



NEWSLETTER

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Monday 13 th August | Pupil Free Day // Staff Professional Development |
| Tuesday 21 st August | Chess Competition - Yinnar |
| 5 th – 7 th September. | 3/4 Camp Wednesday 5 th - Friday 7 th September. All payments must be finalised by 22 nd August. |
| Thursday 13 th September | F/1 Cultural day at Kurnai College |
| Monday 5 th November | Pupil Free Day // Staff Professional Development |

From the Principal

This week at assembly, we discussed our value of engagement. Isabelle, from our Foundation/1 class, received an award for 175 nights of reading. Claire and Jackson were also recognised for using their own time to practice their bike skills. Well done for being a role model to others! Engagement in education is shown by the amount of attention, curiosity, interest, optimism and passion students show for their learning. Isabelle has shown a significant amount of interest in reading and is developing strong habits for her educational future.

To help your child engage with our home reading program assist your child/children, particularly during the early years. Students should read the book fluently, if it is a bit tricky support the reader by asking them to think about:

- What is happening in the story?
- Does it sound right?
- Sound out problematic words.

Always finish by discussing the story as, we read for meaning and the story is important.

If your child is reading independently, monitor them to ensure they continue to read each night. Discuss the book your child is reading with them. You may ask:

- What is your favourite character?
- Can you predict what will happen?
- What is the motivation behind character actions?

If you have concerns about your child and their reading please discuss these with their classroom teacher.

Help your child to engage with reading by encouraging interest and curiosity. Higher levels of motivation result in increased engagement.

Staffing

I am pleased to announce that Emily Taylor has been provisionally appointed as our Year 5/6 teacher. Ms Taylor is a graduate from Federation University. This will be her first teaching position and we look forward to working with her for the remainder of the year. On behalf of our staff and community, I would like to thank Ms Twomey for her work at Boolarra Primary School. She has been a valuable asset to our school and will be missed. Ms Twomey has established strong relationship with our Year 5 & 6 students and they will miss her dearly.

Foundation (Prep) Enrolments

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we are taking enrolments for 2019. Planning for next year begins this term. Knowing how many students will be enrolled will have a significant impact on our planning. If you intend to enrol your child, or know of families who do, please pick up an enrolment pack from the office.

Parent Opinion Survey

If you have received an invitation to complete the annual Department of Education **Parent Opinion Survey**, please take the time to complete the survey. It should only takes 15 minutes and can be accessed from Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August. The results will be sent back to our school at the end of September.

School Website

Our new school website is live. We are still working on adding information. To assist with parents receiving

notes we will be uploading all notes onto the website, so if a note does not quite make it home, families will be able to access the information from our website. Please be patient as we populate all fields. Time is often in short supply.

Swimming Pool - oops

Please note that the date for the conclusion of the silent auction is Tuesday, 21st of August, not July as was in last week's newsletter. Below is the excerpt from the previous newsletter.

*"School Council has decided that we will run a silent auction for those who are interested in purchasing the swimming pool (pump included). I encourage interested persons to inspect the pool prior to making a bid. During a **silent auction**, bids are written on a sheet of paper, placed in an envelope and handed in to the office. The auction will finish on **Tuesday, 21st of August**. The highest listed bidder wins the item."*

Susan Duncan

Junior School Council

Every morning at recess, there will be milo and raisin toast for sale in the Life Skills Kitchen. A slice of raisin toast will cost 50 cents and a milo will cost 50 cents.

Previewing Learning

Grade F/1 - Next week we will continue to investigate Place Value with the Preps exploring Place Value with teen numbers and the Grade 1s consolidating their ability to read/order and make numbers to 100/1000. We will also revise before/after numbers and 10 more/less. Many students are already practising their skills at home using their Mathletics login. Please see us if you would like your child's login details.

Grade 2/3 - Will be continuing their focus on data collection and graphing next week. As part of this focus, we will be collecting data on the number of pets at each student's house. We will also continue to practice multiplication and automatic response.

Grade 3/4 - Will continue to focus on improving their automatic response times. We will be consolidating strategies in vertical addition and subtraction. Please ask your child to engage with Mathletics and/or revise their times tables.

Grade 5/6 - Next week in 5/6T we will be continuing our learning about fractions, decimals, and percentages. We will particularly be looking at converting fractions to decimals and decimals to percentages to allow us to compare their sizes. On our class website www.learningwithmisst.weebly.com (this will not come up on Google – it needs to be typed in directly) there is a page under numeracy for this topic. It would be great for your child to have a try at the converting game. Calculators allowed.

Students of the Week

Ruby H – On the excellent start you have made at Boolarra Primary School. You always complete your work to a high standard, demonstrating our school value of engagement. Well done, Ruby.

Loki – You demonstrated very competent knowledge and skills during the Beanie Boo graphing activity last Friday. Well done!

Mia – For being persistent in maths. Even though you were a little frustrated, you kept at it and proved to yourself that you could do it! Well done!

Carly – You have such fantastic enthusiasm when you are engaged with your learning and this has a contagious impact on those around you! This enthusiasm has been especially present in your writing lately and you have produced some fantastic pieces. Well done!

Website Permission Notice

Thank you to all those parents who have returned their permission slips. There are still quite a lot that have not been returned. Please return these signed permission forms as soon as possible. Thank you.



- Ethan G's mum, Annie for donating National Geographic magazines for our library.



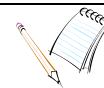
Happy Birthday



Violet – Thursday 2nd August



Community News



SuppAUT - Latrobe Autism Support Group

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All parents & family members of children with autism welcome

10:30am – 12noon on Thursdays:

- 26th July
- 30th August
- 25th October
- 29th November

Latrobe Special Developmental School Hickox Street Traralgon. Join our group on Facebook – SuppAUT Autism support group for families in Latrobe Valley.