Parent Information sessions
A big thank you to the parents who attended the information sessions for Infants and Primary parents yesterday afternoon. The sessions provide an opportunity for parents to clarify any issues they may have with the timetable of activities, how to best assist with homework and the classroom and playground management procedures. I attend each year so as a parent I am sure I can help my children gain the most from the years education. No question is a silly question. I seem to learn new tips each year and it makes attending worthwhile. It was also a great opportunity to meet with our new parents and their children.

New family welcome BarBQue
It was great to see some of our new families and families of Kindergarten and Year 7 attend the BBQ last night. This event provides an opportunity for our new families to meet our staff and P&C members. Thanks must go to our School Administration Staff who did a lot of work behind the scenes in preparation for the event and to Mr Stewart Blomfield for organising the event.

ATTENDANCE
It is time to give a gentle reminder that “It’s not okay to be away.” I believe that a number of parents would have been concerned to see the number of absences recorded on their children’s reports at the end of last year. A day here and there can add up and the consequences in terms of student learning can be really problematic. The average number of days missed per term by a secondary student is five. Those five days per term over Years 7 – 10 add up to missing 2 whole terms! I’m sure all parents would agree that taking two terms off from learning would have a huge effect on how well their child would perform with their learning: that is what happens when we give in to a day here or there. Of course, if your child is genuinely ill or has unavoidable medical or dental appointments, then a note to the school advising us of the reason for the absence is what is required. Parents can advise the school either by phone or a note sent to the school on the students first day back. In the case of a medical appointment or applied for leave then a note or phone call prior to the day is appropriate.

Listed below is the criteria set by the Department for legitimate and unjustified reasons for absences.

Sometimes parents are unaware as to what is a legitimate reason for a child’s whole day or partial absence.

**Legitimate/justified reasons for short term leave**

“S” Sickness includes:
- Dentist appointment
- Physiotherapist appointment
- Doctors appointment
- Other Specialist appointments

“L” Leave includes:
- Family holidays
- Weddings / funerals
- Moving residence.
- Serious illness or death of relative or care-provider
- Misadventure and unforeseen events eg fire or flood
- Participation in special events e.g Eisteddfod

“A” Unjustified reasons:
- Shopping
- Going to the movies
- Visiting a friend
- Too tired
- Slept in
- Missed the bus
- Car broke down
- Hair appointment
- Homework not finished
- Minding younger brothers and sisters
- Birthdays
- Visiting a friend
- Too tired

**Long term Leave**

Longer periods of sickness require a medical certificate for the duration of the leave.

If you are planning a longer period of leave due to a family holiday, please ask the office for an exemption form. Students in the senior years of schooling as a rule will not have applications for exemptions approved. It is important to seek advice early before booking any trips.

Exemptions are granted where the student has an ongoing pattern of good attendance.
Legislative requirements
“Health and safety legislation”
Under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 (OH&S Act) the Department of Education and Communities must ensure that students are not exposed to risks to their health or safety while they are on Departmental premises. The Act also requires the Department to identify any foreseeable hazard that has the potential to harm the health and safety of any person on its premises and to take steps to identify and eliminate or control such risks. School uniform requirements must take into account these requirements. Examples of where a school has a duty to require a standard of dress in the educational setting include, but are not limited to:

• requiring students to wear appropriate footwear, eyewear or other protective clothing so as to avoid injury
• requiring students to wear a hat for outside activities when appropriate
• requiring that jewellery or other items that could, with reasonable foreseeability, cause an injury to themselves or other students are not worn. Staff have a responsibility to report potential and actual health, safety and welfare hazards to the principal.”

Black Leather School Shoes
Staff have received a number of notes from parents recently indicating that their child will not be wearing Leather upper shoes. Boorowa Central School has never allowed the wearing of non-leather uppers for general use on non-sport days. This applies to the entire school K-12.

An increasing number of students are wearing canvas uppers which provide limited protection from chemicals, sharps or impact.

Students not wearing leather uppers to school will be recorded out of uniform. Students without leather uppers in practical classes will be located in another area away from the practical activity and provided with alternate work. In courses where practical component weighting is set by the NSW Board of Studies, teachers may require students to redo mandatory practical activities at a later time when they have their leather uppers.

Earrings and spacers (for all male and female students)
All jewellery is to be removed for practical classes, sports and playtime sport for safety reasons. Earrings of all types including spacers, are to extend no further that 1 cm from the ear. Sleepers are to be no larger than the diameter of a 5 cent piece. “Tooth-like” spacers do not fit this policy. Flat saucer type spacers do fit the policy. Students will be asked to remove the large tooth like spacers.

Students may wear:
• a watch
• 1 ring if it has a low profile.
• 1 necklace as long as there are no sharp pieces.

Jewellery must be appropriate to a school setting. (No alcohol or drug images)

Primary District Swimming Carnival
Best wishes to all students travelling to Grenfell today for the District Twilight Swimming Carnival. We hope students have an enjoyable evening and some personal bests are achieved. Thank you is extended to Mrs Lochrin for organising and taking the team.

Primary Research Project 2013
Our school is offering upper primary students aged between 10 and 12 years of age the opportunity to participate in the National Primary Research Project. The project runs from 13th to 24th May. The cost is $7.00 per student. Entry fee is required by Thursday 28th February. If your child has not already receive a permission note and you are interested in your child participating please contact Mrs Harpley for details.

Australian Mathematics Competition 2013
Students in Years 3-12 are invited to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition to be held on Thursday 1st August. The cost for the competition is $5.50. Entry forms will be distributed to interested students and need to be returned to the office with money by 4th March. If you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Harpley.

Library Parent Survey
On a regular cycle the school reviews areas of curriculum and management practices across the school. This year we are reviewing our Library. The survey can be done online please go to the following:

Webink http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BBYTQ3P.
You can either type in or copy and paste this link into your browser. It is a very short survey and all you have to do is after responding to the questions click (done.) No printing is required. We would be most grateful if you could complete the surveys by the end of next week. If you do not have access to the internet please feel free collect a paper copy from the office. Thank you

Primary Assembly
Our first primary assembly will be held next Friday 1st March. It will commence at 2.30pm. All SRC and Prefect badges will be awarded.

Upcoming Dates
1st March Primary assembly
8th March Primary Regional Swimming Carnival Dubbo
22nd March Harmony Day
28th March Earth day
5th April Primary Cross Country

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2013/14 exchange programs
for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose to study and live life with a carefully selected host family in more than 25 countries.

I did it! 10 months in a foreign country, without knowing the language, culture and not even a single person at first. I have experienced unforgettable moments of highs and lows, but I can’t imagine not having done this now. Thinking about all the amazing people I’ve met, the lessons I have learnt and things I have seen, I feel truly lucky to have been here living a different life. I have no regrets, as I have grown to be more mature, open to life and aware of the world around me. Despite it being hands down the hardest, it has also been the best thing I have ever done for myself. I now feel ready to start life in Australia with a clearer idea of who I am, knowing my strengths, weaknesses and my future goals. Exchange has really helped me define myself and become a stronger and more confident person.

Alison (Moreton Bay College) year program to Italy

Exchange students return to Australia with maturity, confidence, and in many cases, proficiency in another language. If learning another language is not for your child, excellent programs to the USA, Canada, Ireland and the UK are also available.

Scholarships to Argentina and China and Early Bird Specials are now available for programs commencing in 2014!

Become a WEP Host Family!
Experience the joys of hosting an exchange student and gaining an international family member. Visit www.wep.org.au to find out more.

Find Out More!
Request a free information pack. Visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

NSW Police Academy Open Day 2013
When: Sunday 24th Feb 10.00am—3.00pm
Where: NSW Police Academy –McDermott Dr Goulburn

Infants and Primary classes have been learning about Chinese/Lunar New Year customs in Library lessons. Students have been seeing lion and dragon dances, using Chinese puppets and decorations from Hong Kong, learning Chinese words and phrases, their Chinese zodiac animals and about some food and festivals.
Logan:
My special place is Wyangla because you can swim there and it makes me happy and it is great.

Dominic:
My special place is Stuie’s because I like the icecreams.

Dalijana:
My special place is the park and my bed because it makes me happy.

Mollie:
My special place is my bedroom because it makes me really happy.

Emily:
My special place is at the pool.

Charlotte:
My special place is the cubby house because I like playing in it.

Jake:
My favourite place is my bedroom because it helps me think.

Harvey:
My special place is my Nanny and Pa’s river because we swim in it. I like riding the bike too.

Lily:
My special place is my Aunty Jojo’s in Crookwell because I see her all the time and she comes and sees me all the time and she takes my family to the park and we have lunch at the park and our cousins play with us.

Mrs Lochrin:
My special place is the beach because I feel happy when I am walking along the shoreline and looking out onto the water. I also like sitting on the sand and watching the kids play and run into the water. My best friend Ingrid lives in an apartment at the beach. One day I hope to live at the beach.

Mrs Lochrin’s Year 1/2 are working very well in their literacy groups.
Boys in NSW high schools will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination from 2013 to provide protection against developing infections that can lead to cancer.

In 2013, the 3-dose course of vaccine will be offered to:

- Year 7 boys as part of the routine school-based vaccination program.
- Year 9 boys as part of the national ‘catch up’ program in 2013 and 2014 only.

HPV vaccination has been offered to female students in Year 7 since 2007. In 2011, 81% of Year 7 girls received at least one dose of the three-dose course of HPV vaccine.

HPV is the name given to a group of viruses that affect both females and males. Most people who are sexually active will have a genital HPV infection at some time in their lives. HPV infection usually causes no symptoms and goes away by itself. However, in rare cases infection can cause life-threatening cancers. Almost all cases of cervical cancer and genital warts are due to HPV infection. HPV also causes cancers in other parts of the body, including the vulva, vagina, penis and anus.

The vaccine is highly effective in preventing the main types if HPV infection and is most effective when it is given to people before they are exposed to the virus. As well as protecting males from HPV infections, immunising young men will also help protect women from infection. The vaccine is registered for use from 10 years of age and is only provided free for male students who commence the course in Year 7 or Year 9.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents in early 2013. To consent to vaccination, parents are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form and return it to their child’s school.

Students in Year 7 will also be offered vaccination against other diseases, including diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough (dTpa), hepatitis B and varicella (chicken Pox).

For more information please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

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No Smoking in spectator areas at public sports

Section 6A of the Smoke-free Environment ACT 2000 makes a number of outdoor public places smoke-free.

**THE FACTS**

From 7th January 2013 smoking is banned in spectator areas at public sports grounds and other recreational areas in NSW. However, smoking will only be banned when an organised sporting event is being held.

Major sporting facilities are included under the definition of public sports ground and will be required to comply with the new law. Other outdoor sporting facilities, such as Local Council playing fields, are also covered by the new law.

**Will smoking be banned only in spectator areas which are covered?** No. The smoking ban applies to all spectator areas at sports grounds and other recreation areas when they are being used for an organised sporting event. The law applies to both covered and uncovered spectator areas and whether seating is provided or not.

**Will the ban only cover the time that the players are competing?** No. The smoking ban applies during the entire duration of the organised sporting event. This will include not just when the players are competing but pre match and half time games and entertainment that form part of the sporting event.

**Will there be signage to indicate where smoking is not permitted?** Due to the vast array of different sports grounds and recreational areas, the new law does not require signs to be displayed to indicate that smoking is not permitted in spectator areas at sports grounds and other recreation areas during organised sporting events. However, signage may be required in the future if regulations are made requiring a class of sports grounds or other recreation area to display signs.

**What is a spectator area?** A spectator area is an area set aside for or being used by spectators to watch an organised sporting event at a sports ground of other recreational area, but only when an organised sporting event is being held there.

- In public playgrounds within 10 metres of children’s playground equipment.
- In open public areas of public swimming pools
- In major sporting facilities and at public sports grounds
- At public transport stops and stations
- Within 4 metres of the pedestrian access point to a public building
- From 2015, commercial outdoor dining areas (NSW Health is the regulating body and may impose fines where people are in offence of the new rules).
Boorowa Celebrates its Local Women
SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2013 - 9.30AM to 3.30PM
Venue: Boorowa Ex-Services Club Auditorium
Includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch - catering by Richy Didge

COST: $20 PER HEAD - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – DR HELENA POPOVIC, MBBS
Doctor, Carer, Author, Speaker, Media Commentator
“BOOSTING YOUR BRAIN”

DANIELLE POST – WIN NEWS/TV PRESENTER CANBERRA
“Through Thick and Thin: Why Local News is Like a Healthy Marriage”

CHERYL KOENIG – AUTHOR & MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER
2009 NSW Woman of the Year
“Discovering Your Inner Strength – A Journey of Hope”

JANE CAY – FOUNDER birdsnest.com.au
“The Story of a Bird and her Nest”

MOST INSPIRING LOCAL WOMAN’S AWARD WILL BE PRESENTED

Lucky Door prizes      DRESS: Smart Casual
Please bring along a cushion for your own comfort.

DON’T MISS THIS INSPIRING DAY –
RSVP: Wednesday 6th March to Janene Hurley Tel: 63851330 or
email: janene.hurley@boorowa.nsw.gov.au
Learn:
- Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- New understandings of adolescence
- A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- Self check-in, first - for parents.
- Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can’t ignore

Registration Fee
The course is FREE. Covered by Campbell Page – Youth Connections. Morning tea provided.

Register for this course by contacting Naomi Peters at Young and District Community Hub
on Phone 63826328

What parents have said…
A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

Who’s running it?
The trainers for this course are Fiona Lane (School Counsellor/Registered Psychologist), Joe Camilleri (NSW Police), Peter Guthrie (NSW Police), Colina Meadows (Campell Page) who have all completed Parentshop’s Engaging Adolescents training.

For more information contact Joe Camilleri on Ph 69420099
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#### Yr 11
12 to Corrimal Beach

#### Yr 10 & 11
10 to Broken Bay
Important Notice for Senior Students

Starting next week there will be an opportunity for students in Years 11 and 12 to attend regular study sessions after school on a Wednesday. The study sessions will be held in the library for one hour. Teachers will be staffing the study sessions, volunteering their time to provide a quiet space that is rich with resources and to assist students wherever possible to achieve their personal academic goals.

Numero Puzzle: Week two
Basic rules: Make a number sentence using the cards on the table and any wild cards in the player’s hand. Cards may be added freely but any other operation requires a ‘wild’ card. To take cards, one number card equalling the value of the player’s number sentence can be used from the player’s hand. The winner of this week’s puzzle will be the person(s) who creates the highest take.

Cards on the table

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\times \frac{3}{4} \\
\div 3 \\
4 \\
15
\end{array}
\]

Player’s cards

\[
\begin{array}{c}
5 \\
-3 \\
6 \\
12 \\
3
\end{array}
\]

If you think you have the highest ‘take’, present it to Mr Walker or write it down with your full name and leave it at the office before Wednesday of Week 5 to go into the winning prize draw.

Here are some examples of valid plays from last week’s puzzle:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
12 \\
5 \\
1
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{c}
5 \\
-4 \\
8 \\
\times 3 \\
15
\end{array}
\]

A possible ‘2 card take’
Take the ‘5’ card from the table using the ‘5’ card from the player’s hand; \(5 = 5\)

A possible ‘3 card take’
Take the ‘12’ card from the table using the ‘wild - 4’ and the ‘8’ from the player’s hand; \(12 - 4 = 8\)

A possible ‘5 card take’
Take the ‘5’ and the ‘12’ from the table using the ‘wild – 4’, ‘wild x3’ and the ‘15’ from the player’s hand; \((5 - 4) \times 3 + 12 = 15\)

NOTE: In all three examples only one number card from the player’s hand is used and that card is always the answer to the number sentence being created.

I won’t say ‘best of luck’ for this week’s puzzle but rather best of thinking and persisting!

PS: There was a valid six card take from the puzzle one in the week three newsletter. Can you find it?
Boorowa Debutante Ball
May 18th 2013
Girls wishing to make their Deb this year can contact Jody Robinson 63853 210 or Greta Campbell 63853 368. A meeting will be held on 22nd Feb 6.00pm at the Ex-Services Club please attend if you wish to make your Deb. Thank you Greta Campbell.

P & C Fundraiser for 2013
WHAT: “Joker Draw”
Where: Courthouse Hotel Boorowa
When: each “Friday night at 7.30pm”
Come and support your P&C and attend the “Joker Draw” Tickets will be sold between 6.30pm and 7.30pm with 3 prizes being drawn during the hour and then at 7.30pm the “Joker Draw” will be drawn!! The Jackpot this week is $1100. So come along and support our P&C. Kim Blomfield Vice President BCS P&C

P & C News
New school bags have been ordered. Get in quick as there limited numbers available.
Primary $45.00
Secondary $60.00
Lunch bag set $15.00
Gym $10.00
Library bag $10.00
The AGM will be held on Wednesday 6th March at 7.00pm in the Admin building. All most welcome.

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2013
Boorowa Central School FETE

Canteen Roster
TERM 1 WEEK 5
Monday 2502/13
Tuesday 26/02/13 Val Coble
Wednesday 27/02/13 Cristy Friend
Thursday 28/02/13 Michelle Sargent
Friday 29/02/13 Snez Sharmon
Many times throughout the year we have parents who wish to bring a birthday cake to school to be shared with members of their child’s class.

Due to a variety of special dietary needs required by some of our children and the differing parental opinions on this matter, our current procedure is for the school to ask for parental permission before children can participate in eating the cake.

The permission note form provided will allow your child/ren permission to eat birthday cakes throughout the year that are made from the list of ingredients set out below.

**List of ingredients (ALLOWED in birthday cakes)**

- egg,
- butter    margarine    white sugar
- brown sugar milk    vanilla    cocoa
- self-raising flour plain flour cornflour    baking powder
- bi-carb soda salt    canola oil    olive oil
- lemonade icing sugar banana    carrot
- apple pear    orange    lemon
- jelly lollies made with natural colours and flavours sprinkles    licorice

**ITEMS NOT ALLOWED ARE:**

Nuts of any variety, no colours, e.g., food colours, no packet cakes.

We have also included permission note forms for the publication of your child’s photograph. Please be aware that if your child’s photograph appears in our newsletter it will also be on our website and will possibly appear in the local newspaper. If you do not wish for your child to be photographed please tick the box provided on the form.

An email request form is also provided for those parents wishing to receive their newsletter via email.

Jennifer Green - Principal

20TH February, 2013
BIRTHDAY CAKE PERMISSION FORM

My child/ren listed below MAY / MAY NOT eat birthday cakes provided this year. 
(please circle)

Child……………………………………..Class…………………………
Child……………………………………..Class…………………………
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If my child develops any reactions to the foods on the ingredient list, then I will notify the school office of this so their name may be removed from the list.

Parent signature………………………….Date…………………………

PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSION FORM

(Photographs may be taken of individuals or classes at school. Please tick the appropriate box)

I…………………………………………… (Parent/guardian name)
Students Name ……………………………………………Class…………………………

Yes I give Permission ☐ No never to be photo- ☐

Parents signature………………………….Date…………………………

EMAIL REQUEST FORM

(for parents wishing to receive their newsletter via email)

Please add my email contact details to the Boorowa Central School Parent Distribution List.

Name…………………………………………………………………………
Email Address………………………………………………………………
Signature………………………………Date…………………………