

Boronia West Primary School Newsletter—2023



EDITION 9

Acting Principal

Penelope Harris



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM DATES

Term 1: Jan 30—Apr 6

Thursday 6th April—2pm
Assembly, 2.30pm student
dismissal.

Term 2: Apr 24—Jun 23

Tuesday 25th April—
ANZAC Day no students at
school

School photos—24th May

Term 3: Jul 10—Sep 15

Term 4: Oct 2—Dec 20

Dear Parents/Carers/Kin,

We have had an amazing week at school this week. Just a reminder that Term 1 finishes on Thursday 6th April at 2.30pm.

Our final assembly for the term will start at 2pm and will be a busy one.

The Easter Bonnet Parade will be part of this assembly, along with drawing the Easter raffle. This will be an exciting event for our students, who are looking forward to showcasing their creativity and artistic talents through their unique Easter bonnets.

Compass

Thank you to families for being proactive with absences on Compass.

If you are having difficulties with your Compass log in please come to the office for assistance.

ANZAC Day merchandise

During lunch eating time next week our school captains will come around to classrooms selling the RSL ANZAC day products, ranging from badges to wrist bands and pens. Please send up to \$5 if your child wishes to support the RSL.

Interschool sports.

Today our grade 4/5/6 students participated in interschool sports against several local primary schools. We were able to field a netball team and a tee-ball team.

It was fantastic to see smiling faces as our students had a great day.

All students represented our school with pride. The sportsmanship, teamwork and cooperation that they demonstrated was outstanding.

Thank you to Miss Petts, Julie, Traci and Brendan for their work and support today.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Penelope Harris



ANZAC DAY

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, Anzac Day is being celebrated on the first Tuesday of Term Two. We are planning a special school celebration on the first day of Term Two, Monday 24th April.



To make this event meaningful to the children we would like to make a connection between Anzac Day and members of their family who have served in the Armed Forces, whether in War or Peace times.

We would like to make an Avenue of Honour to recognise family members who have served which will be displayed with photographs and names along the corridor in the administration block.

If you have photographs we can display please scan these precious memories and email to me at christine.andrews2@education.vic.gov.au We will then print and display them to honour your family members at our service on Monday 24th.

Please email these photos by Thursday 6th April to allow me time to organise the printing and display before next term begins. If you would like me to include the person's name and/or your child's name and relationship to them, please provide this information in the email.

We are looking forward to a great day of learning the history of this event.

Christine Andrews

Our Grade 1 students learning all about 2D (two dimensional) shapes.





STEM News

Students in Grade 4/5/6 have been working on making dioramas that meet a criterion of making a habitat that represent where dinosaurs lived. The diorama needed to have some facts about dinosaurs and the overall product needed to use a range of materials in the creation of their diorama.

The students had to plan their designs and make decisions on what materials were needed for their diorama.

Students in Grade 2/3 provided feedback to the Grade 4/5/6 students on what they did well and what they could improve on in the future.

The Grade 4/5/6 students are looking forward to showing all the students in the school their creations.

A special thank you to Julie who helped students with the hot glue gun and Miss Petts for the rocks, Mr T and Moe for helping provide feedback.

Feel free to check out these dioramas in the STEM room.

Students had a lot of fun making their dioramas.

Thank you, Miss Petts





Grade 4/5/6 Writing

Students in Grade 4/5/6 have been unpacking 'writing seeds'. What are writing seeds you may be wondering? Essentially a writing seed is an idea or ideas you think about when you are beginning a writing piece. Students used a photo of our new building that is currently being built at Boronia West Primary School. Our students are really excited to see this building taking shape.

One of our students, Levi, used the strategy of a think aloud to model to the class how a photo prompt (the seed) can be used as a writing idea. Some words he included were beam and structure. After seeing the lesson modelled all students went back to their desks to have a go at being authors.

At the end of the lesson the class reflected on their experiences of the lesson. Bonnie scribed on the board the feedback. Some of the feedback was as follows:

"I liked that everyone was doing their work." Miss Petts

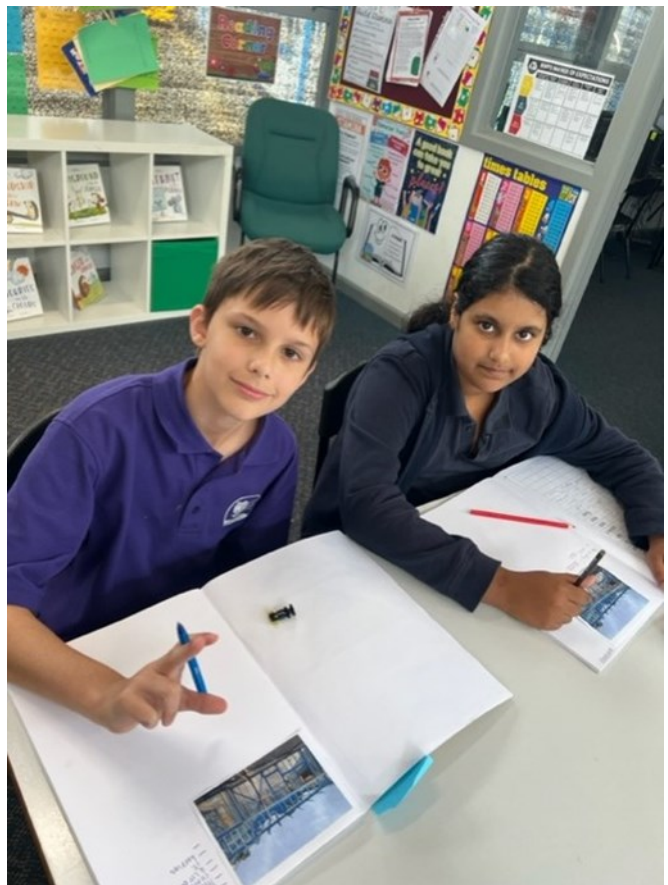
"I liked the work I did and the picture." Cooper

"The task was very cool." Bonnie

"Everyone was on task." Julie

After reflecting the students went around the room and looked at each other's work. It is important to celebrate student learning and their unique styles in writing and thinking.

From Miss Petts





Harmony Day

Harmony Day was an exciting day to celebrate with our staff and students. . Students happily wore the Harmony Day colour orange or their traditional cultural clothes. The students in Grade 2/3 and Grade 4/5/6 were actively involved in many exciting activities. Some included:

- Listening to adults talk about their history and all the customs they celebrate.
- Creating Harmony Day people and writing down a key message about what this day means to them.
- Completing Harmony Day word finds.
- Creating PowerPoints about different countries.
- Getting their hands painted with orange paint to make a display about everyone belonging.
- Reading books related to Harmony Day including Dreamtime Stories.
- Singing a song.
- Listening to Mr T read an interesting story.

The teachers and ES thought students had a great day, but do not take our word for it.... below are some comments that students said based on their experiences of the day.

- "I liked working with Keegan to make a PowerPoint about Aboriginal culture."- Bonnie
- "I liked learning about other people's culture."- Laura
- "I learnt how to make a PowerPoint." – Keegan
- FUN FACT- Zayden's ancestors made the polio vaccine.

Thanks, Miss Petts





Harmony Day





School Wide Positive Behaviour



Students earned 6 leaves this week which is 600 acknowledgements of positive behaviour.

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 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 or call 1300 610 355.



THE BEGINNING FOR ALL FUTURE SUPER STARS

FREE TRIAL
SESSION AVAILABLE

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD
ONLINE TODAY**

For more information about locations and session times please contact us:

W: www.unitefootballacademy.com.au

E: Info@unitefootballacademy.com.au

P: Greg - 0401 069 959

Boys and girls aged 4 – 12 years old will learn to improve their soccer skills and technique in a fun and enjoyable environment.

- ★ Skills development in dribbling, passing, ball control and team work.
- ★ Improving confidence and overall fitness
- ★ Teaching kids from beginners through to experienced
- ★ Friendly games with local clubs
- ★ Having fun and making new friends
- ★ Providing a pathway into local clubs

Victorian Folk Music Club Inc.
(Registered No A2511Y)



Bush Dance fun for **school children & families**

Saturday 15th April
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Ringwood East Senior Citizens Hall,
Laurence Grove, Ringwood East

Band: **Delia's Friends**



Cost: \$5 per child or \$10 a family and adults free
when accompanied by a child

Phone: Jane 9762 1389
Email: dance@vfmc.org.au
VFMC Website: www.vfmc.org.au