Important Information

Year 7 2017

Information and application documents were sent home yesterday with students in Year 6. All students must return these documents to ensure a smooth enrolment process into Year 7.

All applications must be returned to Booral Public School, NOT the high school, by Friday 18th March 2016.

If you have any questions or require help to complete these documents please contact the School Office.

NDIS Information Session and Workshop

Our area is due to come online with the Federal Governments National Disability Insurance Scheme or NDIS later this year.

The school has asked Leapfrog to help inform individuals as well as parents and carers of people with disabilities in our area about the NDIS and what that might look like for them.

An information session to help individuals and families make informed decisions about NDIS will be held on Wednesday 9th March. Workshops to help navigate the NDIS paperwork and outreach services has been organised for Monday 14th March. There are 2 session times for both days. Session 1 Midday till 2pm. Session 2 5:30pm till 7:30pm. All sessions will be held in the front classroom at Booral Public School.

Please RSVP by Monday 7th March to the School Office on 49949266.

Sporting Schools

This term we are delighted to be able to offer two sports under the Federally funded Sporting Schools. We are currently participating in an AFL program on a Friday morning. This will continue until Friday 4th March. Then students will swap over to Athletics program from Monday 7th March 2016 until the end of the term.

Students should wear appropriate clothing to participate in sports activities on these days.

School Cross Country

Our school will be holding our school Cross Country on Friday 11th March 2016. Our Cross Country will be held inside the grounds of the school. The Cross Country will begin at 9am and conclude by 10am. Parents, guardians and family members are welcome to attend to support their child.

Combined Cross Country

The Combined Schools Cross Country will be held on Friday 18th March 2016 and a back up date of Thursday 24th March 2016. The Combined School’s Cross Country will be held at Booral Public School. The event will begin at 9:45am and conclude by 11am. Parents, guardians and family members are welcome to attend to support their child.

Community Use of School Facilities

With an increasing number of students attending tennis each week I have received several requests for parents to bring their children to school after school and on weekends to practice.
School Organisation Continued

I am happy to have the tennis court used outside school hours. There is some paperwork that needs to be completed to ensure the safety of users and the school’s equipment.

If you would like to use the school’s tennis court please contact the School Office to fill in a Community Use of School Facilities Agreement and to arrange a discussion about how this procedure works.

Extra Curricular Activities

Our school facilitates some extra curricular activities for students in our area.

Students can learn an instrument on a Wednesday. The music teacher is Mr John Locke. Parents privately arrange music lessons with him that occur throughout the day on a Wednesday.

Students who regularly have music lessons and have reached a certain level of skill development for their age and instrument have the opportunity to join the school band. The band is lead by Mr Locke and Ms Parsonage is the supervising teacher. There is a band fee which is payable to the P&C. This fee helps to cover the costs of the band.

Tennis lessons are also available through the Hot Shots program on a Thursday after school. The Tennis coach is also selecting students who demonstrate a certain level of skill for their age to join the school’s tennis squad. Squad lessons are on from 2pm Thursday afternoon.

Rewards Day

Friday is Rewards Day for those students who are eligible. Students are permitted to come to school out of uniform. It is expected that sun safety and foot protection rules are still followed. Classes have organised their own activities.

Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday students will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day. Children need to bring tongs or rubber gloves to help clean up our school grounds.
Parent Help Appreciated - Small Schools Soccer Competition

Booral PS will be entering a team in the PSSA Soccer Knockout Competition which will be held towards the end of this term and possibly into early Term 2. We would greatly appreciate the help of a volunteer parent or relative, with experience in soccer coaching, rules or positional play, to attend training sessions. These sessions will preferably be during school hours, or with parental support, may be organised after school one day per week.

If you are willing and able to assist please contact school and we can organise training to suit your availability.

Mrs Courtney

Gloucester 5-A-Side Soccer Gala

Firstly, a reminder that permission notes must be returned by this Friday, 4th March. At this stage there are not enough boys to form a team, which means only the girls may be attending.

Canteen facilities will be available on the day thanks to the Gloucester Soccer Club. There will not be a chance for students to pre-order, so if you wish your child to purchase items please send money with them on the day.

Thank you for the offers to transport students to the gala. Notes will be sent home on Friday informing you of the arrangements for your child, as well as any other students travelling with you. Games begin at 9:40am, so we need meet at school by 8:30am. Please make sure you have presented a copy of your registration and driver’s licence to the office prior to the day and completed your Working With Children Check.

School Cross Country

Our Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday, 11th March at 9am. Students will assemble in age groups under the COLA for instructions and course details. They will then be walked to the starting line (near the sandpit). Staff will place texta marks on students’ hands as they complete each lap. Once students have completed the required laps, they will line up at the Recorders’ Desk to have their details written down. Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each age group for both boys and girls. Students turning 5, 6 or 7 years old will complete 1 lap (1km), 8-10 years will complete 2 laps (2km) and 3 laps (3kms) for those turning 11-13 years.

Year 6 will have cold drinks and frozen oranges to sell after the race. It will cost $1 per bottle of water or popper (apple or orange) and 50c for half a frozen orange (4 wedges). All proceeds will go the Year 6 school gift and farewell.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing parents come and join us for this event.

Young Leaders Day

I loved the trip and I thank the P&C for paying for most of it. I had a good time at the Olympic swimming pool and the Young Leaders Conference. My favourite person was Ben Austin. He taught me to master the little and you will master the big. Thankyou P&C.

Michael

On Sunday, 28th and Monday, 29th of February, I went to the National Young Leaders day in Sydney with our other School Leaders. We went to the Sydney Aquatic Centre and had lots of fun there on the water slide and water playground.

We walked down the road to Allphones Arena where we waited for what seemed like forever to sit down.

The conference was awesome. We listened to Nathan (Dubsy) Want (youth speaker), Melanie Lee (Author), the Kids Give Foundation, Commissioner Andrew Scipione (Police Commissioner), Ben Austin (Paralympian) and a panel with Letica Lentini (Events Magician at Google), Scott Tweedie (TV Presenter), Rebecca Kerswell (Chocolate Maker) and Veronica Morland (Lawyer and Creator of the Cat Café). They all spoke well and inspired us to do our best as leaders.

I would also like to thank the P&C for paying most of the cost so we could experience this great opportunity.

Charlotte
Young Leaders continued:

My favourite speaker was Ben Austin, He is a Paralympian. He had to get his arm amputated when he was two weeks old. He holds fifteen world records and eighty one national records for swimming. He taught me that if I believe I can do it, and try my hardest all the time, I can achieve a lot.

The other speakers were Nathan ‘Dubsy’ Want (Youth Speaker), Melanie Lee (Author & Illustrator) and Police Commissioner, Andrew Scipione. At the end there was a panel with Leticia Lentini (Events Magician for Google), Scott Tweedie (Television Presenter), Rebecca Kerswell (Chocolate Maker) and Veronica Morland (Lawyer and Creator of Cat Café), who answered questions, we also met Kids Give (Charity Organisation).

We stayed at an Ibis Budget hotel outside of the ANZ stadium, but the Young Leaders Conference was held at the Allphones Arena. We had to walk there and it was a really long wait to get in!

We went to the Sydney Aquatic Centre. There was a heated pool and a giant waterslide; I went down it twice. Thank you, P&C for paying for our trip. It was really fun!

Madison

Thank you for allowing me to go to the Young Leaders’ Day. It was really fun. So much fun that I want to again.

Cooper
Class Awards

25/02/2016

Library

Jake for great contributions to our weather discussion
Lilli for great work in Library
Lillian for great work with ‘Storm Boy’

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James for his well-written, informative writing about frogs
Emily for a terrific effort in writing activities
Gabrielle for her careful, accurate number pattern work

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Riley BH for improving in his ability to write 3 digit numerals
Sienna J for improving in her ability to write 3 digit numerals
Noah for improving in his ability to write 3 digit numerals

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Jasmine for neat and careful presentation in her books
Lena for carefully completing her work in cursive writing
Alisha for wonderful use of similes’ in her writing

Dear Parents and Carers,

The 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge starts next Monday, 7th March. This is not a competition, but a reading activity to challenge children to read a number of quality books, as specified by the Premier’s Reading List. All children are eligible to participate, children in Kindergarten to Year 2 are allowed to have their books read to them, and every child who completes the Challenge receives a certificate from the Premier of NSW.

Notes have been sent home this week to gain parental permission for children to participate. If you have not received a note and would like your child to participate, you can download a note from our school website. http://www.booral-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/

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Nicholas B

CALLING ALL SOCCER PLAYERS

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Canteen News

Canteen is open each Monday and offers a range of food for the children. Orders should be written on a paper bag with recess/lunch, the child’s name, class and order clearly on the front with money enclosed. They need to be placed in the basket provided at the front of the COLA as the children arrive at school.

We really need more volunteers to help out our small dedicated group. Just one day per term would be of assistance. It is a great opportunity to see your children, meet new mums and get to know the wonderful kids in our school.

We aim to have 2 people on at once and as you can see we have lots of vacancies. Duties includes preparation of the food, serving at recess and lunch and cleaning up afterwards, hours are from 9am to 2pm.

New volunteers will be placed with more experienced ones who can show them the ropes.

March 7 - Jenny George
March 14 - Maree Blanch
Ellen Jones
April 4 - Fleur Waters
March 21 - Julie Johnston
Suzanne Strauss

Want to help, need to change a shift or need more information, give me a call on 4994 9196.

Thanks, Fleur.

P & C News

Easter Raffle

The P & C is planning on holding an Easter Raffle to be drawn at the Easter Hat parade on 24th March & we need your help. We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs, baskets or anything related to Easter for the raffle. Please send any donations into the School office. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly.

Markets

The P & C will be once again holding Markets at school this year. Our first Market will be on Saturday 30th April. Please make a note of the date on your calendar & come along for a look.

P & C Dates to Remember

1st March P & C Meeting 5.30pm
24th March Easter Raffle drawn
30th April Markets
Where is the NDIS?
The NDIS has been trialled in seven locations across the country, because it is a big change to the current system and we want to get it right. The scheme will be rolled out nationally from 2016.

The most up to date information on where the NDIS is available can be found on our website.

For more information

- ndis.gov.au
- enquiries@ndis.gov.au
- 1800 800 110*
  8am to 5pm (AEST) Monday to Friday

For people with hearing or speech loss
TTY 1800 555 677*

Speak and listen
1800 555 727*

For people who need help with English
TIS 131 450

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Information about the NDIS, what it does and how to access it
What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme?

The NDIS supports people with a permanent and significant disability that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

We will work with you to identify supports you need to live your life. Supports may help you achieve goals in many aspects of your life, including independence, involvement in your community, education, employment and health and wellbeing.

The NDIS gives you more choice and control over how, when and where your supports are provided, and gives you certainty you will receive the support you need over your lifetime.

It also focuses on an early intervention where getting early supports can reduce the impact of disability on you or your child.

For people who need some assistance

Anyone with or affected by disability can ask us for information and referrals, including families and carers of people with disability.

This can include better access to information about the most effective support options, links to local support groups, clubs and programs, or referrals to relevant community services and supports.

For families and carers

We work with families and carers to make sure the support they give can be sustained.

We consider the carer’s role when developing plans with participants including the support they provide, other responsibilities, and their own life plans.

We also recognise some people with disability may want the support of family and carers to make informed decisions, and we value their views, knowledge and experience.

Can I access the NDIS?

You need to meet the following requirements:

- have a permanent disability that significantly affects your ability to take part in everyday activities
- be aged less than 65 when you first access the scheme
- be an Australian citizen, live in Australia and hold a permanent visa or hold a Protected Special Category Visa.

The NDIS is being introduced progressively across Australia.

The access checklist on our website provides more information on access requirements.

Next steps

Once the NDIS has confirmed you meet the access requirements of the scheme, a planner will arrange to meet with you.

Together, you will discuss your needs, goals and aspirations and the supports you currently receive.

This may take more than one meeting and you can bring someone with you for support.

Using this information, your planner will then develop a plan of supports that best meets your needs and your goals.