



News from the Helm



Welcome back to a new year and a new decade, can you believe that we are back at school already? Wow those holidays flew by. I hope you are all feeling very relaxed after the well-earned break and have plenty of energy and enthusiasm for our busy year of learning. I know these holidays were dominated by the vast devastation around the country with all the bushfires. Our hearts go out to all the people and communities that have been affected by the fires.

Boolaroo is a dynamic and versatile school that provides quality learning experiences through a variety of engaging opportunities. We are proud to say that every student is known, valued and cared for at BPS. We hope that 2020 is an exciting, memorable school year for your children and that we see them positively grow academically, socially and emotionally. Remember our school values are **Respect, Responsibility and Excellence**, we should all strive to work towards these every day.

Thank you to all our families that attended last week's get to know the teacher information evening, it was good to provide the opportunity for parents to get an insight into the skills, backgrounds and experiences of our teaching staff.

During Terms 1 and 2, staff will participate in professional learning in lieu of the last Friday of school, 18th December. These are 3 hour sessions after school and will be completed with the community of schools.

Congratulations to Ms Webb and Mr Harvey on a wonderful swimming carnival. It was a great day of sportsmanship and fun in the water. The day was also highlighted by the students' willingness to 'have a go' and to 'do their best'! Boolaroo students definitely cheered the loudest for each other, and your behaviour was exemplary.

Finally, our door is and always has been open – whether you are happy, sad or mad. We need to know if we are not doing something right, but I also need to know that you trust our motives and intentions. Everything we do, every single day is for YOUR children.

Louise Wrightson
Principal

K Rubber Duckies News

The Rubber Duckies are super excited to welcome Term 1 2020!



This term we will be starting our reading and writing in the Engine Room. We will be learning our basic sight words and how to one to one match by pointing to words as we read.



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We will also be learning our letters and their corresponding sounds, as well as how to write them correctly. In maths we will also be focusing on reading and writing our numbers up to 20.

We have already been hard at work focusing on writing our names and getting into our classroom routine. The Rubber Duckies are settling very quickly into school life and are an extremely enthusiastic bunch of superstars! Miss McCaw is very proud of how quickly they are learning the school and classroom rules!

We can't wait to continue our learning journey!

Miss McCaw



1/2 Yachts News



All the students have settled in well into their new routine and we have been enjoying getting to know all the students.

The students have been busy learning about our new guided reading routine, which was very similar to reading groups they did last year. We have been learning about 'building our stamina' reading for as long as we can without being distracted. The students have been also learning to choose a good fit book, a book

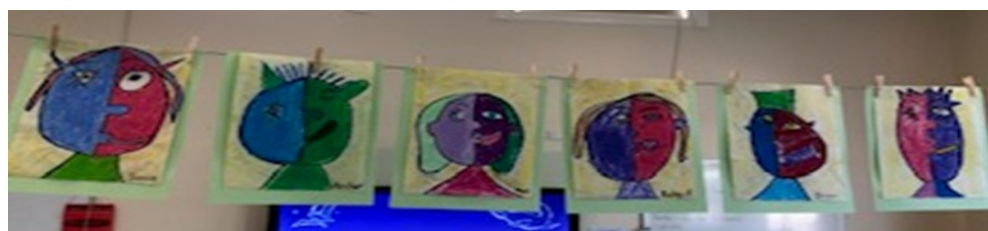
that is not too hard or not too easy to read. Home reading will start next week and the students will be getting their home reading record booklet, please fill this every time your child reads.

We have been focusing on writing a sentence starting with a capital letter and ending with a full stop. Students have been learning the importance of thinking about their sentence, saying their sentence, writing it down and checking it. A process that will help them to become better writers.

The students have loved completing their Picasso self portrait art work.

Please feel free to come in and have a look at them.

Mrs Clark and
Mrs Wilkinson



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3/4 Runabouts News



Welcome to the **3/ 4 Runabouts!**

Hi, my name is Callan Harvey and I am very excited to be working with you this year to help achieve your child's potential. I am very passionate about teaching and throughout the year I will be striving to give all my students the skills and knowledge to succeed as 21st century learners. If you have any concerns or just want to catch up with how your child is progressing in the classroom please call or come into the school. I'm more than happy to work together to meet your child's academic needs.

Fruit break:

Students are encouraged to bring fruit each day to eat and boost their energy levels and to create the foundation of healthy eating routines for the future. Please send in fresh fruit your child enjoys to eat during the morning session.

Home Learning:

This term home learning is the Learning grid. The Learning grid gives students choice over their learning and they should try to complete as many tasks as they can throughout the term. I also encourage you to listen to your child reading every night as part of homework.

Library:

Library lessons will be on Wednesday mornings. Please send in a **library bag** and encourage your child to borrow a variety of books.

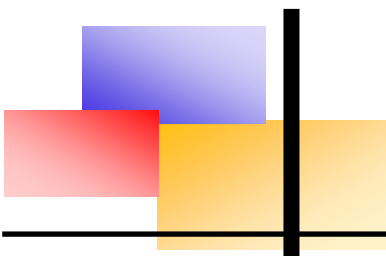
Home Reading:

Students have the option to borrow home readers to take home with them each night. I will encourage them to take books home, however, it is up to the students if they choose to do so. It would be great if you could listen to them read for 10 - 20 mins each night. The books will be sent home in a folder or protective case to ensure they are kept in good condition.

Our Key Learning Areas will be:

English:

This term students will be participating in our intensive L3 literacy program. Students will be taught in a small group format that focuses on short explicit lessons with a reading and writing focus. The remainder of the groups will work independently in groups to work on engaging literacy activities that focus on developing a range of skills. These include reading, writing, comprehension, grammar, speaking, listening spelling and handwriting.



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Maths:

Students will continue to develop their understanding of concepts relations to numbers, space and geometry, measurement, chance and data through hands on activities.

Science and Technology:

This term we will be exploring the unit 'Earth's changing surfaces'. Students will learn how natural processes and human activity shape their surroundings.

History:

Students will be exploring the unit of 'Community and Remembrance' focusing on the importance of history of our local culture.

Creative Arts:

Students will be actively involved in creating pieces relating to the core topics and units mentioned above.

Sport and Personal Development and Health

Sport will be Friday afternoons and daily fitness will be before recess each day depending on weather conditions. In our PDH lessons students will be looking at relationships and wellbeing.

Speaking and listening groups:

News will not be run this term, instead students will be participating in speaking and listening groups in class. This ensures students are speaking in front of a group multiple times a week.

I look forward to working with you throughout this year and please feel free to come and talk to me anytime about your student's progress.

Kind Regards,
Callan Harvey

5/6 Anchors News



Welcome back to an exciting start of the year. It was so great to see so many students attend and participate in this year's swimming carnival. We had a great turn out and it was a hot, but fun day. The Anchors started off the year well, getting set into their routine and they have already been working hard. This term we are focusing on imaginative writing.

Some of the teachers are lucky enough to go to Seven Steps Training later in February which will give us some great techniques for teaching writing, which we are excited about.

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We will be looking at Volcanoes and Earthquakes for Science and we are happy to have Mrs Geres back this year to teach the students History.

I look forward to a great year with these beautiful students. Any questions or anything you need feel free to come and see me.

Miss Webb

School Behaviour Expectations



Late last year the staff have been working on revising the student behaviour expectations. These have been refined and will be sent out through School Stream this week for your feedback.

We value your feedback so please have a read through and let us know if you have any questions or comments by emailing the school or discussing with Mrs Clark or Mrs Wrightson.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

This year we are excited to announce that the school will have a Student Representative Council (SRC).

The SRC is peer-elected and is composed of two representatives from each class, except for year 5/6 which will have one representative and the captains.

All representatives are actively involved in the many aspects of the SRC. As the student voice, the SRC members will collect ideas and provide feedback to their peers. They also present information at assemblies and represent the school at significant events.

The SRC fundraises throughout the year and the money raised is directed towards projects and programs chosen by the students. This is a great opportunity for students to be involved in leadership activities at the school.

This week, the students will be electing their member and on the 28th February at assembly the students will be presented with their badge.

Mrs Clark

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.

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The school acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land.



PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS

You cannot stop here

A driver must not stop in a no stopping zone.

Minimum penalty:
\$330 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Minimum penalty:
\$330 and two demerit points



You can stop here for two minutes only

You have no more than two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and the driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

Minimum penalty:
\$183 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

Unless a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit is displayed.

Minimum penalty:
\$561 and one demerit point



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Road rules in school zones

Pedestrian crossings

You cannot stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

Minimum penalty: \$439 and two demerit points

Double parking

You may not stop on the road alongside to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Minimum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points

Parking on a verge

You cannot stop or park on a verge area (footpath, nature strip, dividing strip or kerb).

Minimum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points

Slow down

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone and look out for children who may be about.

Kiss and ride

Some schools have 'kiss and ride' or 'drop-off and pick-up zones' for children in 'No Parking' zones. If your school has a program in place, remember to always drop off or pick up your child from the designated zone and follow the school's procedures. You can stop in a kiss and ride area for two minutes only to pick up passengers and you must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

If your school does not have a 'kiss and ride' program in place please use the 'No Parking' zone to drop off and pick up passengers.

School Banking newsletter.

Term 1 update.

CommBank Bushfire Support

In light of the recent devastating bushfires, we want to share how we can help. Applications are now open for Bushfire Recovery Grants to help rebuild community facilities, schools, fire brigades and replace lost or damaged equipment. Please encourage your local community groups to apply by 31 March 2020, for grants of up to \$50,000. If you're a CommBank customer and you've been affected, we can also give you a hand with your finances.

commbank.com.au/bushfirerecovery

Term 1 Treetop Savers rewards

When your child makes 10 deposits with School Banking, they can redeem one of our Treetop Savers rewards. Term 1 rewards are available now, while stocks last.



Terry Denton's
Activity Book



Mini
Soccer Ball

Any questions about the School Banking program? Ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a parent's pack or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking