



NEWSLETTER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 5 th February	School Nurse Envelopes to be returned to school for Foundation Students
Wednesday 6 th February	No School for Foundation Students
Tuesday 12 th February	BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE BACK
Wednesday 13 th February	No School for Foundation Students
Thursday 14 th February	District Swimming
Wednesday 20 th February	No School for Foundation Students
Wednesday 27 th February	No School for Foundation Students
Saturday 2 nd March	Boolarra Folk Festival
Tuesday 5 th March	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 6 th March	Foundation Students Attend School
Thursday 28 th February	Drumming with Steve Schulz
Friday 1 st March.	Drumming with Steve Schulz
Thursday 28 th March	Yinnar & District Athletics Sports
Wednesday 13 th March	District Cross Country

From the Principal

Welcome back to the new school year. Education is a partnership between home, school and the broader community. At Boolarra Primary School, we place significant importance on developing positive partnerships with families and understand that these improve learning outcomes for our students. We have a shared responsibility.

Supporting and encouraging learning at home

Parent engagement in learning and everyday positive parenting are major contributors to children's learning, and can build children's confidence, motivation, capability and competence as learners.

Schools and teachers can support family-based learning by communicating effectively, building trust and sharing information and resources that families can use in the home. During 2018, we introduced previewing learning within the area of numeracy. Our survey showed that less than fifty percent of families engaged with these.

Previewing allows students to prepare for learning in the oncoming week, but also can be used to facilitate conversations about what is happening at school. We are hoping that more families encourage students to engage with these on a weekly basis. Previews **help your child to become more successful at learning.**

Other ways to support and encourage your child are:

- Build supportive relationships with children and work, hard to maintain these when circumstances are difficult.
- Communicate the value of education and the importance of schooling.
- Encourage educational aspirations and career goals; make plans with children for their future.
- Regularly ask children what they are learning and doing at school, and praise real effort and achievements.
- Take an interest in homework, provide help where needed and offer encouragement and support for children to solve problems for themselves.
- Have high expectations for children's academic success and their behaviour.
- Encourage physical activity and set reasonable boundaries for television, electronic games and online socialising.
- Engage children in meaningful conversations about everyday life and topical issues, and encourage critical thinking and the development of ideas.
- Have positive interactions with teachers; share knowledge, ideas and concerns.
- Participate in class-based, year level or co-curricular activities to show support for children's learning at school and build relationships with teachers and other parents.

If you have any concerns please talk to your child's teacher or myself.

Staffing

We warmly welcome two new staff members to Boolarra Primary School. Mr Thomas Holt who is the 2/3/4 Classroom Teacher and Mr Ben Lewis who is undertaking a Traineeship with us in Educational Support.



Mr Holt



Mr Lewis

Boolarra Australia Day Community Awards

Congratulations Nadine! Nadine has received an award for her tireless efforts in volunteering her time for the benefit of the children of Boolarra who attend our school. Nadine assists in a range of areas including within the classroom, facilities, fundraising and school council. Thank you Nadine for everything you do.

Friendship Space



Dropping off and Picking Up Students

Thank you to all of the families who follow our traffic management procedures. As you are aware, pick up and drop off times are always busy. For the safety of all, **students must be accompanied by an adult when crossing the school car park.** Parents who drive larger cars are encouraged to use the Tarwin Street car park at the front of the school. The drop off/pick up zone should not be used to park cars, this is designed for quick exits and entries. Buses use this space and have priority. No one should be in the loop for longer than the time it takes for children to speedily disembark or board. The disabled car park is situated within the bus loop/car park space.

Please note that the 40km speed limit applies outside our school after 8:00am and until 4:00pm in the afternoon and is enforced by the police.

The Education Department provided the car park for staff and disabled parking only. The turning loop is for the buses to use but may be used by parents providing that it be only for drop-off and collection. No one should be in the loop for longer than the time it takes for children to speedily disembark or board. Upon being dropped off, children should move straight to the carpark gates and exit the car park – this way they are not in any danger from other traffic. **Children are not permitted in the car park unsupervised at any other time.** Some parents park in the staff car park, which seems fair enough, as we have ample parking spots but please check that they are monitoring the safety of their children embarking and disembarking when doing so.

School Nurse

Parents of Foundation students will receive an envelope today from the school nurse. Please complete the forms inside this envelope and return to the school by no later than Tuesday 5th February 2019.

Lunch Orders

The Boolarra Store offers lunch orders for our students on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Orders labelled with the student's name, class and order and money is to be placed in an envelope and put into the blue padded bag before 11am on these days. Orders are then returned to the school at lunchtime for the students to eat. A price list is included in this newsletter further on. Also attached to this newsletter is a price list for you to keep at home on the fridge.

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club Orders were sent home yesterday. Please have order forms and correct money back to the school by no later than Tuesday 12th February or alternatively you can place your order online through Scholastic LOOP system.

School Banking- Bendigo Bank

Account opening forms are available from the school office or in branch. Simply complete the form at school or at the branch with your child's birth certificate, your driver's

licence and Medicare card, for identification purposes. If you already have a Piggy account you must still register by advising the School Office or contacting us at the branch.

School banking will be conducted at the school on Thursday morning of each week beginning 14th February. Deposits can be made at other branches or via the internet, however only 1 deposit per student per week will be eligible for the prizes.

Asthma, Allergies & Anaphylaxis

If your child suffers from Asthma, please ensure your child has their medication handed in to the office as soon as possible. If your child suffers from any allergies or anaphylaxis please also let the office know as soon as possible. For the students that we are aware of having asthma, allergies or anaphylaxis forms will be coming home today to complete with your doctor and return to school as soon as possible.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Spargo Photography will be attending at our school on **Tuesday, 5 March 2019** to do school photos. Please note this date in your calendar/diary. More information to follow in upcoming newsletters.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

Do you hold a current healthcare card or pension card? If so, your child/ren may be eligible for CSEF. If eligible, **please call into the office to complete the required paperwork.**

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
- a) be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be the holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Care or be an eligible Centrelink Healthcare Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) submit an application to the school by the due date.

*A special consideration eligibility category also exists.

For more information, see:

www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance no income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 – Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between 6 and 17 years of age inclusive. For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for

assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary school. Typically, these students are aged between 5 and 13 years inclusive.

Eligibility date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first date of either term one (30 January 2019) or term two (23 April 2019).



Happy Birthday



Jackson – 1st February

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE If you live more than 4.8km from Boolarra Primary School, you may be eligible for Conveyance Allowance. Even if you have applied in the past, you are still required to submit a new form. Forms are available from the office. Please see Sharon if you believe you are eligible. Late applications cannot be accepted and therefore you will miss out on the first round.

BOOLARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

2019 Lunch Order Menu & Price List

Supplied by Boolarra Store Phone 5169 6452

Lunch orders now available Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Hot Food:

Drinks:

Hot Dog _____ \$3.60 Flavoured Milk
- Oak

Extras: Cheese/Cheese spread \$0.50 Chocolate/Strawberry /Coffee
300ml - \$2.60 600ml -

\$3.90

Pies \$4.50 Nippy's

\$3.00

Choice of flavours.

Beef/ Bacon/Shepherd/

Water 600 ml

\$2.30

Chicken & Veg.

Party Pies \$1.60

Fruit Drinks

Apple / Orange / Tropical \$1.60

Pastie \$4.50

Frozen

Sauce sachets Tomato

\$0.30

Zooper Dooper

\$0.60

Giant Sausage Roll \$4.00

Small Homemade Sausage Roll \$2.00

Small Quiche \$2.50

Steamed Dim Sim \$1.20

Pizza Pocket (Hollowed roll, \$5.00

Filled with Ham, Cheese, Pineapple.
Topped with cheese & bacon).

Fruit:

Apple / Orange \$1.50

Fruit Salad small \$4.30 Large

\$6.30

(Available October – April only)

SANDWICHES: (White or Wholemeal)

Salad \$5.60

(Lettuce, carrot, cucumber,
tomato, beetroot)

Ham & Salad \$6.60

Ham Cheese & Tomato \$5.60

Egg & Lettuce \$5.00

Cheese & Vegemite \$4.00

Cheese \$3.80

Vegemite / Peanut Butter \$3.00

Ham \$4.60

Roast chicken \$7.00

EXTRAS:

Toasted \$0.50

Rolls \$0.50

Others \$0.50

Prices are as of 1/1/2019 and are subject to change without notice.



Tutoring – Miriam Pickett

Miriam Pickett is offering tutoring in the following:

Mathematics: Primary or Secondary, Adults, Budgeting (no financial advice).

Computer Skills: Excel (spreadsheets), Word and Powerpoint. Private sessions, small groups. If there is another area not mentioned, please ask to see if I can help. Mobile: 0427 196 223.

Churchill United Soccer Club

COME & TRY DAY! Lots of soccer related activities for your children to try out. February 3rd 11am to 2pm Hazelwood South Reserve Churchill. Children from the age of 4 are catered for with the modified 'Miniroos' format, so come along and give your child the leg up in life by playing a terrific team sport at an early age!

Churchill United Soccer Club

Players wanted. WHO? Boys and girls aged 4 to 16. WHEN? Thursday 31st January 4:30pm – 5:30pm. WHERE? Hazelwood South Reserve – Tramway Road. Training continues every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. COACHING positions are available in under 6 and under 10 age groups. We are looking for individuals with passion for junior sport. Whether you have prior soccer experience or not, we would love to have you involved. Football Victoria coaching courses can be organised through the club for

those who wish to further their soccer knowledge, or for those just wanting to catch up on the latest tools and techniques of the game.

Latrobe Valley 'All-Ability' Tennis Term 1, 2019

All school aged children with special needs are invited to join us for 'ALL Ability' Tennis. We currently run three sporting programs locally, Term 1 – Tennis at Pax Hill Tennis Club, Term 2 & 3 – Footy at West End Junior Football Club and Term 4 – Cricket at Traralgon West Cricket Club. We will be starting 'All Ability' Tennis Term 1, 2019. The tennis sessions will be held at Pax Hill tennis courts in Traralgon, with coach Sally Kirstine, every Thursday evening from 5.30-6.15pm, during Term 1. The cost will be \$25 for the term, payable by the 4th session. Siblings welcome to participate but must also be registered. Tennis will start on Thursday 7th February 2018. All equipment supplied, just bring a drink bottle and wear a hat/sunscreen. A parent/carer must attend and be willing to participate with the child if necessary. Any further queries phone Lou Varsaci 0414 540 296 or email varsaci@aussiebb.com.au or via the facebook group All ability sports, Latrobe Valley.

SMY@L – ST.MICHAEL'S YOUTH @ LATITUDE

St Michael's Parish Youth Group for all young people in year 5 – lower secondary. First night back for 2019 is Friday 15th February, 2019 (The annual) Messy & Gross Games Night! Don't let your friends miss this one!! Wear old clothes or bring a spare set & towel! Warning! You WILL get messy! Meet at St. Michael's Mackillop Hall, Cnr Kay & Church Street, Traralgon 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Cost \$3 – Lucky Door Prize. Contact Leah 0438 811 709 for info.

SUPPAUT

Latrobe Region Parent/Family Support group for those who have kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). SUPPAUT is a parent-run group that aims to support one another as parents/families of a child/children with Autism. The group is open for all, whether your child is a baby, pre-schooler, school aged – specialist school, mainstream school or home-schooled or is an adult – we all need support and can support each other. We share our own experiences, problems, joys, successes and support each other with a listening ear and understanding. It is a very informal gathering, sometimes a guest speaker is invited. All parents/carers/family members are welcome and children/siblings are welcome too. We meet every LAST THURSDAY of the month – except during school/public holidays. 2019 Meeting Dates:

Feb 28th, Mar 28th (guest speaker, Pam from Amaze, Talking NDIS), May 30th, June 27th, July 25th, Aug 29th, Oct 31st, Nov 28th (Christmas break-up) at Latrobe Special Developmental School Hickox Street, Traralgon (please enter through 1st gate & sign in at the Office) from 10.30am – 12pm. All welcome to come for a cuppa and a chat. For more info or enquiries about the group phone Louise Varsaci 0414 540 296 or email varsaci@aussiebb.com.au. Join our group on Facebook – SuppAUT Autism support group for families in Latrobe Valley, Victoria.