

Boulder Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 4 2024

The School Board met Thursday afternoon, led by the Chairperson Janet Hill. During the meeting Mrs McMeeken presented the progress of the 2025 to 2027 Business Plan. One key topic was setting the targets for the next three years. The strategic target for attendance from 2025 to 2027 will be set at the state average of 92%. Mrs McMeeken also briefed the Board on the progress of a couple of major projects. The most significant being the junior primary playground. It is envisaged this project will be completed in time for 2025. The students will enjoy the new play structure. Mrs Edwards presented the comparative budget and the Voluntary Fees and Contributions list. The Board elected to maintain the current amounts for 2025. Other items covered included staffing for Term 4 and 2025, KindiLink, and the application process for teaching staff.

Well, the Year 6 students are getting exciting and restless as the annual Year Camp is literally around the corner. This year Mr Vince, Miss Beard and Mr Harder will be supervising the students during their time in Perth. From previous camps, I know the staff have prepared an amazing week of activities for the students and they will really enjoy their time away. Many thanks to the parents for fundraising to reduce the costs and to the staff for preparing and organising the camp. I am so glad I do not have to wake up early to be at the train station at 6:30am Monday morning. We wish everyone a great time!
Mr Callow

KINDILINK

Well done to Ms Hansen and Mrs Callow who were invited to present at the recent KindiLink conference in Perth. They proudly presented the amazing work they and parents do in KindiLink!
Congratulations and Well Done!



DATES TO REMEMBER

August

- 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
- 9th Interschool Numero Competition
- 13th Student Elections
- 18th Interschool Athletics Carnival
- 20th BIG Breakfast

Proud History,

From the Deputy Principals

With successful students at the centre of everything we do and “Early Intervention” being identified as a priority area in Boulder Primary School’s Business Plan, we implement research-based in-class Literacy and small group intervention programs. Our in-class programs, Pre-Lit and InitialLit, are evidence based whole class Literacy programs providing our students with the essential core knowledge and strong foundations to become successful readers and writers.

To further support students to achieve success, we implement intervention programs from Kindergarten to Year 4. One of the intervention programs we use is Language Lift, a program designed to support oral language development. The second intervention program we use is MiniLit Sage, which provides explicit instruction in phonemic awareness, phonics for reading and spelling, letter formation, and reading. The final program we use is MacqLit, providing an explicit and systematic reading intervention for small groups. Your child may have come home talking to you about participating in one of the aforementioned programs. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school to have a chat.

Mrs McMeeken



Students engaging in MiniLit with Mrs Hill and Language Lift with Mrs Walters

...Great Future.

From the Deputy Principals

At Boulder Primary School we are proud of integrating 21st century learning into our classrooms. Over the last few years, we have made significant progress in improving and updating our technology resources. This is evident through; the newly renovated *Ngurra Nintipayi*, purchasing two 3-D printers, new coding robots, acquiring 55 new laptops, Ben-Q Smartboards in each learning space and a dedicated Digital Technologies teacher in Mr. Radice. In addition to these improvements, we have recently leased 50 new Generation 10 iPads. This will take our total number of iPads across the school to 110, ensuring we have a ratio of 1 iPad for every 2 students across Years 1-6. The integration of technology into our teaching and learning ensures we are equipping our students with the necessary skills to join a workforce that is rapidly advancing and becoming more dependent on technology. If you would like to find out more about our advancements in technology, please feel free to have a chat with myself or Mr Radice.

A highlight on our yearly calendar is the annual Faction Carnival. This event is very much looked forward to by all our students and families, giving the perfect platform to demonstrate our school values and most importantly, the students personal best. I know Mr Radice is very busy planning for our Faction Carnival and many students are starting to get very excited, with some staff members even more so! The events will operate in a similar fashion to previous years and specific timing for races and events will be released in the coming weeks. To ensure a positive experience, smooth event and calm environment on the day, we have outlined parent and spectator expectations. If you have any questions regarding the Faction Carnival, please speak with your child's teacher.

Mr Harder

Parent & Spectator Expectations

We would like to create a fun and orderly environment for our students. With this in mind, we would you to consider the following:

- Parents and Carers are spectators only and not to cross the bunting during running events.
- Spectators are not to approach the chief judge, place judges or marshals. This is not the Olympics!
- Parents are encouraged to take photographs of their child at the podium and during events. Again, please don't cross the bunting.
- No place ribbons will be awarded to Pre-Primary or Kindy students.
- Lost ribbons are unable to be replaced.
- Please prepare your child with a hat and water bottle at the start of the day. Sunscreen will be available in each bay.
- If you need to speak to your child during track events, please approach Mr Callow.
- Again, this is not the Olympic Games! This is a chance for all students to showcase their individual and collaborative skills and most importantly, have fun!
- The P&C will be holding a food stall. Please bring some spare coins!

Lakewood Fimiston Kanowna Trafalgar

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>
PP/ Tjitjiku	Andrea Nonu	Zachary Edgar
Kindy/Bottlebrush	Samrathvir Singh	Stephanie Elavo
K/PP Sandalwood	Lara Warner	Felicity Williams
Room 5	Manaia Ngawaka	Regine Wong
Room 6	Nahym Ngawaka	Ellodie Waddington
Room 7	Rylon Callow	Mya Bui
Room 8	Shelby Bonney	Cleo Marais
Room 9	Elylah Ras	Skylah Bird
Room 10	Mae-Belle McAlinden	Kymani Hillman-Mclean
Room 13	Able Belhamine	Laurinda Le Court De Billot
Room 14	Jaxon Simpson	Jahcovis Grootjans-Thompson

RIBIT Award Winners



Congratulations to the following students who won RIBIT awards.

Bronze Awards

Allirah-Jean Lewis
 Athena Warner
 Elylah Ras
 Isaac Johnston
 Isabelle Betts
 Kacy Minion
 Shelby James
 Skylah Glover

Silver Awards

Emma-Baylie Logan
 Maddison Lia
 Ty Sambo
 Yzabelle Lewis

Gold Awards

Helen Morrow
 Regine Wong

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Jayla from Sandalwood who has been awarded with our Aussie of the Month for June.

Jayla is a bright spark in our school community. She truly embodies the Tribes agreements and Boulder Primary School values, showing attributes that are far beyond her years. Jayla's positivity is simply infectious. She applies herself to all learning tasks and takes on all challenges. We are extremely lucky to have Jayla at Boulder Primary School.

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

Maddison is a kind and conscientious member of the Boulder Primary School community. Her ability to consistently demonstrate our school values ensures she is a role model student for her peers. Maddison is an enthusiastic learner who relishes the opportunity to expand her knowledge. Well done, Maddison.



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.

School photos are coming up in **Week 8**.

Individual Shootkeys will be sent home closer to the date, and envelopes will be available from the Office if you wish to pay for an order with cash



MSP Photography WA
08 9240 8000
admin.perth@msp.com.au
PO Box 2188 Warwick, WA 6024
www.msp.com.au

ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM

We recommend you add this to your Newsletter before photo day, to advise Parents/Guardians of ordering procedures.

Boulder Primary School

Our school photos will be taken on:

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th of September 2024

Class Photos/Portraits:

- Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.
- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student **shootkey**.
- Log onto www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your **shootkey** the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is **Sunday 15th of September 2024**
Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee.
- Spare order envelopes (green) will be available at the school reception if you prefer to pay with cash.

Specialty Group Photos:





- After photo day, a link will be sent to the school for distribution to parents whose child/children is/are in the specialty group photos.

Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- Family photos **cannot** be ordered online.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.

Please Note:

Late orders can be placed via our website www.mspreorders.com.au
Individual and Family Photos are not available to view online for Students' Security.
If for any reason you need to contact MSP regarding your child's photos you will be asked to provide your child's **Shootkey**.

 **PHOTOGRAPHY**  **PROMOTION**  **PRINTING**  **YEARBOOKS**

**CAPTURING
SCHOOL
MOMENTS**

Coping with Grief and Loss

Unfortunately, our students at some time in their lives will experience grief and loss. During this time students will feel a range of emotions and react in different ways. Some reactions may include behavioural changes, decreased concentration, depression and irritability. In trying to understand these changes students may seek to understand what happened or is happening. Attached to this week's newsletter is a letter from our School Chaplain who is offering 10 places for students to participate in the Whole Hearted Greif and Loss program to support students through their loss. If parents or carers feel being part of this program would be beneficial for your child please complete the form and return to the front office.

WHOLE HEARTED GRIEF AND LOSS PROGRAM

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Grief and Loss is a normal part of life and is a difficult experience for everyone including children.

This term I will be running a grief and loss program for children called "WHOLE HEARTED" which assists children to understand and deal with the feelings and issues of grief.

This program will be run during school time for 5 weeks.

To be eligible your child must:

Have experienced the loss of someone close to them at least 6 months prior to doing the program.

Be in Year 3 – 6.

Children will benefit by being with others who have had a similar experience in a small group.

A maximum of 10 places are available.

If you would like your child to do the program please fill out the form below and give to the front office. For more information please ask to speak with the School Chaplain, Mrs Peta Russo.

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CONSENT FORM – PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

I give permission for my child/children:

Name/s.....

Year Level/sto do the **WHOLE HEARTED** Grief program commencing in Term 3.

Signature of Parent/Carer.....

Please PRINT name clearly.....

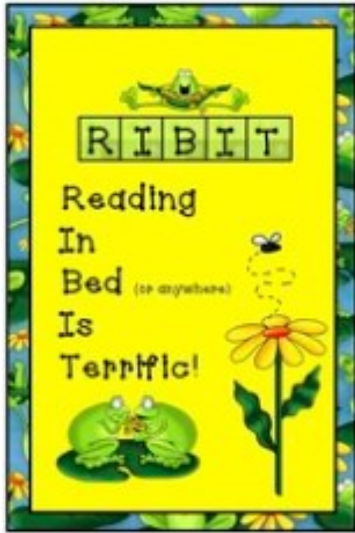
Best Daytime Phone Number

What is the loss that your child has experienced? (Please PRINT)

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Pete Russo

School Chaplain



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 bedtime. 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 expose children to language, words, imagination and ideas.

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

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.



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 in 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.



SCIENCE
AFTER DARK
COMMUNITY SCIENCE FAIR
THURS AUG 15TH 2024
5.00PM-7.30PM


WAM MUSEUM OF THE GOLDFIELDS
 17 HANNAN STREET, KALGOORLIE

Join us for a night of science fun with hands-on activities, telescopes, and more!
 Discover the magic of science during Science Week

Special Guests
gravity
 DISCOVERY CENTRE
 Are coming with telescopes!





NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES
present



FREE FAMILY EVENT **BRING A PICNIC BLANKET** **FOOD TRUCKS + BAR AVAILABLE**

A STARLIT SYMPHONY
 FEATURING MUSIC FROM COLDPLAY, TAYLOR SWIFT, DUA LIPA & MORE!

FRIDAY | **GATES OPEN** | **KALGOORLIE-BOULDER**
 30 AUGUST 2024 | 5PM | RACING CLUB LICENCED VENUE



