

News from The Helm



They say time flies when you're having fun and Term 3 has certainly flown by. What a busy and productive term it has been. While COVID has put a dampener on many things we haven't let it dampen our spirits at Boolaroo Public School. I would like to congratulate all of our amazing students, staff and parents for their enthusiasm, resilience and support throughout the term under difficult and ongoing circumstances.

Students have enjoyed participating in a range of academic and extra-curricular activities this term. From SRC colour days to the Aquatic Explorers experience, 3D printing, debating, gardening, whole school STEM activities and a visit from the Commonwealth Bank to conduct financial literacy lessons. Our students really have had an action packed term even under current circumstances.

Throughout Term 2 and 3, teachers have participated in the 'Weaving connections between reading and writing' learning pathway with Dr Noella Mackenzie. Dr Mackenzie is a leading expert in her field and we have been lucky to work directly with her to build teacher capacity in the area of reading and writing. We have particularly tweaked the way we approach daily interactive writing across the school and are really excited about the impact this is having on student achievement even at these early stages. This new practice has been intertwined with the work we did with Dr Simon Breakspear on Teaching Sprints last year.

Thank you to those parents who took time to meet with teachers over the phone to discuss their child's learning and Semester 1 reports. Authentic and meaningful relationships between home and school are vital in supporting students to reach their potential. So give yourselves a pat on the back!

If you have a child or know someone who has a child starting kindergarten in 2021 please ensure we have your contact details. As a result of the COVID 19 restrictions we are unable to offer a kindergarten transition in its normal format. As a work around we are offering families to come along individually for their own private tour and information session. Many families have already booked their appointment in Term 4. Its important that our 2021 kinder students are able familiarise themselves and make some meaningful connection with the school before the end of the year, so please ensure you make an appointment ASAP. If you haven't returned your enrolment form yet, this appointment is the perfect time to do it.

I'm looking forward to spending the day out in the sunshine with our students on Thursday for our Athletics carnival. Although parents won't be able to attend, we will post lots of photos on the Facebook page.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing break for the coming school holidays. Oh and 'GO MUNIBING!'

Aaron Quinnell

Instructional Leader



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5/6 Anchors News



What a great term it has been and only one to go! We are looking forward to the athletics carnival on Thursday and excited for our war cry competition that the teams have been practising hard for. The Anchors have been doing some excellent interactive writing trying to improve our vocabulary and making credible arguments for a persuasive text. The debaters have been doing a great job representing our school this term and we are so proud of them for stepping out of their comfort zone and having a go.

We have also been doing our speeches in class and the students have come up with some great ideas and presented them confidently. Each day the Anchors have been testing themselves with the times table challenge and we are so proud of Payton who has completed all of them. Well done Payt!

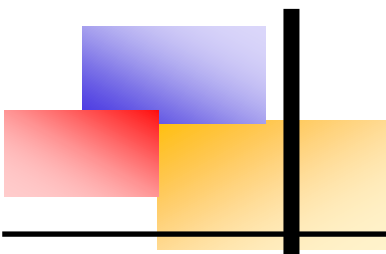
Hope everyone has a fantastic holiday and enjoys their well-deserved break.

Miss Webb

3/4 Runabouts



It's been a busy couple of weeks for the Runabouts with many exciting activities taking place. Students have been busy crafting and practising their speeches out in the sensory garden. Well done to all the students who performed their speeches in front of the class and good luck to Songkran, Zeke, Max and Skylah who will be presenting their speeches to the whole school.



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Students have been using the program Tinkercad to design 3D name tags. These will be printed using the 3D printer over the coming weeks. Student were able to look at the results from their bacteria experiment and we were able to discuss the importance of washing our hands regularly.

The Runabouts also helped in the construction of our new sandpit, it was great seeing everyone getting involved and working as a team.



Thanks to everyone who dressed up as a pirate and donated raising funds for children with cancer.

The students all looked great and they had an amazing day!

Callan Harvey

1/2 Yachts News



This term has flown by and we are so proud of all the hard work the students have put in especially around writing and delivering their speeches to the class. We hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.

On the following page is a piece of interactive writing the students completed together:

Audience: Parents at Boolaroo Public School

Purpose: To convince them to pack nude food for school.

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Dear Parents

We should try to have nude food every day in our lunch box because we are reducing the rubbish we put in the bins so the earth will live for a longer time.

If you buy food in bulk, buy food without wrappers and use reusable containers it will be less expensive. We need nude food because it helps us become healthier so choose fruit and veggies over chips and you don't even need a container!

If we pack nude food the teachers would really appreciate it because we will behave better and we won't have a sugar rush so we will be focused learners.

Parents! You have heard all the reasons why we should have nude food, please pack us nude food for next week.

From 1/2 Yachts

Mrs Clark and Mrs Wilkinson

Kinder Rubber Duckies



Wow! What a busy yet fun term we have had in the Kindergarten classroom! This term we have worked hard in literacy to achieve our writing goals.

We have explored writing in a lot of different ways by creating imaginative, informative and persuasive texts. One of our favourite class writing pieces was when we wrote a letter to Mrs Wrightson persuading her that we deserved to have an ice cream party at the end of the term.... And guess what? She was so impressed with how much effort we have put into our work and with how we are so kind to our friends that she said YES! We are SO excited to be celebrating the end of this term with ice cream, a movie and a few laughs with our friends.

Another highlight this term has been participating in gymnastics activities each Friday for sport. The Duckies were very enthusiastic about every activity and were jumping up and down with excitement when Fridays came around! They learnt a lot of skills such as, rolling, tumbling, jumping and balancing and had a lot of fun doing it!



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Pirate Day was a big success with students enjoying dressing up in their pirate best! They completed some fun pirate themed activities and thankfully no one had to walk the plank!

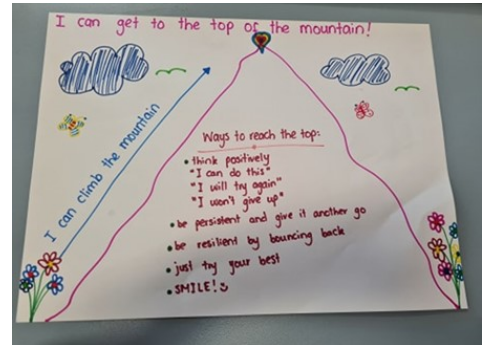
A big focus for the Duckies at the end of this term is 'climbing mountains'. Perhaps your child has mentioned this to you. In our classroom we have been focusing on being persistent and resilient learners. It is so important for students to be independent, confident and responsible learners. Sometimes we are faced with challenges leaving us feeling like we are at the bottom of the mountain. We discussed different ways to get to the top of the mountain.

Our strategies include;

- Using positive self talk- "I can do this!", "I will try again", "I won't give up"
- Being persistent and having another go
- Being resilient by bouncing back
- Just trying our best
- SMILING!

We created a mountain picture to help us remember our strategies and we have added in 'persistence' and 'resilience' to our class dojo points. I am so pleased to see and hear Kindergarten students using some of our strategies on a daily basis.

Miss McCaw and the Duckies



From the Bridge



Sick Bay & Water Bottles

With the arrival of hot weather we have had some heat affected students feeling unwell. It has highlighted the problem of students not bringing in water bottles and forgetting to drink.

As well as ice treatments, fluids and rest we often give a Zooper Dooper or icy pole (or similar) to also give a little sugar. If your child is not able to have an ice block such as these please call the school to advise as soon as possible.

Please remember to pack their water bottle every day as due to COVID restrictions students are not to use the bubblers and the office cannot continuously supply cups.

Donations of Icy Poles and Zooper Doopers would be greatly appreciated from families if you are able to assist.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holidays!

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Public Speaking Competition 2020

It was great to see all the students participate in the public speaking competition this term. During class, students wrote and delivered their own speeches on a variety of topics. They were judged on the delivery and content of their speech. The teachers were proud of how enthusiastically all students participated in this activity. Today, two students in each grade level were chosen to present their speech to the whole school. Teachers used a matrix to judge and it was a hard choice as all students engaged the audience with their speeches.

Congratulations to the following stage winners:

ES1: Caitlin S

S1: Cailin B

S2: Zeke R

S3: Jasmine P

Highly Commended students:

ES1: Astra P

S1: Nate B, Sonia W, Ruby E

S2: Skylah C, Max B, Songkran B

S3: Skye T, Taylor R, Alexa H



LOST AND FOUND
Lost library books and
library bags...
Please search for
me... I am missing
from my home on the
shelves of the school

Library News

Keep on reading :)

School holidays are here, and what better way to relax than to curl up and enjoy a good book. Visit your local library and enjoy the treasure trove of knowledge and adventures just waiting to be discovered. Reading throughout the break is strongly encouraged to build vocabulary and reading stamina. Reading can be enjoyed together with the family or as some quiet time alone. Reading before bed is a great way to relax, unwind and unplug from technology.

Encourage your children to reduce screen time these holidays time and avoid digital eyestrain. Wishing you a happy, safe and healthy holidays. Miss Mbonimpa

Tennis Australia

The ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Racquet Roadshow is again providing 30,000 racquets to foundation students around Australia, thanks to ANZ and Tennis Australia. We are one of 832 lucky schools to be receiving racquets. It's a great opportunity to get our kids moving, both at home and at school! The students have also been given a special certificate to take home to celebrate their new tennis racquets. Our Kindergarten students will each be receiving a racquet on Wednesday 23rd September.

ANZ is encouraging all parents to share a picture of their children and their new racquets with the hashtag **#RacquetRoadshow**



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BOOLAROO HOLIDAY PROGRAM

(bookings close Friday 25 September)

Sept/Oct, 2020 - WEEK 1

<p>MONDAY 28 SEPT</p> <p>EMOJI FUN & GAMES</p> <p>Why do we love them? How do we use them?</p>  <p>What is your favourite emoji? Are you the next emoji creator?</p> <p><i>Daily fee - \$7</i></p>	<p>TUESDAY 29 SEPT</p> <p>JERSEY DAY</p>   <p>Show us your colours for grand final season.</p> <p>Get active, support your team, and show off your skills.</p>   <p><i>Daily fee - \$5</i></p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 30 SEPT</p> <p>FLOOR IS LAVA</p> <p>Design a course. Problem solve challenges. Work as a team.</p> <p><i>But...do not touch the LAVA!</i></p>  <p><i>Daily fee - \$5</i></p>	<p>THURSDAY 1 OCT</p> <p>MAD HATTER SPRING PICNIC</p>  <p>Head down the rabbit hole at our Mad Hatter Spring Picnic.</p> <p>Make spring inspired decorations.</p> <p>Lawn games and a treasure hunt.</p>  <p><i>Daily fee - \$10</i></p>	<p>FRIDAY 2 OCT</p> <p>OCEAN EXPLORATION</p>  <p>With whale migration happening along our coast, today is a tribute to our majestic ocean.</p> <p>Sustainable art and craft, whale sound chill out and a game of shark tips.</p> <p><i>Daily fee only</i></p>	<p>THE AFTER SCHOOL KLUB</p> <p>Hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 6pm</p> <p>BOOKING: enrol@task-kids.com.au task-kids.com.au 1300 827 500</p>
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BOOLAROO HOLIDAY PROGRAM

(bookings close Friday 25 September)

Sept/Oct, 2020 - WEEK 2

<p>MONDAY 5 OCT</p> <p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> 	<p>TUESDAY 6 OCT</p> <p>SECRET AGENT TRAINING</p> <p>Your mission...sssh this is top secret!</p> <p>Choose a code name. Pass the obstacle course.</p> <p>Create spy gadgets.</p>  <p><i>Daily fee only</i></p>	<p>WEDNESDAY 7 OCT</p> <p>GLOBAL FIESTA</p> <p>Discover the games, music, customs, and art that make up the world's best parties and celebrations!</p>  <p><i>Daily fee - \$7</i></p>	<p>THURSDAY 8 OCT</p> <p>WHEELIE FUN DAY</p>  <p>Bring your wheels and helmet for a wheelie fun day!</p>  <p><i>Daily fee - \$7</i></p>	<p>FRIDAY 9 OCT</p> <p>HEROES AND VILLAINS</p>  <p>Who's your fav Hero or Villain? Superhero training. Royalty sing along. Villain mask making.</p>  <p><i>Daily fee only</i></p>
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* Daily fee: \$55 * All HP subject to last minute change dependent on Government advice / direction. *

Each day please bring: lunch & snacks for the day, a water bottle, hat, raincoat, socks, covered shoes and jumper - all labeled.