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Newsletter Term 1 Week 8

DATES FOR THE DIARY 20TH MARCH, 2025

Harmony Day

Tuesday 25th March

Choir

Thursday 27th March

Flinders Uni Presentation

Friday 28th March

Flinders Mobile Library

Friday 28th March

Friday 11th April

Friday 9th & 23rd May

Beats and Pieces Excursion

R-year 6

Tuesday 1st April

Year 11 Geography

Excursion

Tuesday 1st April

Sapsasa boys and girls netball trials

Sapsasa AFL boys trials

Tuesday 1st April

Year 7 and Year 10 immunisations

Thursday 3rd April

Primary assembly

Thursday 3rd April

Merit Ceremony

Tuesday 8th April

SSSA Athletics

Wednesday 9th April

Principal's News

Harmony Week

At Booleroo Centre District School, we are excited to celebrate Harmony Week from March 18th to 24th. This special week is a time to recognise, respect, and embrace the diverse cultures that make up our school and wider community. The theme, "**Everybody Belongs**," highlights the importance of inclusivity, belonging, and the positive impact of multiculturalism in Australia.

Harmony Week is about celebrating cultural diversity and promoting inclusivity. It is a reminder that our differences make us stronger and that respect and understanding create a vibrant and supportive school environment.

Throughout the week, our students will participate in various activities designed to promote understanding and connection. Students will be encouraged to dress in Orange on Tuesday of Harmony week. Wearing orange is a great way to show your support for inclusivity and belonging. Orange represents communication, freedom of ideas, and mutual respect – values we cherish in our school community.

School Uniforms

At Booleroo Centre District School, we take pride in our school community and the values we uphold. One of the key aspects of fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment is ensuring that all students wear the correct school uniform. Our uniform policy is supported by the Governing Council and is designed to benefit students, families, and the wider school community.

Why is Wearing the Correct School Uniform Important?

- Promotes a Sense of Belonging and School Pride: Wearing the school uniform helps students feel a sense of unity and connection with their peers. It reinforces our school identity and encourages pride in being part of the Booleroo Centre District School community.
- Supports Student Well-Being and Equality: A consistent uniform helps create an inclusive and equitable environment where students are valued for who they are rather than what they wear. It reduces social pressures related to fashion and allows all students to feel comfortable and confident in their appearance.
- Enhances Focus and Learning: Wearing a uniform eliminates distractions related to clothing choices, allowing students to focus on their learning and personal development. It establishes a clear distinction between school and social settings, supporting a mindset geared toward education.
- Ensures Safety and Security: A uniform makes it easier for staff to identify students within the school and on excursions, ensuring a safer environment. It also helps to maintain a professional and respectful atmosphere.

Please refer to the school uniform policy if you have any queries, or please feel free to contact the school.

Sports Day

A huge well done to all students for their effort and enthusiasm during Sports Day!

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Principal's News (cont)

It was fantastic to see students from all schools—Wilmington Primary, Melrose Primary, and Booleroo Centre District School—come together and compete with great sportsmanship and teamwork.

The Primary students displayed the core values of their respective schools, and it was inspiring to see them encouraging and supporting each other throughout the day.

A special thank you to all staff from each school for their dedication and hard work behind the scenes to make this event a success. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Alby Nicholls and Marika Keller for organising the logistics of the day. A big thank you to Peter Davis for ensuring the oval was perfectly marked and to all the volunteers who assisted staff in running event stations. Your support was invaluable in making the day run smoothly.

We also appreciate the families who attended and cheered on the students, creating a fantastic and supportive atmosphere.

Congratulations to Dunstan on their well-deserved victory! A job well done to all students for their participation and sportsmanship. We look forward to seeing Rogers come back strong in 2026!

Thank you all for making Sports Day such a memorable and successful event!

MNSEC Track and Field

A huge congratulations to our students for their outstanding achievement in winning MNSEC for 2025! Competing against five different schools is no easy feat, and we are incredibly proud of your efforts, determination, and teamwork. Take pride in your hard work and celebrate this fantastic occasion!

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff for their tireless efforts throughout the day, ensuring everything ran smoothly and supporting our students in every way possible. Your commitment and dedication do not go unnoticed.

We also extend our gratitude to the families who were able to attend and cheer on our students. Your support makes a significant impact, and we appreciate you being part of this special event.

Thank you to Jamestown Community School for hosting the event and to Orreroo Area School, Quorn Area School, Gladstone High School and Peterborough High School for making the day a wonderful success.

Education Management Systems (EMS)

What is the Education Management System (EMS)

The Education Management System (EMS) is a flexible digital, cloud-based platform designed for the department to replace EDSAS and EYS. It streamlines and automates many school and preschool administration and financial management functions. EMS will transform the way all department schools and preschools operate. BCDS is currently in the process of transitioning from our current system, being EDSAS, to EMS.

For BCDS, we will begin customising our EMS by selecting optional add-ons and integrating approved third-party applications. This will enhance our platform for recording enrolments, managing family information, processing payments, and fulfilling student and school reporting requirements.

Some of the benefits from a school perspective are;

The benefits of EMS are now being seen across sites and their communities. Examples of common benefits include:

- Site business managers can process purchase orders digitally, saving time and reducing the risk of manual errors.
- School support officers can quickly access important information like care plans, intervention orders, and medications, making it faster and easier to respond to a student's needs.
- Teachers mark attendance and record behaviour and wellbeing notes in real-time, providing a comprehensive view of each student's day.
- Students no longer need to worry about losing paper forms or forgetting to hand them into their teachers, as communications are sent directly to parents and carers via email using EdSmart.
- Parents and carers feel informed about their child's learning and behaviour through clearer academic reports. Remaining up to date on school activities is easier as they receive and submit consent forms via email using EdSmart.
- Governing councils can access real-time reports and dashboards that provide greater visibility of a site's performance and financial results during meetings.

We will continue to use Sentral and Seesaw as our primary apps for communication with you. As time permits, we will explore the benefits of what the EMS can offer and consider potential changes in the future. Any possible changes will be communicated well in advance to our school community.

Principal's News (cont)

Positive mindset to learning

Jay Shetty is an author from the United Kingdom and his quote, **“But when we look for the good in others, we start to see the best in ourselves too,”** beautifully applies to learning and education.

When students recognise the strengths and efforts of their peers—whether it’s perseverance in a difficult task, creativity in problem-solving, or kindness in collaboration—they begin to cultivate a growth mindset within themselves. By acknowledging and valuing the contributions of others, they reinforce their own learning journey, develop resilience, and build confidence.

In the classroom, this mindset fosters a positive learning environment where students support each other, embrace challenges, and strive for their personal best. It also encourages reflective learning—when we uplift others, we recognise our own abilities and potential.

As educators, carers and parents, we can model this by highlighting student achievements, encouraging peer feedback, and creating a culture where every student’s strengths are recognised. Through this approach, learning becomes not just an individual pursuit but a shared experience that brings out the best in everyone.

Thank you

Tas Ktenidis

Kindy News (cont)

Our latest visit to the Mount View Homes was a very happy occasion. One of our Kindy children was celebrating a birthday, so we sang happy birthday together. We read the storybook ‘Grandma’s Guide to Happiness’, sharing with us old-fashioned fun. The children played Skittles, with the residents joining in, and the children drew pictures for the residents.

The children have brought ‘something that starts with S’ and ‘a picture of our favourite pet’ for Show and Share. Show and Share provides the opportunity for interesting learning conversations between the children.

With the recent milder weather, it has been wonderful to be outside more and enjoy our outside learning space.



Quote: ‘Every day in a new adventure filled with opportunities to learn and grow. Let’s make the most of it!?’

The Kindy Team

Primary News

The primary students hosted a successful assembly this week. It was great to see all the work students are completing. Congratulations to the recent award winners.

Primary SRC have met and will be hosting an Easter event, with the sale of Hot Cross Buns for whole school and the traditional easter egg hunt for primary classes.

On Tuesday 25th March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day. Students can come dressed in orange or other cultural clothing on this day. Primary classes will be engaged in some Harmony Day activities between recess and lunch.

Primary interviews will take place in Week 10 with booking information coming out soon.

Thanks,

Primary Team

Sports Day hosted by BCDS 2025

On Thursday, the 20th of March, we held our annual Sports Day, pitting Dunstan against Rogers for the athletics shield. It was fantastic to welcome back the K–12 event. The place was buzzing with spectators and the whole school; it was great to see the wider school community united for another fantastic day out. Thanks to Melrose Primary School and Wilmington Primary School for attending the event—their presence adds to the event’s excitement.

Numerous records were broken, including the oldest record in the program, which was from 1966. This record was the Senior Boys long jump and was held by Trevor Morrow (1966) & Peter Corkin (1970). Joel Voigt had an exceptional day, breaking the record with a massive jump of 6.24m. Our new long jump run-ups are the same surface used at the elite standard and in combination with Joel’s explosive run-up and excellent technique, the record fell.

Patrick Zwar also made history, breaking both the Junior Boys’ 800m and 1500m records. Having already surpassed Andrew Bastian’s 1500m record last year, this time he shattered Jason Bastian’s 800m record from 1985. In addition, Neve Cains broke Alex Archer’s shot-put record, and the Dunstan team smashed the Year 5/6 Boys’ 4 x 100m relay record set just last year. It’s always impressive to witness such high achievements, and we congratulate all of our record-breakers for their outstanding efforts!

From the early stages of the day, it was clear that we were in for a fierce competition, with minimal points separating Dunstan and Rogers. It was excellent to see a close competition after some dominant performances by Rogers in recent times. Both Houses should be proud of what they accomplished. Dunstan was the winner with 1455 points (101 primary points) and Rogers trailed with 1351 points (100 primary points). Shayla Arthur and Beau Macfarlane gave a good acceptance speech on behalf of Dunstan.

Every student’s dedication and effort were evident throughout the day, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. Your hard work leading up to the event truly paid off, and everyone should feel proud of their performances.

Congratulations to all cup winners and record-breakers. These accomplishments are not easy to achieve, and you should be proud of your efforts. Please see the cup scores, records broken, and benchmarks set below.

A massive thank you to all staff, volunteers, and everyone who supported the event; your hard work behind the scenes made everything run smoothly. Special thanks to Peter Davies for his help maintaining and marking the oval, as well as the many other tasks he handled. A huge shout-out to Tori Capurso and the SRC for managing the canteen, and to Marika Keller and the primary staff for their outstanding contributions.

Once again, well done to all!

Alby Nicholls, HPE Coordinator

ATHLETICS RECORDS SET IN 2025

NO	EVENT	PREVIOUSLY HELD BY	YEAR	RECORD	NEW RECORD	COMPETITOR
4	Junior Boys 800m	Jason Bastian	1985	2:30.95	2:28.53	Patrick Zwar
10	Junior Boys 1500m	Patrick Zwar	2024	5:18.45	5:12.13	Patrick Zwar
55	Year 5/6 Girls Shot Put	Alex Archer	2023	7.54m	7.60m	Neve Cains
70	Senior Boys Long Jump	Trevor Morrow & Peter Corkin	1966 & 1970	6.06m	6.24m	Joel Voigt
94	Year 5/6 Boys 4x100m Relay	Dunstan	2024	1:12.00	1:10.47	Dunstan

BCDS Sports Day Cup Winners 2025

Age Group	Runner Ups	Winner
5/6 Girls	Neve Cains – 53 points Indie Noll – 22 points	Matisse Arthur – 59 points
5/6 Boys	Chase Waters – 37 points Sam Stroeh – 28 points	Charlie Koch – 43 points
Junior Girls	Brooklyn Taylor – 47 points Alex Archer – 41 points	Eva McCallum – 53 points
Junior Boys	Patrick Zwar – 44 points Eddie Piggott – 33 points	Sol Lee-Bruce – 60 points
Inter Girls	Gemma O’Callaghan – 47 points Maisie McCallum – 41 points	Lily Omahen – 72 points
Inter Boys	Zaiden van der Werf – 42 points Luca Trowbridge – 40 points	Charlie Lines – 56 points
Senior Girls	Jasmine Martin – 55 points Kiera Mount – 50 points	Matilda van der Werf – 62 points
Senior Boys	Oliver Shanks – 61 points Billy Archer – 36 points	Joel Voigt – 70 points

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Sports Day 2025 Winners
DUNSTAN



DUNSTAN
1455
ROGERS
1351



MNSEC Athletics 2025: A Historic 20th Consecutive Victory

The 2025 MNSEC Athletics, hosted by JCS and convened by Amanda Bowman, was one for the history books. The excitement in the air was palpable from the outset, with athletes and spectators alike knowing that this year's event was unlike any other. The goal was clear—to secure our 20th consecutive MNSEC Athletics win, an extraordinary feat that carried both weight and excitement.

From the start, nerves were evident. The competitors, eager to perform, faced several false starts in the hurdles and 100m. It was clear that this year, the stakes were high. After the first score update, we found ourselves trailing Orroroo Area School by 19 points. But rather than letting this setback shake them, our students rallied with a steely resolve, determined to turn things around.

And turn things around they did. Across the board, both on the track and in the field, our athletes delivered outstanding results. Those with a full quota of events—Sol Lee-Bruce, Charlie Lines, Grace McCallum, Lily Omahen, Joel Voigt, Patrick Zwar, and Henry Zwar—led from the front, proving that our team's strength lies in a collective effort.

Our 400m, 800m, and 1500m competitors demonstrated incredible determination, but one effort stood out above the rest. While running in the 1500m, Jasmine Martin was clearly in pain, yet she refused to give up. Despite the hardship, she pushed through and completed the race, leaving us all inspired by her sheer resilience.

And if that wasn't enough to fuel the excitement, the BCDS record-breakers had the crowd roaring! Patrick Zwar shattered three records in the 13/U Boys category—400m, 800m, and long jump—while Matilda van der Werf set a new mark in the Open Girls hurdles. The 13/U Boys also broke the 4x100m relay record. These achievements were a testament to the hard work and dedication of our athletes. Congratulations to all!

As we know, winning the MNSEC Athletics isn't just about individual brilliance—it's about filling every event and ensuring each team member's contribution counts. Our long-standing motto, "Strength in numbers," was once again proven to be crucial. While it's impossible to highlight every athlete, there were many moments of selflessness and teamwork that made all the difference.

One such moment came when Charlie Lines, despite battling a sore hamstring, gave up his spot in the 16/U Boys 400m to Jaxon Modystach. Jaxon, who had been training consistently, stepped in and finished a remarkable second in the event, even though he was only told minutes before the race. Similarly, Harper Waters stepped up to take on the 13/U Girls shot put, and Gemma O'Callaghan showed incredible sportsmanship by allowing Jemma Groves to take over her discus event, which ultimately led to Jemma winning the 16/U Girls discus. These acts of generosity were just a few examples of the exceptional teamwork and selflessness on display throughout the day.

With limited score updates and a sense of uncertainty about our standing, the relays became crucial. With double points on the line, we treated each relay as if we were tied or trailing, and our athletes rose to the challenge. Winning 8 out of 10 relays, the precision of the baton exchanges, the loud calls, and the collective energy from the team ensured our success.

A big thank you to all the students who trained on Tuesday, and to the staff who allowed them to practice. This extra preparation helped build the athletes' confidence and skill, making all the difference when it came to executing flawless relay exchanges.

The athletes came to the event with a clear goal: to give their best effort. And that's exactly what they did. Their determination helped secure the 20th consecutive MNSEC Athletics victory, an achievement that should fill every one of them with pride. Well done, everyone—this was no easy feat, but you rose to the challenge and contributed to an incredible success.

A special thank you goes to Kelly Zwar, Bernie Kelly, Ella Thredgold, and JCS for hosting the event on their fantastic oval, which was set up like a mini SSSA Athletics. Another heartfelt thank you to Amanda Bowman, whose countless hours of work made this event possible. Her attention to detail ensures that MNSEC events, especially the largest one of the year, run smoothly and successfully.

We would also like to thank our staff for their support throughout the day and our parents, especially those who arrived early to help set up. Tess McCallum, Livy, and Eva's contributions were much appreciated in preparing the BCDS area. It was fantastic to see so many parents from our wider community attending the event—your support made a difference. To our non-competitors who cheered on the athletes, your energy was felt throughout the day. Several athletes mentioned how your support helped energise them near the finish line. Mrs. Sismey still calls the relays the highlight of the day, and with the whole school cheering the teams home, it's hard to disagree!

School News

Finally, congratulations to Lily Omahen, our Female Champion Athlete of the Day. Lily completed an impressive three-peat, while Patrick Zwar came second with Joel Voigt and Sol Lee-Bruce joint third. These special achievements are a testament to their hard work and dedication—well done! Our team's success was also reflected in them winning all 5 age group pennants (13/U, 14/U, 15/U, 16/U, Open).

As we celebrate this victory, let's remember: **"Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat."**

Thank you all for your unwavering dedication and support. We look forward to the next chapter in MNSEC Athletics, and for now, enjoy the victory!

Alby Nicholls, HPE Coordinator

MNSEC ATHLETICS RECORDS SET IN 2025

NO.	EVENT	PREVIOUSLY HELD BY	YEAR	RECORD	NEW RECORD	COMPETITOR
9	13/U Boys 800m	Patrick Zwar	2024	2:31.00	2:29.75	Patrick Zwar
47	Open Girls Hurdles	Teegan Prosser	2021	19.45s	19.13s	Matilda van der Werf
108	13/U Long Jump	Sam Finlay QAS	2024	3.92m	3.95m	Patrick Zwar
121	13/U Boys 400m	Alex Kotaras JCS	2023	1:10.24	1:07.97	Patrick Zwar
136	13/U Boys 4 x 100m Relay	BCDS	2024	59.50s	58.98s	BCDS

Male Champion Athlete 2025

Runner Ups	Winner
2 nd Patrick Zwar 34 points 3 rd Joel Voigt & Sol Lee-Bruce 33 points	Hunter Shackleford (OAS) 34 points

Female Champion Athlete 2025

Runner Ups	Winner
2 nd Addison Nicholas (OAS) 34 points 3 rd Zara Land (OAS) & Imogen Cunningham (GHS)	Lily Omahen 36 points

W & S Thomas Handicap Shield

Place	School	Points
1 st	Jamestown Community School	740
2 nd	Orroroo Area School	738
3 rd	Booleroo Centre District School	737
4 th	Quorn Area School	691
5 th	Gladstone High School	657
6 th	Peterborough High School	560

Murchland Championship Shield (Overall Shield)

Place	School	Points
1 st	Booleroo Centre District School	737
2 nd	Orroroo Area School	592
3 rd	Gladstone High School	489
4 th	Jamestown Community School	464
5 th	Quorn Area School	174
6 th	Peterborough High School	71



MNSEC ATHLETICS 2025

Steam and Traction, Sunday 30th March 2025

Donations and volunteers required please

It's on again. The annual Booleroo Steam and Traction Rally is being held on Sunday March 30th and the fundraising committee is organising the school food stall.

This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and we are seeking every school family's support through donations and/or volunteering to help on the day. Please fill out the form below and indicate where you can help out. Please return the form to school by Monday 24th March or contact Debbie Brinkley 0427 806 107.

Thank you in advance for supporting BCDS and our school community

Steam & Traction Rally, Sunday 30th March, 2025

Name: _____

Contact details: _____

FOOD DONATIONS

I can donate a dozen or more fresh scones baked and delivered to Booleroo on Sunday 30th or

delivered to school to be frozen. Quantity supplied: _____

I can donate sandwich supplies. Please specify: _____

(e.g. curried egg, jam, chutney, cheese and carrot, etc)

I can donate cake, muffins or slices (please document the ingredients)

Please specify: _____

(e.g., please state what muffins, slice or slab of cake

SHIFT WORKERS

I can help on the gate for a 2-hour shift, preferred time: _____ morning / afternoon
(Note we are looking for 3 people to fill the 2-hour slot)

I can work in the BCDS stall on the day, preferred time: _____ morning / afternoon
(Note we are looking for 5 people per shift)

I cannot help with any of the above however I am happy to donate \$ _____
towards food required. Please make payment via ~~Qkr~~ or return with this slip.

**Workers will be allocated free entry tickets
(Info will be provided to workers prior to the day)**

HARMONY DAY R-12

25th March 2025

All you need to do is wear orange!



Whole school assembly - 1:30pm @ Gym



Competition categories: Pre School-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7

The District Council of Mount Remarkable would like to invite all pre-school and school aged children to enter our Drawing and Colouring Competition!

You can draw your own Easter picture or colour one in for a chance to win a prize.



Your artwork will be the first to be displayed in the new Art Gallery in the Council Office.



Entries to Council by Thursday 3 April, winners announced on Tuesday 8 April



Nature Play
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It's the news you've been waiting for ...

Our eighth annual Forest Festival is coming these school holidays!

We're as excited as ever to bring you this event on Tuesday, April 15, and Wednesday, April 16, at Kuitpo Forest.

And tickets are on sale now!

Forest Festival is a thoughtfully curated celebration of children, nature, Aboriginal culture, and community.

It's an opportunity to slow down, breathe the crisp forest air, and follow your child's lead as their curiosity takes them on a meandering path of wonder, joy and creativity.

We'll be joined by Kaurna/Narungga Elder, Kauwanu Tamaru, along with live acoustic performances.

Crowd favourite, The Amazing Drumming Monkeys, will again join the entertainment lineup.

There will be nature play activities for all ages throughout the day, as well as stalls and giveaways.

We can't wait to see you there!

LET'S GO FOREST FESTIVAL

And for something new this year!

All ticket purchases automatically go in the draw to WIN a 2-night **CABN** stay for a family of 4 (plus one lucky pet)! Enjoy a late check-out, firewood (seasonal), and more—a prize worth over \$1,000.

*The prize winner will be announced post event. *T&C's apply.*