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.

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 practise.

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.

NDIS Information Session and Workshop

Our area is due to come online with the Federal Government’s 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.
School Organisation Continued

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

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.

Children can come dressed in their house colours. Currawongs, black and white. King Parrots, red and green.

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 (2 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.
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

24th March  Easter Raffle drawn
5th April    P&C meeting cancelled
8th April    ANZAC morning tea
26th April   P&C meeting 5.30pm
30th April   Markets

Gloucester Mobile Playgroup

Gloucester mobile Playgroup is now holding Playgroups at Stroud Road Uniting Church Hall.
Our Playgroups are held from 10am -12pm every 2nd Tuesday of the month.
We are also at the Booral hall on the last Tuesday of each Month.
Our Playgroups are for Children aged from 0-6yrs. We offer a quality Preschool program for children and their families. Grandparents and carers are welcome to attend.
Look out for our calendar with our venues and dates, or contact us on 02 6558 1643.
Cost is $2 a child, babies under the age of 1 are free
Healthy morning tea supplied

School Photo’s

Term 2
Week 1
Thursday 28th April,

Redeem this voucher at the combined cross country 18.3.16

The Koffee run

EGG and

$5.00 BACON

ROLL

Redeemable 18.03.16 only

We Are Listening

This is an open forum for families to discuss their fears and concerns regarding the NDIS.
This Forum will be lead by you.
What may be discussed includes:
What is NDIS and how does this look like for me and my family?
How can we prepare ourselves?
What Tools and Resources are available?

9th of March 12pm-2pm & 5:30pm-7:30pm
Information session times (session 1)

14th of March 12pm-2pm & 5:30pm-7:30pm
Workshop session times (session 2)
@ BOORAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
For enquire or to RSVP for sessions please contact
Booral Public School on 49949266
Dear Parents and Carers,

The 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge started this 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/

Class Awards

3/3/2016

Library
Noah for improved focus during Library lessons
Mason for his contributions to class discussions
Dawn for her great work with our weather unit

K_1
Abi for a terrific effort in learning her sight words
Dawn for excellent progress in spelling
Gabe for working hard to develop his focus muscle

2_3
Lilli for a great effort with her proofreading, editing and story writing
Sienna J for improvement in number of sight words read
Noah for improvement in number of sight words read

3_4_5_6
Mia for wonderful effort in last week’s homework activities
Alisha for thinking of an interesting way to send communications in the future
Taj for remembering capitals and full stops and checking his spelling when writing

Max P
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

Follow us on Twitter @NDIS

*1800 calls from fixed lines are free. Calls from mobiles may be charged.

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This document provides general guidance about the operation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) as at the date of publication and is for general purposes only.

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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 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.
Harmony Day
Booral Public School will participate in Harmony Day on Monday 21\textsuperscript{st} March (Week 9). On this day students will participate in activities which celebrate Australia’s cultural diversity. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’.

We are interested in learning about the different cultural backgrounds of students at Booral Public School. Students are welcome to bring in information about their family backgrounds to share in class.
Did you know that around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.

Here is the link to the Australian Government Harmony Day website for more information.


Please see next week’s newsletter for more information about Harmony Day.
Canteen News

We are introducing a few changes to the menu over the next few weeks and for Term 2.

Available from next week:
Fresh popcorn—only 30c a bag.
Hard boiled eggs—20c each
School Grown Rockmelon Stars—30c per cup

Roster—Term 1

March 14—Ellen Jones
March 21—Julie Johnston
Suzanne Strauss

April 4—Fleur Waters

We have had a few of our regular mums unable to continue to help on canteen, if we can’t get more volunteers we may have to move to only opening fortnightly, if you can give one day per term please give me a call on 4994 9196.

Thanks, Fleur.

Name Our Canteen Competition

The P and C are running a competition for the children of Booral School to name our canteen.

The winning entry will receive a $20 gift voucher to spend at the canteen.

A sign, with the winning name, will be made to place over the canteen door.

Children entering should fill in the form below and place it in the box provided at the canteen.

Multiple entries allowed but each must have a different canteen name.

Entries close April 4 2016.

The winner will be announced at assembly Week 1 of Term 2.

Child’s Name: ____________________________  Class: ____________