

# Boronia West Primary School Newsletter—2024



## “Growing through learning”

### *From the Principal*

**BORONIA WEST  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
OPEN MORNING  
FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024  
9.30AM - 10.30AM**

- Meet our Principal and Learning Specialist
- See our brand new classrooms
- Learn about our teaching and learning and wellbeing model

**CALL 9762 2510  
TO REGISTER**

#### Enrolments

I'm already doing plenty of tours for student to start in 2025, which is great. If you have siblings starting in 2025 it is never too early to complete enrolment forms.

We are having an Open Morning to promote our wonderful school to new families. Please feel free to share this information within your circles.

#### Building Project

I'd like to say how much I appreciate you all being so patient with our building project. I think you are all amazing and much more patient than I am. The basketball court and sand pit is coming but like the kids.....I just want them now.



Physical movement breaks throughout the day help students to engage with learning. In our Grade 4/5/6 classroom they love doing a workout to Minecart Track.

#### NOTICES SENT HOME VIA COMPASS OR HARD COPY THIS WEEK

- Teeth on Wheels consent—paper copy sent home
- Counselling consent form

**EDITION 5/2024**

**Principal**

**Penelope Harris**



#### IMPORTANT DATES

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Monday 5th February—  
Breakfast Club Starts  
(running every Monday and Friday from 8.45am)

Monday 11th March—  
Labour Day (Public Holiday)

Wednesday 13th March—  
NAPLAN commences

Thursday—28th March—End  
of Term 1

Monday 15th April—Term 2  
commences

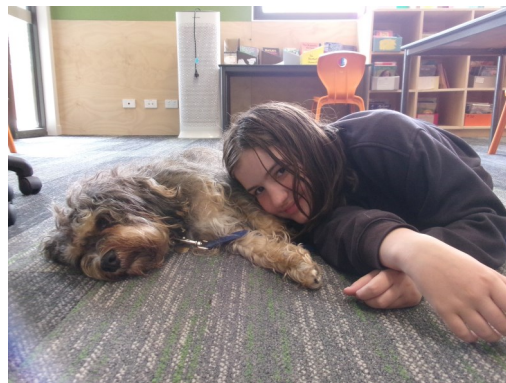
Monday 22nd April—School  
Photos

## The Unconditional Love Foundation.

We are very lucky to have Leah and Scout back at our school in 2024. The Unconditional Love Foundation provides an *Animal Connections* program, where students experience a more compassionate world by connecting with our wellbeing dogs.

The our animal-assisted, trauma-informed program is designed in consultation with educators, carers and community leaders to help participants:

- Achieve positive emotional and mental health
- Boost confidence and communication
- Enhance concentration, self-regulation and learning ability
- Build strong relationships and social connections
- Engender empathy



## NAPLAN 2024—Starting Wednesday 13th March

Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in mid-March (previously May).

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy.

We take great pride and care in ensuring that our students are not overwhelmed by the suite of assessments that are comprised in the NAPLAN schedule. Whilst NAPLAN tests are an important system level component of the Department of Education, at BWPS they are viewed as just another form of assessment in our ongoing process of monitoring student achievement.

If your child is in grade 3 or 5 and you have any question about NAPLAN please come and see me.

Have a great weekend,

*Penelope Harris*

## Attendance

At Boronia West Primary School we are committed to providing your child with an excellent education. The building blocks of a great education begin with all students coming to school each and every day. Regular school attendance is vital and missing school days can have a big impact on your child's future – missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. From Prep to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school!

5 days off per year is approximately a day off every 8 weeks	=	Just 5 days off per year adds up to 7 weeks of missed schooling throughout your child's time at Primary School.
10 days off per year is approximately a day off every 4 weeks	=	10 days off per year adds up to 14 weeks of missed schooling throughout your child's time at Primary School which is about a term and a half of school.
15 days off per year is approximately a day off every 2 1/2 weeks	=	15 days off per year adds up to 21 weeks of missed schooling throughout your child's time at Primary School which is about two terms of school.
20 days off per year is approximately a day off every 2 weeks	=	20 days off per year adds up to 28 weeks of missed schooling throughout your child's time at Primary School which is almost three terms of school.

Just as important as regular attendance is punctuality. Our music plays at 8:57am and this year we open our doors to the classrooms at this time with the aim that students will be in class, organised and ready for their school day to start at 9:00am. If you are finding that you are regularly late, please take the time to look at the morning routines and see if there is something which can be changed to help you get your child to school on time each day. As well as the missed learning time, your child being late also impacts the other students in the class as teachers time is taken up re-introducing the learning tasks and means that your child is playing catch up from the time they enter the room. If the school can be of any assistance please feel free to make a time to see me to discuss the issue.

Being late to school can have a considerable impact over the whole school year. This table shows you just how much time can be missed through a year by being just a little late every day.

**5 minutes late every day = 3 days of school lost a year**

**10 minutes late every day = 6.5 days of school lost a year**

**15 minutes late every day = 10 days of school lost a year**

**20 minutes late every day = 13 days of school lost a year**

**30 minutes late every day = 19 days of school lost a year**



# *Star Student Award*

**PREP/1**

Cailin for being so helpful in class this week, helping your friend spell and find the right books!

**GRADE**

**2/3**

Cooper for his persistence in his spelling ~ practice makes perfect!

**GRADE**

**4/5/6**

Laura for showing resilience in the classroom throughout the week.

**SPECIALIST**

STEM—Laura for her inquiring questions and thoughts on leaves.





# Star Student Award





# *Values Awards*

**PREP/1**

## **BE A LEARNER:**

**Amare, this week you have really shown how much you can achieve when you try your best and give things a go!**

**GRADE  
2/3**

## **BE RESPECTFUL:**

**Noah for his beautiful manners and respectful behaviour in the classroom, always with a smile!**

**GRADE  
4/5/6**

## **BE A LEARNER:**

**Harvey has been working well and applying himself to tasks throughout the week. Well done!**



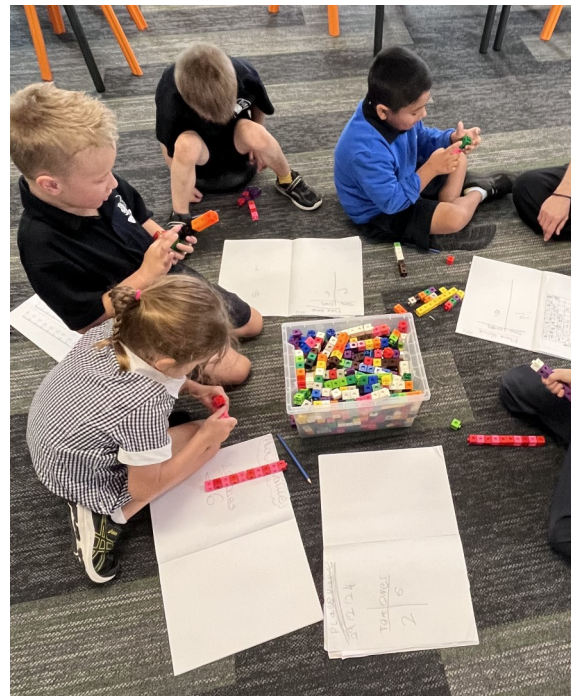
# Values Award







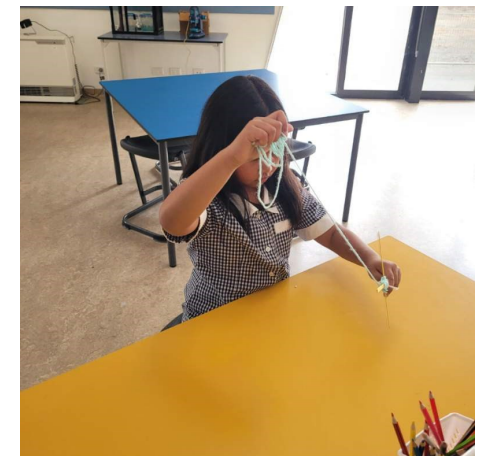
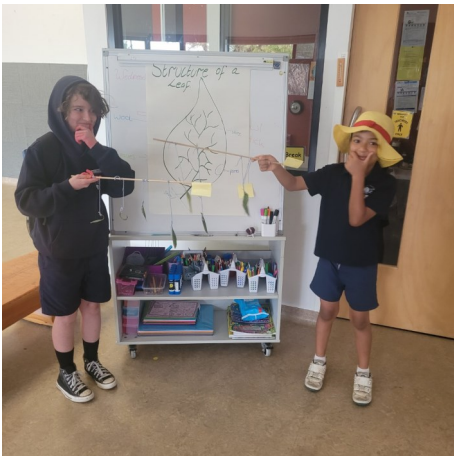
# Place Value Block Towers







# STEM

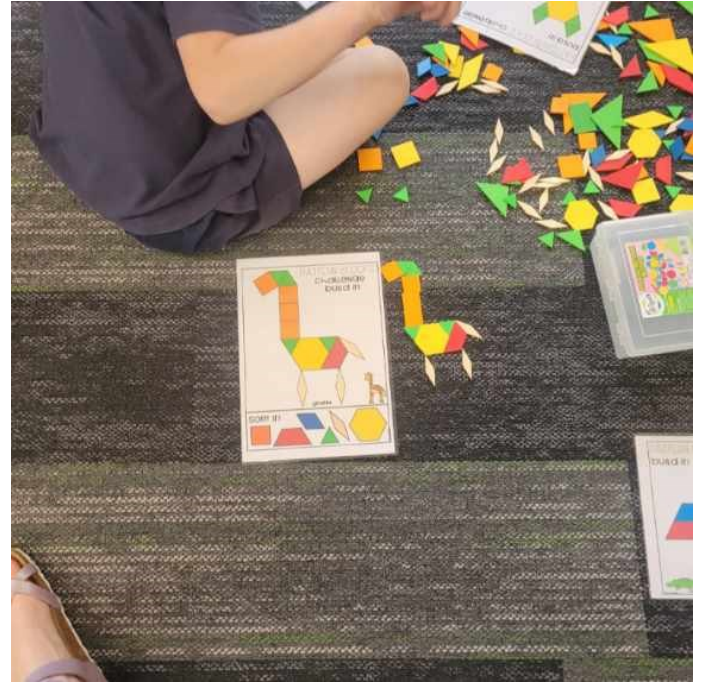


Lots of fun and engaging activities in STEM this week. Bark rubbing and looking at what lives inside the bark. Weaving webs for habitats investigations and learning about the structure of leaves and how they lose moisture.





# Working with 2D shapes







# *School Wide Positive Behaviour*



Students earned 3 leaves this week  
which is **300** acknowledgements of  
positive behaviour.

Amazing work everyone!

# DONT MISS OUT

## Complete your Teeth on Wheels E-form



**Great News!** Our school is pleased to announce that the Teeth on Wheels team will be coming out to our School every 6 months to provide Oral Health Education and quality dental treatment to our students.



**CLICK OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM**



TeethOnWheelsAustralia



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**TeethOnWheels**  
a positive dental experience

Dear Families,

Just a reminder that we have Teeth On Wheels visiting our school for dental check-ups and oral health education starting on the 14/03/2024.

Please click on the link below to complete your child's consent form.

<https://teethonwheels.com.au/consent-forms/consent-eform/>

Please complete your form today and the Teeth On Wheels team will be in contact to schedule your child's appointment and notify you on your eligibility. If you are not eligible, Teeth On Wheels will offer you a special deal of \$99 for the full check-up, oral cancer screening, clean, fluoride treatment and any x-rays if required (this can be claimed back through your private health insurance).

For any further questions, please contact the Teeth On Wheels team on (03) 9338 1191.

**PLEASE NOTE, THE CUT OFF DATE FOR COMPLETING YOUR CHILD'S FORM IS 07/03/2024.**