



# Booleroo Centre District School

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Integrity · Responsibility · Resilience · Respect

## Newsletter Term 1 Week 2

### Principal's News

Dear Families, Staff, and Students,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Booleroo Centre District School! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful break and are ready for a year filled with learning, growth, and new opportunities. A special welcome to our **new students**, including the **Year 7 students from Melrose Primary and Wilmington Primary**—we are delighted to have you join our school community and look forward to seeing you thrive as part of BCDS.

#### Our 2025 Priorities: Learning, Wellbeing, and Belonging

This year, we have three key focus areas to enhance student success and engagement:

- **Writing Focus:** Developing strong writing skills is essential for all learners. Our whole-school focus will ensure students build confidence and capability in expressing their ideas clearly and effectively.
- **Reading Focus:** Reading is the foundation for learning, and our goal is to ensure that every student builds confidence, fluency, and comprehension skills that support their success in all areas of the curriculum.
- **Wellbeing & Belonging:** A strong sense of belonging at school is crucial for student success. We will continue to build a culture where all students feel valued, supported, and connected.
- **Australian Curriculum:** continue to engage with the **Australian Curriculum Version 9** to ensure high-quality teaching and learning for all students. This updated curriculum refines and strengthens the existing framework, providing greater clarity, a stronger emphasis on essential skills, and a focus on deep learning.

#### Welcome to Our New Staff

We are excited to welcome several new staff members to our team:

- **Kathrine Wolff** – Secondary Maths and she has a Biology background
- **Kelly Ktenidis** – Senior Leader SACE/ VET and Student Intervention
- **Ebony Hahn** – New SSO, supporting student learning
- **Cameron O'Connell** – Secondary Science and English

We look forward to the contributions they will make to our school community and wish them a fantastic start at BCDS.

#### *Congratulations to Steve Couch*

A huge congratulations to **Steve Couch** on his **permanent appointment!** His dedication and commitment to our students have been invaluable, and we are thrilled to have him as a permanent member of our team.

#### Fostering a Positive Growth Mindset

As we begin the new year, we encourage all students to adopt a **positive growth mindset** in their learning. Mistakes are part of learning, challenges help us grow, and effort leads to improvement. By embracing persistence and curiosity, every student has the potential to achieve great things.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and working together as a school community to support the success and wellbeing of all students. Thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish everyone a wonderful start to 2025!

Thank you, Tas Ktenidis

### DATES FOR THE DIARY 6TH FEBRUARY 2025

Primary swimming lessons  
Monday 3rd Feb—Monday  
10th Feb

Whole School swimming  
carnival

Tuesday 11th February  
Backup date  
Friday 14th February

### Governing Council AGM

Everyone welcome to  
attend

**Monday 17th February**

MNSEC Swimming  
Carnival- Quorn

Tuesday 18th February

Parent Information Night

Tuesday 18th February

SSSA Swimming

Thursday 27th February

Sports Day

Thursday March 6th

Student Free Day

**Friday 7th March 2025**

Adelaide Cup Public  
Holiday

**Monday 10th March**

Flinders Mobile Library

Friday 14th & 28th Feb

Friday 14th & 28th March



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## Kindy News

It has been a hot start to the 2025 Kindy and Rural Care year. We welcome back our families after the summer break and we trust time spent with loved ones was special. As educators we enjoy seeing our Kindy and Rural children walk or run down the path at the start of each day.

This week our children have been sharing a family photo for Show and Share. The children have also participated in an experiment using water, a jar and a ping pong ball. The surface tension held the ball upside down because of the water in the jar.

We are learning about creatures in our environment, going on scavenger hunt in our yard and drawing and painting different insects. The children have also used leaves to make various insects and together we are learning all about insects and their worlds.



**Quote:** Learning is their journey. Let them navigate. Push them to explore. Watch them discover. Encourage their questions. Allow them to struggle. Support their thinking. Let them Fly. Unknown

**The Kindy Team**

## School News

### Snack packs for Firefighters

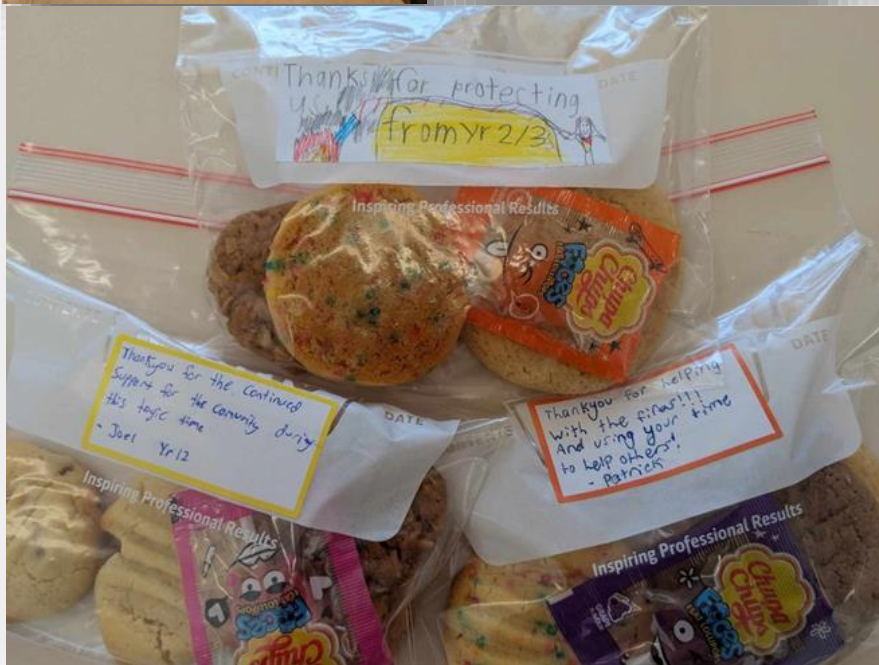
Yesterday we packaged up 105 snack packs for our wonderful volunteers who are fighting the Alligator Gorge fire. It was a whole school effort, with the SRC purchasing the ingredients.

All students wrote a personal message or drew a picture for the firefighters which the Year 9 pathways group stuck on the bags.

The year 11 Home Economics class baked 399 biscuits for the packages and the Year 8 Pathways class packaged up biscuits and a lolly pop.

Today these will be delivered to Wilmington to be distributed. We are so very grateful for those who are giving their time and risking their lives to keep our community safe.

**Chloe Clarke, Home Economics Teacher**



# BCDS



## *SRC and House Leaders Induction Ceremony*

*All parents, grandparents and community  
members are invited to the  
2025 BCDS SRC & House Leaders Induction  
Ceremony*

20  
25

**MONDAY 10 FEB  
2:30PM START  
IN THE  
BCDS SCHOOL GYM**

# FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

**Tuesday 18th February 2025**

All parents & students are invited to attend an information evening where you can meet new and returning teachers. There will also be a sausage sizzle and SRC will be selling drinks. Times are as follows:

## **JUNIOR SCHOOL INFO 5:30pm**

**R/1 Class 5:45pm**

**2/3 Class 5:55pm**

**4/5/6 Class 6:05pm**

## **Governing Council BBQ 6:15pm - 6:45pm**

**Soft drinks \$2 Fruit Boxes \$1.50**

**Yr 7-9 6:45pm**

**Yr 10-12 7:05pm**

**BOOLEROO CENTRE  
DISTRICT SCHOOL**



## **Governing Council AGM**

The Governing Council AGM will be held on Monday 17th February.

We invite and welcome all parents to attend the AGM, and welcome new members to our Governing Council. Meetings are held no more than twice a term, with the potential of being able to zoom into meetings from home. Please have a think about volunteering for this important committee. It is a chance to have input into our school, and can be a very rewarding experience.

Paper copies of the Nomination forms will sent home with the youngest student of each family in due course.

# **“SOCIAL/NIGHT BOWLS”**

**BOOLEROO CENTRE BOWLING CLUB**

**6 NIGHTS** EACH THURSDAY NIGHT

**STARTING THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025**

(Then 6/2/25, 13/2/25, 20/2/25, 27/2/25, 6/3/25)

**“ 6.00<sup>PM</sup> FOR 6.30<sup>PM</sup> START”**

**BRING A TEAM OF 4 OR TURN UP ON THE NIGHT**

(Team/Player Nominations to Jim Heaslip, Ken Montgomery or Tony Jarvis)  
(0408 635 001) (0403 789 003) (0427 586 035)

**\$10.00 PER PLAYER**

**PRIZES FOR THE WINNING TEAM EACH NIGHT**

Light supper provided

## SA ICPA 2025 State Conference



The President  
*Belinda Hatcher*

together with the State Council of the  
Isolated Children's Parents' Association  
of South Australia Inc.

invite you to attend the 2025 State Conference

**Friday March 21st**

Hosted by the Flinders Ranges Branch  
at Central Oval Complex,  
Port Augusta SA 5700



Further information and the link to register your  
attendance is

<https://icpa.com.au/sa/conference/register>