

Boulder Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 8 2024

What an amazing term. Even though this term is 9 weeks the staff and students at Boulder Primary School have been very busy and are ready to recharge their batteries.

KindiLink is a great opportunity and program to develop not only the routines of schools but more importantly the foundations for early literacy and numeracy skills. I would like to congratulate and thank Mrs Hansen and Mrs Callow for the amazing work they have done with all families in the KindiLinks program so far this year. This term we have had an extraordinary number of enrolments in the program. Never has the program had 31 students and have we had to start a wait list. This is a testament to the brilliant program being offered.

Many thanks to the staff and students in preparing and participating in this year's NAPLAN. As you know every year the students in Years 3 and 5 participate in this national assessment. In recent years we have seen a few changes. The first was the rescheduling the assessment to Term 1 instead of Term 3, when it had been previously held. The second and most recent is the change from bands to proficiencies. While there are many arguments regarding the pros and cons for the assessment at the school level we use the data from the assessment to not only determine the progress and achievement of the students we also analyse the data to determine future planning and direction to ensure improved student outcomes. I have heard many reports from staff regarding the positive attitude students have displayed and how they have been eagerly awaiting the assessment. Our school value of Courage is certainly alive and well. Well done to all students!!

With a number of enrolments in the Kindergarten and PrePrimary classes we were fortunate enough to have Mrs Cimone Van Der Merwe accept an appointment with us we were able to restructure the Kindergarten and Pre-primary classes. Increasing from two classes to three. The students are enjoying the smaller classes and calmer mornings. Many thanks to the parents and carers for their support with these changes and a special mention to the ECE Team who accommodated the increase in student numbers but also ensured the wellbeing and successful transition of the students.

The BIG BREAKFAST! Please put next Wednesday the 28th of March in your diary to join us for a healthy and hearty BIG BREAKFAST. This event has become a tradition at Boulder Primary School and the staff enjoy the opportunity to catch up with Parents, Carers and students. We look forward to seeing everyone bright and early. The P&C will also be announcing the winning easter raffle tickets.

Finally, I would like to say goodbye to Miss Sarah Simpson. Miss Simpson has accepted the position of Principal at Salmon Gums Primary School. She has been a valued team member at Boulder Primary School and we certainly value her contribution over the past few years. I know we all wish her well for the future. Miss Mel Skinner will be joining the team at Kambalda Primary School as the Deputy Principal for next term. Kambalda Primary School is very lucky to have someone of Mel's calibre join them. I know we all wish her well for Term 2.

Mr David Callow
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 21st March
School Board Meeting

Friday 22nd March
Harmony Day

Tuesday 26th March
On-Entry Forum with
Parents 3.00pm

Wednesday 27th March
Big Breakfast

Thursday 28th March
Last Day of School

Friday 29th March
Good Friday

School Holidays

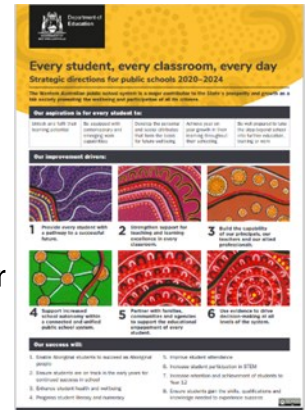
School Commences
Monday 15th April

Proud History, From the Deputy Principal

FOCUS 2024

Focus 2024 aims to refocus the strategic directions outlined in the Department's documents Every student, every classroom, every day 2020 – 2024 and Building on Strength.

In the Department document Every student, every classroom, every day the strategic directions for public schools in 2020-2024, setting clear aspirations for every student and focuses on improvement drivers across 6 pillars to strengthen support for teaching and learning.



The educational priorities outlined in Focus 2024 are vital to the future of our students, these are:



1. Provide every student with a pathway to a successful future
2. Strengthen support for teaching and learning excellence in every class room
3. Build the capability of our principals, our teachers and our allied professionals
4. Support increased school autonomy within a unified public school system
5. Partner with families, communities and agencies to support the engagement of every student
6. Use evidence to drive decision-making at all levels of the system

At Boulder Primary School we use these priorities to guide our decision making and planning. We know that for our students to maximise the quality teaching and learning taking place in our classrooms, our other priorities need to focus on creating safe and secure learning environments, build the capacity of staff and work in partnership with a range of agencies including Bega, Population Heath, School Psychologist, and local industry to provide a range of differentiated and specialist supports for all students.

For more information about the Focus 2024 document please follow the link below:

[8zqd673 \(education.wa.edu.au\)](https://education.wa.edu.au/8zqd673)

Jennie McMeeken
Deputy Principal

Proud History, From the Deputy Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform is a visible representation of the standards expected of students and plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school, creating a sense of identity and pride among the students and wider school community. By having uniform requirements students learn the importance of appropriate presentation and it supports all students to participate fully in school life and creates a school culture where every student experiences a sense of belonging. School uniforms are decided in consultation with the school staff, the school board, students and the school community. The standard uniform includes a dress, skirts, shorts, polo shirt, track pants, windcheater and hat. You can find our Dress Codes for Students Policy on the Boulder Primary School website.

ITEM	ACCEPTABLE	NON-ACCEPTABLE
SHIRT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yellow and black uniform shirt with school logo Leavers shirts + faction shirts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only Boulder Primary school shirt is acceptable
PANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black shorts or pants Black leggings only if worn under another item such as a skirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tights (active wear), leggings on its own with nothing over the top Jeans Pants with holes
SKORT/DRESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black skort Boulder Primary School yellow dress with logo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very short skorts or dresses
JACKET/JUMPER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black school jacket with logo Plain black jumper or jacket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jackets and jumpers not in school colours
FOOTWEAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enclosed shoes such as runners or sneakers for sport and fitness reasons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thongs Backless shoes High heels
HATS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wide brimmed hat, preferably black 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caps Beanies Hoodies
JEWELRY, MAKE-UP, NAIL POLISH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A watch Stud earrings Medical alert bracelet Necklace that is worn under clothes for safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bangles Make-up and nail polish Dangly earrings Visible body tattoos or transfers
HAIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair to be tied up when hanging below shoulders (male and female) Spray colours acceptable for special events Hair ties, scrunchies Minimal gels, wax sprays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hair accessories Hair dyes of unnatural colours
SPORT / PHYS ED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sneakers / runners Faction or other school shirts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandals or thongs Bike shorts Non uniform colours for shorts or shirts

Meet Our Student Councillors

Name: *Jackson Bull*

What is your role at Boulder Primary School? *Student Councillor*

What do you love about Boulder Primary School? *My friends.*

What is one thing we don't know about you? *I can sing a song in a different language.*

What do you hope to be in the future? *A chef.*

Who is your hero? Why are they your hero? *My dad and mum.*

What is one word to describe you? *Kind*

If you were on a deserted island, who would you take? *My dad.*



Meet Our Staff

Name? *Mrs Cimone van der Merwe*

Your role at Boulder Primary School? *PrePrimary teacher.*

What do you love about Boulder? *I love the culture and history of Boulder. It gives the feeling everyone belongs.*

What is your hidden talent? *I love to take photos of wild-life, but now that I am in Australia I take photos of sceneries. I also like fishing.*

What is the most exciting/adventurous thing you have done? *It will be the Wild Gorge Swing in Oribi Gorge, South Africa. The swing is 165m (55 storeys) high. You jump over the edge of the waterfall to swing into the gaping depths of Oribi Gorge.*

What is something weird you like to eat? *Crocodile, it tastes just like chicken.*

What is one phobia you have? *Spiders. I heard there are big spiders in Australia. I really hope they leave me alone.*

If you were on a deserted island, who would you take? *I will definitely take my soulmate, my husband. Together we will survive.*



Awards

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

Class	Merit Award Winner	Values Award Winner
PP Tjitjiku	Jasmine Eyre	Tahlia McSweeney
K/PP Bottlebrush	Elliot Scanlon	Harley Dick
K/PP Sandalwood	Oliver Bratt	Memphis
Room 5	Shanelle Lindsell	Isabelle Betts
Room 6	Wyatt Glover	Nahym Ngawaka
Room 7	Amelia Sharp	Tyson Shearn
Room 8	Luke White	Samuel Dizon
Room 9	Belle-Bethany January	Zyah Pilsworth
Room 10	Griffin Foster	Brexlee Ras
Room 13	Mason McCooke	Savannah Joyce
Room 14	Mia Farmer	Lachlan Good

Has anyone seen Paddington Bear out and about in the wet weather.



2024 Voluntary Charges and Collections



With the approval of the School Board, Contributions this year have remained the same as previous years—\$65 which comprises \$45 Voluntary Contributions and \$20 P&C Donation. Your students will have received statements for March this week.

These funds, when paid, are classed as *Locally Raised Funds* and are effectively unbudgeted funds that can be used for expenditure on items that directly benefit our students. The running costs of the school are funded by the Department so any additional funding like this can make a huge difference in what we are able to provide to our school community.

So far this term we have invested almost \$3000 on Origo Maths workbooks which we hope will assist the students and their teachers during their numeracy lessons. This is one of the many items on the “wish list” that we compile with suggestions from staff. Our next intention is to purchase additional benches for the undercover area so that no students are sitting on the ground to eat lunch. These will also provide seating during assemblies.

A massive thankyou to parent/guardians who purchased their 2024 booklists through Office National. Deb Shaw from ONK visited this afternoon to advise that they will be making a donation to us for \$1000 and this figure is based on the number of booklists that they serviced. This is also classed as *Locally Raised Funds* and already Mr Callow has had an amazing idea on how to spend that money! Watch this space.

Parent Calendar

Term 2, 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 15 th – 19 th April					
Week 2 22 nd – 26 th April				Anzac Day Public Holiday	Student Development Day No Students
Week 3 29 th April – 3 rd May	P&C 6pm Staffroom				Room 14 Assembly
Week 4 6 th – 10 th May	Mother's Day Stall			School Board	Eagles/Fever Cup
Week 5 13 th – 17 th May		KBCHS Year 10 student visit			Room 7 Assembly Eagles/Fever Cup
Week 6 20 th – 24 th May	Swimming Lessons	Numero Day			Eagles/Fever Cup
Week 7 27 th – 31 st May	Swimming Lessons				Room 5 Assembly Eagles/Fever Cup
Week 8 3 rd – 7 th June	WA Day Public Holiday			School Board Meeting	Eagles/Fever Cup
Week 9 10 th – 14 th June	P&C 6pm Staffroom		Learning Journey 3pm-4.30pm Sausage Sizzle	Winter Lightning Carnival	Room 9 Assembly
Week 10 17 th – 21 st June					Cross Country
Week 11 24 th – 28 th June			Reports Home		NAIDOC DAY