Dear Parents and Carers,

Tree Removal:
The arborist’s report is now available for consultation with the community. If you wish to view the report please contact the office to arrange a time to view and discuss the report. The report recommends the removal of the oak tree and the dead tree at the end of the garage. The tree beside the garage will have dead wood removed and branches with excess weight trimmed.

3/4 Soccer Gala Day — Change of Date
Students from Years 3 and 4 will be representing the school at a gala day on March 15, 2013. The day will be held in Gloucester. Thank you to those who have returned the permission note. A big thank you to those parents who have offered to help transport students to the event.

School and Community Band
If you or your child are interested in joining the Booral School and Community Band please contact the school office. Instruments are available for loan and music lessons can be arranged with either the school band teacher or your own choice of private tutor. Our school band plays at events throughout the year. All ages and levels of experience are accepted into the band.

Student Welfare Policy
I am about to undertake a review of the school’s Student Welfare Policy. If any parents or other community members are interested in helping conduct the review please contact the office to let me know.

Rewards Day
This week is the first chance for students to participate in a Rewards Day. The day is designed to reward and show those students who demonstrate the correct behaviours expected at school that we, the teachers, do see the effort they make and we appreciate the effort the students make at school. Students who have received an orange note or two white notes are not eligible to participate in Rewards Day. Alternative work will be arranged for those students.

2/3 will be having a games afternoon while 4/5/6 will be having a Singstar event. Students in 4/5/6 may also bring themselves a small treat to eat during the rewards activity and these are not to be shared with their friends.
K/1 will be having a special surprise that Mrs Parsonage has organised. Students in K/1, 2/3 & 4/5/6 may come out of uniform on Friday.

Rewards Day is not an opportunity for students to bring electronic devices to school. Please ensure electronic devices such as ipods, DS consoles, PSP’s and the like are left at home.

A reminder that students who have received white and orange notes since the start of the year that a clean slate applies from Monday March 11, 2013 and that students who have not been able to attend off site activities due to unacceptable behaviour will be eligible to attend off site activities.

Circus Challenge
On Tuesday March 12, 2013 we will be having a visit from a performing circus troupe. Students will be involved in a 1 hour workshop which develops teamwork, goal setting and persistence. All these skills are needed at school and in life. There will also be a performance by the troupe. Please ensure notes and money are returned to school by Monday March 11, 2013.

P&C Meeting
Next P&C Meeting is on tonight, March 6, 2013, at 5:30pm. I look forward to seeing you there. The school’s P&C provide wonderful support to the school by raising funds for resources, equipment and a happy and safe environment to support your child’s learning while at Booral PS. Please support the P&C and the wonderful work they do at our school.

Anthony Pearson
Principal

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BOORAL BLUE

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Bryson

Jaylee

Class Awards - for week 5

K-1  Aidan  - for excellent work with number patterns
      Isabella  - great work in reading groups
      Taylah  - a great effort with her sight words
      Wilden  - interest and participation in class activities

2_3  Brianne  - working well with the Reading Box
      Drew  - using some excellent reading strategies
      Charlotte  - consistently producing quality neat work

4_5_6  Bryson  - a mature and responsible approach to class work
        Harry  - persistence with writing activities
        Paige  - being a respectful and responsible class member

DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 5 Term 1
Wednesday 6/3  -  Band—Yr 6 Bulahdelah Sports - World Maths Day
Thursday 7/3  -  World Science Day
Friday 8/3  -  Captains Assembly 9.00am - Reward Day (out of uniform)

Week 6 Term 1
Monday 11/3  -  Canteen
Tuesday 12/3  -  
Wednesday 13/3  -  Band
Thursday 14/3  -  
Friday 15/3  -  Soccer gala day, Gloucester

Happy Birthday:  MARCH

Allie 7th, Alex J & Max J 9th, Holly 14th, Bryson 20th, Mia 28th, Jack 29th, Paige J 30th

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P & C News

Meeting Scheduled for tonight has been postponed until 13th March, 2013

Easter Raffle
Thank you for your donations of Easter Eggs for the raffle & for sending back your Raffle Tickets. We still need more eggs to make our raffle a success. Please send all donations into the office. The raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on 28th March at school. Tickets were sent home last week. All tickets sold or unsold need to be returned to school by 28th March.

Canteen Volunteers
We are still looking for volunteers to man the canteen. You will only be on the roster twice a term on a Monday canteen day. If we can't get enough volunteers the canteen may not be able to operate every Monday. If you have a little time to help us out please contact Juanita Ross on 0412337598 or Tracey at the school office.

P & C Dates to Remember
13th March  P & C Meeting 5.30pm
28th March  Easter Raffle drawn.
12th April  ANZAC Morning Tea

Dungog Junior Rugby League

is holding a coaching clinic for all players aged 6 to 18 on Wednesday the 13th of March 2013 commencing at 3.30 pm at Bennett Park

NRL and Knights Development Coaches along with club coaches will be in attendance to run a skills based clinic.

Clean Up Australia

Students from Booral School will be joining thousands of other students from across Australia, to help Clean Up Australia, this Thursday, 7th March.

Students may like to bring gloves or tongs and a small disposable bag to collect rubbish from around the school.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2013
Win a $4000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

Envelopes are attached to the school newsletter. If entering please place a $2 coin or equivalent in the envelope and return to school.

Soccer Gala Day
Postponed until 15th March, 2013

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Hi Ladies

This is the canteen roster for the rest of term 1 please check your calendars & if you are unavailable on your day please organize your own replacement.

As you can see we are still short of volunteers if you can help, please return the slip below.

BOORAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
CANTEEN ROSTER

If you can help out in the school canteen, please complete the form below & return to School. Mum, Dad, Nan, Gran or Pops are all welcome. Canteen is on Monday 9am – 2.00pm. You will be required twice per term. Lunch is provided.

NAME:
CONTACT NO:

Please consider helping, it gives you child great joy to see a family member in the canteen & you get to meet other parents. You do not have to be a chef or even a good cook, we have an easy to follow menu with minimal fuss & preparation.

COME JOIN US AT STROUD COUNTRY CLUB FOR

“TUNES on the green”

St’ PATTY’s day weekend, Saturday 16TH March.
ENTRY: Adults $20 or 2 for $30. children free
Tickets for groups of 10 - $100. (Pre-purchase Only)
CHILDREN MUST be ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
Tickets available from Club, Ma Baker and Post Office.
INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS & GUESTS.

Live bands from 11am
Sue Hood *** Annie O’d
Warren (fingers) Adams
Nick Croft *** Mariah
helen & Friends

CHILDREN’S JUMPING CASTLE
BBQ
FACE PAINTING
RAFFLES
CALLICUTTA WOODEN HORSE RACES

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Head lice

The facts

Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Treatment

- daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)
- school communities may need to hold 'check and treat' or Nitbuster days where everyone learns about and starts treatment on the same day.

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice

As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

What you can expect from your school

Advice from NSW Health indicates that there is no need for students to be sent home or excluded from school because of head lice. Observing students scratching their heads is not a reliable or efficient means of assessing head lice prevalence in the school.

Where one student has head lice this serves as a warning light that there is likely to be an infestation in either specific classes or across the whole school population, including staff.

The school will send a letter home to parents (Ms word 24.5 kb) when infestations of head lice occur and request that parents examine their child's hair and undertake treatment where eggs or lice are identified.

Schools also provide:

- a venue for parents to get together and work out and where relevant, implement, local strategies
- ways of communicating information about head lice infestations and treatment for parents (eg through school newsletters).

They will also encourage students to avoid head to head contact in group activities as far as possible. In rare cases where students are experiencing a chronic head lice infestation the school, parents and the local community may need to work together to treat the infestation.

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