

Boolaroo Public School

Quality Education in a Caring Environment

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Thank you & Goodbye

It is with a heavy heart that I write my final newsletter this week. Last Friday I was overwhelmed by the kind words and wonderful farewell I received from everyone. Everyone made me feel so appreciated and special. I was very touched. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work at Boolaroo and I know I will miss everyone very much.

Mrs Meek A Sad Farewell

Mrs Meek will be officially starting her **full time retirement** at the end of this year. Boolaroo School has been very lucky to keep Mrs Meek at the school for the last part of the year. This was Mrs Meek's wish as she really wanted to see the year out with this group of Year 6 students and as it happens, we are fortunate she made this decision as now, she will be instrumental in the selection of the new principal for 2012. I wish Mrs Meek all the very best for her retirement and thank her for her support and her professionalism over the years. Boolaroo will miss you.

Staff Changes

Sadly Mr Harris will be moving on next year to Biddabah Public School. Mr Harris has been a wonderful asset to Boolaroo this year. All his students have improved both socially and academically under his care and professional approach to teaching. I wish him the very best next year and thank him for his support throughout the year.

Sadly we also say goodbye to Mr Knight. Mr Knight has also been a great support to the school this year and I wish him all the best.

Jessicah Schipper visit

Last week Jessicah Schipper spent time with our students. Jessica talked about the

importance of the Letter Links program. Our students heard first hand of her successes and about her efforts to achieve what she has over the years. She talked about how much our Australian Olympic Champions appreciate receiving letters from students through the Letter Links program and she hopes she will receive lots of letters at the next Olympics.

Carols At Boolaroo

We all look forward to a fun filled night at Carols again this year. Hope to see you all there and don't forget to invite your friends and families to join us. The Christmas raffle will be drawn on the night. Please return all tickets as soon as possible. It is not too late to donate to the raffle. All donations are very much appreciated.

Ice Skating Performance

The students received their permission notes last week with details of the excursion to Warners Bay Ice Skating for the Christmas show. Please return all permission slips and money by Wednesday this week. The students will need a warm jacket to wear throughout the performance.

Reports

Your child/ children will receive their school reports on Friday. It is not too late in the year to talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the report.

Captain Elections for 2012

This Friday at assembly, the Year 5 children will be presenting their election speeches to the rest of the school. This assembly will begin at 12 o'clock. Year 5 parents are welcome to attend to watch their children present these speeches.



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Year 6 Farewell Dinner/ Disco

A 'Dinner /Disco' at Club Macquarie will be held on Tuesday 13th December to farewell our Year 6 students. Our Year 5 and Year 6 students will have a sit down dinner starting at 6:00pm and **all students are invited to join us for the free disco from 7:00pm-9:00pm.**

The students will not need any money for food and drinks. The students are provided with drinks throughout the evening and they are given a piece of the farewell cake and a bag of lollies. The students are well supervised as all staff attend on the night but parents are welcome to join us for the disco.

Ceremony Day

On Thursday 15th December the school will hold its annual Presentation Day Ceremony. This will be combined with the official opening of the Library and official opening of the Community Garden.

Greg Combet, Member for Charlton and Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie will attend the opening ceremonies and have morning tea with parents. Our Presentation Ceremony will be held shortly after in the building that was once used by Public Works. The OOSH has been moved into the end of this building but the top end is now in use as our official assembly area. The building has been completely renovated and it is a lovely cool, comfortable place for such gatherings. Hope to see everyone there for this long awaited event. A brief outline of the day is attached for our working parents.

10.30 Library & Garden Opening

10.50 Morning Tea with Parents

11.20 Presentation Ceremony Begins

NOTE – THE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD IN OUR NEW ASSEMBLY AREA ADJACENT TO THE STAFF CARPARK

Movie Day

The students will attend Boolaroo Cinema for a special viewing of "Alvin & the Chipmunks 3 – Chipwrecked" on Friday 16th December. On the day the students can wear casual clothes. The

only requirement is that they are to wear enclosed shoes and wear a hat. The students can bring a snack to eat during the movie. The cost is \$ 7:00 per student. A permission note will be sent home in the coming week.

P & C Christmas Get Together

Our final meeting of the year will be held on Thursday 8th December. We are inviting everyone in the P&C to join us at Pippi's for lunch at 12 noon to celebrate another great year of fundraising. Hope to see you there.

Jane Crotty

President P&C

School Vandalism

Please report any vandalism or suspicious trespassers in school grounds to the School Security Number 1300 880021

Classroom Capers.

K-1

For the next two weeks there will be no written homework. If students want to continue to borrow for home reading I am happy to continue this practice over the next two weeks. Students are still collecting awards for home reading.

2-3-4

This week our class will be finishing our units of work and doing Christmas themed activities. I would like to personally thank staff, students and parents/care givers for making my time at Boolaroo memorable. I have had a great time teaching at this school and will miss you all a lot.

5-6

As another year comes to an end I would like to say how much I have enjoyed teaching this class – my last class. What a great way to end my teaching career. I would like to thank the Boolaroo community for making me feel so welcome when I first arrived at Boolaroo School. As I said at the assembly on Friday, I



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am so happy that I accepted this position. I will always have fond memories of my time here. We have a great staff, a great community and above all a great bunch of kids. To Year 6, I wish you well as you move into the next phase of your life. Take every opportunity offered to you and enjoy every moment.

Awards

Bronze

Jordyn

Head Lice

Even though the school year is almost over we do ask parents to remain vigilant in checking their children's hair. We have had a few incidents of headlice and would like to minimise this annoying problem for everyone. Thank you for your co-operation with this issue.

School Uniforms

If there are leaving students of Boolaroo Public School that would like to donate their old uniforms to the school it would be greatly appreciated. We have had a few enquiries from new and prospective parents about used uniforms. The uniforms may also be handy for the school if children need a change of clothes and parents cannot be contacted. Any donations of uniforms can be dropped to Mrs Craggs in the front office.

Community News

Invitation to Catholic Children

The Catholic parishes of Boolaroo, Warners Bay and Booragul would extend an invitation to the parents of Catholic children at Boolaroo Public School from Year 2 upwards to commence a program to celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Eucharist in early 2012. More information and enrolment details are available at the school office or contact the Parish Office on 4958 2031.

Boolaroo Out of School Hour Care In 2012

7 – 9am Before School Care includes a Breakfast Club – healthy and nutritious breakfast.

Outdoor Play – children have time to play.

Art & Craft – to help develop children's imaginations while providing the opportunities to experience materials from different cultural backgrounds.

Children's Choice-with the support of qualified, experienced staff children select and plan their own activities and experiences.

3-6pm After School Care includes

Afternoon Tea – children are provided with a healthy snack each afternoon to sustain their active body and mind.

Physical Activity Program – the YMCA actively encourages, through its programming, for all children to have the opportunity to participate in worthwhile physical activities.

Homework – children may take quiet time to complete homework tasks.

Other program options – children will enjoy unstructured play and stimulating activities using a variety of materials and resources.

Download your enrolment pack from our website www.lakemacquarie.ymca.org.au
Any questions please ring the centre co-ordinator Kerry on 4908 1074 or 0448 117913

**Best Wishes to the whole school
community for a
Very Merry Christmas and
a fantastic 2012!!!**

**Happy Holidays and Best Wishes to all leaving
staff and students – We will miss you!!!!**



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