



Booleroo Centre District School

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Newsletter Term 3 Week 7

Dates for the Diary
THURSDAY
8th SEPTEMBER 2022

School Closure Day
Friday 9th Sept

Primary School Sports Day
Tuesday 13th September

Corridors of Green Years
2/3/4
Wednesday 14th September

Sapsasa Tennis/Cricket trials
Wednesday 14th September

Term 3 Primary Literacy
Progress Reports
Wednesday 14th September
Thursday 15th September

Primary Big Freeze
Thursday 15th September

Student Free Day
Friday 16th Sept

Sapsasa Track and Field trials
Monday 19th September

Governing Council Meeting
Monday 19th September

Yr 9/10 Fast Five Netball
Wednesday 21st September

Anti Poverty Day
Thursday 22nd September

Cross Country Colour Cup
Friday 30th September

Principals News

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Rosie Simpson

Our Senior-leader (Well-being & Learner Engagement), Mrs Gapp, has taken some approved leave at short notice. A merit-selection process was run, and we were delighted to be able to appoint Rosie Simpson to the Senior-leader vacancy. All of this has happened very quickly since our last newsletter. All families of children in the Yr 5/6 class were informed. Maintaining continuity of learning has been our priority through the last 2 COVID-affected years. Rosie has had extensive experience addressing the well-being needs of students in schools south of Adelaide. Rosie is also a qualified counsellor. While Rosie shares the teaching of the Yr 5/6 class and Yr 7/8 Pathways, she is also available to provide counselling to members of our school community.

Students and parents can make appointments to see Rosie at the following times:

Monday– lessons 1, 2, 3 & 5, Tuesday- All day, Wednesday- All day, Friday lessons 3 & 4.

From the Education Director

Dear families,

You may be aware the Principal position for Booleroo Centre District School was recently advertised. The panel process is now complete, however an appointment was not made. This means the position will be re-advertised (most likely next week) and the full panel process will run again as per the Department for Education process. The selection of a Principal is an important decision and does take time, which I hope you can appreciate. I want to thank Nicole and Gayle for spending time on the panel. Once I have more news to share I will let you know via the school newsletter or through Nic Carey in her role as GC chair.

Carol Williams
Education Director

Growth in Numeracy

While parents are still waiting to receive their individual NAPLAN results for their child/ren in Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9, we are able to share the positive signs of overall growth in Numeracy. (The SEA is the Standard of Educational Achievement that we aim for all students to achieve at or above in their relative year level.)

In comparing our 2021-2022 NAPLAN results (Numeracy) we are delighted with our results:

- * Higher Band Achievement (Yr 7) increased from 0% to 39%
- * Students achieving SEA or better (Yr 7) increased from 71% to 87%
- * Students achieving SEA or better (Yr 9) increased from 75% to 90%
- * Students achieving less than SEA (Yr 7) decreased from 29% to 13%
- * Students achieving less than SEA (Yr 9) decreased from 25% to 10%

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Principal News (cont)

We attribute this growth to the focus we have all placed on developing the reasoning proficiency (through our Site Improvement Plan), not only in Maths lessons, but cross-curricula.

Growth in Primary Literacy

All Primary students have been immersed in an evidence-based literacy intervention initiative this year. While the first data sets were collected from every primary student in March, the initiative didn't really kick off until early term 2. So the growth we have measured, reflects a little more than a term's work, and covers the 4 key elements of the literacy initiative. We attribute success to the incredible support from the Primary Coordinator Jenni Caldwell, the huge commitment to professional learning by all primary staff, the guidance and encouragement of the Literacy Guarantee Unit and Julia Goldsworthy, the high expectations of students, the quality differentiated teaching practice and the cohesive efficacy of the whole project. We are happy to share these overall results with you. If you as parents/carers would like a closer look at your child's learning, please book a time (through Sentral) this week for a Literacy Progress Report with their classroom teacher next week.

We think the results are pretty remarkable and they spur us on to consider, how else can we amplify this approach to collaborative teaching-learning?

Average R-6 Growth (Mar-Aug, 2022):

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| • Phonics UK Decoding | from 45% to 86% | (41% growth) |
| • Heggerty Phonemic Awareness | from 76% to 93% | (17% growth) |
| • Sounds Write Reading | from 62% to 79% | (17% growth) |
| • Sounds Write Spelling | from 58% to 67% | (9% growth) |

What a joy to see our expansive landscape turn to green and yellow. The rain and the changing of the season has been very welcome. Have a great week.

Peter Blackburn | Principal BCDS

Kindy News

The Kindy children recently participated in Patch Theatre's new show - Home 'it's a feeling not a place', with our friends from BCDS. The show transported us to strange and wonderful new worlds, by exploring "What's behind the door?" Ruby was invited on stage, bravely accepting many deliveries from opening the yellow door. All the deliveries created a rocket and soon Ruby was in Space! The show had children on the edge of their seats, actively participating and immersing us (children and educators alike) in the imagination of play.

Last week we participated in a BCDS assembly to acknowledge the contributions students and the kindy children and their families made to recycling bread bags. The presentation was informative and highlighted the positive impact recycling can have to the health of our environment.

We also participated in the Book Week parade and the children have been sharing their favourite books with their Kindy friends.

As you can see, we have been very busy with different learning experiences and we are really appreciative and value our connections to community.

The Kindy Team



Book Week 22

"Dreaming with eyes open"



Primary News

Primary Sports Day: Tuesday 13th September

The Fundraising Committee is catering for the Primary Sports Day, and all students and guests to our school are invited to purchase a BBQ Lunch or items from the canteen throughout the day.

BBQ MENU

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

SAUSAGE IN BREAD \$3
with or without onion

2x SAUSAGE IN BREAD \$5
with or without onion

STEAK SANDWICH \$5
with or without onion

CANS \$2

Pop Tops \$2

Water \$2

CANTEEN MENU

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

HAM & CHEESE TOASTIE \$4

CHEESE TOASTIE \$3

TEA & COFFEE \$2

CAKES \$1

CHOCOLATE BARS \$2

MIXED LOLLIES \$1

ZOOPER DOOPERS 50c

CANS \$2

Pop Tops \$2

WATER \$2

Literacy and SRC News

FUN FACT - An infinity sign is called a "lemniscate."

The term refers to a plane curve in which two loops meet at a central point, creating what we might call a sideways figure-eight. It's derived from the Latin word for "with hanging ribbons."

Book Week

Congratulations to Scarlett Jones, Joel Voigt, Charlotte Fels, Eddie Piggott and Eve Sun-Dudley who won our various Book Week competitions.

SRC Cross Country Colour Cup - Friday 30th September - 11am

- This is an **opt-in event** for Reception to Year 4 students. To run through the Colour Alley, children **must** have a white shirt.
- K-3 students will do the Obstacle Course around the oval, finishing with a run through the Colour Alley.
- Year 4s can run a shorter cross country track (1.5km) or do the long track
- With new age groups this year, all 5 -12 students will be running Cross Country for Dustan or Rogers as part of the Shield Competition - students will need to have a written note for Mr Nicholls if they are not competing. The Cross Country could potentially be the decider for our Shield – Rogers won athletics! Swimming is still 'postponed'
- 4-12 students who do not have a white shirt will not be sprayed with colour and will not run through the Colour Alley

** Fruit boxes (\$1) and zooper doopers (50c) will be available for sale after the event*

REQUEST - We would love some parent/community helpers to act as checkpoint point officials and colour alley personnel. Please contact Nicolle Carey on 0417845875 if you can help out.

IF YOU ARE BUYING A NEW WHITE SHIRT, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU WASH IT FIRST – THE COLOUR WILL STICK BETTER!

Anti-Poverty Day – Thursday 22nd September

BCDS has a long-standing tradition of supporting this initiative which fills shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts for children in need. The boxes are distributed to children living in vulnerable situations in countries like Cambodia and the Philippines.

THIS WILL BE A CASUAL CLOTHES DAY



R U OK Day - R U OK? Day 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 ran a presentation and worked with students on a range of activities to promote this movement.

Gayle Bury

7-10 Literacy Coordinator/SRC Mentor

ANTI POVERTY DAY

Thursday 22nd September
12:30pm

- Spin the wheel 50c
- Penalty shoot on 50c
- Jukebox 50c
- Luck square \$1
- Carnival 50c for 3 goes
- Yiros \$6
- Sponge Throw 50c
5 throws for \$2
- Games 50c-\$1
- Ice cream \$1.50 +50c for extras
- Basketball \$1 for three point contest
- Zooper dooper 50c
- Water pong



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