



Boolaroo Bulletin

5th November, 2015

You Can Do It!
Focus for Week 5 & 6 - Persistence

The ability to remain focused on a task until it is completed even if it may be difficult.
To work hard to achieve results.

Principal's Pen

Well it's hard to believe, but we are already half way through the last term of the year. How quickly the year has flown.

Last week I was lucky enough to visit the 3/4 camp at Morisset, what a wonderful time the children were having. It made me very proud to be told, by both camp staff and other teachers, how wonderfully behaved our students were.

This week Years 5 & 6 headed off very excitedly on the train for their Sydney Excursion along with Miss Jones, for her very first senior excursion. I have heard they are having a fantastic time and it's been a very exciting trip so far.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Mr Lowrey has officially relinquished his position with the Department of Education and, as such, a new teacher will be appointed to start in 2016. We have been given the opportunity to advertise this position, under the merit selection process. This means a panel has been formed and the position advertised, with interviews to be held later in the term. We are hoping to be able to announce who our new teacher will be before the end of the year.

Our new 2016 kindergarteners are enjoying their play dates. They are very excited to come to our wonderful school and are already making new friends.

A reminder that Swimming School begins next week. Learning to swim is so important especially with our beautiful beaches, amazing lake and an increasing number of backyard pools. Swim Schools through the department, with qualified instructors, are the most inexpensive lessons anywhere.

Louise Wrightson
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Kinder Orientation
Tues 10 & 17th Nov

Mon 9th - Friday 20th Nov
Swimming Programme

Tues 24th Nov
Last P & C Meeting for 2015

Thurs 10th Dec
Presentation Day

Fri 11th Dec
Frozen on Ice Excursion

Mon 14th Dec
Christmas Concert—5.30pm

Tues 15th Dec
Speers Point Pool Day

Wed 16th Dec
Boolaroo Movies &
Last day of School for students

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K-1 JONES CLASSROOM NEWS

While the Year 3's were on camp I was lucky enough to teach K-2. We have been having fun learning to be stronger writers. We have been doing lots of artwork relating to the book we are reading.

The NEW KINDERGARTEN's for next year have enjoyed joining in our fun activities the last couple of weeks at their Kinder Orientation.

Ms Geres

2-3 GERES CLASSROOM NEWS

Year 3 + 4 have been enjoying drama lessons participating in the readers theatre program. We have been busy creating Christmas cards for our competition.

We loved our camp! The best things about camp were the big swing, mud world and the multi-climb.

EXCURSION PAYMENTS

**Payments for the
upcoming
Frozen on Ice
are now due.**

**Our Swimming
Program starts on
Monday
9th November. If
you would like
your child to
participate please
send \$35.00
together with their
permission note
asap.**

4-5-6B CLASSROOM NEWS

Class Blurb

How did week 5 sneak up so quickly? Year 4/5/6B has been working so hard we couldn't believe it was mid-term assessment time already. Years 3 and 4 have returned safe and sound from their camp experience at Morisset. I have been eagerly reading of their muddy adventures in their Travel Diaries. We are thinking of Year 5 and 6 who are away at camp in this wet weather. Our class recently read a story called "Two Summers". It compared two very different summers on an Australian farm. We wrote a book review using literary description and did some artwork to reflect the story.

Artwork of the "Two Summers"



By Sharnee – Year 4



By Beau—Year 5

Visit our school website 4/5/6 page to read a quality book review by Beau – Year 5

Disability Workshop

On Monday morning, Years 3-6 attended the Disability Workshop about social inclusion called "Just Like You", presented by Aleisha and Ryan of the Cerebral Palsy Alliance in Newcastle.

The workshop was very hands-on and interactive with students exploring many of the difficulties that others may face in doing every-day tasks like getting dressed or making breakfast. Students were able to speak with the presenters and learn about 'seen' and 'unseen' disabilities as well as learn how to communicate better with people who have a disability. Our students all agreed that they felt much more confident in meeting and speaking to people who have a disability after participating in the workshop.



ACROSTIC POEM - DISABILITY



Activity

Use the letters below to write an acrostic poem about what disability means to you.

Disappointing and sad
Inclusive is being nice to others
Strokes are not good for you
Are able to do what we can
Bold means you have no hair
If you broke a leg you will have a disability
Learning is hard for people with a disability
Invisible conditions are bad because you can't see
Treat people as you treat your family
Yes you may be different but we are the same
 From Jye Year 3



ACROSTIC POEM - DISABILITY



Activity

Use the letters below to write an acrostic poem about what disability means to you.

Disappointing and sad
Inclusive is to be nice to others
Sign-language is key if there deaf
Are able to do what we can
Bob the neck condition
If you broke your leg you need a wheel
Learning is a disability
Invisible conditions like learning and more
Treat people as people
Yes you may be different
 By Clare yr 3

Each student was given two workbooks with loads of activities and information about disabilities, and a pencil case with lots of goodies.

The Cerebral Palsy Alliance also donated three teacher resource books and a 'thank you' plaque to Boolaroo Public School. A big thank you to Aleisha and Ryan who came to speak to our school.

Congratulations Clare and Jye from Year 3 who won the competition for the best acrostic poem on disability.

Mrs Mbonimpa

L.A.S.T

(Learning & Support Teacher)

Mrs Bridges

For the rest of this term I will be working with students in the area of Numeracy, targeting basic multiplication, division and word problem solving.

I will be encouraging these students to understand that learning their basic tables is very important so as to be able to complete these maths concepts faster and more accurately.

STUDENT PROFILE of THE WEEK

Alex PETERSEN FROM Y4

These are the things I like to do: My favourite foods are:

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|---|-------------------------------|
| * Sports—soccer | # Spaghetti Bol |
| * Playing games | # Lasagne |
| * At weekends I like to go to the pool | # Ice-cream |
| * Maths & PE at school | # Watermelon |
| * Favourite Author is Andy Griffiths | # Salads |
| * Love rabbits—
My pet is “Roger Rabbit” | # Drink water to be healthy * |

Pink is my favourite colour because it's a girl colour.

When I grow up I want to do you-tube videos. I think I am an artistic person, who is helpful, friendly and kind.

I like going out with Mum & Dad especially to restaurants.

Roll Call

Did you know that 'being late to class' is considered a partial absence and is recorded on your child's school report?

The Department of Education monitors school attendance very closely and will contact you if absences or partial absences reach the regulatory limit.

So unless you have a valid reason for not being at school (or not being on time to school), like a doctor's certificate, you may come under the department's radar.

To avoid partial absences: Always aim to be 10-15 mins early to school. This allows students time to store their belongings, use bathroom facilities and feel settled before the 9.00am morning bell and roll call.



YEAR 3/4 MORISSET CAMP

Year 3/4 Morisset Camp was amazing. We started our excursion with some adrenalin on the Dual Flying Fox then headed to Mud World for some fun. Everyone came out completely covered head to toe in mud. After a shower we tried the Multi Climb where this showed us how well Boolaroo students work together as a team. It was tough; muscles were needed from everyone to help climb the ladders and poles.

Wednesday night was the County Fair where students had play money to spend and they all had a job to be responsible for. There were donuts, milkshakes and fairy bread which meant students were full of energy all night long. There was a mechanical surfboard to ride, hoops to shoot and a fight against your own strength to reach as far as you could on the elastic ropes that flung you back to the beginning of the inflatable course. We finished the night by listening to a story by the camp fire.

Thursday saw us up early climbing the High Ropes like little monkeys. Orienteering was next and the students explored the entire camping grounds in search for gnomes. Finally we finished the excursion with the Giant Swing which took some very brave students extremely high into the sky.

I was extremely proud to take every one of my students on this camp. They all displayed outstanding social and behavioural skills.

Ms Jones



Year 3/4 Morisset Excursion





Above: Our Year 6 students and Ms Jones were ready early on Tuesday morning to board the train for their end of year Excursion to Sydney. More to follow in the next newsletter

P & C NEWS

A big THANKYOU to IGA Boolaroo who donated \$700 to the P & C. This will help cover some of the expenses that we have outlaid in upgrading the canteen so we can utilise it better . Next time you are in IGA please thank Nick and the staff for their kind donation.

SCHOOL BANKING COORDINATOR REQUIRED FOR NEXT YEAR.

This is a voluntary position. Banking is done Monday but can be processed any day during the school week. Training is provided. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Next year we will be putting out a monthly P & C newsletter

CANTEEN NEWS

Now summer is here , some items on our canteen menu are being phased out.

Spaghetti Bol will no longer be available.

Students will be offered a different choice if what they order is unavailable.

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