

Boronia West Primary School Whole School Bulletin—2023

“Growing through learning”

Dear Parents/Carers/Kin,

I hope you have all had a relaxing and well rested break of the holiday and new year period.

Our first week at school has been a great success, with our students settling into the routines of school very well. It has been great to welcome a number of new families into the school community.

Thank you for so generously welcoming me into Boronia West PS. In my week it has been wonderful getting to know all the students. It has also been great meeting so many parents at morning drop off and at the office when you've come in to say hi. I apologise if I ask your name and you have already told me, I'm still trying to remember everyone's name!

A big thank you to all our staff for spending extra time setting up their learning spaces. The classrooms are bright, vibrant and organised. This has helped to create safe places for our students and orderly environments in which to learn.

Compass

We have had some technical difficulties this week with our network. We are hoping to have it up and running next week. All our school communication will be published via Compass. We will send home parent log ins once we are all back online. Compass has a desktop version and an app for your mobile phone for easy access.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF)

CSEF application are now open for 2023. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card you may be eligible for CSEF. If you were eligible in 2022 and your family circumstances have not changed, you do not need to reapply, we will apply for the CSEF on your behalf. New families to Boronia West PS will need to fill out an application form and return to the office. CSEF credit from previous years can still be used on Camps, Sports and Excursions this year.



TERM 1 —WEEK 2

Acting Principal—

Penelope Harris



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM DATES

Term 1: Jan 30—Apr 6
Term 2: Apr 24—Jun 23
Term 3: Jul 10—Sep 15
Term 4: Oct 2—Dec 20



Attendance & Absences

We encourage families to either call the office when your child is going to be away or notify the school through COMPASS. This really helps us as we are able to communicate effectively with all relevant staff early in the school day.

Some reminders

We encourage all students to bring “brain food” to eat at approximately 10am. We ask that brain food please be single pieces of vegetables or fruit that students can hold in their hand to eat and continue working. Please keep messy fruit or anything that requires cutlery for snack or lunch.

- Student Phones— As per Departmental regulation, all student mobile phones are to be securely stored away during school hours. All students with mobile phones must hand them in to the office each morning, and collect them at the end of each day .
- Assemblies—Don’t forget our whole school assemblies are held on every Friday starting at 3pm. Our first assembly will be next week.
- Hats—In Term 1 and Term 4 our school policy is that all staff and students need to wear hats when outside at recess and lunchtime. With extreme heat we ensure all of our students are drinking enough water and that they are in the shade on those days.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend spending time with family or friends. I can’t wait to see all the incredible learning and exploring our students dive into next week.

Penelope Harris

Meet our Acting PRINCIPAL

About me:

I am very excited to be joining the community at Boronia West Primary School this term.

I live in Wandin with my 2 children Liam and Maeve. We have a crazy Cavoodle named Mille and some chickens.

My passion is Teaching and Learning where teaching is differentiated to support the learning needs for all students.

My favourite things

I love to read, attend to my veggie patch and challenge myself with home improvements.

My favourite food is chocolate and my favourite colour is green.

Penelope Harris –
students will call me
Mrs Harris



I can’t wait to meet everyone on our first day of 2023 on Monday 30th January.

Meet our staff

I am very excited to work with our new staff at Boronia West PS.

- P/1—Serena Merry
- Grade 2/3 Yarny T
- Grade 4/5/6—Celeste Pettinella
- Art—Danielle Hogan
- Music and PE— Christine Andrews

All classrooms will be supported by our amazing ES staff too.

- P/1—Simone and Jess
- Grade 2/3—Mo
- Grade 4/5/6—Jules
- Literacy Intervention—Traci

We have Eddie our Chaplain supporting our students on Monday and Fridays.

And not forgetting Leonie in the office as our Business Manager.

Meet our Chaplain

Hi!

My name is Eddie and I'm the school chaplain. I'm originally from Auckland, New Zealand and shifted to Melbourne two years ago.

I'm married to my wife, Jody, and together we have four children between the ages of 4 and 21! At home we have three lovely cats who love to sleep on our beds and keep us awake at night.

In my own time I enjoy healthy eating, working out at the gym, listening to podcasts and music, and playing games with my kids. My weaknesses are coffee and chocolate!

I believe every day is a new beginning and that a person's history doesn't determine their future.

It's a privilege to serve the children and families in Boronia West Primary School and I'm always available for a chat. Please let me know if you have any topics you'd like me to cover in upcoming wellbeing blogs as I'd love your input and suggestions.

