

# Boolaroo Public School

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## Forward Dates

- 31/10** LMHS Yr6 transition Sports Gala Day
- 31/10** Kinder Orientation – Kinders only
- 5-8/11** Canberra Excursion
- 6/11** Kinder orientation – Kinders only
- 13/11** LMHS Parent Information Night
- 15/11** Kinder Orientation – Kinders only
- 13/12** Presentation Day
- 14/12** Reports Home
- 18/12** Year 6 Farewell & School Disco
- 19/12** Movie Day
- 19/12** Final Day for children 2012

## Kindergarten Orientation

Orientation for our 2013 Kindergarten children commenced on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October and it was wonderful to meet some of our 2013 Kindergarten students and their parents on the day. It was a very successful exercise and I am sure that our new Kinders will enjoy their future class visits over the next few weeks. The parent meeting involved a parent orientation and information session involving the school Administrative Manager, Mrs Craggs; the P&C President, Mrs Rawe; the Canteen supervisor, Ms Deanes; and our School Counsellor, Mrs Burdack.

There will be a further three Orientation visits for the children on Wednesday 31st October, Tuesday 6th November and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November.

I look forward to meeting with you again in the future.

## Year 5/6 Excursion to Canberra

The children of Class 5/6 will be leaving for Canberra on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November for a stay of four days. They will be joined on the coach by children from Teralba and Fassifern schools

and I'm sure that the whole group will have a wonderful educational experience (and a fun time) while away. I thank Ms Bird for giving up her valuable time to join us on the excursion as a parent volunteer and I am sure that she too will enjoy being away with our senior class as much as I will.

The children will need to arrive at school between 5.35am and 5.40am so that a roll can be marked, the luggage is packed and the coach can depart at 6.00am sharp.

## Student Enrolments

Boolaroo Public School is open for new enrolments in all classes K-6. If you know of a family moving into the area this year or in 2013 please encourage them to contact the office as soon as possible on 4958 1479 to obtain an enrolment form.

## Lake Macquarie High School Parent Information Night

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a parent information night for parents of children attending Year 7 in 2013. It will be held from 6.30-7.30 pm in the school hall. Tea and coffee will be served and uniforms will be available for purchase from the uniform shop on the night.

## Student Sickness

In the event that your child is too ill to attend class, I ask that parents or caregivers not bring their child to school during his/her period of convalescence except in exceptional circumstance. I thank you in advance for helping to prevent the possible spread of illness.

For your convenience absences can be explained in writing, by a phone call or in person. Please ensure your child attends school regularly and on time, and that absences are promptly explained. Your



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assistance in these matters is most appreciated.

### Regular Attendance = Better Learning

The following chart highlights the impact of non-attendance over time.

Viewing in this context, the implications of regular absenteeism are startling.

The chart shows the cumulative effect of persistent non-attendance over the period of compulsory schooling from kindergarten to the end of Year 10.

Days Absent	Total Days	Number of Terms	Number of Years Missed
1 day per week	451	9	2 yrs 1 term
1.5 days per week	676.5	13.5	3 yrs 1.5 terms
2 days per week	902	18	4 yrs 2 terms
3 days per week	1127.5	22	5 yrs 2 terms
5 days per week	1353	27	6 yrs 3 terms
Average 5 days per term	220	5.5	1 yr 1.5 terms
Average 10 days per term	440	11	2 yrs 3 terms

### Student Banking

Each Friday money sent to school for student banking will be collected at roll mark and forwarded to the office for deposit by a representative of the P&C. Parents wishing to sign their child up can still do so at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank. A child's birth certificate and your driver's license is all that is required. For further information about student banking please contact the P&C treasurer, Ms Barrett, at your convenience.

### Application for Year 7 Selective High School Placements in 2014

If you are thinking of applying to one of the selective high schools for 2014 the online applications opened this week. Paper applications are available at school for those who do not have internet access but the online application is the best option as there is a full tracking record of the application. Go to [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement) for further information or speak to me.

### Moving into High School

Starting high school means a new location, new friends and teachers, and new routines. In this video teachers talk about how you can help to make a child's move into high school less daunting.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/starting-year-7>

### Starting Kindy

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in 2013? Show them this video which explains what happens during a typical day.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/what-happens-in-kindergarten>

**Steve Baker**  
Principal

### Week 4 Assembly Awards

#### You Can Do It Award

##### 'Persistence'



Kodi, Matt & Hailie

#### K-1 Merits Awards



Tanisha, Seth, Kohen & Ryley



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## 2/3/4 Merit Awards



**Beau, Mackenzie, Ashley & Nik**

## 5/6 Merit & Bronze Awards



**Tayla & Joshua**

## Good on You Awards



**Keelan, Tristan, Liam, Jordy, Nik & Eddie**

## Birthday Award



**Joshua**

## Newcastle Jets W-League School Visitation Program

Last week we were lucky to have Angie and Tori visit from the Newcastle Jets W- League Soccer Team.

Students enjoyed asking them questions and learning some new soccer skills. Each student also received a small gift and tickets for their game against Canberra





Yours in sport

**Mr Troy Lowrey**  
Sports Coordinator

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