2016 Diary Dates

School Photos
Tuesday 29th March

School Elective Fees
Due this Friday
4th March

Attention Please Note:
There are two surveys requiring your attention at the end of this newsletter. Please take the time to fill in the surveys and return to the front office. If you receive your newsletter by email and don’t have access to a printer, a hard copy of both surveys will be available at the front office.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND ADDRESS CHANGES FOR SCHOOL RECORDS

It is imperative that our school records on a child’s medical condition and address changes 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. If your family address or contact phone number has changed since 2015 the office needs this information A.S.A.P.
Thank you to the families who attended the New Parents BBQ on Wednesday 17th February. It was a great opportunity for families to meet the whole school teaching staff. It was also a night where new families were able to connect with each other.

Ms Green made a point of introducing the Learning and Wellbeing team who are proving to be an increasingly important faculty, lead by Mrs Hambly. The Learning and Wellbeing team includes Mrs Corkhill, Mrs Dwyer, Mrs Gay, Mrs Riles, Mr Howlett, Miss Halls, Ms Nosworthy, Ms Maley and Ms Abbey.

The delicious BBQ was kindly cooked by Mr Blomfield and Mr Howlett with all staff providing a diverse range of healthy salads.

The children enjoyed having the run of the school, making the most of the play equipment and ovals. A thoroughly enjoyable night was had by all.

Rugby 7 a side is now an Olympic sport especially for women and as part of this Olympic year the ACT Brumbies are attempting to support our local youth in gaining the opportunity to learn how to play Rugby 7 a side in a fun and engaging way.

On Wednesday Angus Bulmark & Nicholas Tankey; development officers with the ACT Brumbies visited Boorowa Central School along with Tevita Unga Wolske; an Under 20’s Super Rugby Player for the Brumbies. They shared several fun activities with our students from years 3 right through to year 10 as well as helping train our Rugby 7’s secondary students during their lunch time.

All students had fun, learning passing, catching drills as well as how to tackle safely. The Development Officers also shared their expertise with some of our teachers which will help them further develop gross motor skills as well as team work.

On Thursday 31st March, students from years 7 to 12 will be attending a Gala Day at Goulburn High which is sponsored by the ACT Brumbies. Expressions of interest notes have been handed out and need to be returned to the front office as soon as possible,
Over the course of Term 1 2/3 will be engaging in the science unit ‘Schoolyard Safari’. This unit explores how we as humans share our wonderful planet with many other animals. We will be observing the external features of small animals which lead to a better understanding of how their features help them survive in their habitats. Through investigations, students learn how animals move, feed and protect themselves. We will be exploring and comparing the habitats of different animals.

We discussed as a class where in the school we thought would be animal life and created a map, as well as putting together a Code for Caring. This Code for Caring outlined rules in how to handle the animals we found. We set out on our ‘Schoolyard Safari’ following our map to discover all the animal life within the schoolyard. We found Bees, Beetles, Cicada shells, Ladybeetles and many more. As a class we recorded our findings and discussed the environment in which we found the animals in.

Miss Geach
The Primary Infants Swimming Scheme is coming along nicely. Students are into the 3rd week of an 8 week course and showing a marked improvement in their swimming skills.

Cowra District PSSA Swim Carnival
On Friday 19 February thirteen swimmers from Boorowa Central School attended the Cowra District PSSA Swim Carnival in Cowra. We had many swimmers achieve personal bests on the day with some taking up to 13-20 seconds off their times.

All our swimmers represented our school with pride and sportsmanship throughout the day. We would like to thank the large number of parents and grandparents who came to support our students as well as time keep, apply sunscreen and cheer!

Congratulations to Harvey Gay who was awarded Junior Boys Champion!

We wish Harvey Gay and Archie Gay all the best in Dubbo this Friday at the Western Region PSSA Trials. Archie is swimming in the 9 years 50 metres. Harvey is swimming in the 10 Years 50 m Backstroke, 50 m Breaststroke and 200m Individual Medley.
Students of the Week

WEEK 5

Jackson Karchinsky 6
CLASS: 1/2
FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT SCHOOL: Colour in
WHY I RECEIVED STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Helping others
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? Builder

Aiden Newman 7
CLASS: Yr 2/3
FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT SCHOOL: Write stories
WHY I RECEIVED STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Listening to the teacher
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? Doctor

Reuben Hagar
AGE: 5
CLASS: Kinder
FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT SCHOOL: Reading Eggs
WHY I RECEIVED STUDENT OF THE WEEK: I am good at the activities.
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? Policeman

WEEK 6

Éclair Eastham-Ward  AGE: 7  CLASS: Yr 2/3
FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT SCHOOL: Free time
WHY I RECEIVED STUDENT OF THE WEEK: I work hard on my activities every day.
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? Astronaut

Kirsten Piper
AGE: 6
CLASS: 1/2
FAVOURITE THING TO DO AT SCHOOL: Colouring in.
WHY I RECEIVED STUDENT OF THE WEEK: Doing good work
WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP? Vet

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Boorowa Central School

STEP INTO YOUR FUTURE

WHEN  Friday 1 April 2016 10am—2pm
WHERE  Boorowa Central School, Boorowa
INFORMATION  www.boorowa-c.schools.nsw.edu.au
ENQUIRIES  susan.m.dwyer@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone (02) 6385 3009

Boorowa careers 2016
Veterans 4 Youth (V4Y) is a new school holiday program run by Veterans for youth aged 11 to 16 years to correct their negative attitudes and to teach them to handle the challenges of life so they can grow to integrate with society and become responsible young adults.

We use trained military veterans to run our courses. We have found that children seem to show veterans a level of respect that they don’t normally show to parents, teachers, or even the law. This gives us a unique advantage to get through to them. Perhaps it’s the ‘warrior ethos’, or maybe it’s just the down to earth and practical approach we take.

The V4Y Life Ammo Course is a 12-day residential camp based on the military ethos of self-discipline; teamwork; moral and physical courage; and self-worth. V4Y camps are designed to provide a challenging, fun, and educational environment whereby adolescents can connect to, or reconnect with:

1. A structured value system.
2. A respect for themselves and others.
3. A sense of self-worth and confidence.
4. An ability to participate fully as part of a team.
5. An attitude of resilience.
6. An attitude of personal responsibility based in an understanding of consequence.
7. An understanding of, and desire for physical health and well-being.
8. An ability to maintain and care for their personal effects and possessions and contribute to the care of communal environments.

The V4Y camp experience will bring positive change - graduates will become more confident in acting as individuals and part of a team, and be better able to make values based decisions which allow them to contribute as members of their families, peer-groups, schools and wider community.

In order to achieve these objectives, the camp consists of learning and experiences that fall under six key learning areas (KLA).

1. Values and Ethics
2. Self Worth and Confidence
3. Teamwork
4. Responsibility
5. Resilience
6. Health and Well-Being

Our camps are designed for the “average” 11-16yo who might lack self-confidence; be disobedient, disrespectful, or rude; or prioritise computer games or social media above their homework or jobs around home.

They are NOT suitable for highly troubled teens who might be addicted, involved with the Juvenile Justice system, have a history of violence, or who have any form of mental issues. We will also have to restrict entry to any youth who requires large volumes of drugs to control their behaviour. This is a ‘very’ early intervention course only.

Can you please help us get the message out to families that this course is available.

Next Course Dates:
Course 2-16 (QLD/VIC/NT holidays): Tues 29 Mar 16 to Sat 9 Apr 16
Course 3-16 (NSW/ACT/WA/TAS/SA holidays): Tues 12 Apr 16 to Sat 23 Apr 16

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
www.v4y.com.au

Testimonial
“We sent our son on the January 2016 ‘Life Ammo’ course. We’ve done plenty of other things before to try and help calm his behaviour – including bringing a behaviour management specialist into the home for intense therapy for a three-month period – but nothing worked as well as this has. For my son, it was the whole structure and routine which worked well for him. Knowing that he would have to get up in the morning, exercise and get into that repetitive routine was really important. The camp built his confidence too. This is a child who would live with his Xbox 24/7. The fact he went two weeks without it showed him that he doesn’t need it to survive. I’m so impressed with the impact that two weeks made.” - Teresa Irvine

Contact details:
1300 874 034 or email: info@v4y.com.au
Thank you for your support. Together we WILL make a difference! Daimien Patterson
Every 2nd week the school produces a newsletter to keep our parents informed with what has occurred throughout the weeks, the upcoming events and to celebrate our students achievements. The cost in producing this newsletter is escalating, particularly with the cost of photocopy paper and toner needed in it's production. To help minimise our costs we will in the future be emailing our newsletter to parents. To ensure that you receive your newsletter and are kept up to date on school news and upcoming events, please fill in the attached request form with your name and email address.

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**News from the TAS Department.**

**Robotics Club** – The Robotics Club is now meeting on Wednesday’s after school in the computer labs. Students are building and programming their robots to achieve multiple tasks. All students are welcome to attend. Collect a permission note from the front office.

**SAKG**—Primary students have commenced fortnightly lessons in the kitchen. At this time of year many people have surplus produce from their garden or fruit trees. Mrs Southwell would gladly take donations of unwanted fruit and vegetables for use in our lessons.

**Art** – Miss Packwood is currently in need of egg cartons, jars and magazines for her art classes. If you have any of these that you can donate, please leave them at the front office.

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**Clean Up Australia Day**

Come and support your town........

When: **Sunday 6th March 2016**

8am until noon.

Where: Start point Red Hill Reserve, Cnr Pudman, Queen, Ford St Boorowa

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- If driving, please park on Queen Street or Ford Street and walk around to the entrance on Pudman Street.

- Remember this is a bushland setting and snakes are a possibility as the weather warms up. Don’t forget hats, sunscreen, water and sensible closed in footwear.

- Bring Gloves and Bag for rubbish

- Contact Ros Gibson 6227 2141 or Boorowa Landcare on 0459 681 08 for more information.

- We will finish with a sausage sizzle at 12 Noon.
Our current sport shirt is no longer available. There are no shirts similar to our existing shirt so we need to select a new shirt. The P&C this week selected three possible styles. Parents, students and staff all have one vote to cast in deciding which style we go with.

Parents are assured that anyone with the current shirt will not need to replace the white shirt. When there is a uniform change, there is a two year period of changeover.

The three shirt styles are hanging in the front office of the school for viewing for the next 2 weeks. The fabrics are different in quality and weight so inspecting them first hand may help your choice. A decision will be made on Monday 21 March and will be available from Young Embroidery Services shortly after.

(Please tear off slip and return to school office before March 21)

Name:__________________________________________

Please indicate your preference - tick A B or C

Thank you,

Jennifer Green - Principal
Australian Gifted Support Centre offers a wide range of services to gifted children and adolescents, their parents or caregivers and their teachers.

Events coming to the South Coast

Managing Big Emotions 5-8 year olds
This workshop will focus on the big emotions that gifted children often find hard to manage.
LOCATION: Nowra NSW       DATE: 20 March 2016

2016 Camp – Harry Potter
Join the Professors for 2 days of fun and exciting activities based on J K Rowling's Harry Potter Series. We will have a wide range of activities, workshops, games and exploration time.
WHEN: 7.30pm Friday 15th May, 2016 to 3pm Sunday 15th May 2016
AGES: 6 – 14 year olds       LOCATION: Mittagong NSW

Coming soon: (Please send an email to express interest)
Making & Keeping Friends    Moruya NSW    May 2016

TO BOOK ANY SOUTH COAST EVENTS:

Events being held in ACT

Managing Big Emotions
This workshop will focus on the big emotions that gifted children often find hard to manage.
DATE: 20 March 2016

High School Study Skills
Prepare for the years assignments and exams.
Organisational skills, exam techniques and stress relief for High School students in years 7 - 12 in 2016!
DATE: 2 April 2016

Making and Keeping Friends
This workshop will look at the values of friendship, different levels of friendship and help to develop skills that will help the children interact with others in a happy productive way.
DATE: 30 April 2016

TO BOOK ANY ACT EVENTS:
http://australiangiftedsupport.com/act-programs-and-services/

Assessments and consultations.
The assessments have been designed to identify giftedness and any possible learning differences, or issues, and to highlight strengths in your child. Your child’s situation will then be analysed and a formal written report will be completed.
To organise a Comprehensive Developmental Assessment and/or IQ and achievement test contact us.

Lyndal Reid       0408 436182
lyndal@australiangiftedsupport.com
http://australiangiftedsupport.com
TECHNOLOGY IN THE HOME
Survey due back: Friday 18 March
Results of this survey will have a significant impact on future directions with student learning and communication with families.

It is important for the school to have a clear appreciation of the availability of technology to our students outside of school to ensure we do not disadvantage students with take home tasks that rely on technology. The school is moving to a paperless environment and we are looking at strategies to enhance communication with families. We will be contacting homes that have not returned this survey to ensure we have a complete picture of whole school needs.

Connectivity and Access
Do you have the Internet at home? Yes / No
What sort do you have? Dial up / ADSL1 / ADSL2 / Satellite / Mobile / NBN / Other __________________
What is your data limit per month? 100-500 Mb / 500Mb – 1G / 1-5G / 5-10G / Unlimited
In the last twelve months, have you had disruptions to your connectivity? Yes / No
How often? 1 – 5 times per year / 6 – 10 times per year / 1 – 2 times per month / weekly / daily
What devices do you have at home that will connect to the internet? (Circle all that apply) iPod / iPad or tablet / Mobile phone / Mobile phone (SMART) / Laptop or desktop computer / Smart TV / Game console: _______________

Do any of these devices allow downloading of Apps? Yes / No
Do you have family rules about the use of the internet which limit your children’s usage time? Please add detail
Do you have family rules which limit your children’s downloads? Please add detail:
Do you have family rules which limit your children’s use of software / Apps / Social media? Please add detail
Please add any other detail (e.g. how much time each day, how many times per week, variations due to the age of the child)

Social Media
Have you seen Boorowa Central School’s official Facebook page?
Do you follow Boorowa Central School on Twitter?
Do you currently receive our newsletter by email?
Have you ever used our electronic email newsletter to download colour photos of your children?
We are planning fully electronic delivery of the school newsletter by the beginning of term 2. If you do not receive the newsletter by email at the moment, please provide an email address to which we can send your newsletter.

Technology training sessions for parents:
The school is able to run technology training sessions for parents. Some areas we are considering includes: how to access email and use mobile phones to hotspot other devices in the home.
If you are interested in this or other types of training around the use of technology, please indicate.
Yes / No, I would like training in how to use email.

Yes / No, I would like training in how to hotspot devices.
By the end of the term we should be in a position to accept electronic payment for excursions, fees etc. When we have this facility would you be interested in training on how to make a payment electronically?
Yes / No, I would like training in how to make electronic payments.
I would like training in other technology use:
We will produce a list of all people who indicate interest in the training and make personal contact when the training is arranged.
Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The information will be used to better tailor student homework and assignments and communicate with families.
A summary of the responses will also be published in the Annual School Report in the last week of term 1.

Surname of family:
Location of home: