



Boulder Primary School Newsletter

Term 2, Week 4, 2022



Proud History, Great Future!

From the Principal

Kindergarten Enrolments are now open! As you know Kindergarten provides the most effective vehicle for children to transition from home to school. Guided by the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), the children engage in number and language activities, painting, drawing, singing, along with fine motor skills, nurturing a love of learning and build important lifelong social skills. At Boulder Primary School we seek to harness your child's natural interest for learning and curiosity for their surroundings through exposure to multiple intellectual and social activities. Boulder Primary School's Kindergarten program will introduce your child to new ideas, develop problem solving skills, along with the following:

- Learn to coordinate and cooperate with fellow students
- Become more aware of his/her surroundings
- Understanding of other's feelings
- Self-regulate and manage emotions and feelings
- Develop language skills, numeracy and reading stories
- Making friends and respect for self and others
- Receptible to new concepts and ideas
- Build confidence, independence and identity
- Improve speaking and listening communication skills
- Express their creativity through art, drawings and movement
- Develop and focus on the academic skills like reading, writing and counting

Current research shows that Kindergarten is critical for growth and development. Research also shows that children who attend Kindergarten regularly develop higher order cognitive skills, higher IQ's, improved social skills, and are more likely to be successful.

To foster the development of these skills and establishing the foundation for literacy and numeracy, next year, Boulder Primary School will offer a 4-day Kindergarten program in 2023. As you would be aware, places in Kindergarten are limited so applications for enrolment are available. If you have any questions on enrolling your child in an amazing early years educational program, please contact the school on 90924100.

Did you know the word KINDERGARTEN is derived from German which means garden for children.

On Entry Data. In Term 1 the Pre-primary, Years 1 and 2 students participate in the On Entry Program. The On-entry Assessment Program is an assessment for learning. Conducting this assessment early in the year ensures that our teachers have the appropriate developmental information about each child's current skills and understandings. This information assists teachers in the planning and delivery of targeted learning programs to address the needs of every child. Delivered in a "one to one" model the staff at Boulder Primary School use this assessment method to develop positive relationships with students in their class. The skills and understandings assessed represent a wide range of literacy and numeracy skills and understandings reflective of the curriculum and essential to ongoing progress through school. The assessment allows the staff to monitor each child progress and achievement.

As a result of implementing a whole of school approach to Literacy, embedding a literacy block, implementing the Initialit program, employing a speech pathologist, allocating specialist staff to support during the literacy block, providing Professional Learning to staff and some amazingly hard work from teachers, this year the students have achieved some pleasing results that include:

This year's Pre-primary:

- cohort average, compared with previous pre-primary cohorts, for Speaking and Listening is the highest average for the past 7 years
- cohort average, compared with previous pre-primary cohorts, for Reading is the highest average for the past 7 years
- compared with previous pre-primary cohorts, Numeracy the highest percentage of student achieving decile 5 in three years

This year's Year 1 cohort

- Compared with the Year 1 performance last year this year's cohort has increased the number of students achieving decile 5 or higher from 4 in 2021 to 10 in 2022

This year's Year 2 cohort

- Increased their cohort average by 35 points in Speaking and Listening
- When compared to their pre-primary performance in 2020, the number of students achieving decile 5 and above in Numeracy has increased by 21% (9 students)
- Compared to their pre-primary performance in 2020, the number of students achieving decile 5 and above in Reading has increased by 22% (8 students)

I know the all the staff are very proud of the improvement each student has made over the past 12 months.

COVID, recently many measures applied to schools has been lifted. Parents are once again allowed into classrooms, masks for staff and students are no longer required and we could return to Assemblies. At the school level to limit the exposure to a possible outbreak we limited the students to identified areas of play, allocated specialist teacher to a single cluster of classes, limited meetings and implemented the ventilation strategy. On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the manner in which the Boulder Primary School community supported the staff and students with the implementation of these measures. We will continue to be vigilant with hygiene measures and ensure classrooms remain ventilated. If you have any questions or concerns with Covid and your child please don't hesitate to call the school on 90924100.

Well, the AFL season is back, and my beloved Hawks are having what can only be describes as an "up and down season". Nonetheless, I will conclude this Newsletter with "CARN THE HAWKS"!

David Callow
Principal

From the the Deputies



Our amazing KindiLink program is back up and running, and we are thrilled to have Mrs Benham running this program.

KindiLink is a play-and-learn initiative for Aboriginal three year old children who attend with a parent/carer. At Boulder PS, we welcome both Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians into the program.

KindiLink is designed for children in the year before they start Kindergarten. Children attend with a parent/carer for six hours a week. KindiLink offers high quality play-and-learn sessions for children and their parent/carer at no cost to families. Families are supported by a teacher and assistant to be actively involved in the activities with their children.

Where there is room in the program, younger members of the family may also attend with the three year old child. Children and families from outside of Boulder Primary's catchment area are welcome to participate in KindiLink.

We aim to work in partnership with families to:

- Improve the social, emotional, language and cognitive capabilities of children in Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- Build the capacity and confidence of parents/families/adult caregivers in their role as their child's first teacher.
- Build productive relationships between the family, the school and the community.
- Improve attendance among children during their schooling.

We have noticed a significant difference in Kindergarten between the children who attended KindiLink, and the children who did not. Attending KindiLink gives you and your child a head start in their education.

Our KindiLink program runs on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:45 - 11:45am.

Families can sign up for KindiLink at any time in the year. Please come and see the front office staff to collect an enrolment form.

Pavers

Last year we held a fundraiser for the school by selling brick pavers on which families could have their name etched. These pavers are to be laid in the path for the newly developed grassed area between rooms 12 and 11 and the canteen undercover area. We have been recently informed the pavers are in the kiln and should be too far away. The suppliers, based in Melbourne, have had significant delays due staff contracting Covid, lockdowns, and supply issues are working through a back log of orders. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the pavers so we can complete this amazing project.

Emergency Lunches

Boulder Primary School offers an emergency lunch service for students who have not got lunch. This service is for emergencies only. We have a number of students who are now consistently asking for an emergency lunch. Please ensure your child has lunch and recess packed in their bag before school each day. The school canteen is also available 5 days a week and has a range of healthy, cost friendly options for lunch and recess.

Week 2 Awards

Congratulations to the following students who won awards at the Week 2 assembly.

Class	Merit Award	Values Award
Bottlebrush	Ellodie Waddington	Te Arika Hemi Te Puke
Sandalwood	Clay Cochrane	Aaylah Pilsworth
Room 1	Mason Aukaha	Savannah Joyce
Room 2	Bradley Lindsell	Ariah Gelissen
Room 7	Amity-Rose Stablum	James Mitchell
Room 8	Shelby Bonney	Travis Rossi
Room 9	Jordan Ngataki	Maddison Lia
Room 13	Maya Dizon	Sophie James
Room 14	Aizel De Guia	Kyeetah Gleeson-Ras

Meet our Teachers



Name:
Mr Vince

Role at Boulder Primary School:

I am a pre-service teacher on my final placement in Room 14

What do you love about Boulder?

The history and community. My Nan went to Boulder Primary as a young girl, so knowing the traditions have stayed strong.

What is your hidden talent?

I am very good at board games and useless trivia facts.

What is the most exciting/adventurous thing you have done?

I would say nearly being swept off the side of a cliff by strong winds while snowboarding in New Zealand...good fun!

What is something you like to eat?

I usually have tomato sauce with anything...so I will say tomato sauce with a side of food.

What is one phobia you have?

Losing all my teeth!

If you were on a deserted island, who would you take?

The great Russel Coight. I would have help being resourceful, and have a free comedy show!

Update from Room 14

We have had a wonderful start to Term 2 in Room 14, with all students returning ready to work. We were privileged to host the first face-to-face assembly for the year and it was wonderful to see parents and families in attendance. In case you missed it, we used our assembly item to show our school community about the amazing work we have been doing on inclusion by singing and dancing to 'We're All In This Together'.

This term we have a wonderful pre-service teacher, Mr Vince, who is completing his final practicum. We have really enjoyed the fun and exciting lessons he has planned for us so far! This week, he tested our informational text writing skills and challenged us to write a procedure on how to shoot a basketball. Working collaboratively in groups, we wrote our instructions. Then we went outside and took turns following them to see if they were correct. We found that our instructions were quite unclear, and worked together to edit them before heading out again to test them. It was a super fun lesson that taught us a lot about clear communication!



New School Values

Boulder Primary School has recently updated our school values! **Courage**, **Inclusion** and **Respect** will now guide the behaviour of everyone at Boulder Primary School. We gathered the opinions of our whole community (staff, students, parents & community members) to help establish values that are relevant to Boulder Primary School. These values will assist in continuing to foster a safe, inclusive and determined learning environment for all students at Boulder Primary School. Each value is represented by animals that inhabit the Goldfields region. Special thanks to Miss. Callow and the Goldfields Language Centre who have assisted in translating our new values into Wangkatja.

Recently, we ran a student drawing competition and we will be able to announce the winning students and new designs in the coming weeks. Watch this space!

Respect

Kurmta Kurmta



Red Kangaroo

Marlu

Inclusion

Tjungurringku



Honey Ant

Yirliltu

Courage

Rapa-Rapa



Wedge-tailed Eagle

Warlawurru



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