

Boulder Primary School Newsletter

Term 3, Week 2, 2021



Proud History, Great Future!

From the Principal

Dates to Remember:

Thursday 29/7/21
Matilda Excursion:

Friday 30/7/21
Interschool Cross
Country
Assembly Room 2 @
2pm

Monday 9/8/21
Science Week

Friday 13/7/21
Assembly Room 8 @
2pm

Monday 16/8/21 -
Friday 20/8/2021
Year 6 Camp

Monday 23/8/21
Swimming Lesson
notes and money due
Book Week

Friday 27/8/21
Book Week Parade 9am

Thursday 2/9/21-
Friday 3/9/21
School Photos

Welcome Back...

What a difference two weeks can make. Congratulations to Mrs McMeeken who so patiently waited for the grass seed to sprout into a glorious rupture of green pasture in the newly designed garden. It is looking wonderful and will be a beautiful space for our Big Breakfasts when the Jacaranda trees are established and lawn covers the area.

With a change to the colder months, we have had a very slow start to the term with only 80% attendance in the first week. We know how important Attendance is when it comes to student's success. With the delivery of many of our programs it is more important than ever students are at school. They cannot afford to miss a day!!

We ended Term 2 with a very busy week. On the last Thursday of the term we held a fantastic NAIDOC Day. At Boulder PS we value the diversity of our community. NAIDOC celebrations are one way Boulder PS can show how much we value and our respect our Aboriginal history and culture. It was great to see so many parents come along and join us in this celebration.

We commenced the day with a short assembly which included a smoking ceremony, welcome to country and the Years 3 to 6 students singing "I am Australian" in language. During lunch, we had a sample of some delicious meals made by some very busy chefs (mums) who donated their time to prepare the meals. The meals included kangaroo stew, kangaroo curry, damper and fried bread. By the reaction from the students these meals were obviously very tasty. We were also very lucky as we had bouncy castles, colouring in activities, boomerang painting, and basketball games to engage the students during the hour. A big thank you to the agencies who were part of our celebrations: Hope Community Services, Goldfields Land and Sea Council Rangers, Bunnings, Headspace, Full Circle, Bega Tobacco Group, Bega Health, Police and Cadets, PCYC, YMCA, WANSLEA and Eyes on the Street. We concluded the day with another assembly which included performance from Robert Bonney's Aboriginal Dancers. The Maori Singers from Eastern Goldfields Community High School were again delightful to hear and equally impressive was the performance from our very own students under the guidance of Mrs Sheck and Mrs Horomia

We also said Goodbye to Mrs Karen Ritchie who has accepted an offer of employment at Castletown Primary School, teaching Kindergarten. So, with Mrs Ritchie's departure I am pleased to announce the appointment of two new staff members to the Boulder Primary School community:

Ms Ugyen Djori, who will be teaching Year 1/2 in Room 6, and Mr Jordan Letcher, who will be teaching HASS to all students. Both staff members have made such a wonderful to start at Boulder PS. We wish Ugyen and Jordan every success at Boulder Primary School and hope they enjoy their time with us.

Providing a safe, inclusive and positive school environment is central to our work at Boulder Primary School. For our students to be successful it is important we establish an environment which supports quality teaching and learning. To achieve this and support our students we implement social emotional Learning programs such as TRIBES, Zones of Regulation and Protective Behaviours. The Behaviour Management Plan is another strategy we use to provide a safe learning environment. A section of this plan is the Good Standing Policy. Last semester we introduced the Good Standing Policy. The Good Standing policy applies to students who have displayed inappropriate behaviour and as a consequence been suspended. A result of being suspended is the loss of "Good Standing". This means students who do not have Good Standing may not participate in particular events such as, but are not limited to, Sporting Carnivals, Excursions, Incursions, Assemblies, Camp, and Christmas Concerts. If you would like more information on the Good Standing Policy please go to the website or ask your child's teacher.

This term promises to be a busy one as well. The Year 6 students are preparing for camp, we have the Faction Athletics Carnival, Cross Country, Swimming, Book Week and much much more.

Finally, with the Olympics taking place in Japan, AUSSIE AUSSIE OI OI OI !!!!

All the best
David Callow
Principal



From the Deputies

Year 3/4 Literacy

At Boulder Primary School our vision is for every student is to be successful. To achieve this vision we have reviewed our Literacy program in Years 3 and 4.

From this week, the Year 3/4 students are engaging in a different literacy program that will involve students being grouped according to their literacy needs. This is in line with a large body of research that we have been reviewing, termed the 'Science of Reading'. When learning to read, we first need to learn how to decode the words on the page. After we master this, we then learn vocabulary and topics that help us to understand (comprehend) the words on the page.

The time when we move from decoding to comprehension is typically between Year 2 and Year 4. It is important that students focus on the skill that they need. With this in mind, from Monday, students will go to a different teacher to focus on their individual need, be it decoding or comprehension.

Literacy lesson begin at 8.45am sharp every day of the week, so please have your child at school and ready to learn by 8.30am. If a student misses a day, there is no catching up, so please send your child to school as many days as possible!



Text messages

To give an example to our students about being environmentally friendly, we are going to start placing information letters on our website, rather than printing them and sending them home. You will receive a text when a letter has been sent that is relevant to your child. Please ensure that you have a current number updated at the front office.

Attendance

Did You Know?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That is an attendance rate of...	That equals...	Which is...	And by the end of Year 12 that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	90%	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ^{1/2} years
1 day per week	80%	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ^{1/2} years of school
2 days per week	60%	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	40%	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And by the end of Year 12 that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ^{1/2} weeks per year	Nearly 1 ^{1/2} a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour and 40 minutes per week	Over 2 ^{1/2} weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ^{1/2} years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ^{1/2} years

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Please remember that school starts at 8:30am.

School Services

School Psychologist - Kadi Turner

I have worked in the Goldfields Region as a School Psychologist since 2013, and was appointed to Boulder Primary School this year. My role as a School Psychologist is to support and maximise outcomes for students, and I do this in a variety of ways including working closely with students, parents or staff; facilitating group programs or professional learning; and consulting with school community members on individual, group or whole school issues. I work across the areas of learning, behaviour, wellbeing and student engagement and I believe in using principles of positive psychology and a strengths-based approach in all aspects of my job. The staff, students and families at BPS have been exceptionally welcoming over my first Semester and I look forward to getting to know more of the school community this term.



Merit and Values Award Winners

Class	Merit Awards	Values Awards
Bottlebrush	Skylah	Elylah
Sandalwood	Jaxon	Tyrese
Year 1/2R	Belle-Bethany	Cleo
Year 1/2S	Tjay	Lilly-Lee
Year 1/2G	Mackenzie	Valqueesha
Year 3/4L	Maya	Lachlan
Year 3/4C	Qyneka	Damian
Year 3/4M	Bree	Van
Year 5/6H	Klyde	Nivah
Year 5/6G	Pharell	Shalla
Year 5/6D	Izzy	Malachi
Cleaners Award	Kindy 1	

RIBIT Award Winners

Congratulations to these superstars for achieving RIBIT awards.

8 Weeks of RIBIT Reading:

- Russell Smith
- Elylah Ras
- Jaxon Feil
- Sophia Wearmouth

Reading 20 Books:

- Alexandra McMeeken
- Lucas McMeeken



Meet our New Teachers

What is your name?
Jordan Letcher

What is your role at Boulder Primary School?
Humanities and Social Sciences Teacher

What is your impression of Boulder Primary School so far?
Students who love to learn and a friendly staff that supports them along the way. Everyone works as a team!

How long have you been teaching?
I have been teaching for 4 years

What is your claim to fame or your biggest achievement?
During my time working in New Zealand the past 3 years, I got former All Blacks captain Richie Mccaw to sign my Wallabies cap. You'll see me wearing this outside when I am on duty.

Where did you study teaching?
Edith Cowan University

What will you bring to Boulder Primary School?
An engaging approach to learning about the world, past and present. As well as my sense of humour.

What are you looking forward to most about working at Boulder Primary School?
I am looking forward to learning from the students about what makes learning interesting and fun for them.



What is your name?
Ugyen Wangmo Dorji and I am from Bhutan.

What is your role at Boulder Primary School?
I will be teaching Year 1/2 for the rest of the year

What is your impression of Boulder Primary School so far?
All of the staff and students are very friendly and supportive.

How long have you been teaching?
This is my first year of my teaching career.

What is your claim to fame or your biggest achievement?
My biggest achievement is getting my teaching job (Finally doing something I love!!)

Where did you study teaching?
Murdoch University

What will you bring to Boulder Primary School?
I want to instill the love of learning in each student and help them achieve their potential.

What are you looking forward to most about working at Boulder Primary School?
To learn and build on my experiences to help me on my teaching journey. Also, to work with other staff members and being part of a great team.



A Window into Room 2

Hi all!

In room 2 we have been up to a lot of fun activities to help us with our learning of the different areas.

For Writing, we have just begun persuasive writing, with our theme being "why we need the red crayon" based on the book "The Day the Crayons Quit". We will be learning all about how to convince our readers that our idea and opinion is right!

For Maths, we are just finishing a sequence of subtraction. This included learning strategies to solve tricky problems, as well as some mental strategies for us to figure out answers in our heads. After this, we will be moving onto measurement, where we will cover area, capacity, mass, and volume.

In Technologies, we are starting a whole unit on digital tech. This will include learning about information systems.

In Health, we will soon be starting a sequence of protective behaviours, a whole school program, which will initially focus on our right to feel safe.

Having just finished a sequence on colour in Visual Arts, we are moving on to the use of the art element Shape. This is after integrating some Olympics themed art projects for the next couple of weeks!

Also new this term, is a structured News program! Each child has a day of the week that they get to share their news, after planning it in their news booklets. Each week has a theme, such as favourite toy, "I'm an artist", and "something so small it fits in my pocket". This will give us great practice for our speaking and listening, an important part of our literacy curriculum.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term!

Miss Sarah Simpson



P&C Paver Fundraiser



This wall at the front of the school was the first paver fundraiser for Boulder Primary School.

Be a part of the future at Boulder Primary by leaving a lasting legacy and purchase a paver with your name or family name engraved on it.

The pavers will create a pathway in the newly constructed garden area facing Moran street. Order forms can be collected from our school office / school canteen or we are happy to email out a form. Orders to be put in before 30th July.

Please share and be part of Boulder primary history!



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