with lots of experience in both primary and secondary schools. My husband Mr Gapp is also a teacher and counsellor. He is currently teaching a Special Options class at John Pirie Secondary School in Port Pirie.

We moved into our house in the country three years ago whereby we are enjoying the peace and serenity. I am slowly getting used to having kangaroos and a family of lace monitors roaming around the house along with the Hare that has taken up residence under our chair in the garden. I have named him Harry the Hare of course!

Please feel free to make a time to see me particularly during this difficult time where life appears that it may never return to how we once knew it to be. So if you have any questions or concerns or just want to catch up to say hello please don't hesitate to make a time with me.

Hoping to meet you all very soon.

Cheers

**Mrs Gapp, Wellbeing and Learner Engagement**



My name is Benjamin Forster, and yes, I am a Benjamin. I have been teaching for eight years now. During my journey so far, I have taught from reception all the way to adults. I have taught as a specialist teacher in the Performing Arts (yes, that is my passion), Drama and Media Arts but also worked a lot of my time in the classroom to support student development. For the last two years, I have been working in Primary schools as a Generalist, but I am very excited to be working in the Secondary setting once more.

The Art rooms have drastically changed over the holidays and they are more organised than ever. We are promoting Visual Art, Drama and Media this year through our experimental classes and we hope your child will be interested in trying out as an area to study as they head into the senior years.



I didn't give Catharine enough time to write in the newsletter for this week, but she is our new English teacher. She is teaching 7/8 English classes along with Year 9 Geography and being in the 5/6 classroom as well, so she is very busy as well.

# School News

## Congratulations to the Class of 2021

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**Lucy Giles**  
SA Dental Health Hospital



**Darcy Bastian**  
Bachelor of Human Movement



**Eliza Watkinson**  
Bachelor of Education (Primary)



**Gracie Phillips (DUX)**  
Bachelor of Optometry



**Hunter Cheriton**  
Master Builders



**Jaxon Kumnick**  
Farmer and Shearer



**Emma Prestwood**  
Certificate 3 in Education and Care



**Leticia Sismey**  
Bachelor of Nursing



**Kodi Carey**  
Precision Ag Consultant - Ramsey Bros



**Lisa Stevens**  
Employment in local area

### Facts and Figures

- 100% SACE completion
- Median Grade B+ with 30% of all grades in the A band
- 7 students gained an ATAR with the two highest being 96.35 and 97.2
- 5 Students commenced or completed a Certificate 3 to obtain their SACE

As always, our best wishes go with the students as they embark on the next stage of their lives. Their schooling success is a direct result of the partnership between students, teachers, parents and the wider Booleroo Centre District School community.



**Mitchell Orrock**  
Ag Tech Services



**Georgie Kenchington**  
Employment in local area



### 2021 SACE Report

Whilst there were many challenges throughout the year, the class of 2021 worked steadily to achieve excellent results. It is exciting to see the range of different career options they are considering and have in fact undertaken. The diversity of pathways chosen by different cohorts is always interesting and for the 2021 class, this is no exception. We will miss the class of 2021 as we shared many laughs throughout the year and greatly enjoyed their company.

Of the 12 students who completed their SACE this year, 7 students achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking (ATAR) for university entrance. The aggregate scores for university entrance ranged from 49.75 to 83.65 out of a possible score of 90. This translated to a range of ATAR scores from 53.15 to 97.20. The other 5 students have already begun employment or are using their VET qualifications to further their career in apprenticeships.

In terms of subject results, 29.79% of results were in the 'A' band which is similar to 2020 and statewide results. 51.07% were in the 'B' band which is an improvement on 2020 results. 19.16% were in the 'C' band and there were no results lower than a C-. Therefore, of all grades earned by students, 100% achieved the passing grade of C- or above, which was also the case in 2020. The median result was a B+ which was the goal in our Site Improvement Plan. Three A+ results were achieved in IPP and Food and Hospitality.

Five students in the cohort commenced or completed a Certificate 3 course (generally the equivalent of a Stage 2 subject) to obtain the SACE.

As always, our best wishes go to with the students as they embark on the next stage of their lives. From time to time, we hope to see them and catch up on their news. It has been a privilege to work with them as they have progressed through their primary and secondary schooling.

**Gayle Bury on behalf of Kathy Kupke**

### Rural Skills Training

As announced at the end of last year, BCDS has become a host school for RST and will facilitate training modules on site here, rather than students having to travel elsewhere.

The Regional Skills Training (RST) Primary Production Program offers training under the following qualifications:

- **AHC30116 Certificate III in Agriculture**  
**AHC32816 Certificate III in Rural Operations**

To that end, we are looking for some farmers to provide

50-100 sheep as part of a 2 day Livestock Feeding Plan on 21/6 – 22/6. These can be ewes, wethers or hoggets and do not have to be in top condition for condition scoring – average of the mob.

A range of Fat score (7 lambs) store – top end

Needle/drench sheep – if required in your livestock plan. If not, RST will provide an ADE or Cabalife vitamin injection for the task.

Conducting the course on a farm site is also an option if there is a suitable 'classroom' with bathroom facilities. Eg a few tables and chairs and a toilet

We appreciate the continued support of our farming community in our Agricultural programs. If you are able to assist, can you please contact Gayle at the school.

**Gayle Bury**

**SACE/Vet//7-10 Literacy Coordinator**

## School News

### Literacy Tips

I will be adding Literacy Tips for Parents and students in the newsletter throughout the year. These tips will be predominantly for 7-12 students but can be applicable to all students. If you have any general questions about Literacy for high schoolers, please contact me at school.

Grammarly - is a free, online writing assistant which can help your children with a range of Literacy strategies from grammar and spelling to style and tone. Grammarly helps writers eliminate errors and find the perfect words to clear expression. Grammarly provides real-time feedback on Gmail, Google Docs, Twitter, LinkedIn, and nearly everywhere else you find yourself writing. It will offer writers specific suggestions to help improve writing — and it goes way beyond grammar. When used appropriately, users can be confident that their writing is not only correct, but clear and concise, too.

Many of our students already have an account and use it consistently and reliably. We recommend that all students from 7-12 open a Grammarly account if they haven't already done so. The free version is sufficient for high school students – no need for premium at this point.

**Gayle Bury**  
7-10 Literacy Coordinator

## 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 Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March.

The ballot will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday the 21st 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*

**BOOLEROO CENTRE DISTRICT SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL  
SELF NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM**

**Parent Member Nomination**

I ..... (full name)

of ..... (address)

**wish to declare my candidacy to be elected as a member of Booleroo Centre District School Governing Council.**

I hereby declare that:

I am the parent of a child attending the school or enrolled, but not yet attending the school.

I am / am not employed by the Department for Education under the PSM Act or Education Act.

I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.

I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

**BOOLEROO CENTRE DISTRICT SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL  
SELF NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM**

**Sub Committee Nomination Form**

I would like to nominate as a parent/community representative on the following Booleroo Centre District School Sub Committee/s

◇ Finance Committee	◇ Fundraising Committee
◇ Uniform	◇ Bus Committee
◇ Agriculture, Grounds/Building and Sustainability Committee	

Signed.....

Date.....

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person, I will be required to relinquish my membership of Booleroo Centre District School Governing Council as I will no longer meet the membership requirements.

Signed.....

Date.....

**\*\*\*Nomination forms need to be returned to the school by 12.30 on the 15<sup>th</sup> March\*\*\***

# NAPLAN – privacy collection notice

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards.

## Collection of personal information

Schools are required by law to collect personal information about you and your child, irrespective of whether your child participates in NAPLAN testing.

The purpose of this notice is to advise parents and carers of how your child's personal information will be used for NAPLAN testing (both online and paper tests) in 2022 and, as part of NAPLAN Online, readiness activities scheduled at various times leading up to the test in May 2022.

## NAPLAN testing

Since its introduction in 2008, NAPLAN testing has been conducted using paper-based tests for students in all year levels. NAPLAN paper tests are administered every year across a 3-day test window in the second full week of May.

In July 2013, Australian education ministers agreed to guiding principles for national online assessment. The move to NAPLAN Online started in 2018. Moving online means NAPLAN is transitioning from paper-based tests to computer-based assessments.

Online testing brings many benefits and opportunities including providing better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

Schools in South Australia will conduct NAPLAN testing online in 2022.

More information on NAPLAN Online is available at: [www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/).

### Readiness testing activities

A critical step in preparing for NAPLAN Online is schools' participation in readiness testing activities.

The purpose of readiness testing activities is to ensure your child is familiar with their device and the online test environment, as well as to test school and national infrastructure systems and processes.

Readiness testing is not another NAPLAN and will not formally assess students who participate in the test. Any reports generated will be used for testing purposes only. Readiness testing activities may involve students who are participating in NAPLAN in 2022.

## Disclosure of personal information

For every student participating in NAPLAN Online testing and readiness activities, personal information will be uploaded by the Department for Education, as the Test Administration Authority (TAA), to the NAPLAN Online Assessment Platform ('assessment platform'). This information is listed over the page.

The information below marked with an asterisk (\*) is also provided by the department, as the TAA, to FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd for the purposes of printing paper test materials and reporting student results. FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd ("FUJIFILM") is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education and is only permitted access to personal information from a relevant school for the purposes of providing the contracted services.

FUJIFILM's privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.fujifilm.com/au/en/privacy>

## School News

### NAPLAN – privacy collection notice

- Student name\*
- School name, class and year level\*
- Date of birth\*
- Country of birth
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status
- Jurisdictional and local school student identifiers\*
- Gender\*
- Disability adjustments (where applicable) \*
- Language background other than English
- Parents' occupation, education and language background

The personal information for students who are exempted, absent or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing is collected and used for reporting purposes.

#### Data security

Security and privacy are key requirements for the delivery of national testing.

##### NAPLAN Online

The online assessment platform has been designed to comply with relevant national data security policies and guidelines, as well as data encryption standards.

The assessment platform is managed by Education Services Australia (ESA). ESA is a not-for-profit company jointly owned by the Australian education ministers. ESA is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education.

ESA only has access to personal information from a relevant school, TAA or the Australian schools list for the primary purpose of fulfilling ESA's role in supporting the operation of the assessment platform.

ESA's privacy policy can be found at: [www.esa.edu.au/contact-us/privacy](http://www.esa.edu.au/contact-us/privacy).

#### Access and correction

To request access or correction to personal information collected for NAPLAN and held by schools, please contact your school principal in the first instance. Any concerns about a breach of privacy by a school should be directed in writing to the school principal.

#### More information

Speak with your school principal in the first instance if you have any questions about this information.

**SOUTHERN FLINDERS NETBALL CLUB**

Junior training will commence on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Laura courts.

Players in year 5,6 and 7 ( I and J Grade training) will start at 4:30 pm

Players from the years 8 to born 2006 ( G and H grade) with start at 5:30 pm

All new players are most welcome to join.

Could all intended players please message Bern on 0439864330 prior to training so we can have a idea of player numbers. Many thanks.

The Set (Subbies) and Go (Minis) training dates will be advertised at a later date.



**HOOKIN2 HOCKEY**

**HOCKEY STICKS PROVIDED EACH SESSION! A MOUTHGUARD, HAT & DRINK IS RECOMMENDED!**

**CLUB:** Port Pirie & District Hockey Association  
**VENUE:** 145 Wandearah Road, Port Pirie, SA, 5540  
**PROGRAM START DATE:** Monday, 21 February 2022  
**TIME:** 4:30pm – 5:15pm  
**NO. OF WEEK:** 8 weeks  
**PRICE:** \$35

**COORDINATOR NAME:** Darren Coe  
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