



# Booloroo Centre District School

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## Newsletter Term 2 Week 9

**Dates for the Diary**  
**THURSDAY**  
**30th June 2022**

[Flinders Mobile Library visit](#)

Friday 8th July

[End of Semester One](#)

Friday 1st July

[Semester Two begins](#)

Monday 4th July

[4/5/6 Tag Rugby Carnival](#)

Tuesday 5th July

[SACE information evening](#)

[6:30pm—Year 10s](#)

[7:30pm—Year 11s](#)

Tuesday 5th July

[Automotive/Engineering](#)

[Immersion Day](#)

Thursday 7th July

[Primary SRC](#)

[Movie and Pizza Day](#)

Thursday 7th July

[Adelaide Youth Orchestra visit](#)

Thursday 7th July

[Early Dismissal 2:15pm](#)

Friday 8th July

[Term Three starts](#)

Monday 25th July

[MFS Road Awareness  
Presentation Year 11s-12s](#)

Monday 25th July

[Vet/Ag Info Evening](#)

Monday 25th July

[Flinders University visit](#)

Tuesday 26th July

### Principals News

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the BCDS community,

#### Mid-Year Reports

Parents/carers can expect the mid-year reports next week. Parents of students in the secondary years should be able to access examples of their child's work through Sentral's continuous assessment platform. On the back of very useful feedback from members of the Governing Council, staff have worked rigorously to iron out the Sentral 'glitches' that we have been challenged with.

The primary classes have provided ongoing updates on work and learning activities through the Seesaw platform. Their mid-year reports will also be available next week.

If there is any aspect of your child's report that raises any concerns or issues for you, please contact the teacher related to your enquiry or a member of the leadership team.

#### Mice

We have had a mini population explosion of mice recently. This issue has been flagged with a pest controller for immediate action. In the meantime, students with lockers need to keep their lockers closed, and primary students encouraged to put their food in the fridge in the Teacher Preparation room opposite their classrooms.

#### Ski Trip

Unfortunately, the Yr 9 Ski Trip will not be going ahead for our students this year. This has been very disappointing I know, and has been explained with sensitivity to parents and students affected.

#### ICAS

I have received a few enquiries from parents about ICAS tests. ICAS tests do not provide the school with evidence for learning, or provide our system with performance data. ICAS tests are NOT compulsory. However, just as some students thrive in the competitive arena of sports, some like to test their academic capacity. If your child is interested, please have a look at the following link. <https://www.icasassessments.com/blog/>

There is an online Parent Payment System that we can set up.

With our staff numbers, we have limited capacity with regards to supervision of ICAS. Please return the tear off slip overleaf by next Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July so I can determine which priority areas (if any) will be tested in term 3. If we have any interest, I will set up a school code. There is a cost per test.

**ICAS Toll-Free Aus: 1800 931 775 if you wish to find out more**

With Gratitude,

Peter Blackburn | Principal, BCDS



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## ICAS Expression of Interest

I am interested in my child/ren participating in ICAS test/s in Term 3, 2022. **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Child 1

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year level (2022) \_\_\_\_

### Child 2

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year level (2022) \_\_\_\_

### Child 3

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year level (2022) \_\_\_\_

### Test Options (Number in priority order)

English (Yr 2-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Maths (Yr 2-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Science (Yr 2-12) \_\_\_\_\_

Digital Technology (Yr 2-10) \_\_\_\_\_

Spelling Bee (Yr 2-7) \_\_\_\_\_

Writing (Yr 3-12) \_\_\_\_\_

## Kindy News

On a mild winters day our Kindy children had a fun adventure at Bowman's Park at Crystal Brook. Experiences in the natural world provide wonderful opportunities for harnessing children's capacity for resourcefulness, inventiveness and creativity. The children were risk takers, problem solvers and active participants in exploring the natural environment.

Following the excursion the children made a class book about the excursion, drawing a picture and telling their story about the experience. The children's pictures represented the crocodile and praying mantis play equipment, imaginative unicorn, the fairy houses, swing and slide, the peacock, bug, lizard homes and the school bus that is always a hit - so fun to have a ride on with your friends. We were able to share our class book with the residents of the Mount View Homes on our recent visit and as always, the residents were very interested and supportive of the children's efforts and learning. **The Kindy Team**

**Quote** "Happy hearts and happy faces, Happy play in grassy places - That was how, in ancient ages, Children grew to kings and sages." Robert Louis Stevenson



## Primary School News

Primary SRC present:

# PIZZA AND MOVIE AFTERNOON

Week 10: Thursday 7th July  
\*Pizzas at lunch 12.45pm  
\*Movie Afternoon 1.30pm  
Dress as a movie character for  
the day if you wish!

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## Secondary School News

**SACE information Evening** – an invite for all Year 10 and 11 parents. As part of the 2023 subject counselling process, we have planned a SACE Information Evening for parents and students on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Information relating specifically to the SACE requirements at Year 11 and Year 12 will be provided at this presentation. This is a very important part of the subject counselling process and I encourage parents to return the tear-off slip to indicate their attendance.

**VET Immersion Days** – we are currently working with our regional Vocational Pathways team to provide a range of Vocational Education ‘taster’ days for year 10 and 11 students. The first of the ‘taster’ days will take part on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of July where students who have expressed interest in Automotive and Engineering will visit businesses in the local area to see what is on offer and how they operate.

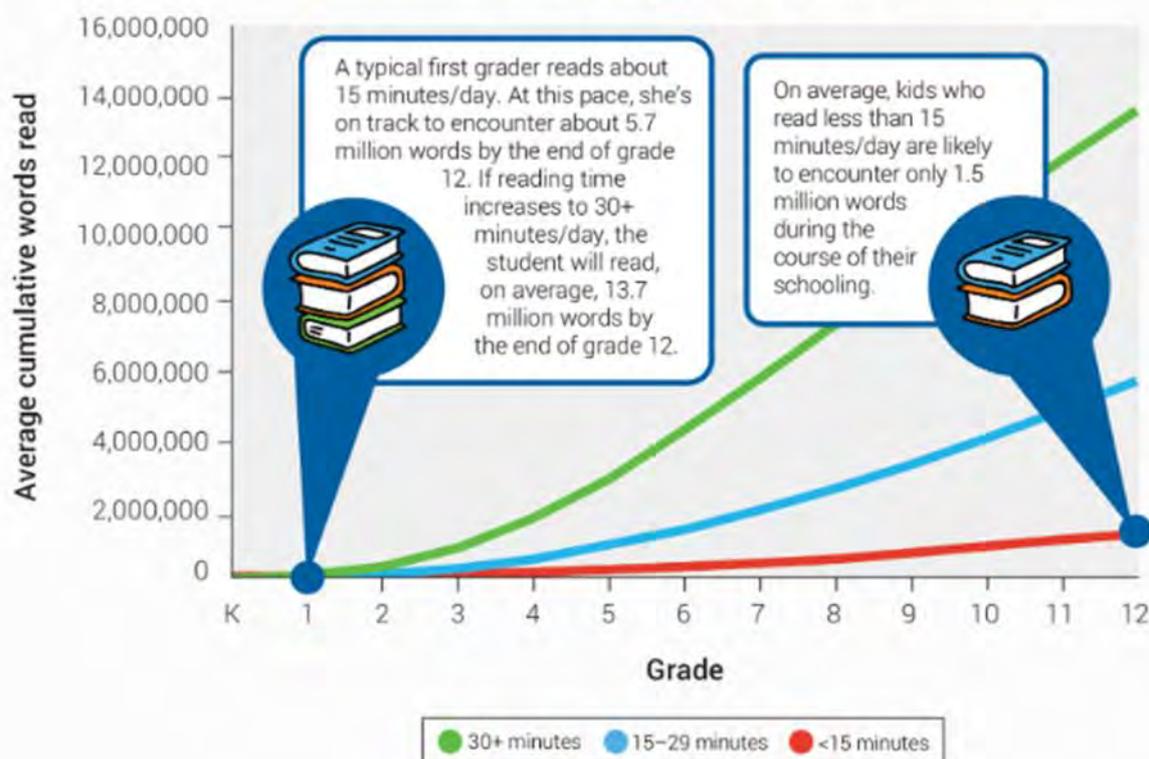
The next ‘taster’ day will be in Construction and Carpentry and will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July at BCDS, and potentially Aged Care and Early Childhood on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of July. Notes for Auto/Engineering have been sent home with students who registered interest and students have been asked to register their interest for the others via Teams ASAP.

**Agriculture at BCDS** – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July (Wk1, T3) See the attached flyer. While the focus will be on VET opportunities for Year 10 -12 students, the information will be relevant to parents of younger students who are looking to either break into the industry or use their experience and potential knowledge gained on the family farm to their advantage. The evening is open to all. Please RSVP to Gayle Bury via the tear-off slip that came home or via email at [gayle.burydodman794@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:gayle.burydodman794@schools.sa.edu.au)

**Continuous Assessment** – as you would be aware, teachers have been using the Sentral platform to provide ongoing feedback for 7-12 students and parents. While there have been some ‘bugs and barriers’, we are hoping most have been ironed out. See the parent guide attached or access it on Sentral if you have questions or need help.

**Reading and Vocabulary** – Think about a time when you just couldn’t think of the word you needed during a conversation. Perhaps it was ‘on the tip of your tongue’ but you just couldn’t remember it, or maybe you didn’t have the right word to describe a feeling or emotion. We all become frustrated when we cannot adequately express ourselves or our opinions. For most of us, this is a relatively rare occurrence, but for many children, a lack of vocabulary puts up daily barriers that are difficult to overcome. This is an interesting graphic about the correlation between reading and vocabulary development.

### Vocabulary exposure increases with daily reading time



You can find the full article at <https://www.renaissance.com/2018/01/23/blog-magic-15-minutes-reading-practice-reading-growth/>

Gayle Bury, SACE/Vet/7-10 Literacy Coordinator

## School News

### Chasing Success and Overcoming

#### Adversity Session

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of June a group of senior boys went to listen to a guest speaker in Jamestown.

Nathan Bolton is an ex-soldier and served in the Defense Force for many years including 2 tours of Afghanistan. Nathan told the boys stories of courage, adversity and mate ship from his experiences in Afghanistan. His tales were engaging and emotional and really hit home about the struggles men can face with mental health. I would like to thank Mrs. Gapp for organising the excursion and Mr Blackburn for driving the bus.



**Leigh Wade, Teacher**

#### Statewide MNSEC Footy

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June Jemma Groves, Gemma O'Callahan and Mr Wade ventured to Port Pirie as part of the MNSEC team to play round 2 of the Statewide Footy competition. We came up against Caritas College from Port Augusta. When we arrived the opposition looked considerably bigger than our girls and we knew we would be in for a challenging game. We had a couple of players withdraw late, so only had 19 players which added to the challenge.

The girls started the game off well and jumped Caritas, kicking the first goal and numerous points to take an early lead. At quarter time the girls had a sense that just because the opposition is bigger, doesn't mean they are better, and gained confidence and belief they could win. In a low scoring game, the final score was MNSEC 4.3.27 defeated Caritas College 2.2.14. The goal scorers for MNSEC were: Sarah Duncan, Zoe Pammenter, Mia Chapman and Lucy Reddaway. Best players for MNSEC were: Lucy Reddaway, Tess Cleggett, Chloe Hammat, Emma Catford, Chloe Nettle and Immy Cunningham.

Jemma Groves played an important role in the backline for the team and Gemma O'Callahan played forward and back. Both girls represented BCDS and MNSEC exceptionally well and we are proud of their efforts to date. As a result of the victory, we move onto round 3 which will be played in Term 3. If we win this game, we progress to the Grand Final.

I would like to thank the parents of all the students for getting them to the game, the students for their committed effort and St. Marks College for organising and running the day of footy.

**Leigh Wade (MNSEC 7-9 girls' coach)**



DfE School Support, Student Pathways and Careers  
presents an

# AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY EVENING

BOOLEROO CENTRE  
DISTRICT SCHOOL

Monday 25th July

6:15 for a 6:30pm start

## Information provided on

- Flexible Industry Pathways in Agriculture
- Apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities
- Connections to industry and the school community

## Guest Speakers:

**Alistair Keller** - School Based Apprentice of the Year

**Jess Koch** - Breezy Hill Precision Ag Services

**Kodi Carey** - Precision Ag Consultant for Ramsey Brothers

**JP Carey** - Booleroo School/Farming Community

Representatives from **Regional Skills Training** and **MEGT**

RSVP by Friday 8th July to

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*Supper provided*



*"He who owns the soil,  
owns up to the sky."*



## Continuous Assessment 2022



### Purpose

- Assist students by providing feedback (assessment for learning)
- Support all parents in accessing students' assessment pieces
- Enable parents to support students in their learning
- Enable teachers to work with parents to enhance student learning
- Provide accountability for students in submitting tasks by due dates
- Provide more timely feedback and increase the value of comments on assessment pieces
- Replace the written assessments, including grades and descriptive comments

### Consistency

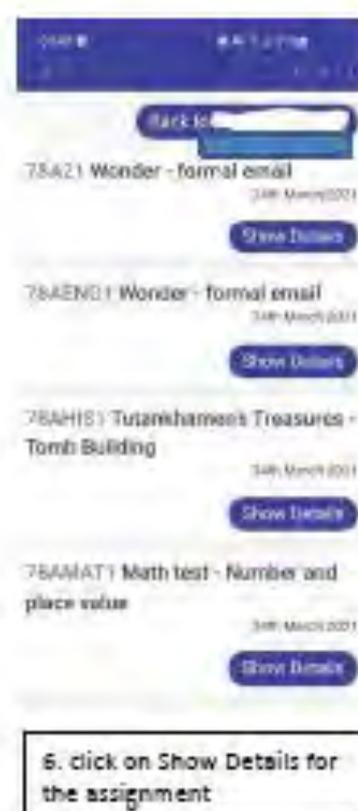
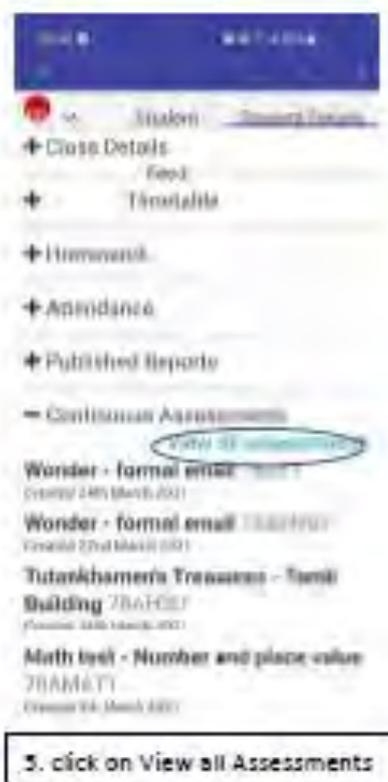
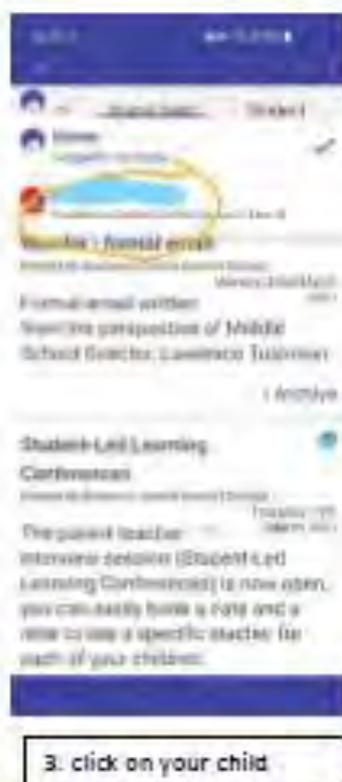
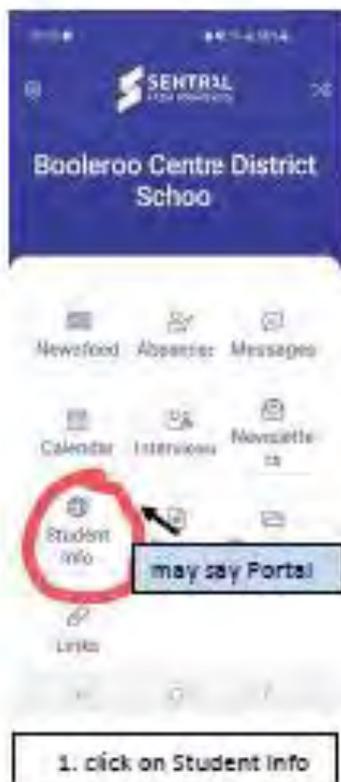
- Each 7-12 subject teacher will upload 4-6 tasks per semester or 2-3 per term. (practical subjects may have less tasks than theory-based subjects)
- SACE subjects will have individual learning requirements as outlined by the SACE Board
- Uploaded tasks and accompanying feedback can be formative or summative as required
- Feedback from teachers to students can be provided through comments, grades, rubrics and/or images.
- Feedback will be written to the student

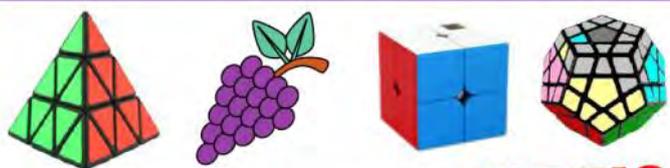
- If you have any concerns about your child's subject-specific feedback and grades for individual tasks, please contact your child's teacher directly.
- If you have concerns regarding the quality and quantity of the feedback provided, please raise your concerns with the teacher and/or a member of the Leadership team.
- If you have problems with accessing and logging in to Continuous Assessment, please contact the school.
- If you are having trouble with the app (Sentral for Parents), please try the web version at <https://booleroocds.sentral.com.au/portal2/#!/login>



## ACCESSING CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT THROUGH THE SENTRAL APP

There may be some variation in the order of processes and icons depending on how many children you have and what version you are using.





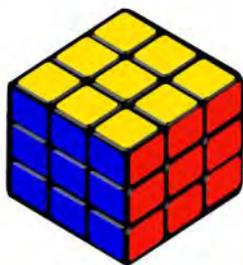
# CLARE VALLEY CUBING

Be part of the very **FIRST** regional cubing competition in SA!

**St. Joseph's School, Clare**  
in the Gymnasium

**Sunday 21st August, 2022**

Events: 3x3, 2x2, 4x4,  
5x5, 3x3 One-Handed  
& Skewb



Come, visit and explore the 'Clare Valley' for this event. Limited number of places available - 75max.

Canteen available on the day

Search and Register for the event at:  
[www.worldcubeassociation.org/competitions](http://www.worldcubeassociation.org/competitions)  
Registration (\$20) opens Friday 3rd June.



# FLINDERS MOBILE LIBRARY

**9TH  
JULY**

WILL BE AT THE  
FOOTY & NETBALL

BMW V Southern Flinders  
Booleroo Oval

Come in and see us!



## Booleroo Centre District School

is participating in the 2022 Wonder Recycling Rewards for schools program and we need your help!



**Help us turn bread bags into school play equipment!**

We're asking Aussie schools to help us collect bread bags and soft plastics in exchange for points they can redeem on new sports equipment, and all registered schools go in the draw to win an exercise circuit made from the recycled plastic we all collect!

From now until August 2022 (we will alert you as the closing date approaches) we are asking all families and friends to save their bread bags (any brand) and bread tags (not cardboard) and drop them in to one of the collection boxes for us to send off for recycling!

Collection boxes will be located at School, Booleroo Kindy and Rural Care & Booleroo IGA

All your bread bags and tags help us get new sports equipment which will be added to our sites for students to use at recess and lunch.

## In isolation, and need something to read in a hurry?

Don't forget your child is a member of the Flinders Mobile Library, so via their library membership you, as a family, have access to all of the e-books, e-audios and e-magazines of the SA Libraries network.

These items can be borrowed and read / listened to on a phone, tablet or computer. Entertainment without leaving home!

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