



Newsletter Term 1 Week 4

Principal's News

Welcome to new staff

We are delighted to welcome Janine Hughes as the new class teacher for the Year 2/3 class. Janine brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and we are excited to have her join our school community. Janine Hughes has taught in a number of schools in neighbouring towns such as Port Pirie and Wilmington just to name a few. Please join us in making her feel at home!

Swimming Carnival

Our recent combined swimming carnival was a fantastic success! Students demonstrated our school values of Respect, Resilience, Integrity, and Responsibility throughout the event. Despite being tested by 20 minutes of rain, we persevered and continued to enjoy the competition. A big thank you to all the families who came along to support our students. Congratulations to Dunstan for taking the win! We remain hopeful that Rogers will pull one back at Sports Day.

A special thank you to Paul Jones for cooking the BBQ and Nicolle Carey, Emma McSporran, and Amanda Shultz for refereeing. We also appreciate the staff for their support in the background, ensuring everything ran smoothly. Most importantly, thank you to our students for their sportsmanship and encouragement of each other.

Positive Growth Mindset in Learning

We continue to encourage a positive growth mindset in our learning journey. Remember, "Mistakes are stepping stones toward my success and improvement." Every challenge is an opportunity to learn and grow! Embracing mistakes and learning from them helps develop resilience, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. When we face difficulties, it is important to remember that effort and perseverance lead to progress. Growth comes from stepping outside of our comfort zones and embracing challenges as learning experiences. Let's continue to support each other in fostering a mindset that values persistence, curiosity, and continuous improvement.

Thank You to Our Governing Council

A heartfelt thank you to our Governing Council for their commitment to our school governance. Their dedication and support help guide the direction of our school, ensuring the best outcomes for our students and community.

- **Chair:** Jacqui Jones
- **Deputy Chair:** Lachlan McCallum
- **Finance:** Sondra Sard
- **Secretary:** Amanda Schulz

Member of Governing Council

- Bec Foulis

I have also listed the Governing Council heads of our sub-committees:

- **Fundraising:** Deb Brinkley (we still require a staff member)
- **Finance:** Sondra Sard
- **Agriculture:** Lachlan McCallum
- **Bus:** Sandy Saal—still need a Wilmington rep
- **Uniform:** Deb Brinkley

Thank you to all these individuals for their time, effort, and dedication to supporting our school and students.

DATES FOR THE DIARY 20TH FEBRUARY, 2025

[Sapsasa swimming trials](#)
Wednesday 26th February

[SSSA Swimming](#)
Thursday 27th February

[Flinders Mobile Library](#)
Friday 28th Feb
Friday 14th & 28th March

[Sapsasa cricket and tennis trials](#)
Wednesday 5th March

[Sports Day](#)
Thursday 6th March

[Student Free Day](#)
Friday 7th March 2025

[Adelaide Cup Public Holiday](#)
Monday 10th March

[MNSEC Athletics](#)
Wednesday 19th March

[Choir](#)
Thursday 27th March

[Flinders Uni Presentation](#)
Friday 28th March

[Sapsasa boys and girls netball trials](#)

[Sapsasa AFL boys trials](#)
Tuesday 1st April

[GRIP Leadership Conference](#)
Wednesday 2nd April



Principal's News (cont)

Open Night Appreciation

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who attended Open Night. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to learn more about their child's classroom, teachers, and the wider school community. We appreciate your engagement and interest in your child's learning journey. A special thank you to Paul and Scarlett Jones and Sandy Saal for helping with the BBQ and ensuring everyone enjoyed a delicious snag! Also to the SRC leaders who sold drinks on behalf of SRC - a great effort by them, especially for those who travelled to get here.

Thank you
Tas Ktenidis

Kindy News

Last week was so hot at Kindy/Rural Care we experimented to see if we could fry an egg outside in full sun and in part shade. Both eggs fried however we found the egg in full sun cooked much quicker.

To feel cool we did ice play, digging out mini creatures from inside the ice and painting the ice with water colours. After a while we noticed colours inside the ice from water paints seeping through the cracks and sitting in the ice.

The children all had a go at using a typewriter after it was the item for our wondering circle. The children noticed the various noises the typewriter makes and how you need to press hard for the letter to hit the ribbon to make a print on the page.

Our learning continues about creatures in our yard and recently we have been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly. For show and share this week the children are bringing something green.



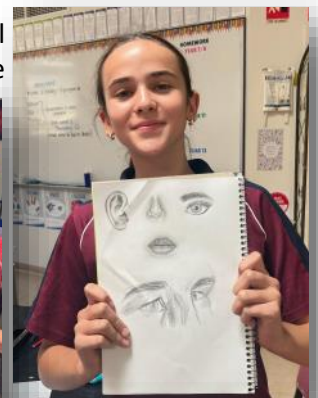
Quote: "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." **Dr Suess**

The Kindy Team

Year 8 Art

The Year 8 students have kicked off the term on a positive note by diving into sketching facial features. This initial focus supports their upcoming work, where they'll learn to combine these features into complete portrait. It's exciting to see their progress and creativity unfold as they develop their skills in capturing the essence of a whole face!

Tori Capurso, Art Teacher



School News

Year 7 Camp Port Vincent

My favourite thing on camp was knee boarding – Fraser

My favourite part was when we did surfing - Lily A

My found knee board challenging but improved - Bayley

The things I would recommend to next years, year 7's would be is putting on a lot of sunscreen and drink a lot of water - Jaeden

My favourite part of camp was boogie boarding because it was fast. Lachy

My favourite parts of camp were surfing, handball and test cricket and eating a whole bag of lollies. – Oskar

My favourite part of camp was when I would bend down and run my hand through the water whilst standing on my board- Lily F

On camp I learned how to spot rips and how to get out of them. I also learned how to surf and wind sail. They are both very hard but very fun. – Charlie

My advice for the next year 7's would be don't be scared or nervous about any of the activities because they were really fun. Amelia



School News

BCDS Swimming Carnival 2025

The highly anticipated BCDS Swimming Carnival 2025 took place on Friday, February 14, 2025, at Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool. Originally scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, the event was rescheduled due to extreme heat but still drew great excitement from students, staff, and the school community.

This year's carnival was especially significant, as it marked the first time since 2012 that the entire school came together for the event. It was a special occasion to witness the whole BCDS community reunited in celebration of sport, teamwork, and school spirit.

The competition between Dunstan and Rogers was fierce, but the early signs pointed to Dunstan gaining the ascendancy. This continued throughout the day and Dunstan took out the event with a score of 931 to Rogers 682. A convincing win for Dunstan and a good motivator for Rogers to try and take out Sports Day.

Laylem Polkinghorne is Dunstan's male House Captain, but due to VET commitments was unable to attend. Shayla Arthur spoke on behalf of both House Captains and did a superb job.

Congratulations to all the Cup Winners. No records were broken this year. From our carnival 36 students were selected for MNSEC Swimming at Quorn. There were some excellent results at the MNSEC Carnival.

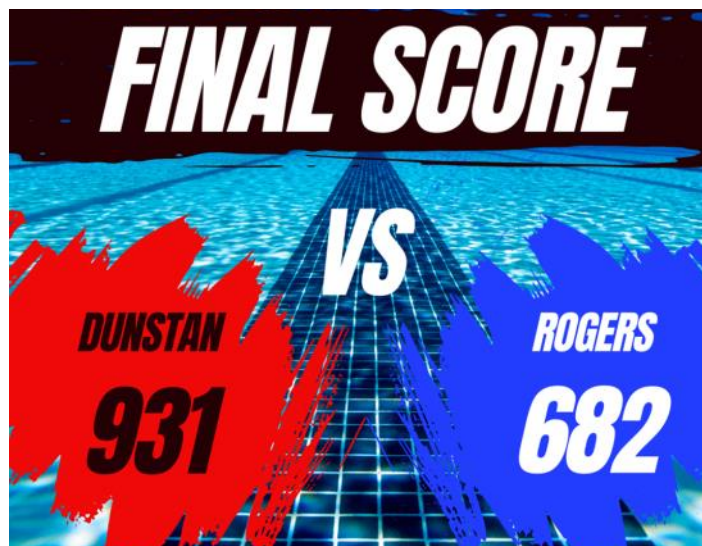
A huge thank you to all the students who participated or assisted on the day. It was wonderful to see so many parents at the carnival, and the younger students were fantastic in supporting their House.

We also want to express our gratitude to the volunteers, parents, and staff who contributed in any way to the success of the event. A special thanks to Nicolle Carey, Emma McSporrán, and Amanda Schulz for serving as stroke judges and starters. Paul Jones did an outstanding job managing the BBQ, particularly in the challenging conditions when the rain arrived. Tori Capurso and the SRC were incredible in running the canteen, providing food and refreshments. Thankyou Peter Davies for helping transport the BBQ and the shades to the event. Lastly, we are thankful to the Booleroo Pool Committee and the Booleroo Swimming Club for allowing us to use their facilities

We now turn our attention to Sports Day on Thursday 6th March Week 6. It would be great to see you there cheering on Dunstan or Rogers. If you are available to help please contact Lisa at the front office.

Alby Nicholls, HPE Coordinator

	Runner Up	Winner
Year 5/6 Girls	-	Matisse Arthur 21 points
Year 5/6 Boys	Harry Berryman 13 points	George Nottle 28 points
Junior Girls	Lily Arthur & Lilly Friend	Stella Roocke 33 points
Junior Boys	Charlie Saal 18 points	Henry Piggott 35 points
Inter Girls	-	Mikayla Garrard 35 points
Inter Boys	-	Hudson Cains 28 points
Senior Girls	-	Matilda van der Werf 28 points
Senior Boys	Rhys Brinkley 20 points	Joel Voigt 35 points



School News

BCDS at the 2025 MNSEC Swimming Carnival

Today, we travelled to Quorn to compete in the annual MNSEC Swimming Carnival. The day was filled with spirited competition, and while we were certainly competitive. Our primary focus was on ensuring every event was filled, and that all squad members gave their best effort and had some fun along the way.

The carnival saw some incredible individual achievements, from winning races and placing in events, to achieving personal bests and completing a 50m event for the very first time. These moments truly highlighted the dedication and hard work of our team.

Congratulations to Gladstone High School for winning the Overall Shield. The competition was close, with only 11 points separating first from fourth place and a tie for second making for an exciting and tense finish.

We are incredibly proud of everyone who took part in the day, and special congratulations go to Matilda van der Werf for winning the Female Champion Swimmer Award, and Mikayla Garrard for finishing as runner-up.

A big thank you to Eric Zanker for driving the bus, and to Gayle Bury, Steve Couch, and Margo Sismey for their support on the day. A thank you to Amanda Bowman for organising the carnival to Monique Griffiths and Quorn Area School for hosting. Thank you to Kathy Kupke and the staff who helped organise classes back at school.

Well done, Team BCDS! You should all be incredibly proud of what you achieved today!

All the best to the 9 BCDS students who earned qualification as a part of the MNSEC Swimming Team, who will compete at the SSSA Swimming Championships in Adelaide on Thursday 27th February.

Alby Nicholls, HPE Coordinator

MNSEC SWIMMING 2025

Overall Shield

1st	Gladstone High School	407.5 points
2nd	Orroroo Area School & Jamestown Community School	403 points
4th	Booleroo Centre District School	396.5 points
5th	Quorn Area School	109 points
6th	Peterborough High School	11 points



CONGRATULATIONS

MATILDA VAN DER WERF



***MNSEC SWIMMING
FEMALE CHAMPION
SWIMMER 2025***



RUNNER UP - MIKAYLA GARRARD



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The Department's Statewide Inclusive Education Services (SIES) will be hosting an Inclusive Technology information session via Microsoft Teams (scan the code below).

If you're a parent or carer of a student with disability at a Department School, you are invited to the session with SIES staff to learn more about technology that may be available.



THURSDAY
20TH FEBRUARY 2025



10AM - 11AM



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