Car parking and visiting the school
A few people have indicated that parking in the Farm Street/ Pudman Street carpark has been difficult of late due to a number of vehicles not parking at the east and west sides in an orderly manner. If there are no more car spaces available, please consider others and park in the street. Double parking or parking that prevents others from exiting the carpark only causes frustration. It is important for all visitors to the school to sign in at the front office and not go direct to classrooms throughout the school day. If for any reason you have other people collecting children, please inform the office. This prevents misunderstandings that may cause embarrassment or distress.

NAPLAN Tests
On the 14 – 16th of May, all students in years 3,5,7 and 9 will sit examinations that test Literacy and Numeracy. These National tests provide valuable information to the Department of Education and Communities and the school about program effectiveness and resource allocations. Boorowa Central School uses the growth data in particular to monitor educational growth in students across these years. This data is reported each year in our Annual School Report.
NAPLAN results also determine the level of funding support for students who have learning difficulties. Each year we have a number of parents concerned that these exams place stress on children with learning difficulties. We have enjoyed a history of no students becoming dis-
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Marnie Halls did Mum proud as she sliced through the water in her 50m Freestyle and Junior Girls Relay events.

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Adam Hinds ensured a mature and focused effort as he prepared for his 50m Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke events and supported the Senior Boys Relay team through to the finish.

Claire Howlett and Marlie McIntosh did not have time to sit down as they spent most of their time in the water, competing in six events each plus the Junior Girls Relay!

Marlie came second place overall in the Junior Girls Individual Medley event.

Ellie McMahon swam a strong 50m Freestyle as she was cheered on by her Boorowa team mates and also swam a great race as part of the Junior Girls Relay team.

Mackella Pye swam her heart out in the Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke events and supported the Senior Girls Relay team through to the finish.

Bridget Summerfield enthusiastically competed in four individual events plus the Senior Girls Relay and

Hailey Vandrortoom had pulses racing as she began her Backstroke event with fierce determination, set to secure a place in her heat but unfortunately losing power at the 25m mark and finished her race tired but happy that she gave her best effort.

A big congratulations to all swimmers for their competitive participation, excellent behaviour and sportsmanship on the day; you certainly did Boorowa proud! We wish Jai Allison the best of luck as he prepares for his freestyle and breaststroke events at the Western Region Carnival in Dubbo on 8th March.

Thankyou to the parents who volunteered to help as timekeepers on the day and who happily transported children to and from the Carnival.

Report by Mrs Lochrin—K-6 Swimming Organiser

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.

Primary Assembly

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

Harmony Day 21st March

Harmony Day is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is a day of cultural respect, widely celebrated across schools, childcare centers, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. In 2013 the theme is: Many Stories – One Australia. Our Australian Story is diverse. We come from many countries around the world. We each make up the pages of the bigger Australia story we share today. From the Dreamtime to the Eureka to the Snowy River, from the outback to the city, in wartime and in peace, our
stories may be heart wrenching but also inspirational. Let's take the time to celebrate our diversity. Let's go beyond the cover of the book and wander through the pages of each other's story. It's a way we can learn and understand.

Students and staff will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 22nd March. Students will participate in activities throughout the day including a short assembly with a guest speaker. Students are invited to wear the colour ‘orange’ or they can wear multicultural dress of their choice. Students are reminded to wear or bring joggers this day as it is also their sport day.

**Upcoming Dates**

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**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. A survey will be distributed to parents so you can respond to a number of questions. We would be most grateful if you could return the surveys by the end of next week.


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.

**Numero Puzzle: Week three**

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](image1)

![Player’s cards](image2)

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 6 to go into the winning prize draw.

Congratulations to John Gilbert who found a six card take from last week’s puzzle.

**Boorowa Central School swimmers who competed at the Cowra PSSA District Twilight Carnival held at Grenfell.**
NEWS FLASH FROM
YEAR 2/3

Year 2/3 have been very busy with their learning so far this year!

Hard at work with writing. Sharing news with the class.

We use the Interactive whiteboard, the computers and games to compliment our learning in Numeracy and Literacy.
## Diary Dates March 2013

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“A relaxing option for secondary and primary students at Friday lunch break is to take part in games, for example chess.”

“Be nice to nerds you may end up working for one”

……Bill Gates
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

“Puggle Story time”
FRIDAYS 10.30 am STARTING: 1st March, 2013
The Library is opening up on Friday mornings, enabling a kids "Puggle Story time" to be a regular service to the young children of Boorowa and the local area.
Each Friday morning there will be nursery rhymes, songs, stories and a craft activity catering to children under 6 years of age, “puggles”. This is a fun and free activity, so come along mums, dads, grandparents and carers and sit with your children and enjoy story time.
You do not have to be a member of the library to enjoy Puggle Story time, its open to everyone. Although membership to the library is free and only takes a couple of minutes to complete. Dilly the local librarian is happy to show you around and reveal all the wonderful resources the library has on offer.
The magic of story time can not be underestimated. Story time helps young children develop their imaginations, discover new ideas, improve listening and speaking skills. It can encourage a love of reading and introduce new authors and illustrators to families. It’s a great excuse to get out of the house on a Friday morning and enjoy a fun, free, friendly activity and it’s a chance to meet up with other carers in your neighbourhood.
Hope to see you there.

Library Times
Monday 3.00pm - 5.00pm       Wednesday 3.00pm – 5.00pm
Every second Thursday 10.00am – 1.00pm  Friday 10.00pm – 12.00noon
Saturday 10.00am– 12.00noon       Friday Library open from 10.00am to 12.00noon
SUNDAY 7TH APRIL
Boorowa Central School FETE

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.

HELP NEEDED
THE P&C WILL BE RUNNING A FUNDRAISING STALL AT THE BOOROWA SHOW THIS SATURDAY. IF YOU HAVE AN HOUR TO SPARE BETWEEN 9.00AM—2.00PM ON SATURDAY YOUR HELP WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

JUNIOR GOLF INTRODUCTION MORNING
Sunday 10th March
10.00am start
Boorowa Recreation Club
There will be a hunt for balls, longest drive, putting, chipping plenty of novelty games to introduce your child to golf, all this will be followed by a sausage sizzle. Don’t worry if they haven’t got their own sticks the Club has all different sizes to borrow.
Phone 63853 224 for information.
Children MUST be accompanied by an adult

An Afternoon Dance
Saturday 9th & 16th March—Boorowa Sport and Recreation Club
$10 single class—$15 two classes (per day)
Saturday 9th March: Belly Dance 1.00pm-2.15pm beginners basic.
African Dance 2.30pm—3.30pm beginners West African repertoire.
Saturday 16th March: Belly Dance 1.00pm—2.15pm Groove 2.30pm—3.30pm
Bookings and enquiries 0499868307 or alison.mclean12@hotmail.com
www.naturaltherapypages.com.au

TERM 1 WEEK 6
Monday 04/03/13 Sharon Hinds
Tuesday 05/03/13 Gail Grimson
Wednesday 06/03/13 Megan Moorby
Thursday 07/03/13 Rachel Gay
Friday 08/03/13 Debbie Barclay

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER NOMINATION FORMS FOR THE SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM WHICH WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH MARCH,2013 COMMENCING AT 7.00PM IN THE ADMIN BUILDING. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE NORMAL MONTHLY MEETING. (SEE PG 9 FOR FORMS)

GARY JOHNSON PRESIDENT SCHOOL COUNCIL
In May 2013 the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to school about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 14th-16th May 2013.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 17th May**—A ‘catch-up” day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the test if:

- They are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- They have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal, and a parent of carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent/carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your child’s school.

Please make an appointment with the school Principal if you would like further information about your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at:
Nomination Form for the Community Representative of the Boorowa Central School Council
If you are interested in joining the School Council as a Community member please fill in the form below

Candidate’s Name: ________________________________________

Nominator: ____________________________________________
Seconder: ____________________________________________

Full Name: ____________________________ Full Name: ____________________________

Signature ____________________________ Signature ____________________________

I……………………………. accept nomination for the elected Community Representative position on the Boorowa Central School Council, I am aware of the Council’s Constitution.

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Nomination Form for the General Parent Member of the Boorowa Central School Council
If you are interested in joining the School Council as a Parent member please fill in the form below

Candidate’s Name: ________________________________________

Child in Class: ____________________________________________

Nominator: ____________________________________________
Seconder: ____________________________________________

Full Name: ____________________________ Full Name: ____________________________

Child in Class: ____________________________ Child in Class: ____________________________

Signature ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

I……………………………. accept nomination for one of the elected parent positions on the Boorowa Central School Council. I am aware of the Council’s Constitution.

Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Boorowa Education

COCKTAIL BALL

Boorowa Ex-Services Club
Saturday 16th March, 2013
7.00pm - Dress: Cocktail wear
$50 per head Tables of 10 Limited tickets
Purchase from Boorowa News Agency & Ex-Services Club

Help raise awareness of funds for local education
Boorowa Pre-school, Boorowa Central School, St Joseph’s
and the small schools

GET YOUR FRIENDS, GET A TICKET & GET READY FOR…..

3 COURSE MEAL
LIVE BAND: The Phat Boyz
Guest Speaker: Paralympian - Hamish McDonald
Silent Auction and a chance to win $1,000

All enquiries to Rach Taylor (Organizer) 0428484909
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
BIRTHDAY CAKE PERMISSION FORM

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

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 photographed ☐

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............................