Welcome back to Term 3 for all our families and an especially very warm welcome to our new families. This term will be another busy time for the school, with students working hard on learning programs, fundraisers, Education Week and Book Week! Walking around our classrooms it is great to see students have returned settled and ready to engage in all that school life has to offer. We are certainly back into our school routines with plenty of wonderful learning opportunities taking place.

This term we will again hold ‘Three Way Conferences’, this is a great opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and celebrate their success. Please keep an eye out for a note going home regarding times, days and teacher availability.

Congratulations to our Touch Football teams for a wonderful effort last week at the gala day. Well done seniors on your win and we are also very proud of our junior team who played the game for the first time.

**EDUCATION WEEK 2019**

This year Education Week falls between the 5th-9th August, with the theme this year being ‘Every Student, Every Voice’. It is a celebration of student empowerment and how the NSW public education system gives students the skills they need in order to have and express a voice during their own educational journey and as engaged global citizens.

Key messages for this years Education Week are:

**Authentic participation**
Student voice is more than just having a say. Valuing and actioning the ideas, opinions and expertise of all students has significant impact for student wellbeing.

**Partners in learning**
Student perspectives, experiences and aspirations shape and enrich our schools and communities and actively influence our decision-making as we strive to be the best education system in Australia.

**Respectful relationships**
Working collaboratively with other students and teachers our young people grow into engaged learners and ethical citizens able to contribute positively to their school and wider community.

**Connecting communities**
We connect our diverse communities by creating and sustaining inclusive, interactive learning environments that use advanced technologies to promote and extend student influence beyond the classroom walls.

**Change makers**
A culture of high expectations empowers our students to build a shared sense of purpose, self-value and belonging that will prepare them for future lives as active citizens in an increasingly complex and dynamic society.

We will be having our Education Week Open Classroom and picnic lunch on **Thursday 8th August** and we would like to extend an invitation for families to visit our school on this day to share in your child’s education. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to come along to our school to experience the learning environment of your child’s classroom as well as celebrate your child’s learning, progress and achievements so far this year.

Louise Wrightson
Principal

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**BOOLAROO BULLETIN  TERM 3  WEEK 3  6th Aug 2019**
It’s Term 3 and the Clownfish are busier than ever. This term we are focusing on writing informative texts. So far we have written about how to look after dogs and cats and we have also recorded facts about birds.

Every time we write we focus on 7 important things that writers need to do:

1. Capital letters
2. Full stops
3. Leaves spaces between words
4. Sound out words slowly
5. Use neat handwriting
6. Re-read our work to check that it looks right and makes sense
7. Make our writing interesting

Last week in maths we learnt all about 2D shapes. We focused on learning about the features of different shapes and we even went on a shape hunt around our classroom and school looking for different shapes. We created shape pictures and played ‘guess the shape’ where we had to ask and answer questions to find out which shape we were. Learning about shapes is lots of fun!

This term in PE we are participating in gymnastics activities which involve springing, rotating, landing and performing a range of locomotor and non-locomotor skills such as climbing, skipping, stretching, bending and twisting. In PD Health we are focusing on healthy habits and medicines which involves making safe and sensible choices to keep our bodies healthy.

In our History unit ‘Families: Past and Present’ we are exploring how the lives of people in our families and communities has changed over time. We will be identifying the different structures of families and working on recognising and ordering significant days and events celebrated by communities.

We are looking forward to some exciting events this term. We can’t wait for our families to visit our classroom this Thursday for education week where they will be able to join us for some literacy activities. We are also looking forward to our book week parade in week 5 and have been discussing potential costume ideas for this. One thing we are VERY excited about is our K-2 excursion to the Hunter Valley Zoo in week 7. Bring on a fun Term 3!

Miss McCaw and the Clownfish
1/2 Swordfish are loving getting back to their learning. The students all have their learning goals and are focusing on achieving them. Together as class the students are really focusing hard on presenting neat bookwork.

This term in literacy, we are learning about how to write an informative text. We have started researching using the computers and drafting our notes on sloths. Next, the students will learn how to make a PowerPoint presentation. Computer skills are important to learn in the age of technology. You can help your child at home to become familiar with the keyboard by just letting them practise typing their name including surname as this will help them become faster at logging into the laptops.

Our learning sprint goal for mathematics is to be able to count forwards and backwards by 1s from any number beyond 120. Again, the students have enthusiastically taken up the challenge and most have achieved it. Well done!

The students all enjoyed the excursion over to the local IGA to buy a piece of fruit, I was very proud that they could tell me how much change they would get. Please keep talking to your child about money and involve them in buying the groceries.

Lastly, we have enjoyed discovering how to use the different materials form the STEM kit, last week we used the Makey Makey and the next two weeks we will learning how to use Micro:bits. The students are learning to use code to make different sounds. They have had lots of fun and it’s great to see their problem solving skills thrive.

Mrs Clarke & Mrs Lynch

The 3/4 Stingrays have had a busy start to the term.
We have started learning about informative texts and the students have created some great informative posters about Lions. We have been working hard on our new learning sprint and the kids have been picking it up really well with some of them already reaching the goal.

I was so proud of the students that participated in the Touch Football Gala Day. The seniors won every game and the juniors tried so hard all day. We have zone athletics coming up next week and have lots of students that have made it, so looking forward to seeing everyone compete.

Miss Webb
The 5/6 Whales have a very busy Term 3 and are excited about all the fun things we have coming up. Our activities include Science Day at Avondale, STEM at Awaba Public School, as well as all the other school activities of Education Week and Book Parade. The Whales continue to work hard in all key learning areas and this term we will particularly focus on our Whole Number strand of Mathematics and I will place particular emphasis on honing our working mathematically processes and skills.

We have also welcomed two new class members in recent weeks Sebastian in Year 5 and Wahkeem in Year 6. Both boys are a joy to teach and welcome additions to our beautiful class.

Lastly, as a working mother myself, I appreciate how busy life as a parent is and all the competing demands for our time. With this in mind I would appreciate it if my parents could make an appointment if they have something that they need to discuss. In recent times, I have found parents requesting to speak to me at short notice and at times when I am actually expected to be teaching and on class. This situation in untenable and as such I would ask that you request an appointment via our school administration. Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Swayne

Breakfast Club
Our Community Place will no be holding breakfast club on Wednesday mornings only from now on. Students can arrive from 8:15am for a nutritious breakfast. If you child would like to come along please complete a permission form available from the school office.
Parent/Carer/School Communication

Due to teachers needing to prepare for class before and after school if you would like to speak to any staff member please contact the office to make an appointment for a suitable time.

Commonwealth Student Banking day is each Tuesday: Students can drop their completed bank deposit book to the office in the morning for processing. Every deposit will earn a token, ten tokens can be used to claim a reward. Deposits also help to raise money for Boolaroo PS.

**LOST PROPERTY:** There is a large amount of lost property in the tub outside the office. Please take a look to see if anything belongs to your child. Anything remaining in the tub will be disposed of next week.

Orders for Issue 5 of Book Club will close off on Tuesday 13th August. Parent/Carers can either order via the LOOP or send payment and order form in with the student.

**P&C News**

We would like to thank our garden volunteers for their work, on the shipping container Mural, it was greatly appreciated and also Karen Clerke for the plant donations. We would also like to thank the following businesses for their donations to the gardens.

Bunnings Boolaroo, Saddingtons Boolaroo, John’s Tree Lopping and Nigel Deacon of D & D Handyman Services.