



Boulder Primary School Newsletter

Term 2, Week 8 2023

Many thanks to Mrs Healey, Mrs Thomas and the amazing students of Sandalwood for their entertaining and thoroughly delightful performance of Down by the Bay at the Assembly last Friday. Dressed in some amazing costumes the students sang about Cats in Hats, Goats on Boats, Frogs walking Dogs and Dragons pulling Wagons, lots of rhyming going on!!!

As you know NAPLAN was conducted earlier this year. However, this is not the only change for NAPLAN. While we anticipate parents and schools will receive individual results in July, this month the Federal Government has through the National School Reform Agreement, made some significant changes. This being a shift away from the use of Bands and the introduction of new proficiency standards. Subsequently student reports will look different, simplified to previous years by the removal of the ten bands and replacing these with the proposed proficiency levels. These are: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support. These benchmarks will be set against what is being quoted as “challenging but reasonable” standard of literacy and numeracy. No longer will there be a measurement against a “minimum standard”. We hope to develop our understanding of this change, to attend a Professional Learning session later in August. These sessions we hope will help us with analysing and interpreting data using the Proficiency Standards. Student reports will continue to show the national average and range of achievement for the middle 60% of students. For further information go to: <http://acara.edu.au/assessment>

Last week we were very lucky to have a visit from a representative from central office to inspect a suitable room for a Science Upgrade. Coupled with the refurbishment of the Library focussing on STEM, the students at Boulder Primary School will have facilities second to none. The Science room will be a great addition to the school and allow us to increase student opportunity to participate and engage in the cross curricula priority STEM!

At the Assembly I announced the departure of Mrs Kaitlen Azzam. After 7 years teaching Boulder Primary School her family has decided to return to Perth. Kaitlen has also secured a contract at Roleystone Community High School and we wish her every success at her new school. On behalf of the staff, students, parents and Boulder Primary School community I would like to express our sincere thanks to Kaitlen for her time with us and wish her and her family every success for the future.

Come on the HAWKS!!!

David Callow
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 19th June
P&C Meeting
6pm Staffroom

Friday 16th June
Eagles Fever Cup

Thursday 22nd June
Learning Journey
Winter Lightening Carnival

Friday 23rd June
Ear Bus
Assembly Bottlebrush

Wednesday 28th June
Reports go Home.
BPS Cross Country

Friday 30th June
NAIDOC Celebrations
Last day of term

Proud History, *From the Deputy Principal*

If you have visited the school recently you may have thought you had entered a demolition zone. As you may be aware we have a number of projects happening this year. Recently we have been fortunate to have air-conditioning installed in the Undercover Area and in the “Hall”. We have also been able to improve our classroom environments by painting three classrooms earlier this term. During the last week we have been very lucky to have some further work conducted on two significant projects, one being the refurbishment of the school library and the second the drainage surrounding the garden, in preparation for further extensions of the garden area. We are also eagerly awaiting the installation of the ECE Nature Playground.



Great Future!

From the Deputy Principals

Early Childhood Playground News

We are fast approaching the start date for Nature Playgrounds 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. To help us clear the area in preparation for the transformation, we had a group of volunteers from BHP come in to remove the PVC borders from around the sand/play areas. We are thankful for their support. We are planning a busy bee day on Saturday the 24th of June to relocate the lovely grass that is in the early childhood area. If you are available and are willing to help, please let me know. The playground equipment, sheds, shade sales and structures in the area are up for tender, if you are interested in purchasing any of these structures, please see Nicole Softly MCS.

While the playground is under construction there will be some impact on the early childhood students. We are hoping to place temporary fencing across each of the classroom verandahs to allow students to remain in their current classrooms. 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 we cannot wait for the completed Early Childhood Playground. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding the playground development.

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
Bottlebrush	Benjamin Dann	Livai Michael
Sandalwood	Amarlia Simmons	Manaia Ngawaka
Room 5	Eva Hayward-Kennedy	Oakleigh Hurkala
Room 6	Tairus Whana	Narnie Fissioli
Room 7	Sophia Wearmouth	Maddison Lia
Room 8	Sahvanna Eades	McKenzie Mellor
Room 9	Laurinda Le Court De Billot	Chelsea Wearmouth
Room 10	Brexlee Ras	Joel Greenmount
Room 13	Isabella Woodiwiss	Braxton Bennett
Room 14	Riley Hilton	Bella Greaves

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Kerry from Room 10 who has been awarded with our Aussie of the Month for May.

Kerry sets the tone with her optimism and persistence. Kerry always has a positive outlook, making her a caring and courageous member of our school community. When she is involved with a task, you can guarantee it will be done with kindness and passion. Kerry's beaming smile lights up our school. We are so lucky to have such a positive, valued and responsible member of Boulder Primary School.

The Aussie of the Month program recognises students for their good citizenship, personal endeavour and achievement!

Be sure to check out our Aussie of the Month display next time you are up in the hall.

Danny Ogilvie Cup

This week we played in the annual Danny Ogilvie Cup game against O'Connor Primary School. This game is played in the honour of Danny Ogilvie who was an AIEO at O'Connor PS and worked at the local prison. Danny meant a lot to many Boulder families across his journey.

Our students played extremely hard and put in a maximum effort. With only a bare 15 players and a few players down through injury, we really showed grit and determination!

Big shout out to Frank from Room 14 who was awarded with a medal as our best on ground. Special thanks to O'Connor Primary School and Danny's family for putting on such a special event!

Mr Harder
Physical Education





Boulder Primary School P&C needs you!

We are looking for new members to join the P&C in 2023. The P&C is an integral part of our school community raising funds to provide services and equipment.

The P&C raise funds for our school through a range of activities:

- Mother's Day stall
- Father's Day stall
- Various Raffles
 - School Fete
 - Disco's
- Colour fun run's

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR UPCOMING
P&C MEETINGS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property in the front office.

If your child has lost anything can you please come and check if any belong to them.

All property will be given away at the end of the term if not collected.

Change of Details

If you have changed your address or phone number could you please let the front office know.

In case of emergencies we require the correct information to contact you.

“WHOLE HEARTED” Grief Program for Kids.

Hi Everyone,

In Term 3 I will be running a Grief and Loss Program for children.

There will be a letter going home with a consent form attached which you can fill out and return to the front office if you would like your child or children to do the program.

The program is run in school time and runs for 5 weeks. To be eligible your child needs to be in Years 3 – 6 and to have experienced the loss of a person who is close to them.

This loss needs to have happened at least 6 months before they do the program.

I have been running this program for several years now and have seen the children benefit emotionally and socially as they make new friends who have been through the same thing.

If you have any questions please feel free to see me on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday at school or you can phone the school and leave a message for me and I will phone you back.

Have a good week and rest of the term!

Peta Russo

School Chaplain

Parenting Connections and ADHD WA are pairing up to put on three free webinars on parenting children with ADHD. Focusing on establishing clear expectations and routines, managing challenging behaviours, and self-care and stress management, these webinars look to support families with all aspects of ADHD. They are all free, however, require bookings.



Parenting Connection WA is proud to be partnering with ADHD WA to offer three FREE online information sessions specifically designed to support WA families and carers of children with ADHD.

ADHD WA is a support, information and advocacy agency, founded in 1993 for people with ADHD and associated conditions.

Webinar 1:
'Parenting ADHD Children'

6:30 - 8:30pm
Wednesday 19 July 2023
Bookings:
<https://bit.ly/ADHDweb1>

Webinar 2A:
'Secrets of Effective ADHD Parenting' - for children in primary school.

6:30 - 8:30pm
Wednesday 26 July 2023
Bookings:
<https://bit.ly/ADHDweb2>

Webinar 2B:
'Secrets of Effective ADHD Parenting' - for children in high school.

6:30 - 8:30pm
Thursday 27 July 2023
Bookings:
<https://bit.ly/ADHDweb3>

Supported by



Variety, the children's charity, has reached out to us to share grants available that could help support our community. If any of this is of interest to you, you are welcome to come to speak with Sarah Simpson or Jennie McMeeken to assist with the process, or you may do so yourself on their website.

Kids Support Department

Grants roadmap document



Grant	Category applicable	Equipment / Item(s)	Household Income limit	\$ Request Limit (inc gst)	Exclusion period	Rounds (open)
EduKids		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Booklist items & resources - Uniform - School bag - School shoes (1 pair) - Compulsory fees associated with subjects <p>Does NOT cover voluntary contributions.</p>	\$50,000pa	\$250 (years K-3) \$350 (years 4-6) \$450 (years 7-12)	Annual. Can apply for alternative grant fund after 3 months.	One round Nov - Dec
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laptops - iPad or tablet - leased tech (school supplied) <p>MUST be mandatory (evidence essential)</p>	\$70,000pa	Up to \$1,000	2 years *3 years if same device	
BeKids		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community access (bikes / scooter) – school age - Prescription glasses (Spectacle Subsidy) - Play equipment (remote areas only) - Extracurricular supplies (costumes / shoes etc) 	\$50,000pa	\$400	1 year	Several round Jan - Oct
TechKids		<p>Assistive Technology / safety items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tablets (iPads etc) - Laptops / computers - Cpen / Scanning pen - GPS watches - Software / accessories 	\$90,000pa	\$1,200	2 years *3 years if same device	Several round Jan - Oct
ThriveKids		<p>Sensory equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Play equipment (monkey bars / swings) - Sensory items 	\$120,000pa	\$2,000	2 years	Several round Jan - Oct
		<p>Medical:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Medical devices - Supplies/consumables - Monitors - Air-conditioning 	\$140,000pa	\$5,000		
		<p>Mobility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modified bikes / trikes / scooters - Hoists - Hydrotherapy (pool/spas) - Specialised car seats 	\$140,000pa	\$5,000	2 years *5 years for same equipment	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Modified vehicle / vehicle modifications - Vehicle modifications - Specialised strollers - Wheelchairs (recreational / customised) 	\$180,000pa	\$10,000		
Variety Heart Scholarships		<p>Extra-curricular endeavours Sports / Arts / Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuition - Equipment / clothing items - Travel 	\$90,000pa (Financial disadvantage) \$120,000pa (sick/disability)	\$4,000	Annual. Can apply for alternative grant fund after 3 months.	One round Aug – Nov
Community		Equipment directly related to a service / program running to impact children who are sick, disadvantaged or disabled.	Financial documents required.	\$20,000	2 years	Several rounds Jan - Oct
Community (EduKids)		Education / Back to School supplies only	Subject to EduKids guidelines.	\$5,000	Annual	One round Nov – Dec