



Booleroo Centre District School

Newsletter

...Strive to Excel

Term 3, Week 10 2026

End of Term

Early Dismissal

Friday 25th Sept 2:15pm

Flinders Mobile Library

Friday 9th and 23rd Oct

6th and 20th Nov

Year 12 Geography

trial exam

Wednesday 14th October

Year 6 to 7 transition

excursion

Monday 19th October

Year 6 to 7 parent

information session

Monday 26th Oct

Sounds of Southern

Flinders - Instrumental

music excursion

Wednesday 22nd

October

Last day for Year 12

classes

Friday 23rd October

Primary Assembly

Tuesday 27th October

Wednesday 18th Nov

Year 5/6 Camp

Mon 2nd - Wed 4th Nov

Governing Council

Monday 2nd November

Principal's News

Term 3 Review

Term 3 has been another busy, productive and enjoyable term at Booleroo Centre District School. Across the school, our students have continued to engage positively in their learning, with a strong focus on improving outcomes in literacy and numeracy. Our Professional Learning Communities have continued to analyse student data in reading and mathematics, identifying areas of strength and areas where further teaching and intervention can make a difference. This work is helping us to ensure that our teaching is increasingly informed by evidence and that we remain focused on improving outcomes for every student.

A real highlight of Term 3 has been the incredible range of experiences and opportunities provided for our students. Our Year 9 students had the opportunity to participate in the Year 9 Ski Trip, providing them with an experience that challenged them, built confidence and created memories that will stay with them for many years. Our Year 9 Welding Workshop provided students with the opportunity to develop practical skills and explore pathways beyond the traditional classroom. Anti-Poverty Day was another wonderful example of our Reception to Year 12 students engaging with important issues while enjoying the opportunity to work together, have fun, and build connections across the school. These are just a few examples of the many activities that have made Term 3 such an enjoyable and memorable term for our students.

Sport has also provided our students with many opportunities to represent BCDS and experience success. Students have participated in SAPSASA events, netball, football and other interschool sporting opportunities, demonstrating teamwork, resilience and pride in representing our school. For a rural school, these opportunities are particularly important. They provide our students with exposure to other schools, communities and experiences while allowing them to discover their own strengths and capabilities. It has been fantastic to see our students step outside their comfort zones, compete alongside and against students from other schools, and represent BCDS with such pride. The success of our students across these activities is something our whole school community can be proud of.

Alongside these experiences, our focus on wellbeing, belonging and student agency has continued to grow. We have continued to embed the Berry Street Education Model and strengthen our whole-school approaches to supporting positive relationships, engagement and wellbeing. Our students have also had opportunities to have their voices heard, develop independence and take greater ownership of their learning. Importantly, Term 3 has not only been about academic achievement; it has been about giving our students opportunities to learn, experience, explore, challenge themselves and have fun. These experiences contribute significantly to developing confident, capable and connected young people.

Term 3 has also seen a number of important developments across BCDS as we continue to plan for the future of our school. Our Professional Learning Communities have strengthened their use of student data to inform teaching, while our connections through the Mid North School Education Co-operative and our growing partnership with Port Pirie continue to provide valuable opportunities for collaboration, professional learning and student experiences. As a rural R-12 school, these partnerships and connections are extremely important in ensuring that our students have access to a broad range of opportunities and experiences. We will have some exciting news to share about the makeup of our school partnership from 2027 onwards.



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Principal News (cont)

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Natasha Kitson-Kutcher for her contribution to Booleroo Centre District School. Natasha has made a valued contribution to our students, particularly through her work with the Year 2/3/4 class. I thank Natasha for the care, commitment and professionalism she has shown during her time with us and for the positive contribution she has made to our school community. We wish Natasha all the very best for the next stage of her career.

Finally, I am very pleased to welcome Brodie Nugent, who will commence as our Year 2/3/4 class teacher from the beginning of Term 4. We look forward to welcoming Brodie to BCDS and supporting her as she becomes part of our school community.

As we head into Term 4, there is plenty to look forward to, and I am confident that we will continue to provide our students with opportunities to learn, grow, achieve and, importantly, enjoy being part of Booleroo Centre District School. I thank our staff, students, families and Governing Council for their continued support throughout Term 3.

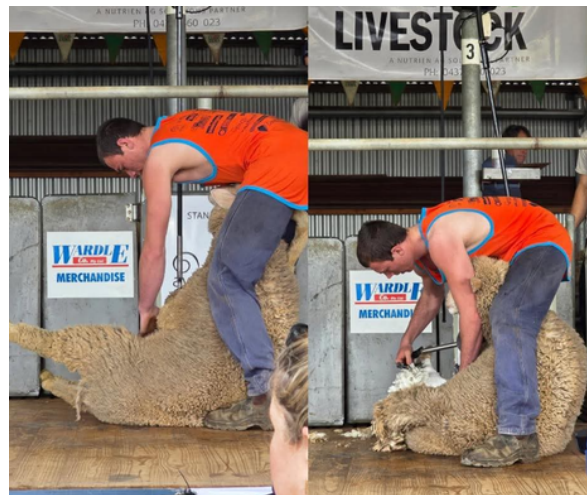
Ned Woolford – Representing South Australia Speed Shearing Competition

We are incredibly proud of Ned Woolford, who has earned the wonderful honour of representing South Australia in the Novice category at the SSAA Speed Shearing competition in Warrnambool.

Ned qualified for this opportunity after competing throughout the season at Crystal Brook, Jamestown and Clare, with his results and scores accumulated across these competitions contributing to his qualification. His consistent performances have earned him the opportunity to compete at the national level against competitors from across Australia.

This is a fantastic achievement for Ned and a wonderful reflection of his commitment, skill and passion for shearing. To be selected to represent your home state is a significant achievement, particularly for a young person from a rural community. We are extremely proud that Ned will represent Booleroo Centre District School, the greater Booleroo region, and South Australia at Warrnambool.

We wish Ned every success as he takes on this exciting opportunity. It is a wonderful privilege and honour to be selected to represent your home state, and we know Ned will embrace the experience and represent South Australia and BCDS and our community with great pride. Well done, Ned — we are all behind you!



Positive Growth Mindset

"If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you." – Fred DeVito

Learning is not always easy, and sometimes the moments when we find something difficult are the moments when we learn the most. At BCDS, we encourage our students to embrace challenges, ask questions, make mistakes and keep trying. Every challenge is an opportunity to develop new skills, build confidence and discover what we are capable of achieving.

As we continue through the year, I encourage all of our students to step outside their comfort zone, have a go at something new, and not be afraid of getting it wrong. Growth happens when we challenge ourselves, persevere and learn from the experience. Let's continue to challenge ourselves, support one another and celebrate the progress we make along the way.

A Final Thank You

As we come to the end of Term 3, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who contributes to making Booleroo Centre District School the special community that it is. Thank you to our teachers, SSOs, bus drivers, grounds staff, volunteers and all members of our school team for your hard work, commitment and care for our students throughout the term. I would also like to thank our families and Governing Council for your continued support, encouragement and partnership with the school. It is through this collective effort that we are able to provide such a positive range of learning and life experiences for our students.

I wish all our students, families and staff a safe, relaxing and enjoyable break. For those travelling, please take care and travel safely. I hope everyone has the opportunity to recharge, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy some well-earned time away from the busyness of school.

Finally, to our farming community and the many businesses and industries that support agriculture across our region, I wish you all a successful and plentiful season ahead. The past number of years have presented significant challenges for many in our farming community, and I hope the season ahead brings some much-needed opportunities and better returns for your hard work, resilience and commitment to our region. Your contribution to our community and to the opportunities we are able to provide our students is greatly valued.

Have a wonderful break, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4.

Thank you, Tas Ktenidis

Kindy News

Last week the children enjoyed some very special home visits with their Kindy friends. On Tuesday, the children walked through the township to visit one child's home in Booleroo Centre. The children were excited to explore the environment and were especially interested in the family's bikes, cubby house and trampoline. Some children also enjoyed a game of soccer in the backyard.

On Thursday, the children travelled by bus to visit more Kindy friends' homes. Along the way they had many opportunities to learn more about each other's lives, families and home environments. The children were delighted to see pets such as bunnies, explore the cubby houses, and play on the hay bales, which sparked lots of conversation, curiosity, and imaginative play. These home visits provided meaningful opportunities for the children to strengthen their relationships with one another and deepen their understanding of each child's unique family life, identity and community connections.

Experiences like these strongly support the Early Years Learning Framework, particularly:

- *Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity*
Children develop a sense of belonging as they learn about their own lives and the lives of others.
- *Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world.*
Children build connections with their peers, families and local community through shared experiences.
- *Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing*
Active outdoor play, movement and social interaction support children's physical and emotional wellbeing.
- *Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners*
Children explore, ask questions, investigate and make meaning through real-life experiences.

It was a fun-filled and valuable week, with many opportunities for learning, connection and joy. Tomorrow we will celebrate Rory's last day of Kindy. We wish Rory all the best for his next adventure.

We also wish all our families a happy, safe and restful holiday break.

The Kindy Team

Quote: *"Connection is the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard and valued". Brene Brown*



School News

SAPOL

On Wednesday of Week 9, we welcomed Ashlee and Richard, two police officers from Port Pirie, who spoke with every class across the school about staying safe online as part of the Australian Federal Police's ThinkUKnow program. Students participated in age-appropriate sessions covering important topics such as cyber safety, responsible technology use, and making safe choices online. Students were highly engaged and gained valuable knowledge to help them navigate the digital world safely.

According to the eSafety Commissioner, more than half (53%) of Australian children aged 10–17 have experienced cyberbullying at some point, highlighting the importance of ongoing online safety education. Parents and caregivers can access helpful information and resources at the eSafety Commissioner website: esafety.gov.au/parents.

Due to the positive response from students and staff, we hope to invite Ashlee and Richard back in the future to deliver a parent information session, as we believe online safety is an important topic for the whole community.

Chloe Clarke - Wellbeing Coordinator



Life Ed

This week, students from Reception to Year 10 participated in engaging sessions delivered by Life Ed. Primary students enjoyed learning with Harold the Giraffe in the Life Ed mobile classroom set up in the gym, while secondary students attended presentations in the library. Topics covered included friendships, decision-making, vaping, drugs, and alcohol; with content tailored to each year level.

Life Ed is partially funded by the South Australian Government, helping schools access high-quality health and wellbeing education. We were fortunate to have the two educators travel from Adelaide to work with our students, providing valuable information and encouraging positive choices around health, wellbeing, and relationships. The sessions were well received and offered important learning opportunities for all students.

Chloe Clarke - Wellbeing Coordinator



Booleroo Centre District School Book Fair

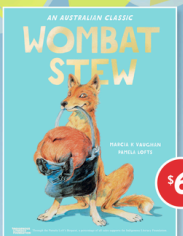
13th to 15th October in the school library

Parents are invited to attend Wednesday 14th October,
3:30pm - 5pm

You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair
THE #1 BOOK FAIR



BOWERBIRD BRAVE
A powerful owl is on the prowl... Will the bowerbirds be brave?
100186003 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+



WOMBAT STEW
Wombat's friends must save him from Dingo's dinner plans!
100184801 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+



AUGIE THE CORGI AND JANE THE GREAT DANE
These two doggy neighbours are best friends!
100184056 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+



SPACE PAWS
A group of misfit recruits deal with evil cats and robot dogs!
100186301 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 7+



MY KNEES HAVE EYES
A bizarre encounter with a BLOB gives Philbert amazing talent... and more.
100184582 | NOVEL | AGES 8+



MYSTERY SPECIAL
ELLA DIARIES
SUPER SLEUTHS
A detective visits the school and Ella's classroom is at the centre of a mystery.
100183279 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+



THE BUDGIE SMUGGLERS
These budgie friends are in big trouble—and their friend is missing!
100184800 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+

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Date _____ Time _____
Place _____

Scholastic Book Fair Pre-Payment
Your child's school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Review their wish list together and pre-pay for selected items by following the steps provided.

1 List the titles they are going to purchase from the fair.

Title	Price

2 Pay securely online by visiting scholastic.com.au/book-fairs/payments/ or scanning the QR code below.*



* Please note a surcharge of 1% on all card payments.

Book Fair Payment

3 Complete the Pre-payment Form including the receipt number and amount paid. This form needs to be returned to the school.

Receipt Number	Amount Paid
	\$

Parent Name: _____
Student Name: _____
School: _____
Class: _____

THIS IS JUST A PRE-PAYMENT. THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL DURING THE FAIR TO COLLECT YOUR BOOKS.

REWARDS Every BOOK equals RESOURCES for our school.



RENEGADES
ERIN HUNTER
THE MAGIC AWAKENS
Luna and Willow, two orphaned kittens, realise their unique magic.
100182012 | NOVEL | AGES 8+



RUBY JONES IS TOTALLY AWKWARD
REBECCA MORDICHE
RUBY JONES IS TOTALLY AWKWARD
Ruby is starting high school and everything is going WRONG!
100183462 | NOVEL | AGES 10+



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS: DEADLIEST ANIMALS ON THE PLANET
Meet the world's most fearsome and fascinating animals!
100151284 | NON FICTION | AGES 8+

Choice is key! 92% of children agree they are more likely to **FINISH** a book they choose themselves. 93% of children agree their **FAVOURITE** books are the ones they choose themselves
—Scholastic Kids & Family Reading Report™

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Please feel free to come along and have a look, there will be numerous books and other items for purchase.

There will be an abundance of potential gift ideas.

We look forward to seeing you here next term

**Pool Attendant & Pool Operator Vacancies
Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool**

The District Council of Mount Remarkable is seeking enthusiastic individuals to undertake the role of Pool Attendant and Pool Operator at Council's Booleroo Centre Memorial Swimming Pool for the 2026/2027 swimming pool season from November to March. Attendants & Operators will be employed on a casual basis and work on a roster basis over seven days per week.

If you are self-motivated, full of enthusiasm with a professional approach and can commit to weekend and public holiday work, we would like to hear from you. Previous pool attendant and/or pool operator experience will be highly regarded.

As a Pool Attendant you will be responsible for:

- providing surveillance, rescue, first aid, customer service, water testing and cleaning duties; and
- ensuring the pool and its surrounding area is safe and presentable at all times for all patrons using the facilities.

To be successful in this role, you will have a current (or be willing to obtain):

- Senior First Aid
- Working with Children Check
- National Police Check
- Be 16 years of age or older
- Pool Operator Certificate (for Pool Operators only)

Council will provide all Pool Attendants & Pool Operators with the following training:

- SISCAQU020 Perform Water Rescues Certificate
- CPR Training

Applications must include:

- Resume including at least two (2) referees
- Cover Letter
- Copy of current National Police Check (or evidence of application)
- Copy of Working with Children Clearance (or evidence of application)

Applications should be marked 'Confidential' and addressed to:

"Pool Attendant and/or Pool Operator Application"

District Council of Mount Remarkable

PO Box 94, Melrose SA 5483

or emailed to postmaster@mtr.sa.gov.au by 5.00pm Wednesday 30th September 2026

Telephone enquiries can be directed to 8666 2014

JAMESTOWN & AREAS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

26/27 JUNIOR BASKETBALL SEASON

The season will begin early Term 4. Children born between 2010 and 2018 will be eligible to play.

There will be a Div 1&2 boys comp and a Div 1&2 girls comp.
Games will be played on Monday nights in the Big Shed.

If your child would like to play please email your child's name and date of birth to jamestownjuniorbasketball@gmail.com by the 25th of September.

Please contact Regina Farr on 0400 264 860 for any further questions