

Boulder Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 2 2024

Welcome back to our families, students, and staff. We have had an amazing start to Term 3. I know term 3 for our Year 5/6 students is an exciting one as they prepare for the annual camp in Perth. I know that Mr Vince and Ms Beard are also equally excited about this years camp. It will be Ms Beard 's first camp with Boulder Primary School, so I hope she enjoys her time with the Year 6 students. I am positive the students will have a great time.

The first day back at school this term was used as school development day. While the students had another day towards their holidays, the staff were busy with planning, preparing, for the coming term. Staff also spent the day developing the next Business Plan. Led by Mrs Jennie McMeeken, staff engaged in conversation as they set the strategic direction for Boulder Primary School for the next three years. During the day staff revisited the vision statement, created a mission statement, completed a SWOT analysis, identified priority areas, created improvement targets and then developed key strategies for implementation over the next three years. The next three years looks very exciting!

We welcomed back Mr Jordan Letcher to Boulder Primary School. Jordan worked at Boulder Primary School two years ago before venturing to Jurien Bay District High School. Jordan is very excited as he will become the Science teacher and use the newly converted Science Room. Ms Bridget Kirkwood also joined us this term. Bridget is completing her final teaching practice with us. She will be working in Room 14 with the Year 5/6 students and Ms Beard. We were also very excited with the return of Ms Mel Skinner. Mel spent term 2 at Kambalda Primary School as the Deputy Principal. It would be very fair to say that we certainly missed Ms Skinner during her time away. We wish all staff members every success and hope they enjoy their time with us.

For those who remember Mr Mitchell Walker, I am very pleased to write that he has been appointed as the substantive principal at Woodanilling Primary School. Wishing you every success Mr Walker!

Boulder Primary School prides itself on our uniform. Our uniform receives many positive comments from members of the public and visitors. Lately the P&C has worked tirelessly to make some additions to the uniform. These include skorts and dresses. However, with the colder months coming, please remember the P&C does sell jumpers as part of the school uniform from the uniform shop which is next door to the canteen.

Events this term will include the faction carnival, school photos, interschool cross country, Numero and much much more! Another busy term!

Mr Callow

DATES TO REMEMBER

July

26th Interschool Cross Country

29th P&C Meeting 3pm

29th PEAC testing

August

2nd Room 9&10 Assembly

12th to 16th Year 6 Camp

16th Bottlebrush Assembly

23rd Book week parade

26th- 28th Fathers Day Stall

28th Jumps and Throws Years 3 to 6

30th Faction Carnival

September

2nd P&C meeting 6pm

5th & 6th School Photos

Proud History, From the Deputy Principals

Restorative Approaches

At Boulder Primary School our key focus on developing students' Social and Emotional Wellbeing has been evident with vast improvements to our learning environment. The development of our student's self-awareness, self-control and interpersonal skills has enabled a learning environment where students can engage in learning and our teachers can teach with minimal disruption. One of our Social and Emotional Learning pillars is Restorative Approaches. The embedment of this pillar encourages behaviour that is supportive and respectful, putting onus on individuals to be truly accountable for their behaviour and repair any harm caused to others as a result of their actions.

Furthermore, Restorative Approaches focuses on building, maintaining and restoring positive relationships, particularly when incidents that involve interpersonal conflict or wrongdoing occur. Specifically, at Boulder Primary School, Restorative Approaches is embedded in our whole-school Behaviour Management process. If students receive a detention due to their behaviour, they engage in a restorative conversation with a member of staff. This conversation aims to reflect on any harm caused, who it has impacted and how, as well as conversing about the next steps in restoring positive relationships. Recently, all staff at Boulder Primary School undertook professional learning in Restorative Approaches.

Prioritising relationships across our school community and upskilling our staff to support implementation will hopefully continue to reduce the frequency of behaviour incidents to occurring and overall improve school culture that enables the development of successful students.

If you have any questions about Restorative Approaches or any of our Social and Emotional Learning programs, please drop in for a chat with myself or Mrs McMeeken.

Finally, given the current state of the West Coast Eagles, I am putting on my blue and white in support of those mighty East Fremantle Sharks. With that said, Go Sharks!

Josh Harder
Deputy Principal

Does your child have a chance of being successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing at grade 4

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

ATTENDANCE

At Boulder Primary School we have set a school target of 90% attendance. This is 2% lower than the state average which is usually around 92%

At Boulder Primary School attendance is also included in our good standing policy. For example, to attend or participate in extra school activities, students might be required to have an attendance rate above 85%.

We know that every day at school is essential for academic success and overall well being.

Regular attendance at school has so many benefits. While there are many academic advantages, many life skills are nurtured through regular attendance, such as discipline, punctuality, and accountability. Attendance instils commitment, responsibility and resilience. All the skills required for life.

If you have any questions about attendance please speak with Mrs McMeeken or Mr Harder.

**It's not cool to
stay away from school.**

From the Deputy Principals

Early Arrivals

As Term Three begins, parents and carers are reminded that school commences at 8:30am, with classroom doors opening at this time. At Boulder Primary School, we encourage our students to arrive on time allowing them to participate in our daily Literacy Block and not miss out on crucial learning time.

For students arriving early, our school gates open at 8:00am with the hall open for supervised activities such as Numero, chess, reading and Tribes energisers. We ask that you do not arrive prior to this as there will be no supervision and students cannot enter school grounds until 8:00am, as this raises supervision concerns. If students are supervised by a parent or carer prior to 8:30am we ask that students, please remain seated as they are not permitted on the playground and should not be running around in the undercover areas and basketball courts. For those students not supervised by a parent, we ask that they make their way to the hall where they will be collected by their classroom teacher.

We are excited to see our students arrive on time and ready to learn each day. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs McMeeken or Mr Harder.

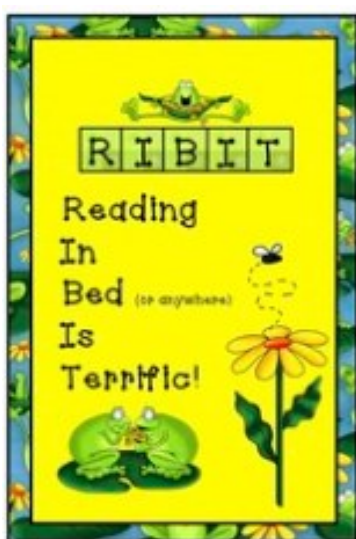
Boulder Dental Clinic



The Dental Clinic is now operating every day between 8am to 4 pm. It is closed for lunch between 1pm to 1.30 pm.

All parents are encouraged to make a dental appointment for their children. Please call the clinic on 9093 1275 to make an appointment. Please bring your Medicare Card on the day of the appointment.

We look forward to seeing you soon.



RIBIT

Reading in bed is terrific



Over the past three years we have been implementing the reading initiative RIBIT to encourage reading at home, specifically around bed-time.

We know that reading is very important and is a valuable life skill. Research shows that children who read are five times more likely to achieve greater results at school. Reading has many benefits as it can

Equally important with engaging children to read is the role of the parent or carer. Parents play an important part by encouraging children to read, making reading a routine, listening to children read or reading to the children.

If you have any questions about RIBIT please ask your child's teacher

Meet Our Student Councillors

Name: *Mackenzie Gibbs*

What is your role at Boulder Primary School?
Lakewood Faction Captain

What do you love about Boulder Primary School?
I love the kind teachers and fun lessons.

What is one thing we don't know about you? *I am part Italian..*

What do you hope to be in the future? *Day care Worker.*

Who is your hero? Why are they your hero? *My mum and dad for always being there for me.*

What is one word to describe you? *Loyal*

If you were on a deserted island, who would you take?
My mum, dad and sister.



Meet Our Staff

Name: *Jordan Letcher*

Your role at Boulder Primary School? *I am an Education Science Specialist.*

What do you love about Boulder Primary School?
The community and shared responsibility of the staff to engage our learners.

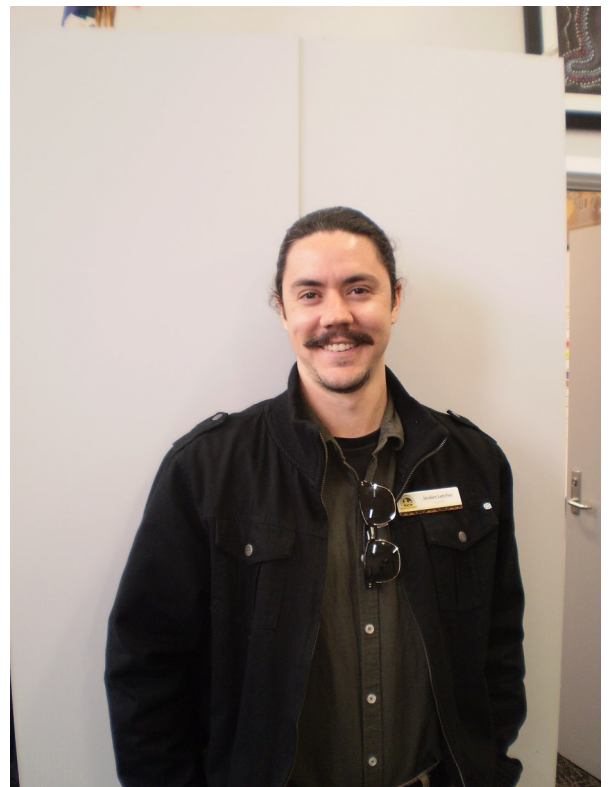
What is your hidden talent? *Not bad on the karaoke machine.*

What is the most exciting/adventurous thing you have done? *Explored 17 countries in 40 days throughout Europe.*

What is something weird you like to eat? *Condensed milk on weetbix.*

What is one phobia you have? *Snakes*

If you were on a deserted island, who would you take?
Keith Richards, he will go until the end of time.



Meet Our Staff

Name: *Bridget Kirkwood*

What is your role at Boulder Primary School?
Pre service teacher working in Room 14 with the Year 5/6 students and Miss Beard

Why did you come to Boulder?
When I graduate I would like to teach in rural WA and I think Boulder PS is a good place to prepare myself for teaching in 2025.

What is your hidden talent: *I like to paint*

What is the most exciting or adventurous thing you have done?
Coming to Boulder to complete my teaching prac.

What is something weird you like to eat? *Rice with soy sauce*

What is one phobia you have? *The dark*

If you were on a deserted island, who would you take?
My sister because she is very entertaining and fun to be with.



HATS

At BPS, we have a no hat/no play policy and students must be wearing a bucket hat to play outside during recess and lunch. Hats are available from the canteen for \$17 and a reminder that the uniform shop is open Tuesday and Friday mornings for purchases.



Important Notice

On **Thursday 1st August 2024** Mrs Callow, Ms Hansen and Mrs McMeeken will be attending a KindiLink Conference in Perth.

Our regular Tuesday and Thursday sessions will resume in Week 4.

