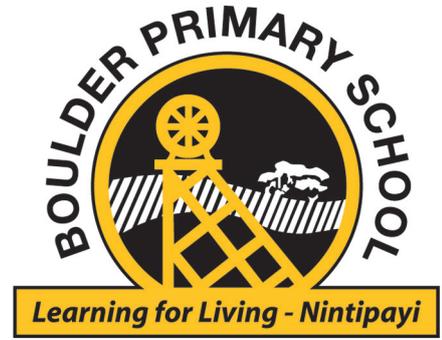


Boulder Primary School Newsletter



Term 3, Week 6, 2021



Proud History, From the Principal

Dates to Remember:

Friday 27/8/21
Book Week Parade
9am

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

Wednesday 8/9/21
Athletics Carnival
Jumps and Throws
(Yr3 - Yr 6)

Friday 10/9/21
School Athletics
Carnival (K-6)

Monday 13/9/21-
Friday 24/9/21
Swimming

Friday 17/9/21
Big Breakfast

Tuesday 21/9/21
Interschool Athletics
Carnival

Friday 24/9/21
Last Day of Term 3



Hi All,

Exciting times are upon us at Boulder Primary School. We know the future workforce will require high levels of skills and responsible thinkers creative thinkers. STEM has become an important in preparing our students for a rapidly changing future.

If you are not familiar of the term STEM it refers to an approach to teaching science, engineering and technology and mathematics. A STEM approach fosters inquiry based learning in our complex and changing world. STEM helps teachers guide students to apply their knowledge and understandings, inquire into their world and to solve complex authentic problems involving contextually rich projects. Through quality STEM programs students will be able to develop their skills which hopefully lay the foundations for their career aspirations. STEM will encourage students to develop their confidence to design and engineer creative solutions, engage in collaborative teams, take on challenging STEM subjects and apply their understandings in maths, science and technology.

To support the delivery of STEM in education at Boulder Primary School, we have been fortunate to have been selected for the Primary School Science Program. Boulder Primary School will receive a \$25,000 science equipment grant and also a science laboratory conversion. Over the coming months we will engage in a consultation process for the refurbishment of a classroom to a science lab and provide students with the equipment to support the STEM approach.

This announcement happens at the most opportune time for us at Boulder Primary School, as we commence the removal of bitumen to create what promises to be a wonderful school garden. In conjunction with the Science Program these two initiatives combined will benefit the students at Boulder Primary School for many years to come. Have a great weekend.

Regards
David Callow

Great Future!

From the Deputies

The internet and Social Media is everywhere. We use it for an amazing number of functions and couldn't imagine life without it. You probably even used Social Media to navigate to this article. Our lives are more efficient and we can do more things than any generation before us. Like the invention of the car, the internet and Social Media has fundamentally changed the way we live our lives, for the better. Like the car, there is a lag between the invention of the tool and the invention and legal requirement of safety features; the car arrived on Australian shores in 1897 and the seat belt was made a legal requirement in 1971.

As much as cars changed the way humans lived, it has nothing on the way the internet has changed our lives. Like the car, people can be at risk of serious harm due to the internet. From online scammers (how annoying are those text messages?) to cyber bullying, to online predators taking information or worse, meeting a child for horrific intentions, the internet has many dangers attached. The harm of the internet is infiltrating school too. We have had an increasing amount of instances of very mean or sexualised words and disgraceful violence amongst our senior students as a result of Social Media use at home – in particular TikTok and Snapchat. As a school, we have implemented an online safety program for our senior students in their health classes to try and combat this, however, we need some help.

As a parent, you are your child's first, and only continuous, teacher. You might have a student in Kindy and think to yourself 'well I have a few years before I need to broach this subject'. Don't worry, I have thought this myself (my oldest goes to Kindy next year). But did you know that 96% of 4 year olds in Australia have regular access to the internet? My daughter knows what Snapchat is (she calls it funny faces). Cute, I thought, until I remembered that Snapchat has location services that can lead to my house and the ability to receive messages that disappear. A scary thought that a three year old could use this. So, no matter our child's age, the time to start the conversation about being safe online starts now (or even before children reach school – 78% of 1 year olds have regular access to the internet).

But what can we do? There is an amazing website – <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> - that can help. There is a huge amount of parent resources aimed at every age. Go into the parent tab at

the top and have a read – I guarantee it is worth your time. Recently I spoke to the Senior Education Consultant from the esafety website (we are making a special Online Safety episode of the podcast – keep an ear out for it). He gave us five top tips that you can do right now to protect your child when online:

1. Keep devices out of bedrooms and in common family areas (this includes PlayStation's, Xbox's and Nintendo Switches, which all have online chat functions)
2. Negotiate time limits (how good is the oven clock for this)
3. Keep the conversation positive (avoid the word don't – kids switch off – it's why we say "walk" instead of "don't run" at school)
4. Good habits start young (like, really young, and that includes what you model as a parent)
5. Educate about privacy settings (almost all Social Media and gaming accounts are automatically public on sign up)

Together, we can protect our kids from the dangers of the internet and Social Media use. Letting our children use our devices without supervision is like letting them drive the car – and we wouldn't do that!

Thanks for your help,

Ash

(Feel free to come and have a chat if online safety is an issue for you!)



Important Attendance Update

| Breakdown | Attendance Rate % | Regular | At Risk Indicated | At Risk Moderate | At Risk Severe | Auth. % | Unauth. % |
|------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|---------|-----------|
| KIN | 79.3% | 11 | 8 | 14 | 4 | 44% | 56% |
| PPR | 77.2% | 14 | 5 | 17 | 7 | 34% | 66% |
| Y01 | 81.6% | 12 | 11 | 13 | 3 | 54% | 46% |
| Y02 | 86.4% | 21 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 43% | 58% |
| Y03 | 83.0% | 14 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 27% | 73% |
| Y04 | 84.8% | 18 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 32% | 69% |
| Y05 | 79.0% | 16 | 9 | 9 | 6 | 31% | 69% |
| Y06 | 88.6% | 22 | 3 | 10 | | 50% | 50% |
| Compulsory | 82.7% | 117 | 43 | 68 | 28 | 38% | 62% |

In a recent collection of attendance data for the school, we found that 62% of absences are unauthorised. This means that the school administration staff and teachers have not been given any reason for a student being away. It is important that when your child is sick, that you notify the school as soon as possible.

While we don't have any year levels in good attendance standing (90% or above), the Year 6's are getting close! We would love to see a year level with 90% attendance in Semester 2!

Merit and Values Award Winners

Year

Merit Winner

Values Winner

Tjitjiku1
 Tjitjiku 2
 Bottlebrush
 Sandalwood
 Room 1
 Room 2
 Room 6
 Room 7
 Room 8
 Room 9
 Room 13
 Room 14

Isabella
 Declan
 Albert
 Hallie
 Maximus
 Elliot
 David
 Lachlan
 Mason
 Anderson
 Shaylee
 Max

Holly
 Alice
 Jehrmani
 Mae-Belle
 Kobi
 Jaxon
 Olivia
 Kasey
 Lucas
 Charlotte
 Ronak
 Lonnie



Cleaners Award

Room 14

School Services

Peta Russo - Chaplain

As the school Chaplain my role is pastoral care which means assisting students with their social and emotional problems. This might be as simple as providing a caring, listening ear or giving strategies to help kids to handle their emotions.

I also do cooking with the year 6 students each year and, when time allows, I run a grief and loss program called "WHOLE HEARTED" .

I am also available to support staff and parents. The service is confidential and non judgmental. I can also provide spiritual support if this is requested.



From the P&C

The Father's Day Stall will be happening throughout the week next week. Classes will go during their lunchtime. The P&C will rotate the stock so that everyone has the same items to choose from. Money can go in a zip lock bag with your child's name on and handed to the classroom teacher at the start of the day for safe keeping.

The days each class goes is as follows:

Monday - Tjitjiku 1, Bottlebrush and Sandalwood

Tuesday - Tjitjiku 2, Rooms 1, 2 and 6

Wednesday - Rooms 7, 8 and 9

Thursday - Rooms 13, 14 and 15

Friday - Open to all students



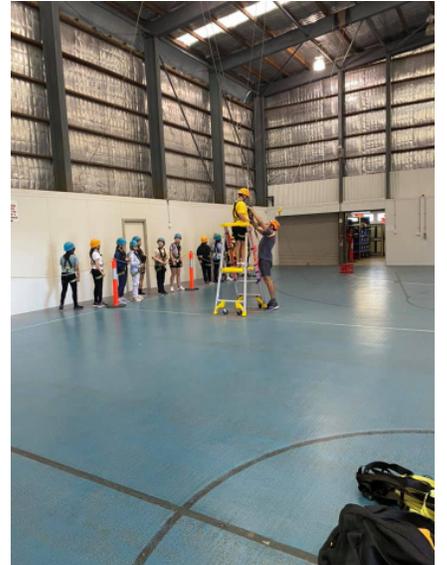
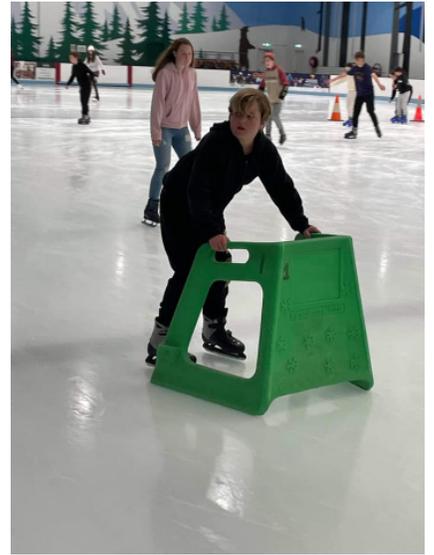
Year 6 Camp Gallery

Last week our Year 6 students attended camp in Perth with Miss Horomia, Mrs. Gamble and Mr. Harder. Over the week, they completed many amazing activities and had a chance to bond as a group. The teachers were thoroughly impressed with student behaviour and the way they represented Boulder Primary School out in the community. Students demonstrated courage and resilience during camp activities by trying new things like ice-skating. One of the most popular activities was the excursion to Caversham Wildlife Park; the students loved interacting with the animals.

After a very busy week, everyone was happy to return home to their families.



Year 6 Camp Gallery





THE SALVATION ARMY'S

Christmas Appeal

Christmas is meant to be a time of celebration, however, if times are tough it can be especially difficult.

The Salvation Army Kalgoorlie-Boulder has begun it's local Christmas Appeal which provides hope to local families by providing food hampers and gifts to those in need and to those who would otherwise not have the resources to celebrate Christmas.

We gratefully acknowledge your School's contribution and commitment to assisting with the collection of food hamper items.

Donations of food can be placed in the collection boxes across the school.

Thank you for making Christmas brighter for families in need.

— YOU CAN GIVE —
H  **PE**
WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST



THE SALVATION ARMY'S
Christmas Appeal

Items needed for Christmas Hampers

Christmas Items:

- Christmas cakes
- Mince pies
- Long-life custard
- Snacks (biscuits, chips, chocolate, candy canes)
- Bonbons

Tinned foods:

Fruit, vegetables, soups
meats, fish, baked beans,
spaghetti

Other:

- Cereal (fun variety packs)
- Spreads and jams
- Savory biscuits
- Packets of Jelly
- Gravy
- Tea, coffee, hot chocolate
- Long-life milk
- Iced tea or soft drink

Thank you for making Christmas brighter for families in need.

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200m Swim • 9km Ride • 2km Run

Give it a
TRI!

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2021 WOMEN'S TRIATHLON

Sunday 17th October

Registrations are open! Register online:

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=44386>

Cost: \$100, which includes:

- Seminar Sunday 5th September
- 6 weeks training by Kalgoorlie Tri Club coaches - swim bike run
- Information booklet
- Support & encouragement
- The feeling of accomplishing something spectacular
- New friendships
- Bragging rights to call yourself a triathlete

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND THE LAUNCH EVENT

Sunday 5th September 10 am - 12 pm @ North Kalgoorlie Primary School

Participants will receive advice, tips, important training details and an information bag with heaps of goodies.

<https://kalgoorlietriclub.com.au/what's-happening/women's-tri-info/>

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