New E-Safety Commissioner
The commissioner urges parents to be aware. The Australian Government now has a Children's eSafety Commissioner who works to resolve serious complaints about misuse of online platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Kick and the like to denigrate or bully others. The Commissioner will be working to resolve issues in schools across all states of Australia.

To prevent any of our students having to be dealt with formally by a federal department we urge all parents take time to discuss the importance of appropriate use of technology and review any online platforms your children are using conform to the age guidance of the platform. Platforms have a range of ages for users which when we are investigating issues that arise from time to time, we discover that children are accessing apps that are meant for people several years older.

Previously we have had a number of experts visit to run parent forums on these matters. We are working to again run a similar program which covers the new apps that have been identified as Child Protection risks or commonly used for bullying and intimidation of others. Parents need to understand that content posted online by and about their children can be viewed by future employers during recruitment processes. Cyber reputation is a very important element for employers particularly in some professional and trades careers.

Visiting Medical Student Gabriela Corcoran
Last week Gabriela Corcoran ran sessions for students interested in pursuing careers in Medical Science. Gabriela was a student of Boorowa Central School and is currently undertaking university studies with the University of New South Wales to become a Doctor of Medicine. Gabriela currently is working at the Wagga Wagga Base Hospital as she undertakes specialist rural training. Selected students in primary, and students in Years 7 to 12 attended the workshops with her to learn about health based careers. Students enthusiastically engaged with the sessions. It is wonderful to have past students visiting the school to share their expertise in their new professions/careers with current students, inspiring our students to set high expectation goals and enhance their achievement.

Cyber Safety
Many young people are using technology in some way every day. This technology is constantly changing and I encourage all parents to actively monitor their child’s use of technology. An example of this is apps; students have access to a number of free apps via the App store and Google play. These apps come with an age restriction which parents should be aware. There are a number of apps restricted to people over the age of 17, which should be a guide for all parents. These apps are being used by school age children well below the recommended age. Some hints when looking for apps for children are; Google the app or visit the website if there is one available, do an online search (is … safe for kids), read online articles, check the age restrictions, is there a parents section for you to look at, what security features does the app have, read reviews, check that free is actually free or play the game yourself to see if it’s suitable. If you are looking for more information about apps and games the Common Sense Media (commonsensemedia.org) website has some great up-to-date information.

Kindy Start
Our Kindy Start Program for Kindergarten 2016 begins on Friday the 31st July with our Kinder Orientation Day. We will be welcoming parents and students to our Library at 11.30. After a meet and greet we will have a tour of the primary/infants classrooms and other essential areas of the school like the canteen and playground. Parents of Kindergarten 2015 and the P & C will treat our new families to some lunch and parents and staff will be on hand to answer questions.
and have a chat about our wonderful school. Then our K-2 students will perform a song in the library to show off their singing and dancing talents.

Our Kindy Start half days begin the following Friday 7th August from 9-11 and continue for the next four Fridays concluding on Friday 28th August. Kindy Start whole days are on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October.

We look forward to welcoming Kindergarten of 2016 to our school. Any questions please phone the school.

G.A.T.E.WAYS

During last term Boorowa Central School was offered an opportunity to trial the GATEWAYS program for identified gifted and talented students. The feedback from students and parents indicated that it was a very engaging program and was well worth the cost and time they invested. The program offered the opportunity for students to attend a specific program that targeted their area of talent. The programs offered included writing, science, math and art based workshops this year. As this year's GATEWAYS program received such positive feedback we will be looking to offer the program again next year. If you would like to find out more about the GATEWAYS program then you can visit their website at http://www.gateways.edu.au where you will find more information about identifying gifted and talented children and other programs that are available over holiday breaks or throughout the year. The students chosen to attend this year were identified by staff as being gifted or talented in a specific area. While teaching staff appreciate all students are unique and special in their own way, the GATEWAYS program specifically targets those students who are academically or artistically gifted or talented in specific areas. The programs offered expected that the attending students be capable of working 2 years above their actual age as a guide to the degree of difficulty. With this in mind staff will follow the policy set down by the NSW Department of Education and the GATEWAYS program requirements when identifying gifted and talented students who may be strong candidates to attend various programs on offer.

Boorowa Central School student’s holiday experience with

G.A.T.E.WAYS

G.A.T.E.WAYS is an organization established in 1994 to provide opportunities for highly able and gifted children. Like-minded students can participate in programs that will challenge them intellectually and help develop their individual talents. Engaging presenters who are expert in a given field or fields; passionate about their field and able to convey this enthusiasm to children, develop and deliver programs that are inquiry based, with hands-on activities, problem solving and higher order thinking skills.

8 nominated students attended workshops of their choosing for either Monday/Tuesday or both days of week 1 in the recent school holidays. Their parents travelled with them and anxiously dropped them off at Canberra Grammar School from 9-3pm with approximately 300 students in total. The students were given a chance to develop their social skills, meet new friends from a variety of places and be engaged by professionals. All of our students presented themselves and Boorowa Central with a high standard. Some were commended for their focus, good behaviour, enthusiasm and willingness to participate and step outside of their comfort zones. This was an enriching opportunity for our students, one I feel as a parent, has exposed them to, or extended their experiences in areas they would not normally appreciate. This experience is one I would recommend to others. (Rachael Taylor, Parent)

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The students described their experience as follows:

“I liked going to Gateways because I got to make a spy robot with a camera in the Robotic Toyshop and pulling ice out of a can and trying to crack and melt it in the Adventures in the Great Icy Poles workshop”
Jordan Grimson, Kindergarten

“We went to Canberra to do special things. We did Robotics and they were fun because we used pulleys and leavers to make a Robot.” Preston Harris, Kindergarten

“I really liked getting to make a spacecraft and learning about all the different planets”
Aleksander Cummins, Yr 1

“In the holidays I spent two days in Canberra. I enjoyed making a kite and learning how things fly. In Drama class we had to pretend to be an Alien from planet Blurb, it was fun to be whatever you liked and learn different styles. I made new friends. It was spectacular and I’d love to go back!” Mylee Taylor, Yr 1

“I had a fun day and met new friends. My favourite part was learning how to follow maps. I would love to do it again!” Josh Craig, Yr 3

“In the holidays I went to a special day in Canberra. We learned about bees and how they make honey. It was really cool and I would love to go again. The other kids were nice and I made a new friend...” Jake Cayfe, Yr 3

“In the holidays I went to a school in Canberra and learnt about bees and mapping. I made a new friend from St Peters and Pauls in Sydney. If I had the chance to do it again I would like to.” Lucas Cayfe, Yr 3

“My G.A.T.E.Ways experience was very enjoyable and educational. During the two days, I attended Adventure sports (a.k.a. killing Barbie) and Play in a Day. It was great to work with other students from different schools that were my age. I would recommend this event to anyone.” Mackellar Pye, Yr 7

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect the stickers when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 June and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at Young Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products in the program, and we’d love to get lots of new gear!
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Week 1 & 2 Primary Awards

**FISH AWARDS**

Ellie McMahon, Katlyn Edwards Kayden Hirsch, Tyler Sullivan

Jarrad Paton, Claire Howlett Graham Parkes Archie Gay

**READING AWARDS**

25 NIGHTS READING
Kirsten Piper
Aleksander Cummins

50 NIGHTS READING
Hayden Croker
Nicholas Wilson
Jordan Grimson
Blake Cross
Destiny Hardefeldt

75 NIGHTS READING
Max Galvin
Finlay Shore
Destiny Hardefeldt

FIRST STAR CARD
Aleksander Cummins
Chloe Mcclung

SECOND STAR CARD
Finlay Shore
Leilani Cayfe
Archie Gay
Lucas Cayfe
Max Galvin
Carrie Smith
Jade Moon-Anderson

Emma Craig
Kai Blom
Jack McMahon
Jacob Cayfe
Kiara Gibbs
Éclair Eastham-Ward

Josh Craig
Elle McIntosh
Isabella Piper
Charlotte Penrose
Hayden Croker
Tamsyn Ritchie
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NAME: Jackson Karchinsky
AGE: 5
CLASS: Kinder
FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT SCHOOL: Colouring in
WHY I RECEIVED STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Because I have been listening
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? Builder

NAME: Kyle Pye
AGE: 8
CLASS: Year 2
FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT SCHOOL: Soccer
WHY I RECEIVED STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Because I help others
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? Zoo keeper

NAME: Hayden Croker
AGE: 6
CLASS: Year 1
FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT SCHOOL: Ipads
WHY I RECEIVED STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Because I help my friends
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? Shearer
On Friday Kindergarten went to the town library. First Gaga the clown gave us some toys. Then we sang “Old Macdonald Had A Farm”. Next we got up and danced. Kindergarten were the best listeners and had the biggest smiles ever!

Kindergarten have been working hard on their “friends of 10” learning.
Our students were very excited last Friday when after months of planning, writing, viewing and rehearsing their news stories, our first such competition day took place. To prepare for the competition students were required to work as a team to allocate who would research and create an International News story, an Australian or local news story, and Entertainment piece and a Sport report. To add to the difficulty the audience consisted of very young students from Years 4, 5 and 6 so the competitors were aware that their stories had to be uplifting, mysterious, humorous, interesting, thought provoking, entertaining and anything that did not include sadness, violence or tragedy. Students were also encouraged to dress as they see reporters present themselves depending on whether for example they were reporting on casual stories like sport or more formal stories in the news section.

Schools from around the region were invited but unfortunately many were snowed in on the morning so were not able to attend. Teams from Yass, Grenfell and Goulburn were able to get through so the competition went ahead and was a great success. Our wonderful adjudicators Ms Jelisa Apps and Mr Greg Eastman both have had much experience in the world of Media and reporting and both were very impressed with the standard of the students creativity and polished delivery. Jelisa gave the students a very inspired speech and Question/Answer time relating to University studies, career choices and her work as a news reporter.

Henry Lawson High took home the Boorowa Lions winners trophy and medals while Mulwaree High students were awarded the runners up trophy and medals. A special encouragement award for an outstanding performance from a student not in one of the winning teams was awarded to Year 7 Boorowa Central School student Zac Franklin.

Representing Boorowa were Morgan Liddle, Danii O’Leary, Tully Eccles, Zac Franklin, Max Hagar, Josh Southwell, Milli Smith and Abigail Daniels. An event like this cannot take place without hardworking helpers. Our workers were Jasmine Nash and Amanda Noakes Scorers (Amanda was also Reserve) April Corcoran and Jasmine Wignall Hosts and Hannah Waters and Claudia Edwards Timekeepers. Catering was supplied by Mrs Southwell and her senior Hospitality students. We look forward to holding this competition again in future years.
Variety Bash 2015

St Joseph’s School Invites You to ...
Come and join the fun ....
On 2nd August
Scott St Boorowa

BBQ lunch available
12pm – 3 pm
Want to feel warm and fuzzy, inside and out? Well now you can with Cerebral Palsy Alliance’s Wear a Onesies Day

Staff and Students of Boorowa Central School
Wear a Onesies Day on Friday 31 July

So borrow, make or buy your perfect onesie outfit.

Post your pics on Facebook and get your friends, family and colleagues involved to raise money to support children with cerebral palsy. And don’t forget about social media to let everyone know about your involvement in the campaign by posting photos using the hashtag#OnesieForADayToSupportCPA

Cerebral Palsy (CP) is a physical disability that affects body movement, muscle control, muscle coordination, muscle tone, reflex, posture and balance.

In Australia, 1 in 500 Australian babies is diagnosed with cerebral palsy, There is no known cure for cerebral palsy.