



Boulder Primary School Newsletter

Term 4, Week 10 2023

What a couple of weeks!

Last week following the theme of the movie "SING", we presented the Book Awards to our amazing students during the annual End of Year concert. I would like to congratulate all our 2024 award winners. I would like to thank all those who donated and contributed to this year's book awards. It was amazing to see so many parents and carers on the evening. So, many thanks to the parents, carers and community for their support. A special mention to the staff who not only prepared the students for the evening but also spent many weeks, days and hours rehearsing the staff item.

Last Tuesday we once again said goodbye to our Year 6 cohort with an amazing Graduation Ceremony. It was a very emotional hour as our Head Girl, Alexandra McMeeken and Head Boy Quincy Sheck presented their speeches. Quincy certainly showed us he did it his way! I must congratulate Mrs McMeeken for remaining so composed to read the students the famous story "The Places You'll go" by Dr Suess. Many thanks to the wonderful staff who organised the ceremony, power point, music, certificates and morning tea. Thanks to Mrs Sheck for preparing the School Choir to perform at the ceremony. It would be remiss of me to not mention the solo performance by Jackson Bull. It was certainly an amazing send off. Again, thanks to Ali Kent who joined us for the morning and presented the Dux Award – Quincy Sheck, Citizenship Award – Alexandra McMeeken and Perseverance Award – Riley Hilton. We wish all of our year 6 students every success as they venture off to high school.

This week we also announced Mr Ferguson will not be with us in 2024. Mr Ferguson has been offered the position as Principal at Kalgoorlie Primary School. After 7 years at Boulder Primary School Mr Ferguson has achieved his ambition to be a principal. Mr Ferguson will no doubt be missed. During his time with us he has played a significant role in the executive and leadership teams. Most recently renovating the school library. We all wish Mr Ferguson every success at Kalgoorlie Primary School. As they say..... our loss is Kalgoorlie Primary School's gain!

As Mr Ferguson departs, I am also very pleased to announce Mr Joshua Harder will be the deputy principal for 2024. Joshua has led the implementation of the Social Emotional Learning priority and specifically led the implementation of the Positive Behaviour Support initiative. Next year we will seek to appoint a deputy principal in a permanent capacity. We know Joshua will do a fine job and we wish him every success in this new role. With Mr Harders appointment we have two more teachers joining us at Boulder Primary School for 2024. Ms Tanisha Beard who joins us from Roleystone Community College and Mrs Sandra Callow who joins us from Hannans Primary School. We wish both teachers every success at Boulder Primary School in 2024.

Yesterday, the reports went home with students. This semester you will notice a slight change to the report comments in English and Mathematics. In consultation with the School Board and after surveying many parents we have trialled a different reporting style. Instead of writing comments for English and Mathematics that describe what teachers have covered this semester, what individual students can or do and what students need to focus on to improve, staff have written about achievement, progress and effort. This commentary has been designed to inform parents about their child's achievement according to year level. In simple terms teachers will describe if students are performing above, at or below year level expectation. The comment will also describe if students are progressing, referring to significant, satisfactory or unsatisfactory progress. The last comment regarding effort will inform parents if their child's effort has been consistent or inconsistent. Through the survey parents have told us they value the general comment. So this part of the report has not changed. As usual, if you have any questions about our child's report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Finally I would like to reiterate my sentiments from the End of Year Concert. Many thanks to the School Board led by Janet Hill. The School Board contributed to the determination of the Fees and Charges, the introduction of the Faction Shirt and contributed to the School Review process. I would also like to thank the P&C also led by Janet Hill, who worked hard to raise and contribute funds to the ECE Playground. Lastly, I would like to thank the amazing staff at Boulder Primary School. With student success central to their purpose, the staff are dedicated, committed and strive to ensure the students at Boulder Primary School get the best start to not only education but life.

Today we conclude the year with a colour fun run proudly organised by the P&C. I am sure the students, and some staff, will have a great time.

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2024!

END OF YEAR CONCERT



GRADUATION



Farewell

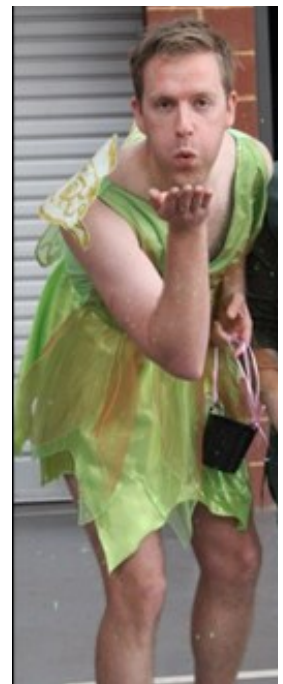
It is with a tinge of sadness that I say goodbye to Boulder Primary School this week. The school, the staff, students and the community have been a big part of my life for the past seven years. I feel privileged to have worked with such outstanding people over the journey, and it has been a pleasure to watch the school grow. Even more pleasing has been the growth of each student. This week we farewelled our graduating Year 6's, and I remember many of these when I met them in Miss Skinner's Pre-Primary class.

I have always felt that there is something special about Boulder – and it is the people. Whether dressing up in a fairy costume, joking about the placement of a Pinocchio nose or launching RIBIT with a very dubious performance with Mrs Ritchie, I have always enjoyed the sense of humour displayed by the parent body. Shout out to one parent who said "go suck a fart" when they found out I was leaving! It has been an honour to get to know so many of you, and the period straight after school is my favourite of the day. I have been impressed that whenever our students have a bump in the road, you are ready to step up, be a parent and support your child to be the best they can be.

I would like to recognise the staff of Boulder Primary School. Our recent School Review confirmed it – our staff are amazing. They have made my job very easy, and it has been an honour to support them and watch them grow. We are a cohesive team that always puts the students first. I am in awe of how much our staff are invested in our students, and they have always completed what has been asked of them, knowing why they are here – for our students. And when I say staff, I mean all staff, including Education Assistants, who are the best set of EA's I have seen. I would like to especially recognise the Leadership Team – including Mr Harder, Miss Skinner, Miss Simpson, Miss Healey, Ms Horomia and the four admin members. This team has 'moved mountains' over the last years, and created the wonderful school that is receiving recognition throughout the state. I am also indebted to Mr Callow, Mrs McMeeken and Mrs Softley for their support and guidance. The promotion to Principal at Kalgoorlie Primary School is a reflection of the school as a whole – I based my interview on what we have done in the last three years.

Thank you for your well wishes, and thank you for your support over the last seven years.
Boulder will forever be in my heart.

Kind Regards,
Ash Ferguson



END OF YEAR AWARDS

Award Given	Staff Member	Recipient
Dux Award		Quincy Sheck
Citizenship Award		Alexandra McMeeken
Perseverance Award		Riley Hilton
Senior Physical Education Award	Mr Joshua Harder	Ebah Mayes
Junior Physical Education Award	Mr Joshua Harder	Tyr Wells
Senior Science Achievement Award	Miss Jamieson Scott	Able Belhamine
Junior Science Achievement Award	Miss Jamieson Scott	Catalina Scanlon
Senior LOTE Achievement Award	Miss Awhina Horomia	Joseph Kaufuti
Junior LOTE Achievement Award	Miss Awhina Horomia	Skyla Kocian
Senior Music Award	Mrs Fulu Sheck	Maya Dizon
Junior Music Award	Mrs Fulu Sheck	McKenzie Gibbs
Rm 5	Miss Jayde Benham Achievement Award	Kacy Minion
Rm 5	Miss Jayde Benham Values Award	Elylah Ras
Rm 6	Miss Sarah Simpson/Miss Mel Skinner Achievement Award	Leyla Kocian
Rm 6	Miss Sarah Simpson/Miss Mel Skinner Values Award	TJ Axell
Rm 7	Ms Michelle Martin Achievement Award	Sophia Wearmouth
Rm 7	Ms Michelle Martin Values Award	Cohen Belhamine
Rm 8	Miss Indya Ralph Achievement Award	Natalia Marriner
Rm 8	Miss Indya Ralph Values Award	Skyla Kocian
Rm 9	Mrs Sarah dos Santos Achievement Award	Bianca Truran
Rm 9	Mrs Sarah dos Santos Values Award	Kaia Stewart
Rm 10	Miss Kelsey Turner Achievement Award	Able Belhamine
Rm 10	Miss Kelsey Turner Values Award	Brexlee Ras
Rm 13	Mr Nathan Vince Achievement Award	Lucas McMeeken
Rm 13	Mr Nathan Vince Values Award	Joseph Kaufuti
Rm 14	Mr Joshua Radice Achievement Award	Maya Dizon
Rm 14	Mr Joshua Radice Values Award	Bella Greaves

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH



🇦🇺 AUSSIE OF THE MONTH 🇦🇺

Congratulations to Kacy from Room 5 who has been awarded with our Aussie of the Month for November.

Kacy is a model citizen in the Boulder Primary School community. She has a positive attitude towards her learning, taking on all tasks with a smile. Kacy is a supportive student who is always willing to lend a hand to her peers and teachers.

Congratulations Kacy.

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.

🇦🇺 AUSSIE OF THE MONTH 🇦🇺

Congratulations to Mason from Room 14 who has been awarded with our Aussie of the Month for December.

Mason is a consistent performer in all aspects of his schooling. He constantly applies his personal best to his learning and is always striving for improvement. Mason is a compassionate, respectful and mature student, who is always willing to include others. Well done, Mason!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday
31st January
First Day for Students

Thursday 1st February
First Day for
Kindergarten

HATS

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A HAT AT THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL.

HATS ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE CANTEEN.