



# Booleroo Centre District School

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## Newsletter Term 3 Week 1

**Dates for the Diary**  
**THURSDAY**  
**27th JULY 2023**

Mock Crash

Tuesday 1st August

MTA Open Day

Thursday 3rd August

Statewide Open Girls Netball

Thursday 3rd August

Yr 11/12 English excursion

Friday 4th August

**Student Free Day**

**Monday 7th August**

Yr 11/12 Student Subject

Counselling

Tuesday 8th August –

Thursday 10th August

**\*NO YEAR 10/11 CLASSES  
ON WEDNESDAY 9TH\***

Primary Assembly

Tuesday 8th August

Yr 7/8/9 MNSEC Girls

Football

Tuesday 8th August

Yr 4/5/6 Soccer carnival

Wednesday 9th August

Yr 12 Luncheon

Thursday 10th August

MNSEC 7/8 5-a-side soccer

Thursday 10th August

MNSEC formal

Friday 11th August

### Principal's News

Welcome back to all families.

#### NAPLAN

At the end of week one all families in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will receive their child's NAPLAN results. You will notice that there are some changes to the way NAPLAN reporting now occurs.

NAPLAN tests are delivered online to schools across Australia. Questions are tailored to an individual student's responses, delivering more precise results and an engaging test experience for students. Questions in NAPLAN are based mostly on the skills students have learnt from the previous years of schooling. A few further questions assess additional content from the year of testing and the following year. These questions are designed to be answered using strategies students have learnt in previous years.

From 2023, new standards were introduced to NAPLAN reporting. The reporting replaces the previous numerical NAPLAN reporting bands and national minimum standards. Proficiency standards have now been introduced that provide information on student achievement.

There are four proficiency levels:

- **Exceeding:** The student's results exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong:** The student's results meet challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing:** The student's results indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing
- **Needs additional support:** The student's results indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

If you do have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child/ren teacher or ask to speak with any of the school leadership team. Further information is also available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

#### School Functions/ Sporting events/ Career pathways

At BCDS, we do have a proud record of offering our students a number of opportunities in both Sporting events, Educational functions and Social functions. Staff spend many hours behind the scene making sure that all requirements are met to allow for successful participation and positive experiences.

The benefits for students having opportunities are quite extensive and support our students to,

- Build their knowledge base of the area they wish to work in
- Greater exposure to various experts
- Networking and building contacts that can be lifelong
- Reduce anxiety
- Encourage social interaction and team building
- Increase connections with peers



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## Principal's News (cont)

- Increase connection with school
- Increase environmental awareness
- Develop their own independence

These are just a few points of ideas that benefits students attending school events.

I would encourage all families to talk to your child/ren about the benefits of attending school events and enjoy the opportunities to grow and evolve, as they become adults.

### Growth Mind Set

**“Believe you can and you’re halfway there.” – Theodore Roosevelt**

Learning is a challenge and one on given days will challenge us or will come easy for us. All learning does require self-belief. Believing in yourself is the beginning point of achieving what you set your mind to.

Theodore Roosevelt, former President of United States put it best that believing you can, you are half way there to achieving.

Tas Ktenidis

## Kindy News

It was a very special day at Kindy on Tuesday, as we welcomed our mid-year intake of Kindy children to our fabulous 2023 Kindy group. At this stage we are fortunate to have 17 curious, friendly and energetic Kindy children. We warmly welcome new families to our Kindy and it was lovely to see our Kindy families again after a two- week break.

This term we are exploring all things ‘Outer Space’ as we have children who are naturally curious about space and all its wonders. We are also beginning regular and short phonological and phonemic awareness sessions with the children with educator modelling and support. During our days together, there is lots of learning and play.

### Quote

*“To me there is no picture so beautiful as smiling, bright-eyed, happy children; no music so sweet as their clear and ringing laughter .”* P T Barnum



### The Kindy Team

## Senior School News

Much information comes into the school around careers, VET, universities, TAFE, scholarships etc. All relevant information is passed onto students through Microsoft Teams either through their Home Group or PLP class. Please encourage your children to check out the information regularly so they can keep up with the many options and experiences available to them. Anyone with any questions can contact me at school anytime.

**Subject Counselling** – a line structure and subject options for SACE students has been developed based on our students' initial subject selections. Subject Counselling interviews for current year 10 and 11 students and their parents will be held in week 3 (8-10<sup>th</sup> August). Appointments for these meetings can now be made using the online booking system on Sentral that is used for parent/teacher interviews.

Bookings can be made on

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 3:20pm – 5pm
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 8:00am – 6pm **(THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES FOR YR 10s AND 11s ON WEDNESDAY)**
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 3:20pm – 5pm

## Senior School News (cont)

**Agriculture Pathway** - AgCAREERSTART is a unique pathway into agriculture, enabling candidates to get paid while they learn. On top of the skills and experience gained working on the farm, you will undertake farm safety training and gain access to a Training and Engagement Bursary to upskill yourself throughout your placement.

- Anyone aged from 17-25 can apply
- Need to be legally able to work in Australia
- Driver's license preferred
- Previous experience in agriculture not required, but welcome
- Full-time paid farm job with a passionate host farmer
- A \$4,500 Training and Engagement Bursary to upskill yourself
- Funding to travel to industry events
- A dedicated support team
- A network of peers across the country

Check out the program at <https://agcareerstart.com.au/> or see Mrs Bury for a brochure

**Sophie Orrock** – Congratulations to Sophie on being shortlisted for the South Australian Training Awards – Australian School-based Apprentice. Sophie is currently undertaking an ASbA with Tatiara Truck and Trailers while completing her SACE. The awards will be finalized in September and we wish Sophie luck

**VALE Ron Wegener** - Ron was a treasured and highly valued member of our BCDS school community for nearly 30 years, with him only retiring in 2012. Ron was the grounds person at both the old high school and our current site. He is remembered by students and staff as a kind and thoughtful man who loved his work and took pride in his achievements. Ron developed a number of strong relationships with staff and, even more importantly students, who appreciated his mantra of 'kids always come first'. He will also be remembered fondly as a tremendous handyman who had a passion for furniture and woodwork and as someone who would always go above and beyond for our school community. Ron was part of the crew who built the stone wall out the front of the school and was known for his commitment to the occupational health and safety of both students and staff. We pass on our warmest condolences to Rosalie and the rest of the family.

Gayle Bury

Senior School Coordinator

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## Year 8 Spotlight

Semester 2 is well underway and our Year 8 students have a lot of fantastic learning opportunities on the go! We are super excited about our upcoming Adelaide Camp later this term. Stay tuned for updates on our adventures when we return from camp.

**English** – Students completed oral presentations at the end of last term on topics of their choice. It was great to see students shine and share their interests with their peers. Skills in public speaking were developed throughout this task and we will continue to build on these in preparation for Year 9 Round Table next year. We are currently working on a non-fiction animal research task, linking in with our upcoming visit to Monarto Zoo.

**Pathways** – We have continued to progress through The Resilience Project journals, focusing on Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness.

**History** – Last term the Year 8 History class studied all things Medieval. We were fortunate to have Yr 12 student, Samuel Simpson, lend us the chain mail he made when he was in Year 8 himself. Used for protection under Knight's armour, the students could experience firsthand how heavy the chain mail actually was!

**HPE** – The 5-a-side Soccer Carnival will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August. We have been successful in obtaining a Sporting Schools Grant and will be taking all Year 7/8 students this semester to Melrose to hire mountain bikes and ride the trails.





## School News



**Home Ec** – Students have been learning about food safety, hygiene and general safety in the kitchen. So far students have prepared fettuccine carbonara, tacos, devilled sausages, and lamingtons.

**Art** - In the last two weeks of the term, students began working on an assignment, enabling students to opportunity to learn a variety of different art terms and techniques while experimenting with elements and principles in different media. Over Weeks 1 and 2 we will be focusing on drawing techniques and still-life drawings.



Students have settled back to school well and we can't wait to see a range of learning activities take place in Term 3.

**Kate Fitzgerald**  
Year 8 Home Group Teacher

### YEAR 12 FOOD & HOSPITALITY

What a sensational day our Yr 12 Food & Hospitality students had last Thursday when they experienced first-hand some of our amazing local Food & Hospitality businesses.

Students are currently working on a research task and practical, based on Food & Hospitality in the Southern Flinders Ranges. We spent the morning in Orroroo at Black Rock Kitchen and Two Farmers Daughters before enjoying a delicious lunch at Over the Edge in Melrose. We are incredibly grateful to Gaye, Joylene, Adele and Kerri for their generosity in taking the time to answer our questions and share their wealth of knowledge with us. We highly recommend a visit to these fabulous local businesses.

**Kate Fitzgerald**  
Food & Hospitality Teacher



Black Rock Kitchen, Orroroo



Two Farmers Daughters, Orroroo



## School News



Over the Edge, Melrose

### State Wide Netball Round Two Year 7/8

On Thursday 27th July, 10 year 7/8 girls went to Clare to play against Faith Lutheran College from Tanunda and Horizon Christian School. Students put in a lot of effort, but unfortunately lost both games against much stronger and taller teams. It was a good experience for students who showed great sportsmanship.



Thank you to Meridee Groves for driving and umpiring, Tess McCallum for driving and coaching, and Sarah and Jay Taylor for driving, scoring and timing. We really appreciate these parents for volunteering their time to support the girls.

**Chloe Clarke, HPE Teacher**

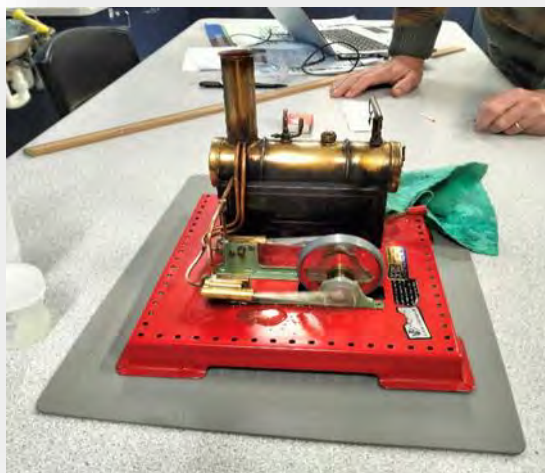
### Year 9 Science

Mr D's year 9 science class witnessed the running of a little steam engine in the last week of term 2.

The science around this little engine's invention was the birth of the Industrial Revolution 1760-1840. Whether that was a good or bad thing remains a mystery.

My many thanks to the Port Augusta Model Engineers Society who recently offered to give this little engine a health check as it is very old (circa 1967-72) and other than a leaky boiler she works a treat.

**Lisa Stewart, Science SSO**





# BOOK WEEK 2023

Read, Grow, Inspire

BCDS Parade

Thursday 24th August, Week 5

Get your costumes ready!



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## Community News



**AG CAREER START**  
LEARN. GROW. FARM.



**APPLICATIONS OPEN**  
14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2023



**AgCAREERSTART IS A 10-12 MONTH GAP-YEAR PROGRAM TO KICK-START YOUNG AUSTRALIANS' CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE.**

This unique gap-year program provides you with a paid job, training and development, not to mention the opportunity to build your networks within the agriculture industry.

You can identify the type of farm and location that you would prefer to be placed in. A matching process is undertaken to ensure participants are assigned to the type of farms that match your interests and skills.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?**

- Anyone aged from 17-25 can apply
- Must be legally able to work in Australia
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**WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?**

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