



Boulder Primary School Newsletter

Term 2, Week 6 2023

As you may have heard our students have enjoyed participating in the Eagles Cup. While not victorious the students certainly have given their personal best and have been fantastic ambassadors for Boulder Primary School. I have received many positive and glowing reports of the sportsmanship and conduct of our students at these interschool events.

I would also like to thank Mrs Martin and the students from Room 7 for their wonderful singing performance at the assembly last week. A special mention to Mrs Sheck who accompanied the students by playing the ukele. Which brings me to my next point, in the 1980's and 1990's the instrument of choice for schools was the famous, or rather infamous, recorder. No we haven't bought recorders, but we have bought 30 ukele's. These will be great additions to the music program.

As stated at the Assembly, this year we have many projects in the pipeline. We have completed the air conditioning in the Hall and Canteen Undercover Area. Mrs McMeeken is working on the ECE Playground, which she hopes will be completed for the commencement of Term 4. Mrs McMeeken is very excited about this project. Mr Fergusson is working on the rejuvenation of the library. Again, we hope at the beginning of Term 4 we will have a brilliant vibrant and exciting resourced focused on STEM. A project that has been pushed to the back of the cue is the conversion of one classroom to a purpose-built Science room. We will be meeting and consulting with personnel from Central Office regarding this project and timeline. It will be another fantastic resource for our students at Boulder Primary School and it will support us to continue to develop our approach to sustainability and further develop the students science skills and knowledge.

The School Board met last week where Mrs McMeeken presented to the members the staff review of this years Operational Plan to date. Mrs McMeeken also spoke of the recommendations staff made to further support the implementation of this year's plan. Mr Fergusson presented some Attendance data and showed the members through what is now a very empty library. Mr Harder spoke about the work he has been doing with Social Emotional Learning and with student wellbeing. Finally, Mrs Skinner discussed what we have been doing in math with Origo and pending Numero competition with Kambalda Primary School.

Since my last newsletter I am very proud to be able to say the mighty HAWKS have had two wins!

GO HAWKS!!!

Mr D Callow

Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 2nd June
Eagles Fever Cup

Wednesday 7th June
Volunteers Morning Tea

Friday 9th June
Assembly Sandalwood
Eagles Fever Cup

Thursday 15th June
School Board Meeting

Friday 16th June
Eagles Fever Cup

Thursday 22nd June
Winter Lightening Carnival

Friday 23rd June
Assembly Bottlebrush
Ear Bus

Wednesday 21st June
Learning Journey

Thursday 22nd June
Winter Lightening Carnival

Friday 23rd June
Ear Bus
Assembly Bottlebrush

Proud History, From the Deputy Principals

At Boulder Primary School, we are very fortunate to have quality teachers in front of all classes. However, this has not happened by chance. Every time a teacher leaves, we embark on a process to ensure that we find good people who work well in a team, who are able to take on and implement feedback to improve. Then, when we find these people, we ensure that they are trained in how we do business at Boulder Primary School. This means they are familiar and confident to run all the educational programs that we do. We also partner them with chosen 'coaches' who support them in their teaching, and we structure our classes in 'teaching teams', so there are other teachers working at the same year level.

We have found that graduate teachers fit this bill of 'good people who work in a team who can take on feedback.' Of the 16 teachers we employ, 11 started with us as graduates. Miss Healey, Miss Dorji, Miss Simpson, Miss Skinner, Miss Ralph, Mrs Santos, Mr Vince, Mr Radice, Mr Harder and Mrs Azzam all started with us as graduate teachers. We are happy to announce that Miss Scott, currently completing her practicum in Room 5, will start with us in Term 3, bringing that number to 12.

But these teachers did not just become excellent teachers without the help and support of others. We implement a special 'graduate group' to help our graduates become the best possible teachers that they can be. This initiative was started by Mrs McKee, and has been continued by Mr Callow and myself. I am very proud to say that our work with graduate teachers has been recognised by the wider network of Kalgoorlie schools, and at the start of the year we were asked to run a graduate group for all graduate teachers in Kalgoorlie, Kambalda and Coolgardie. We have graduates that come from the high school, private schools such as St Mary's and St Joey's, and graduates from schools such as O'Connor ESC come and learn from our expert team of teachers.

We have also built a relationship with several universities, and now teaching students in Perth are applying to do their pracs at Boulder Primary School as they have heard of the work that we do to 'teach the teachers.'

So if you were ever wondering why there are so many young faces walking around – you know there is a reason behind this!

Mr Ashley Ferguson
Deputy Principal

Great Future!

From the Deputy Principals

Exciting Playground News

I am so excited to announce that Nature Playgrounds have provided us with a timeline to commence the Early Childhood Nature Playground. They plan on starting the project July 10th, which will be the second week of the upcoming school holidays and their estimated completion date is August 26th, which is Friday Week 6, Term 3. There is also some pre work that our wonderful gardener Deb Bishop has already started to do, this includes removing the PVC borders from around the sand/play areas. We are planning a busy bee weekend on the 24th and 25th of June to relocate the lovely grass that is in the early childhood area. If you are available this weekend and are willing to help, please let me know. While the playground is under construction there will be some impact on the early childhood students. We will plan for the KindiLink program to run from another location within the school, and we are planning for Kindy and Pre-Primary to still run teaching and learning programs from their current classrooms, as there are accessible doors that will not be impacted by the construction. During the construction period all Kindy and Pre-Primary students will join our Year 1/2's students in the junior playground during recess and lunch, with their teachers supervising. There will be some disruption, but the end result I am sure will be well worth the temporary changes. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the playground development.

How to make a Psychologist Referral

In our last newsletter, Sarah Simpson (Learning Support Coordinator) wrote about our School Psychologist Angelina Fernandez and the services that she can provide. These included behaviour support plans, supporting social and emotional needs and learning and educational needs. Angelina is also able to assist families with specific assessments requested by paediatricians and can provide a letter of support when identifying and going through the process of receiving a diagnosis for your child. To access the wonderful service provided by our School Psychologist you can meet with your child's teacher and Sarah Simpson to discuss your concerns and complete a referral form. Angelina will then contact you to organise an initial case conference and get consent from you directly. She is usually at Boulder Primary School for 2 to 3 days a week and can have a limited number of students on her case load, this means there will be a wait list. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Sarah Simpson for further information.

Jennie McMeeken
Deputy Principal

Awards

Congratulations to the following students who won merit and value awards at Assembly.

| Class | Merit Award Winner | Values Award Winner |
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| Bottlebrush | Ibrahim Latif | Rylon Callow |
| Sandalwood | Lucas Jordan | Kataraina Vainerere |
| Room 5 | Pipa Guest | Larah Izakovic |
| Room 6 | Shanelle Lindsell | Ahmed Latif |
| Room 7 | Scarlett Alarcon | Savannah Ham |
| Room 8 | Natalia Marriner | Spencer Dakin |
| Room 9 | Bianca Truran | Jaxon Simpson |
| Room 10 | Chloe Gaming | Olivia Thompson |
| Room 13 | Sophie Woodcock | Bailey Aukaha |
| Room 14 | Dontai Mackie | Brooklyn Kemp |



Building Bridges

Co-Parenting after Separation workshop
at Centrecare, 168 Egan St, Kalgoorlie.

2 hour Education Program for Separated Parents

- Learn ways to look after yourself during the separation process
- Understand the effects of family separation on children
- Understand the impact of parental conflict on children
- Improve communication with the other parent



Dates for 2023 - Wednesdays 5pm - 7pm

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| 25 January | 26 July |
| 22 February | 23 August |
| 22 March | 20 September |
| 19 April | 18 October |
| 17 May | 29 November |
| 14 June | 13 December |

FREE

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

To register, please contact
Centrecare Kalgoorlie
Tel: 9080 0333
www.centrecare.com.au

Centrecare has reached out to us to share information on a workshop they are providing for the community. Please look at the flyer and register with them if you are interested.

They have also provided us with a referral form for the various services they provide, which we can facilitate if you have any concerns for your child. Please get in touch with Sarah Simpson, Learning Support Coordinator, to fill out the referral.