Bring Your Own Device
Parents of all Year 6 – 11 students will soon receive a letter giving information about the “Bring Your Own Device” program and how it might work at BCS. Please note that there is NO compulsion for any parent to purchase a device for their student at this stage.

Attention All Choir Members & Senior Band Members
“Carols in the Park Performance”
Members are reminded to be at the Rec Oval Rotunda at 6.30pm on Sunday 7th December for the “Carols in the Park” performance. The Senior Band will play at 6.45pm. Please make sure you bring all equipment and instruments.

Student Reports
Infants and Primary students will receive their reports at the end of next week. This semester you will notice that our template is different. We have changed this format to provide parents with information on specific areas across literacy and numeracy. We hope this format will make it clearer to parents and students and they can see detailed areas of their child’s performance.
We will endeavour to hand out reports K-Year 5 next Thursday and Year 6 on the Friday.

REMINDER TO PARENTS
MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL RECORDS
It is imperative that our school records on a child’s medical condition be kept up to date. If your child has been diagnosed with a severe medical condition that could impact on their wellbeing whilst at school then please inform the school admin office immediately so a suitable response plan can be initiated.
Life Messages

In assembly yesterday, students had the opportunity to reflect quietly on the life of Australian cricketer, Phillip Hughes. Mostly, the focus was on the type of man he had been and how he had lived his life.

The final paragraph of an editorial in the Sydney Morning Herald on Saturday had a message for us all, and particularly for young people trying to discern how they should live their lives:

“...The legacy of this tragedy and the lasting impression of Phillip Hughes...Seize every opportunity. Do the things you love. Persevere. And be the sort of person of whom family, friends and even a nation can be so rightly proud.”

Rest in Peace Phil Hughes
MILO CRICKET DAY AT BCS
Boorowa Central School
Remembers 100 Years since World War One 1914 – 1918

With Christmas 2014 approaching it is an appropriate time to look back 100 years to an amazing story from World War 1.

http://www.history.com/topics/world-war-i/christmas-truce-of-1914

Mrs Eustace Modern History teacher

The Christmas Truce December 1914

During World War I, on and around Christmas Day 1914, the sounds of rifles firing and shells exploding faded in a number of places along the Western Front in favor of holiday celebrations in the trenches and gestures of goodwill between enemies.

On December 7, 1914, Pope Benedict XV suggested a temporary hiatus of the war for the celebration of Christmas. The warring countries refused to create any official cease-fire, but on Christmas the soldiers in the trenches declared their own unofficial truce. Starting on Christmas Eve, many German and British troops sang Christmas carols to each other across the lines, and at certain points the Allied soldiers even heard brass bands joining the Germans in their joyous singing.

At the first light of dawn on Christmas Day, some German soldiers emerged from their trenches and approached the Allied lines across no-man’s-land, calling out “Merry Christmas” in their enemies’ native tongues. At first, the Allied soldiers feared it was a trick, but seeing the Germans unarmed they climbed out of their trenches and shook hands with the enemy soldiers. The men exchanged presents of cigarettes and plum puddings and sang carols and songs. There was even a documented case of soldiers from opposing sides playing a good-natured game of soccer.

Some soldiers used this short-lived ceasefire for a more sombre task: the retrieval of the bodies of fellow combatants who had fallen within the no-man’s land between the lines. The so-called Christmas Truce of 1914 came only five months after the outbreak of war in Europe and was one of the last examples of the outdated notion of chivalry between enemies in warfare. It was never repeated—future attempts at holiday ceasefires were quashed by officers’ threats of disciplinary action—but it served as heartening proof, however brief, that beneath the brutal clash of weapons, the soldiers’ essential humanity endured.

During World War I, the soldiers on the Western Front did not expect to celebrate on the battlefield, but even a world war could not destroy the Christmas spirit.
**Vietnamese Style Rice Paper Rolls**

**Per group**

**Ingredients**
- 1 portion rice noodles
- 1 chicken thigh fillet
- 2t oil
- ¼ cucumber
- ½ carrot
- 6 Rice paper sheets.
- 1T sprouts
- 6 mint leaves
- Dipping sauce to serve

**Method**
- Three quarters fill a saucepan with water.
- Place on the stove and heat on high till the water boils.
- Place the rice noodles in the water and boil until soft – according to the packet directions.
- Drain the noodles in a colander in the sink.
- Dice the chicken.
- Heat the oil in a fry pan and fry the chicken until cooked through.
- Cut the cucumber and carrot into matchsticks.
- Half fill a bowl with cold water.
- Place one sheet of rice paper into the water to soften (about 20 secs).
- Remove and drain, then spread the paper on a clean chopping board.
- Place 1/6 of the noodles onto the rice paper on one side (NOT in the centre)
- Top with some chicken, cucumber, carrot, sprouts, and a mint leaf.
- Roll up the rice paper.
- Repeat with the remaining ingredients
- Serve with some dipping sauce.

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**CALLING FOR YOUR FAVOURITE RECIPES TO INCLUDE IN OUR COOKBOOK!!**

We are putting together a cookbook to raise money for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

We would love it if you could choose your favourite recipe for us to include in the book. When published, each recipe will have your child’s name and class printed at the bottom. Everyone can send in a recipe mums, dads, students, grandmas, grandpas, infants, primary and secondary. We will try to include as many as possible.

Mrs Southwell, our fabulous kitchen specialist, has already contributed some of the children’s favourite recipes from her cooking classes.

Can you please send your yummy recipes in with your child or bring them to the school office as soon as you can, we will be aiming to have the cookbook ready to publish early next year.

Looking forward to getting your delicious recipes!!

Please contact Mrs Peta Proudford if you have any queries.

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**JACKEROO RANCH**

Pre Christmas Camps
10th Dec—20th Dec
Anytime from 3 days to 10 days

January 2015
1st Week Saturday 3rd Jan—10th Jan
2nd Week Saturday 10th JAN—Sun 18th Jan

Shorter stays are possible if camps are not fully booked. These camps are for “horse mad” children 6 to 16 years. Five to six hours per day including a one hour lesson and three hours trail riding in the Turon Valley.

**Enquiries:** Mrs Pattie Hudson—Phone 63 377173
( nights are best)
**Kindergarten**

Name: Laylah Stewart  
Age: 6  
If you were an African animal, which one would you be? Cheetah  
What are the 3 things that children like the most? Running, playing and having fun.  
What will you be doing when you are 20 years old? I’ll be a vet.  
If a genie gave you 3 wishes, what would you wish for? Special powers to keep my brothers out of my room.

**Year 2/3**

Name: Harvey Gay  
Age: 8  
If you were an African animal, which one would you be? Giraffe  
What are the 3 things that children like the most? Sport, having fun and drawing.  
What will you be doing when you are 20 years old? St George Dragons NRL player (halfback).  
If a genie gave you 3 wishes, what would you wish for? A Dragons football, a Sydney Sixes poster and a family cruise.

**TERM 4 - WEEK 9 - PRIMARY/INFANTS AWARDS**

**THIRD STAR CARD**  
Natasha Hagar  
Jack McMahon  
Lily McKinley  
Annhmaie Eastham-Ward  
Archie Gay

**FOURTH STAR CARD**  
Eclaire Eastham-Ward  
**50 NIGHTS**  
James Farrell  
**100 NIGHTS**  
Logan Mears

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**  
Anthony Brown  Achieving 100 sight words  
Aydien Gurney  Completing Year 4 core spelling words  
Holly Blom  Completing Year 4 core spelling words

**CHAMPION OF THE WEEK**  
Congratulations to Grace Barker who was our schools highest point scorer in Week 8 gaining 3773 points. Well done

**Bringing Valuables to School**—The Department of Education and Communities’ policy is that valuables of any kind are brought to school at the owner’s own risk.
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Volunteers Morning tea held on Tuesday thanking our many community members for all their help throughout the year.
Restructure of the day for 2015

After careful consideration and many hours of discussion regarding the most effective way for our students to learn, Boorowa Central School has decided to trial a change to the layout of the day. For a trial period over the first semester of 2015, Boorowa Central will implement a restructured day.

The reason for this change is to allow more learning to occur earlier in the day. A longer break earlier in the day will allow a more substantial meal for those who may not eat enough at breakfast. This will allow students to learn more effectively with proper food in their systems. Break 2 will be shorter to allow a snack type meal if students want it, to keep them going for the last session.

RAGE after lunch will be silent reading for years 7-11. This regular quiet reading session will allow students to read consistently and be settled for period 5. All students are expected to have suitable reading material for this session. Year 12 will use RAGE for completing HSC requirements, silent reading and structured development sessions on learning and revision skills.

Secondary students will finish ten minutes earlier due to a reduced total amount of break time during the day.

The new Secondary layout would be as follows.

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* RAGE on Wednesday will be Year 7-10 only. Years 11 & 12 will continue in normal classes for the full hour session.

K-6 Proposed times

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Any feedback on the proposed structure of the day for 2015 can be put in writing and sent to:
Boorowa Central School
Pudman Street
Boorowa
NSW 2586

Or emailed to boorowa-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au By Friday 5th December 2014.

We will be formally assessing this trial at the end of May 2015. Ongoing feedback is welcomed and can be sent to the above address during 2015.