

BOORAGOON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Term 1
Week 6

Number 3



Principal's News

Attendance

At Booragoon Primary School we want all children to achieve their very best. Our attendance tracking has revealed some concerning data that suggests there may have been a shift in the importance society places on school attendance. 'Regular' school attendance in the WA system denotes 90% attendance, or children missing no more than one day of school per fortnight. Prior to COVID, in 2019, Booragoon PS had 86.3% of students in the 'Regular' category. In Semester Two last year, we had 70.1% in this category, which means over that period one third of our students had more than a day a fortnight off school.

Developing a habit of going to school every day is vitally important so children do not miss out on the important concepts and skills that they need for future learning. Of course, there are times when students cannot attend school due to illness, and this is to be expected.

Many concepts in Literacy and Numeracy are taught in a sequence of building blocks. Missing school means missing out on learning – and it can be difficult to catch up later. This is especially important when essential foundation skills are being taught.

'Showing up' is also an important life skill, whether it be to school, to sporting activities, and to other commitments.

Missing occasional days at school may not 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 Year 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in Year 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in Year 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing in Year 4

(NAPLAN) NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY AND NUMERACY

NAPLAN testing for our Year 3 and Year 5 students begins next Wednesday and continues until Monday 25th March. This week Mr Godwin is overseeing practise tests so our students are familiar with the types of questions and the online test environment. There is no need for them to feel any anxiety or pressure related to NAPLAN. These are not high stakes assessments, the purpose is to provide governments with a snapshot in time of student performance across the nation that can be used to inform educational programs and funding distribution.

We expect our students to approach the tests in the same way they approach any of the activities they carry out regularly as part of their learning program.

SENIOR CHOIR

Mondays 8.00am

JUNIOR CHOIR

Fridays 8.00am

SCHOOL CANTEEN

The School Canteen is open
Wed, Thu and Fri for
recess and lunch
quickcliq.com.au

UNIFORM SUPPLIES

Uniform Concepts
30 Kembla Way
WILLETTON 6155
Phone: 9270 4669
nellgray.com.au

SCHOOL SECURITY

We would appreciate if you
could use either of the following
numbers to report any security
issues at our school:
9264 4771 or 1800 177 777



Upcoming Events

Week 6

Fri 8 Mar Assembly - Room 9

Week 7

Wed 13 Mar- NAPLAN

Fri 15 Mar

Week 8

Mon 18 Mar- NAPLAN

Fri 22 Mar

Mon 18 Mar P&C Meeting 7.15pm

Mon 18 Mar- Harmony Week

Fri 22 Mar

Wed 20 Mar National Young Leaders Day - Yr 6

Fri 22 Mar Assembly - Harmony Day

Fri 22 Mar Dad's and Kids Camp Out

Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates:

DJEWY

WAUGAL

MAARLI

Jack G

Liam N

Jay T

Emily C

Jack a

Amelia D

Evie H

Alex B

Henry S

Ava M

Elsie P

Jake M

Lleyton C

Noah S

Neve H

Layla N

Hailey M

Emma T

Jessica T

Leela G

Araya S

Lillian O

William E

Kylie H

Lucas T



PARKING

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

The City of Melville receives a large number of complaints regarding vehicles parking illegally during school drop-off and pick-ups, leading to safety issues for children and pedestrians.

City Rangers will be actively patrolling our area and vehicles that are parked illegally may be liable for an infringement.

Attached is a School Parking Fact Sheet outlining the parking requirements around the school.

LIBRARY UPDATE

BOORAGOON PRIMARY SCHOOL LIBRARY

WHAT WE'RE READING

This year, we're aiming for each year group to become familiar with the work of a few different authors. This term, classes have been listening to stories by Allan and Janet Ahlberg, Julia Donaldson, Pamela Allen, Quentin Blake, John Burningham, Mark Greenwood, Shaun Tan or Paul Jennings. Each year group will experience a few different stories by each author so they get a good feeling for their work, as well as learning a little bit about the author themselves.

For instance, the Pre-Primaries will tell you that the Ahlberg's daughter, Jessica, inspired some of the illustrations in their books. And Year twos know that Quentin Blake is still kicking on in London at the ripe old age of 91, and has worked on over 500 books!



One of our library displays

AFTER SCHOOL BORROWING

Did you know the library is open for After School Borrowing on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3pm-3.30pm? Families can borrow up to 20 books for two weeks, and over the holidays!

Unless they walk home alone, students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to After School Borrowing. Check the Term Planner for details.

WATCH STORIES AT HOME

Our library subscribes to Story Box Library - an educational website created for children to view stories by local authors and illustrators, read by engaging storytellers.

Our subscription allows students to log in for free from home to watch hundreds of fabulous stories. Contact the library for log-in details.

Brooke Donabie, Library Officer
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Swimming Carnival 2024 Champions



Beach Swimming Year 6



During week 4, the year 6s did 2 hours of swimming each day, which we all enjoyed very much. It was extremely hot and we were anticipating jumping in the water from the moment we arrived, but once we got in it was beautiful. On the third day a few people actually got stung by a jellyfish, but they weren't that bad. We got to swim to the shark net on Friday, which was really scary in some people's opinion, though others loved it. We also got to do some body surfing and normal surfing in the waves. It was really fun having sandcastle competitions and seeing the big waves. We all loved doing beach swimming at Cottesloe.

-Leela & Ella



P+C News Updates

On Thursday 22nd February the kindy and pre-primary students took part in a kids and dads event facilitated by Mike Lee from Kids'n'Sport.



About 40 kids with their dads (and father figures) descended on the school oval to take part in various games and challenges. Mike Lee kept the participants active and entertained, while some of the mums had the foresight to bring picnic blankets and observe from a distance, snacks in hand. The dads displayed their athletic dominance over their children without so much as a twisted ankle or sprained back – it was a great success.



Stay up to date with your school community news by searching "Booragoon Primary School P&C Association"



booragoonpandc@gmail.com

P+C News Updates

When: 18 March, Monday

Time: 7.15pm

Where: School Staff Room

P&C AGM

DADS AND KIDS!!

SAVE THE DATE



SCHOOL CAMPOUT

ON THE SCHOOL OVAL

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

END OF WEEK 8, TERM 1

DETAILS TO FOLLOW...



Did you know that Bakers Delight (next to IGA) will donate a small amount out of the proceeds from every sale to Booragoon Primary P&C?

Next time you buy something let them know you are from Booragoon Primary School!

FRIDAY 22 MARCH IS...



'Walk-Ride-Scoot-Skate to School' Day

Prizes for the best-decorated mode of transport!

SCHOOL BACKPACKS



Booragoon Primary School backpacks can be purchased from the front office for \$50 (cash sale only).

These are very good quality, hard-wearing bags, that also come with a lifetime guarantee!



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BOORAGOON P&C AND
PRE PRIMARY PARENTS PRESENT

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024

EASTER RAFFLE



**We are asking for
donations for Easter
chocolates, crafts or any
Easter items to be used
for prizes**

**Please take donations
to the Canteen**

Tickets will be on sale from the 11th to 21st
March in the Kindy/PP area or on Quickcliq
\$2 a ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets

OUR CANTEEN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Parents, Grandparents and Care-Givers

The school canteen REALLY needs more people to help with ad-hoc and regular volunteering slots, **Wednesday - Friday, between 8.30am and 1.30pm.**

Even a 1-hour shift can help enormously!

No cooking or food handling experience is needed, just a desire to make kids happy and have a bit of fun along the way.

Many schools have had to close their canteens due to lack of volunteer support but we're passionate about keeping ours open and affordable for this great community.

Please email booragooncanteen@gmail.com, text or call 0410 747 383 or stop by for a chat with our canteen manager Julie if you'd like to volunteer or learn more.

Grandparents and Care-Givers will need a valid Working with Children certificate but we can assist you with this process.

The Booragoon P+C