

Boulder Primary School Newsletter

Term 3, Week 6 2023

A Week at Year 6 Camp

Our week started on a very foggy and early Monday morning at the Kalgoorlie Train Station. 29 excited students along with Mr Radice and Ms Horomia were farewelled by Mr Callow, Mrs McMeeken and a handful of anxious (and perhaps excited themselves) parents and guardians, with Mr Vince waving us off on the platform and meeting us in Perth. The long journey gave us time to bond and chat with our peers as the train took us all the way to Perth, where we would catch the bus from East Perth Train Station to our home for the week, Ern Halliday Recreational Camp in Hillary's. After a quick debrief in the dining hall and the arrival of Mr Vince at camp, we had a run around to expel some energy and explore the camp, before bussing to Grill'd in Innaloo for some delicious burgers with Mrs Azzam, and enjoying the new Spiderman movie at the cinemas. We returned to camp and went to bed (well, some of us) for some much-needed rest for our upcoming week.

On Tuesday, we woke up early for brekky and some morning fresh air, before getting ready for team building activities run by the amazing workers at Ern Halliday. On the day's agenda: team building and problem solving and the notorious 'Big Swing.' Our team building activities meant we had to communicate and work together to achieve common goals, and although not always 100% successful in each task, we learned many valuable lessons about teamwork, while also having a load of fun! We also showed lots of courage when facing our fears on the Big Swing. Each student gave it their best go, with most of us going all the way to the top for a massive drop and huge swing! What a great time it was to see Mr Radice and Mr Vince head all the way to the top and show us how scared they were. After a small break, we bussed off to Holey Moley and Strike Bowling at Karrinyup Shopping Centre, for some mini golf and bowling action, and some tasty pizza and hot chips. It was a load of fun, and we often surprised each other on our fantastic skills that we didn't know we had. But after much trash talk, we had to concede that Mr Radice is the best bowler, and Mr Vince is the best at mini golf – hopefully we can get them back a bit later on! Then it was back to camp for dinner and bed, ready for a huge Wednesday packed full of activities.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 25th August
Book Week Parade

Monday 28th August
Father's Day Stall Year K, 3-4
Tuesday 29th August
Father's Day Stall Year 5-6
Wednesday 30th August
Father's Day Stall PP-2

Wednesday 30th August
Jumps & Throws Sport

Friday 1st September
Faction Carnival

Monday 11th September
Numero Interschool Heat

Friday 15th September
Ear Bus

Tuesday 19th September
Interschool Athletics

Wednesday 20th September
Big Breakfast

Friday 22nd September
Last Day of Term





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It was an early wake up on Wednesday morning after a cold night, ready for a 12-hour adventure across Perth. We ate brekky, cleaned our dorms and got on the bus heading to Caversham Wildlife Park. We were met by Mrs Azzam, her beautiful twins, Mrs Azzam's sister and her two kids who brought a coffee for our teachers (which was much needed). We attended the farm show where we learned how farms work, and got to see cattle dogs herd up sheep. Mr Radice gave his best cowboy impression by volunteering to crack a whip, and Donald and Ebah got the chance to bottle feed some cute little lambs – even if Donald screamed at the site of a hungry lamb running towards him. Sophie James was also very excited to milk a cow. We got to explore the wildlife park which included some meet and greets with friendly goats, a cheeky ostrich, cuddly koalas, a slithery python, and some hungry kangaroos. We said our goodbyes to Mrs Azzam and her family before bussing off to Fremantle for some lunch and free play at Esplanade Park, and got a visit from Mrs Lister and baby Kyla! We were incredibly thankful to have a chat and hang out for an hour. We headed off to Timezone for an incredible 90-minutes of free play. We challenged our teachers at games and saw some great rivalries being born. What a cool way for us to hang out with our friends and teachers. We played all the games you could think of – Mario Kart, Twister, shooting games, Air Hockey, Whack-a-Minion and so much more! After that, we went up the road to Fremantle Prison and enjoyed an interesting and historical tour of the prison yard, cellblock, solitary confinement building and the gun tower. We showed great courage to walk through the very old buildings, and even be put in the 'dark cell' in solitary confinement and have the lights turned off to scare us! Some of us swear we saw ghosts – but we had lots of fun and learned some new things along the way. From there, we went to Cicerello's for dinner, before heading on the bus to Lazer Blaze in Willeton for two wild games of laser tag. This place was incredible! We were split into teams with our teachers and spread out in the hope of ultimate glory for our team. Mr Radice flexed his muscles to show us how it was done (he thinks he won but we'll let him think that) and Ms Horomia showed her experience and hid away in the corner to tag unsuspecting students. Poor Mr Vince couldn't catch a break and kept getting tagged no matter where he hid. From there it was back on the bus and straight back to camp, where most of us fell straight asleep, although some of us tested the sleepy patience of our trusty teachers.



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After the huge 12-hour Wednesday adventure, Thursday was also jam-packed! Another delicious cooked brekky and back on the bus to Cockburn Ice Arena for some ice-skating action. We were treated by some professionals showing us the ropes when we walked in, and then gave it a go for ourselves. Some of us were able to get our legs under us straight away, and others ended up with sore backsides from falling over too much! We got a visit from Ms Newman, who spent the morning chatting and cheering us on from the sideline. Our morning was only soured by an unfortunate injury that meant a 'quick' visit to the doctor for an x-ray and a cast. We ate lunch after an exhausting hour of skating, and bussed to Carousel for 2-hours of shopping madness. We saw some pretty cool shops, and had the opportunity to fill up on sugar and buy whatever \$50 could get us. Once our 2-hours was up, it was time to head across the road to Bounce and run wild for the next 2-hours. There we showed our parkour skills, and just how nimble we kids are – we think we broke Mr Vince who tried to keep up as Mr Radice and Ms Horomia watched on and laughed. We were treated to some games and lessons from our instructors before being let off for some free play. Thankfully for our teachers, no injuries here! The only poor victim was the ripped pants of a certain student who will remain nameless, but nothing Mr Vince and a roll of strapping tape and pins couldn't fix. The highlight was definitely seeing Dontai land a double front flip – how awesome! We returned to Ern Halliday tired and restless for our last dinner of camp. As a reward for our big week, we were then surprised with a huge game of Spotlight! We spent the next 2-hours running and hiding in the darkness through the bush in gullies and on hills, running and hiding from Mr Vince, Annikia and Mr Radice. This might have been the quietest some of us were the whole trip (Ms Horomia thinks so), although the boys didn't do a good job of staying quiet after giggling in the bush for most of the game. Mr Vince remembered he wasn't a teenage boy anymore after getting stuck climbing up a tree and falling down and pulling some muscles. Sophie James was voted the undisputed champion, after hiding under a pile of leaves for almost 45-minutes without being spotted, quietly might I add. What a great way to end our amazing week.

It was a super early wake up on Friday morning to get ready to catch the train home. We trudged our way up the hill one final time with our luggage, and spent one last morning together before heading back to East Perth Train Station. We got settled in on the train and then said goodbye to Mr Vince on the platform to make the journey home by Friday afternoon. We then spent the next 6 hours either sleeping, or annoying poor Mr Radice and Ms Horomia who just wanted to relax.

We had an unbelievable time at camp with our peers and teachers. We bonded, we laughed, we cried, we told silly jokes, we laughed some more, we challenged others, we showed courage, we included our peers, we learned more about each other, we tried new things, and most importantly, we had fun. A massive thank you to our teachers, Ms Horomia, Mr Radice and Mr Vince for taking us to camp and enjoying the week with us. A big thank you to Mrs Azzam, Mrs Lister and Ms Newman for taking the time to see us. A big thank you to Mrs Softley and Mrs Hogan for helping us prepare for camp. And a massive thank you to our parents and families for helping us get to camp, it was an incredible experience that I'm sure we won't forget.



Awards

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

| <i>Class</i> | <i>Merit Award Winner</i> | <i>Values Award Winner</i> |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tjitjiku Kindy | Reef Smythe | Jasmine Eyre |
| Bottlebrush | Elliarnah Axell | Jonathan Brown |
| Sandalwood | Tyson Hodge | Fraser Wolfe |
| Room 5 | Alice Petch | Mae-Belle McAlinden |
| Room 6 | Joseph Dyble | Athena Warner |
| Room 7 | Braxton Healion | Ella-Louise Donovan |
| Room 8 | Savannah Joyce | Tyleigh Benfield |
| Room 9 | Shelby Bonney | Teila Farmer |
| Room 10 | Ryan Nichols | Lachlan McMeeken |

RIBIT Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students who won RIBIT awards.

Gold Awards

- Alexandra McMeeken
- Maximus McCleer
- Lucina McCleer

Silver Awards

- Skylah Glover
- Caiah Takao
- Sophie James

Bronze Awards

- Pollyanna Waddington
- Helen Morrow
- Allirah-Jean Lewis

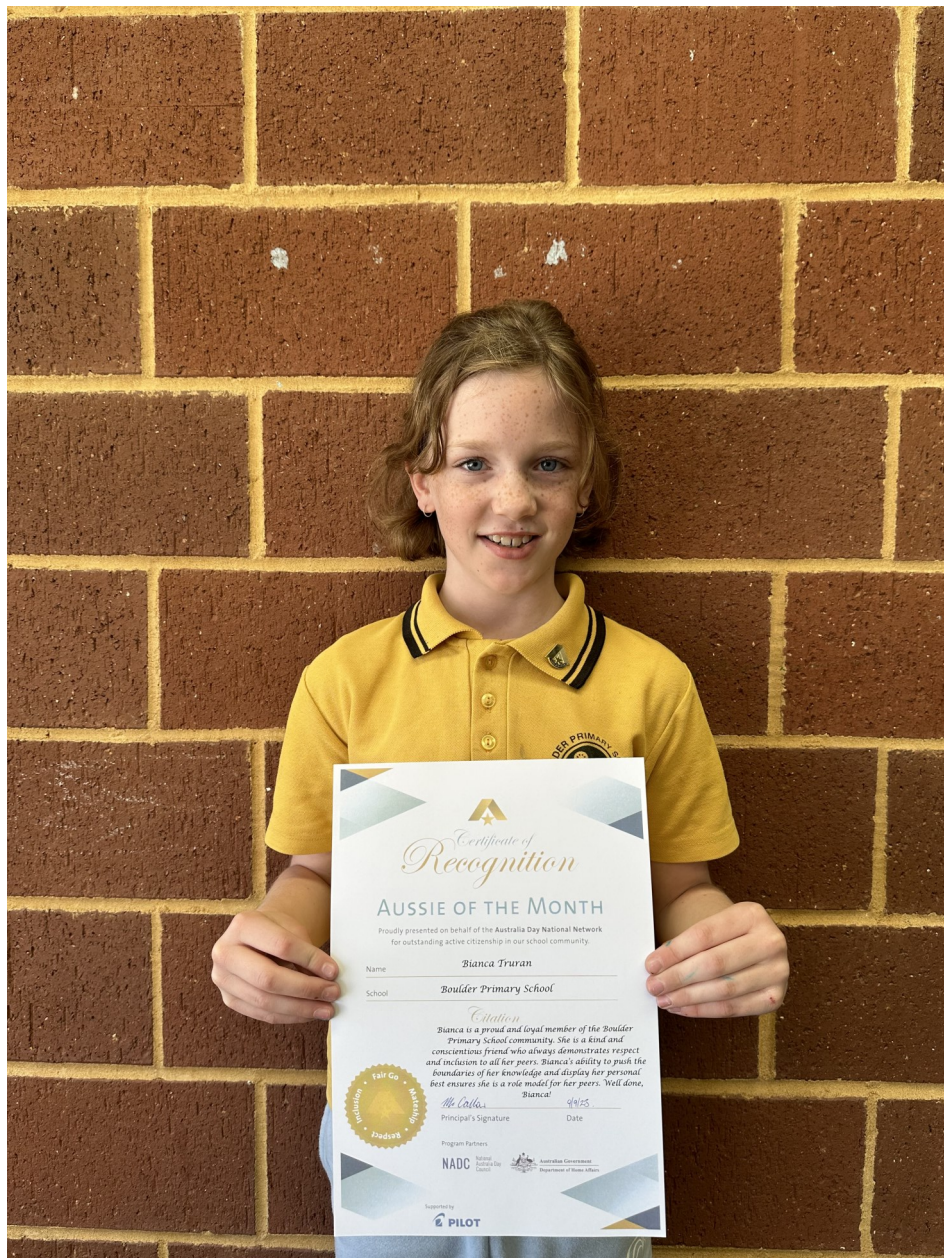
AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

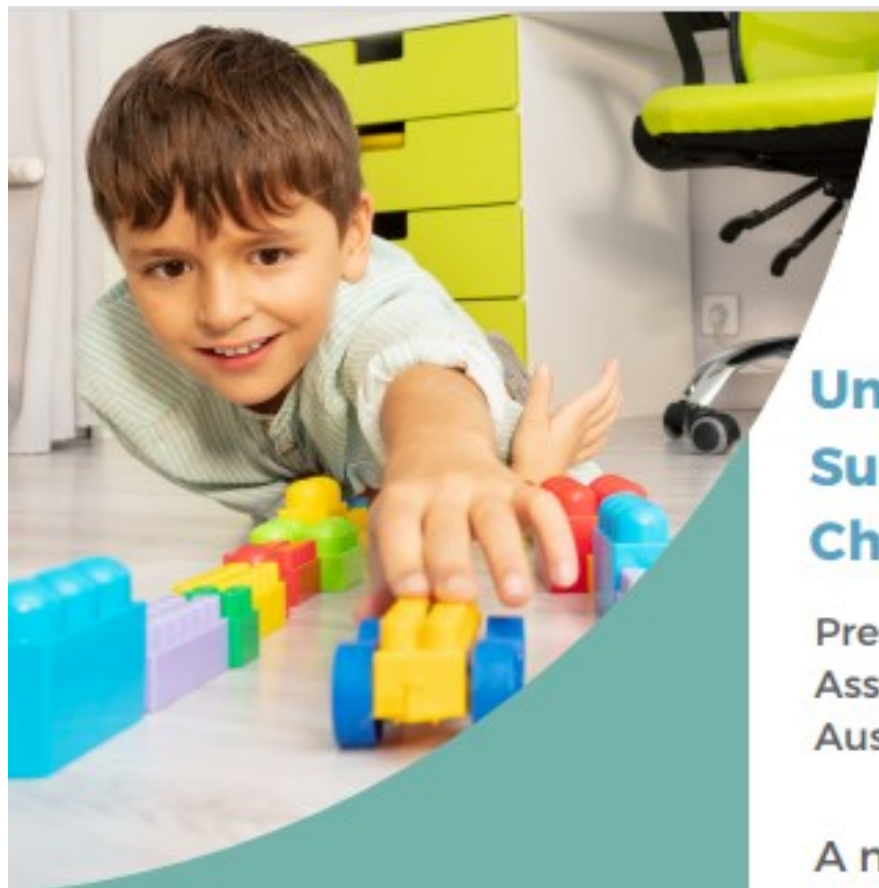
Congratulations to Bianca from Room 9 who has been awarded with our Aussie of the Month for July.

Bianca is a proud and loyal member of the Boulder Primary School community. She is a kind and conscientious friend, who always demonstrates respect and inclusion to all her peers. Bianca's ability to push the boundaries of her knowledge and display her personal best ensures she is a role model for her peers. Well done, Bianca!

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.





Understanding and Supporting my Child's Behaviours

Presented by the Autism Association of Western Australia.

A no cost, two-hour information session specifically designed to support families and carers of young children under the age of 6.

Online Session

Tuesday, 14 November 2023
6pm - 8pm via Zoom

For WA parents/caregivers who have attended the 'Early Signs of Autism' workshop.

For more information and to register please contact
seminars@autism.org.au

This webinar will help:

- Understand the purpose of your child's behaviour
- Learn about Positive Behaviour Support and why it is an effective approach
- Learn about what ongoing support is available to your child and family through the Autism Association of Western Australia
- Opportunity for questions and answers with experienced staff from the Autism Association of Western Australia

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