



Booleroo Centre District School

Newsletter

...Strive to Excel

Term 3, Week 8 2026

Pupil Free Day
Friday 11th Sept

School Closure
Monday 14th Sept

MNSEC Year 7 / 8
Basketball Port Pirie
Tues 15th Sept

SAPOL visit R-12
Wed 16th Sept

Primary Assembly
Thurs 17th Sept 2:45pm

SRC Anti Poverty Day
Fri 18th Sept

School interviews R-8
Tues 22nd and Wed 23rd
Sept

Cross Country/Colour Run
Wed 23rd Sept

Flinders Mobile Library
Friday 25th Sept,
9th and 23rd Oct

End of Term
Early Dismissal
Friday 25th Sept 2:15pm

Governing Council
Monday 2nd November

Principal's News

Staffing and Panel Updates

I would like to provide families with an update regarding two current staffing processes at Booleroo Centre District School.

The first panel process is for the Primary Coordinator position. I am pleased to confirm that the panel will meet next week to commence the selection process. The panel is made up of representatives who consider applicants against the advertised position requirements, skills and experience. The process is conducted in line with Department for Education recruitment and selection processes to ensure a fair, transparent and merit-based appointment. Once the process has been completed and the appointment is confirmed, we will be able to share the outcome with our school community.

A second panel process is currently underway for the Year 2/3/4 teaching position. This process is also being undertaken in accordance with Department for Education requirements. We are hopeful that this process will be finalised shortly, and further communication will be provided to families once an appointment has been confirmed.

I appreciate the patience and support of our families as we work through these important processes. Our priority is to ensure we appoint the right people to support our students, staff and the continued improvement of our school.



SunSmart at BCDS – Protecting Our Students

At Booleroo Centre District School, the health, safety and wellbeing of our students is always a priority. Our SunSmart practices are incorporated into everyday school life and are an important part of keeping our students safe from the harmful effects of UV radiation.

As the weather warms up, we would like to remind families that wearing a school-approved hat is an essential part of our SunSmart policy. Students are expected to wear their hat whenever they are outside during times when UV protection is required. This includes recess, lunch, outdoor learning and other activities held outside.

We understand that students can sometimes forget their hats, particularly as we move into the warmer months. However, hat wearing is a non-negotiable expectation at BCDS. Students without a hat will be required to remain in a designated shaded area or undercover space rather than participate in activities in direct sunlight.

We encourage families to help us by ensuring students bring their hat to school each day and, where possible, clearly label it with their name. Together, we can build positive SunSmart habits that help protect our students now and develop healthy lifelong behaviours.

No hat, no play in the sun – it's a simple way we can all help keep our students safe.

What is happening in the classes of Booleroo Centre District School

Mr Nicholls – PE

The Year 9/10 PE class have recently completed the practical and theory components of Fast Five Netball, culminating in a successful carnival last week. All four BCDS teams performed well and demonstrated excellent teamwork, tactical awareness, skill development and sportsmanship throughout the day. Students will now transition into Tag Rugby and Volleyball in preparation for the upcoming Term 4 carnivals.

Alongside their practical learning, students are completing a Skill Analysis task, applying their understanding of the stages of learning, skill classification and biomechanics to analyse and evaluate skill performance.



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Principal News (cont)

Mr Couch - Maths Year 10

Students have been working on the principles of algebra, equations, and linear relationships. They have developed an understanding of equations of straight lines, axes intercepts, gradients, intersection points, and how this relates to everyday examples. Additional tutoring time has been offered at lunchtimes for students wishing to improve the initial test outcome. We have now moved onto quadratic expressions and equations, understanding quadratic factorisation, completing the square and the difference of perfect squares.

Mrs Keller – Visual Arts

In Visual Art students have finished their collage task, which they began with Marielle Birchall. We have moved on to an Alter Ego task, where students use their interests and future hopes to develop an alter ego of themselves, investigate Alter Ego artworks and for those who wish, alternative ways of presenting their resolved work.

We have begun looking at photography techniques with a focus on landscapes; however, after getting to know the class a little better, we will move to a broader subject range. We will continue to develop skills and knowledge around photography basics. Students will use a photograph of their choosing, either of their own or from a credible photographer, to produce their final piece.

Positive Growth Mindset – Start Where You Are

“Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.” – Arthur Ashe

This quote comes from Arthur Ashe, one of the great figures in the history of men's tennis. Ashe was an American tennis player who broke significant barriers in the sport and became a role model both on and off the court. He won three Grand Slam singles titles – the Australian Open in 1970, the US Open in 1968 and Wimbledon in 1975 – and reached a career-high ranking of World No. 2.

What makes Ashe's words particularly meaningful is that his success was not simply about winning tennis matches. His life demonstrated the importance of determination, resilience and making the most of the opportunities in front of you.

This is a message we want to reinforce with our students at Booleroo Centre District School. Every student starts their learning journey from a different place, with different strengths, experiences and challenges. We don't expect students to know everything immediately or to get everything right the first time. What matters is that they are prepared to have a go, learn from mistakes, accept feedback and keep moving forward.

A growth mindset means asking ourselves: What can I do? What can I learn? What can I do better next time? Just as Arthur Ashe demonstrated through his tennis career and life, progress comes from taking the next step, even when the challenge seems difficult.

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. Then take the next step.

This is the mindset we want to encourage in every student at BCDS.

**Thank you,
Tas Ktenidis**

Excerpt from the Sun Smart Policy

Objectives

This sun protection policy has been developed to:

- Encourage the entire school community to use a combination of sun protection measures whenever UV Index levels reach 3 and above.
- Work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students, staff and the school community at appropriate times.
- Assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection.
- Ensure families and new staff are informed of the school's sun protection policy.

Staff are encouraged to access the daily local sun protection times on the SunSmart app or

<http://www.myuv.com.au/>, to assist with implementing this policy.

The school uses a combination of sun protection measures for all outdoor activities during terms one, three and four, and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above at other times.

Hats

All students and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears e.g. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats. BCDS provides students with bucket hats to wear, whenever they are outside. Baseball or peak caps are not acceptable. This applies to both primary and secondary students.

Kindy News

On Tuesday, we visited Mount View Homes. The children enjoyed listening to a story book about numerals and playing a numeracy game with a large dice. The residents joined in the fun by holding up fingers for the children to count. We also played the Doggie, Doggie game together, and finished with our special goodbye song. The visit fostered wonderful connections and learning for all.

In Show and Share, children have been bringing in items with two syllables. This led to lots of fun as we clapped and counted the syllables together!

The children have been busy planting seeds and plants into our veggie garden. All veggies were chosen so that they can be eaten straight from the garden, as carrots continue to be a favourite and are often requested for snacking.

Our new delivery of soft shapes for the children has been a big hit! They are being used as part of obstacle courses and for imaginative play, encouraging creativity and physical activity.

The Kindy Team

Quote: "If we want our kids to have happy, productive lives, we must allow more time for play, not less." Peter Grey



OH YEAH... OH NO!

A WHOLE-SCHOOL STORY WRITING COMPETITION 🏆

Can you write a story that makes readers cheer... then gasp? Every great story has surprises — something amazing happens, and then something goes wrong!

OH YEAH! 😊

Sam finally discovered a hidden button under his bedroom floorboards. When he pressed it, a secret staircase opened — leading to a room filled with gold, gadgets and the world's coolest inventions.

OH NO! 😱

Then Sam realised the room belonged to a robot inventor who had been waiting 100 years for someone to switch on his machine. The robot turned on and announced: "Now I need your help saving the world!"

✨ YOUR MISSION ✨

Create a story that...

✨ Introduces interesting characters

✨ Takes readers on an adventure

✨ Has an exciting "OH YEAH!" moment

✨ Includes an unexpected "OH NO!" moment

YOUR STORY CAN BE...

😄 FUNNY

👻 SPOOKY

🪄 MAGICAL

🚀 ADVENTUROUS

💖 HEARTWARMING

🤪 COMPLETELY CRAZY

📝 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Handwritten
- ✓ Illustrated
- ✓ Your own original story
- ✓ Based around an OH YEAH... OH NO! moment

NO MAX LENGTH — write the story YOU want to tell!

🏆 PRIZE CATEGORIES

Reception – Year 2

Years 3 – 6

Years 7 – 9

Years 10 – 12

Community & Adult Writers



YOUR STORY COULD BE PUBLISHED!

Selected stories will be published in our school story collection, shared with our community, and celebrated at our special:

✨ STORY READING OPEN NIGHT ✨ — come hear our amazing writers bring their stories to life!

ENTRIES CLOSE
FRI 18 SEPT

WILL YOURS BE ONE OF THEM?

The best stories are waiting to be written... so start imagining! ✨

Colour Run - parents volunteers needed!

Our Cross Country Colour Run will be held on Wednesday 23rd
September, week 10 at 1:30pm

We are looking for parent volunteers to help colour
the students during the event.

If you are available to help, please leave a message with Lisa
at the front office.

More details about the Colour Run will be shared soon.

We look forward to a fun and colourful afternoon! 

ANTI- POVERTY



DAY

FRIDAY 18TH
SEPTEMBER
WEEK 9

Sausages 1 for \$3, 2 for \$5
Fruit Box \$1.50
Soft Drinks \$2.50
Flavoured Milk \$2.50
Zooper Dooper \$1
Jelly \$2

All money raised will go towards filling the shoeboxes with gifts and essential items for children in need through the Operation Christmas Child program.

STUDENTS CAN WEAR CASUAL CLOTHES

All stalls 50c-\$1 to play!

- Lucky square
- Mini 10 pin
- Guess the lollies in the jar
- Mystery spinner
- Duck pond
- Knock down cans

- Order the cans
- 3 point shooting
- Yucky Bucket
- Sponges throw
- Water Pong
- Photo booth

2026 Parent survey – Have your say

The annual Parent Survey is now underway and will close at midnight on Sunday 6 September. The survey provides parents and carers with an opportunity to share their views and help improve education at our school. It focuses on:

- What we're doing well
- Where we can improve

What is important to you as a parent or carer

Your responses are confidential. Neither you nor your child can be identified, and only collated feedback is provided to our school.

You should have already received a link to the survey via email or SMS. Reminder messages are also being sent unless you have already completed the survey or chosen to unsubscribe.

We strongly encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your feedback is valuable and helps guide our school improvement efforts.

If you cannot locate your original survey link, please use the link below:

Parent Survey link for Booleroo Centre District School:

<https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/hPMMo-Wt1TQOsI8t19avg2>

For more information about the Parent Survey, visit the Department for Education website.

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback and support our school's ongoing improvement.

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with a SA Dental Traineeship

-  Gain your cert III in dental assisting
-  Earn while you learn
-  Get job-ready fast with hands-on training
-  No evening or weekend work

The traineeship program runs twice a year with applications opening January and July



Discover traineeship details and eligibility here



Dental Assistant Traineeships

Earn While You Learn

Dear Schools

SA Dental is offering multiple 12-month dental assistant traineeships across the state commencing in January 2027. **Applications are open now and close Sunday 13 September 2026.**

The 12-month Traineeship contract includes on the job training in a SA Dental Clinic and attendance at TAFE where you will gain a Certificate 3 in Dental Assisting, whilst earning a salary.

These traineeships play a major role in developing quality Dental Assistants for the future oral health workforce – please note, these are not school-based traineeships.

For more information on the Dental Assistant Traineeship please visit:

www.dental.sa.gov.au/about/careers/dental-assistant-traineeships

Thank you in advance for sharing our traineeship information with your community.

SA Dental offers paid Dental Assistant Traineeships at our clinics across SA. Giving you the opportunity to earn while you learn, build real skills, and be part of a team improving the oral health of SA communities.

The traineeship program runs twice a year with applications opening January and July.

Discover traineeship details and eligibility + more here

✉ Health.SADentalRecruitment@sa.gov.au



How to order on Book Club

PLEASE UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANY DETAILS HAVE CHANGED

HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



PHONE NUMBERS



EMERGENCY CONTACT



FAMILY INFORMATION



EMAIL ADDRESS



1. Your child will bring home a Book Club catalogue from school

2. Discuss with, and help your child pick the books they would like to read



3. Order online via the Scholastic Australia LOOP website or app and the school will take care of the rest! (LOOP orders are electronically linked to your school in an easy, secure online process)



4. The books are delivered to your child's classroom.

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club.

Log in, or create a new account at scholastic.com.au/loop

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.

SCHOLASTIC

 	
<i>Boomer Bakery and Takeaway</i> School lunch menu	
School Lunch Order Menu	
Healthy Choice Sandwiches Plain \$5.50 Meat \$6.50 (Ham and Chicken) Salad \$6.50, add meat \$7.50 Roast Chicken or Yiros meat \$11.00 Wraps or rolls additional \$1.00 Toasted additional \$0.50 Plain Yiros \$8.50	Tacos Chicken or beef \$5.50 Meat and Salad box \$8.50 Friday's only 7-inch Sour dough Pizza and fruity box meal deal Margarita \$9 Chicken Supreme (Nap sauce) \$10.50 Additional toppings \$0.50 (Tomato, lettuce, Capsicum, cucumber, carrot, cheese, olives, Egg, onion and Mayo) Chocolate or Strawberry milk Box \$3.50 Water \$1.50 Fruit Box \$2.50 Fridays Only Pizza and fruity box Ham and Cheese \$10.50 Ham and Pineapple \$11 Pepperoni \$12 Meat lovers \$12 Supreme \$12 Fridays only 9-inch pizza and fruity box meal deal Ham and cheese \$12.50 Pepperoni \$13.00 Ham and Pineapple \$13 Meat lovers \$13 BBQ Chicken \$13 Supreme \$13
Moderate choice Hot Dogs Plain \$6.50 Burger sliders (4-inch rolls) \$8.50 (Tomato and Lettuce) Basic Chicken Snit Burger Plain Hamburger	
Unhealthy Choice Bucket of chip sm \$4.50, lg \$ 6.00 Chicken wings \$3.80 (Plain or Spicy) Chicken Nuggets with chips x 3 \$5.50, x6 \$8.00 Dim sims \$3 Kids Fish and chips 1x fish, \$6.00, 2x fish \$8.00 Popcorn chicken with chips \$8.00 Burger Slider (4-inch rolls) \$9.50 Cheeseburger Burgers 5-inch roll \$ 10.50	Additional Toppings \$1.00 (bacon, pepperoni, Chicken, anchovies and Yiros meat) Soft drink \$4.00 600ml Milk drinks \$6.00

All other products or purchases at the bakery are bakery sizing and pricing.
GF chips, chicken nuggets and sliders available by request

Free Clinics for 3-year-olds in School Holidays

The Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS) is offering clinics in the school holiday for 3-year-olds to get a child health and development check.

This free check:

- prepares your child for preschool
- helps you understand how your child is developing and growing
- is a chance to ask questions

Book your Appointment:
1300 733 606

To learn more visit: www.cafhs.sa.gov.au



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This initiative is supported by the Government of South Australia as part of the Flying Start reforms.

