



# Booleroo Centre District School

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## Newsletter Term 4 Week 9

### Principal's News

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY** **14TH DECEMBER 2023**

[Wonka Movie](#)

Thursday 14th December

[Super 8s Cricket at GHS](#)

Thursday 14th December

#### **Last Day**

**Early Dismissal 2:15pm**

**Friday 15th December**

[Year 7 Aquatics camp](#)

Monday 5th February to

Wednesday 7th February

[Primary swimming lessons](#)

Monday 5th February to

Monday 12th February

[Primary swimming carnival](#)

Tuesday 13th December

[Secondary swimming carnival](#)

Wednesday 14th December

[Sammy D Foundation talk](#)

[Years 7–12](#)

Thursday 15th December

**Student Free Day**

**Monday 26th February**



#### **What a challenge**

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all families, students, and staff for your unwavering support and understanding during the challenges we faced over the past three days. I acknowledge that it has been a significant ordeal for everyone involved, and I empathize with any frustration some members of our community may have experienced during this time.

The decision to close a school due to climatic conditions or emergencies is one that is not taken lightly. The Department for Education operates under a well-defined framework and has a dedicated team that collaborates closely with emergency services. Together, they assess and determine whether a school site should be closed for reasons linked to a specific event. Importantly, such decisions are always made with the primary goal of safeguarding the well-being of all students and staff.

Upon reaching a decision recommending closure, communication is promptly conveyed to the school principal through their respective line managers.

I appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate these challenges together. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

#### **Staffing for 2024**

We have been quite busy attempting to finalise our staffing for 2024. The Department for Education is actively collaborating with all schools to ensure that all vacancies are filled before the end of the year. This process is crucial in maintaining the continuity and excellence of our educational programs.

In light of this, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to both Kate Fitzgerald and John Duivesteyn for their outstanding contributions to our school community. Their dedication and hard work have left a lasting impact, and they will be greatly missed. I extend my best wishes to both Kate and John as they embark on new journeys at their respective school sites. Your presence will be remembered, and your legacy appreciated by our school community. I would also like to finally thank Georgia Foulis. Thank you Georgia for your dedication and contribution you have given to the Primary Students this year. I am sure at some point we will again be working with you in one form or another.

As we bid farewell to valued members of our team, we also eagerly anticipate the arrival of new colleagues who will bring fresh perspectives and talents to enrich our school environment.

#### **Thank you**

As we approach the festive season and the end of the year, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone in Booleroo Centre and the surrounding areas.

To the entire community, thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to my family and me. Your kindness has made our first year here an incredibly rewarding experience, and we are truly grateful for the sense of belonging you've provided.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all the dedicated staff at Booleroo Centre District School for their unwavering commitment to our students. Your tireless efforts and the manner in which you support and provide opportunities for our students have not gone unnoticed.

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## Principal's News (cont)

A special thank you goes out to the students at BCDS for embodying a spirit of support and care for one another. Your positive and inclusive nature contributes to the wonderful community we have here.

As we enter the festive season, I wish each and every one of you a joyful and safe break. May you relish the time spent with family and friends, and may the holiday season bring you moments of joy and relaxation.

Looking forward to the adventures that 2024 holds, and I can't wait to see everyone back at BCDS. Enjoy the break!

Thank you

Tas Ktenidis

## Kindy News

It is time to say goodbye to our 2024 Kindy children. This Thursday is our farewell to the kindy children we have grown so fond of with a chance to say "goodbye and good luck".

Reflecting on the year that has been, we have found the children have been a curious, capable and diverse group of learners. Every Kindy morning, I would see children running to be first in the door; their enthusiasm is inspiring. There have been many highlights this year but as always, it is the everyday connections between children and their peers and educators which are most inspiring. Interaction with the children's families also means so much.

The fun and learning that is 'Kindy' is very special and we have great memories of the Bush Buddies visit with a baby crocodile, a snake and various other native animals. Our times with Mount View Residents, our local schools and home visits and excursions give us a real sense of connection with our community.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Educators for their dedication and commitment and families for being so supportive of their children's learning and wellbeing. As is often quoted 'It takes a village to raise a child'.

We look forward to seeing the Kindy children who are continuing Kindy with us until term 3 next year. We wish all the children starting school all the very best and am excited for the new children beginning Kindy in 2024.

**Quote:** *You're off to great places, today is your day, your mountain is waiting so..... get on your way!* - Dr Suess

**The Kindy Team**

## Senior School News

Congratulations to all of our award winners from last night's Presentation Night. I would like to take this final opportunity to wish our year 12s all the best for Monday when results are released at 8:30am. Though we are sad to see you go, we are excited to see where your journey takes you.

Happy Holidays and thank you all for your continued support of our school community.

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