



Booborowie Primary School

Achieving and Learning for Life

Term 1, 2017 Week 1 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received. I am looking forward to working with you to help your children learn and develop.

Changes to Classrooms

With an increased enrolment, we have been able to set up two separate classes this year. We have moved the library back to the large double space with the JP class a one end, the library at the other. Many thanks to staff and John for your help as 'removalists' last week. I'm sure you agree the classrooms look fantastic.

Parent Information Night & Governing Council AGM

Thursday 23rd February

6pm Sausage Sizzle

6:30 Teacher info sessions

7pm ish Governing Council AGM in the library.

Proposed Camp– Term 1 at Lake Bonney, Barmera, Wednesday 22nd March to Friday 23rd March

Governing Council will discuss a proposed camp at Lake Bonney at their next meeting. The aquatics program at Lake Bonney is run by specialist instructors and children will learn sailing, knee-boarding, kayaking, canoeing and sail boarding skills (modified to suit the younger class). We are planning to stay at Camp Kedron, Barmera where children will be divided with approximately 4 to a room with a staff members or two. Please forward all queries before our Parent Information Night when we can provide more detail. Sorry about the rushed timeline but we have tentative bookings for accommodation, bus and the aquatics and need to confirm these as soon as possible. At this time, the estimated the cost per child for food, accommodation, aquatics and travel to be approximately \$80 - I am waiting to confirm cost of bus.

Reminder– Student Free Day Friday 24th February for staff to participate in Digital Technology Training.

Storm Damage

During the holidays, some large tree limbs came down in a storm. These have been cut up with small branches chipped. Damage to fence and shade cloth cover over the playground will be claimed. I was also told there was damage to the oval clubrooms. We hope you didn't sustain too much damage at your house!

Week 1 Jan- February

Mon	30	
Tues	31	
Wed	1	Premier's Reading Challenge begins
Thurs	2	
Fri	3	Assembly

Week 2 February

Mon	6	
Tues	7	
Wed	8	
Thurs	9	Assembly
Fri	10	

Week 3 February

Mon	13	
Tues	14	
Wed	15	
Thurs	16	
Fri	17	Assembly

Week 4 February

Mon	20	Staff Anaphalaxis training 4pm to 6pm
Tues	21	Anne-PCW panel 2pm to 5pm
Wed	22	
Thurs	23	Assembly Parent Information Night and Gov Council AGM
Fri	24	Student Free Day – Digital PD

Week 5 March- April

Mon	27	
Tues	28	Shrove Tuesday-Pancake Day
Wed	1	
Thurs	2	
Fri	3	Ride to School Day School's Clean-up Day Assembly

Week 6 March

Mon	6	
Tues	7	
Wed	8	
Thurs	9	Assembly
Fri	10	

Week 7 March

Mon	13	Adelaide Cup Holiday
Tues	14	
Wed	15	
Thurs	16	
Fri	17	Assembly

Week 8 March

Mon	20	
Tues	21	Harmony Day– wear something orange to school
Wed	22	Lake Bonney Camp TBC
Thurs	23	Lake Bonney Camp TBC
Fri	24	Lake Bonney Camp TBC



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Staff and students are very excited by the learning programmes this term. Literacy and Numeracy are taught in separate classes as are HASS (History and Social Sciences) and Science. Other subjects will be taught to the whole school R-7 group with children separated into smaller groups such as upper primary girls only and upper primary boys only for personal development in Health as and when required. If the children's excitement and enthusiasm this week is anything to go by, the children will be highly engaged and supported to produce some of their best ever work.

This week and next, teachers are busy testing children's spelling, reading and maths skills so we can provide support and intervention where it is required.

Whole School Assembly

Will be held weekly on alternate Thursday or Friday afternoons. This is to accommodate staff who work on different days so they don't miss out on assembly. Assembly will take a slightly different format this year with children taking it in turns to be chairperson and secretary each week. We will start with Upper primary students this term who will learn how to run a meeting (assembly) and then we plan to have junior primary children taking it in turns each week too. This is an opportunity for children to develop their leadership skills as well as have an active Student Voice. All parents are welcome to join us for assembly.

English

We will continue our focus on writing this year and staff will participate in Seven Steps of Writing training to help push children's writing to higher standards. To continue to support good spelling progress, all students are using Soundwaves spelling program which is a synthetic –phonics spelling program very similar to Jolly Phonics but extends from Reception year through to year 7.

Whole School Reading

Teachers and SSOs and any parents who have some free time will listen to children read every afternoon before home time. Reading aloud to an adult at school will provide children with extra practice needed for developing fluency and expression and also helps us monitor children's reading progress. We urge you to still listen to your children read at home every day too.

Maths

We are using a new Maths program at Booborowie this year. iMaths uses an investigations based approach, teaches mental maths strategies, problem solving. Upper primary children will also participate in a times tables challenge and will be using the Maths Rockx app to learn tables songs to help them.

Health and PE

All students will get together for daily fitness first thing in the morning. Teachers will share this during the week. Julia is teaching Health and PE to all students on Tuesday afternoons.

LOTE—Japanese

The only Language Other Than English students are able to access this year is Japanese via Open Access College due to teacher shortages. Enrolment forms are attached to the newsletter. Could these be returned by Monday 6th Feb. Children will be learning basic phrases and words in Japanese and about Japanese culture and their country. Learning another language boosts our brain power- our ability to multi-task and helps strengthen memory. It also helps us become appreciative and understanding of other cultures and increases job opportunities in the future.

Week 9 April		
Mon	27	
Tues	28	
Wed	29	Julia away- Penny TRT
Thurs	30	Assembly
Fri	31	Daylight Savings Ends this Sunday
Week 10 April		
Mon	3	
Tues	4	
Wed	5	
Thurs	6	Anne-DECD Leader's Day Adelaide – Penny TRT
Fri	7	Anne away– UN Partnership TBC Assembly
Week 11 April		
Mon	10	
Tues	11	
Wed	12	
Thurs	13	Term 1 ends- Dismissal 2:pm Assembly
Fri	14	Good Friday

We are yet to confirm the timetable for Japanese but hope to have it running by week 3.

The Arts

All students will learn Visual Art and singing on Friday afternoons with Anne. Program this term includes weekly drawing skills, landscapes, trees and nature, portraits and Impressionist style painting. Lessons will also include singing practice weekly with Anne. Kerry will again teach students music on Mondays.

STEM—Design: Technology

All students will be investigating tree houses and cubbies before creating a model of one. This will include design and construction, selecting suitable materials - natural and made materials and their qualities, strong joining techniques etc.

*Anne Heinrich
2nd February 2017*

Technology Homework

Your children need a "tree" (small forked branch) in which to build a model tree house! The branches are being attached to a flat board 400 x 300mm. We have the boards already.

Hints for a perfect "tree house model tree":

- Between 30 and 40 cm tall.
- Be fresh wood if possible but we can drill into old dry wood if necessary
- The trunk minimum 25 in diameter
- Should have multiple branches in which to build a model tree house—three is great.
- The branches about half way up the tree.
- If you are able to cut off the bottom of the branch so we have a flat surface that'd be great!

It doesn't matter if you can't find the "perfect branch"- it's your first challenge— see how you go. Half the fun is designing how you are going to build a tree house in your tree, where you will attach supporting beams, where you will put a ladder, etc. These are just hints to help you choose a good branch. Branches needed by next Wed. please :)

Newsletter Return Sheet—Week 1, Term 1

Return to school by Monday 6th February

Family Name

Early expression of Interest so we know whether there is sufficient interest in us investigating a whole school camp -22nd to 24th March (Week 8, Term 1) for an aquatic program at Lake Bonney, Barmera.

- Yes, I am interested in my child attending a three day (2 night) camp at Lake Bonney
- No, I do not want my child to attend an aquatics camp at Lake Bonney.

Parent Information Night and Governing Council AGM

To help us with catering, please advise if you plan to attend for the sausage sizzle.

..... Adults and Children are expected to attend

Signed