

# Boronia West Primary School Newsletter—2023



## “Growing through learning”

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 2. Staff are all relaxed after their break and excited to be back with our students. Whilst I cannot believe it is Term 2 already, it has been great seeing the students back at school excited for all our learning and events that Term 2 has for them.

#### ANZAC Ceremony

We started our term with a whole day immersing our students into the history, traditions and spirit of ANZAC day. A big thank you to Mrs Andrews for coordinating the day and making it a huge success. Our students did a number of activities including, playing 2 Up, learning a song, baking ANZAC biscuits and creating a art display.

There were many happy and engaged faces and we finished the day with an ANZAC assembly.

#### 3 Way Conferences

Our parent teacher interviews will be held as three way conferences on Tuesday 2nd May. **Students are included in the interview.** This helps to give students a stronger sense of voice and agency, encouraging them to take responsibility for their learning.

Bookings are to be made via Compass. If you have difficulty logging into Compass, please come to the office for help.

#### Staff Changes

Yarny (Mr. T) is reducing his hours from the start of Term 2 to work in a part-time role as a specialist teacher. Therefore, Grade 2/3 will be covered by casual relief teachers until such time as a permanent replacement can be employed.

#### 2024 Prep Enrolments

We request that parents with children starting school in 2024 notify the office and submit an enrolment form as soon as possible. Please include copies of your child's Birth Certificate and up-to-date Immunisation Statement. This will greatly assist us with ensuring you receive important information relation to your child's transition to school.

After, what I hope was a great holiday period for our families, I hope you too are excited to start Term 2.

*Penelope Harris*

EDITION 11

Acting Principal

Penelope Harris



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### TERM DATES

Term 2: Apr 24—Jun 23

Tuesday 25th April—  
ANZAC Day no students at school

Tuesday 2nd May—3 Way  
Conferences

School photos—24th May

Term 3: Jul 10—Sep 15

Term 4: Oct 2—Dec 20

## Absence

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's academic success and social growth. As a parent, you can support your child's attendance by ensuring they have a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and are prepared for school. It is also essential to communicate with your child's teacher and school staff to address any attendance issues promptly. By prioritising your child's attendance at school, you are helping to set them up for a lifetime of success.

## 1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

## How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that is....
10 mins per day	50 minutes p/week	Nearly 1.5 weeks /pyr	Nearly half a year
20 mins per day	1hr 40 mins p/week	Over 2.5 weeks p/year	Nearly one year
30 mins per day	Half a day p/week	4 weeks p/year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour per day	One day p/week	8 weeks p/year	Over 2.5 years

### Late arrivals and early departures

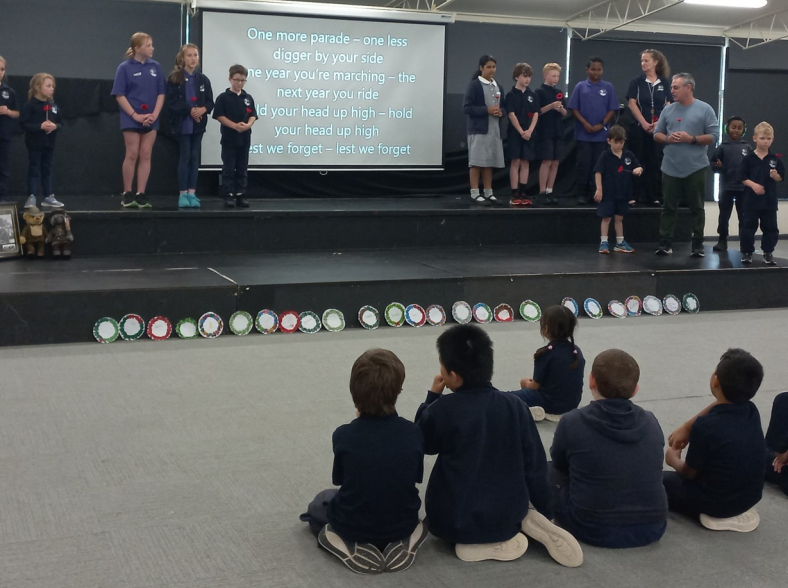
All students must be signed in and out by parents/carers at the office using the Compass Kiosk (iPad). This will automatically update class rolls.

Late students need to obtain a "Late Pass" upon arrival. Students being collected early will be called to the office by staff when they will be collected by parents/carers. Parents are not to go directly to the classroom unless requested by staff.





# Anzac Day



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## ANZAC BISCUITS

Preparation: 12 minutes

Cooking: 20 minutes

Makes 26



- 1 cup (125 g/4 oz) plain flour
- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup (160 g/5  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz) sugar
- 1 cup (100 g/3  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz) rolled oats
- 1 cup (90 g/3 oz) desiccated coconut
- 125 g (4 oz) butter
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup (90 g/3 oz) golden syrup
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

- 1** Preheat the oven to moderate 180°C (350°F/Gas 4). Line two baking trays with baking paper. Sift the flour and sugar into a large mixing bowl. Add the rolled oats and coconut and make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients.
- 2** Put the butter and syrup in a small pan. Stir over low heat until melted and smooth. Dissolve the soda in 1 tablespoon boiling water, then add immediately to the butter mixture. It will foam up instantly. Pour into the well in the dry

ingredients. Stir well with a wooden spoon.

- 3** Drop level tablespoons of the mixture onto the tray. Flatten gently with your fingers, leaving room for spreading. Bake for 20 minutes, or until just browned. Remove from the oven and transfer to a wire rack to cool.

**STORAGE:** Will keep in an airtight container for up to three days.

**VARIATION:** Use treacle or honey instead of syrup.

**HINT:** Instant or 1-minute oats are quite suitable for this recipe.





# Reading in Prep







# From Eddie our Chaplain

Hello everyone,

I have noticed with my young children that sometimes it is difficult to bring screen time back into a reasonable balance after school holidays. While doing several courses in the holidays with tests on mental health, stress, anxiety, and depression, the dangers that unbalanced screen time can have on people is quite concerning. Upon reflection, I determine that it is more sensible in our household to abstain from the temptation of allowing our children to have increased screen time in the school holidays.

My children have had less screen time in the last two weeks in comparison to when they were in term 1. I got concerned in the first week of the school holidays. Since implementing the changes two weeks ago, I have already noticed that their behaviour has been much nicer with one another. They have gone back to imaginative playing together, seem less tired and sleep better.

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Kind regards,

Eddie



## SCREEN TIME MANAGEMENT

for **KIDS**





# *Star Student Awards*

## PREP

Hunter—You are always a safe, respectful learner who always does your best.

## GRADE

1

Scarlett—For displaying exceptional respectful behaviour when listening in class. Well done.

## GRADE

2/3

Elijah—Well done on being a respectful member of our class, following expectations and always trying your best.

## GRADE

4/5/6

Nihara—Well done on showing the school value of being a learner. This was shown with your holiday recount.



# *School Wide Positive Behaviour*



Students earned 2 leaves this week which is 200 acknowledgements of positive behaviour (in a short week).  
Congratulations everyone!





# Parent Payments

## PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

### ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



#### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



#### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

##### Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

##### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

##### Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



#### FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



#### SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

## Saver Plus – helping take the stress out of back to school timez

The Saver Plus community program has helped over 55,000 Australians take the stress out of back to school time. It's free for eligible people to join.

At Saver Plus, we pair you with a savings coach while you budget and save over the next 10 months. You attend online workshops to learn tips, tricks and information to grow your budgeting and savings skills. Once you reach your agreed savings goal, ANZ matches your savings dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500. You can use that money towards education costs such as uniforms, text books, laptops or extra-curricular activities such as sport or music.

You could be eligible to join Saver Plus if you:

- have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal (we also accept child support and carer's payment as income)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

If you're eligible, start now and we'll help take the stress out of next year's back to school.

To find out more, or to apply, go to [www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au) or call 1300 610 355



## Could \$500 help with next year's back to school costs?

Learn tips and tricks to grow your budget and saving skills. Save for 10 months. Get up to \$500 of matched savings for school expenses. Just in time for 2024.

Must meet all eligibility criteria:

-  Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment\*
-  Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
-  Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\*
-  Be 18+ years old

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



**For more info, visit [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au) or call 1300 610 355.**





# **WINTER**

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

**KNOX LITTLE  
ATHLETICS**

\$65 FOR 16 WEEKS

22ND APR TO 5 AUG 2023

FOR MORE DETAILS :  
[WWW.KLAC23.ORG.AU](http://WWW.KLAC23.ORG.AU)

**JOIN NOW**

# **Community Open Day**

**Knox SES**

**7 May 2023 from 3pm until 7pm**

**607 Burwood Highway, Knoxfield**

**Displays, raffles and more! We would  
love to see you!**





# ALCHESTER VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL

## KINDER OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023  
10:00am – 12:00pm



**FREE 3YO & 4YO KINDERGARTEN**

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