WEDNESDAY 19TH OCTOBER

DATES FOR THE DIARY

KINDY/PRIMARY CONCERT
THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER

YEAR 7 TRANSITION CAMP
24TH – 26TH OCTOBER

YEAR 7 - 12 PARENT
TEACHER INTERVIEWS
TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER

KINDY TO SCHOOL
TRANSITION INFORMATION
SESSION
WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER

YEAR 12 LAST DAY OF OFFICIAL
ATTENDANCE
FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER

KINDY BIKE-A-THON
MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER

GOVERNING COUNCIL
MEETING 7:30PM
31ST OCTOBER

YEAR 9 ROUNDTABLE
FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

NOTES SENT HOME

YEAR 12 DINNER
INVITATIONS

YEAR 7 ERRAPPA CAMP FINAL
LETTER

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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 1 2016

From the Principal

Our thoughts are with Donna Emery this week over the recent passing of her mother Margaret. Thank you to Eric Zanker for driving the Wilmington bus this week while Donna is on leave.

The last week of term 3 finished in an extraordinary way, through various weather reports we knew that an unusually low pressure system was approaching and at 3.27 pm Wednesday 28th September we were advised by DECD email that there was a severe weather warning alert. Our school buses were in the process of departing the school.

As the weather became progressively worse from about 4pm onward it became evident that our buses may not be able to run on the Thursday due to downed trees and localised flooding. As the power went off and the back-up battery system for mobile and then landline/internet communications failed, communicating with families and staff became tenuous. I found myself parking on the side of the road at odd times throughout the day on Thursday and Friday where I could get some data link and sending updates out on texts to families, Facebook to families and in one lucky instance getting through to the ABC 693 for families to hear what was happening. Thursday evening I was also able to email DECD (from the side of the road) to advise of our closure on the Friday due to the reasons listed above. Your capacity to receive these messages of course was reliant on when you were back on with power and communication networks working.

The school itself was lucky to sustain no physical damage, though I know that we have families who have sustained some property damage as a result of the horrendous winds. We are thankful that no one was physically hurt during the onslaught.

Our reports were sent home on Monday, along with last term’s newsletter. Both of which were of course intended to go out in that last week of term 3. The primary/kindy concert has been rescheduled to this
Thursday at 7pm and parent/teacher interviews have been rescheduled to Tuesday next week due to the delay in you receiving reports.

In the last newsletter you will have noted that Andrew Geddes is on leave this term. We welcome David Byrne to BCDS this term filling in for Andrew. We thank Andrew for delaying his leave to ensure that the year 12 students were as close to completion as possible in their work.

Year 12’s are fast approaching the finish line for completing work and undertaking revision activities. Some staff are asking students to work with them outside of normal school hours: for example to have a practice run at sitting a 3 hr 10 min exam in one sitting; or to revise; or to complete work. These activities occur at school. Please don’t assume that students can rock up to a teacher’s residence for work, ensure that phone contact is made first and foremost so that a meeting can be arranged at school.

This Friday we will recognise students who have had 100% and 99% attendance during term 3. Please ensure that holiday breaks are taken during school holiday times and that shopping with students is after school hours and if you can make appointments for students out of school time you are helping your student stay on track in their learning. Every day matters.

Illness of course occurs when and where it does! Texts to families will seek reasons for student absence on that day.

Jenny Stringer
Principal

Kindy and Rural Care

We had a great day in Melrose on Tuesday 18th October. We visited Richard and Kerri at Over The Edge and Richard told us all about the bikes in his shop. We saw a beach bike with wide tyres that stick to the sand and a helmet with a chin guard to protect your teeth if you fall off. Richard helped us choose a balance bike to order for kindy. After our visit to the bike shop we had lunch at Melrose Rural Care and then went for a walk across the swing bridge to the bike ramps and back through the creek.

Next week is Bike Week. We are planning to do some riding on the bitumen basketball court at the school. All children are invited to bring a bike, trike or scooter to kindy. Please remember to send a helmet as well. If it’s easier, kindy families can bring bikes in next Tuesday 25th October and leave them at kindy until after the Bike-a-thon on Monday 31st October. On Thursday 27th October, Sam Jolly from the Booleroo Centre Police Station is visiting us to talk about bike safety and road rules.

Our Bike-a-thon fundraiser for Bowel Cancer Australia is on Monday 31st October, leaving kindy at 11am and travelling through the school,
up Stephens St on the hospital side of the road to IGA and back to kindy via the school on the bakery side of the road. We are looking for parent volunteers to ride or walk with us and to sit at some water stops along the route so please let us know if you can help. After the bike ride we are having a sausage sizzle back at kindy. Forms have been sent home requesting numbers of adults planning to attend for catering purposes. We are also requesting donations of fruit so children can have a fruit kebab after their sausage.

Kindy families whose children are starting school at Booleroo Centre District School next year have received a notice about the transition program for their children. An information session for parents will be held in the Library at 3.30pm next Wednesday 26th October.

Our Christmas/New Year closure dates for Rural Care are 22nd December to 8th January. The last day of Rural Care for 2016 will be Wednesday 21st December and we will reopen on Monday 9th January 2017.

It’s not too late to fill out your Parent Opinion Survey and pop it in the box in the foyer. Thank you to those who have already done so. With planning for 2017 well underway, your feedback is much appreciated.

Alison Arthur
on behalf of Shona, Cathie, Karen, Liz, Elfie and Vanessa

Primary School

Welcome to the last term for 2016. While some see this term as a wind down term we believe it is very important for our children to continue working hard to consolidate what they have learnt and prepare for their transition to a higher grade in week 8 this term. Term 4 is going to be an extremely busy term for staff and students alike.

We start the term with our Primary production of “Once Upon A Dream” which will be performed in the school gym on Thursday 20th October at 7pm. All school and community members are welcome. Children will need to meet at their classrooms at 6.30pm.

The 5/6 students will venture to Moonta in Week 3 for their camp which will be exciting for all involved. R-6 students will travel to Orroroo for ‘It’s a Mad World’ performance on Wednesday 9th of November for a circus based performance. Notes will be sent home this week and need to be returned to the front office by Tuesday 2nd November with the payment.

Kindy to School Transition

Letters and the transition schedule went home with Kindy students on Tuesday. A meeting will be held at the school to discuss the beginning of school for your child and to share information. The meeting will be held in the library with Alison, Jenni, Jane and Tamara on Wednesday, 26th October at 3.30pm. We are look forward to seeing you there!

Tamara Schmidt
Primary Leader
Senior School

Reports

Due to the extreme weather and no power at the end of term, students term 3 reports were given out during afternoon home group on Monday. This has also meant that Parent/Teacher interviews will now be held on Tuesday 25th October. Information of how to book interviews was included with your students reports and also later in this newsletter.

Year 7 Errappa Transition Camp

Next week the current BCDS Year 7’s along with next Year’s 7’s from Wilmington, Melrose and Wirrabara will travel to Iron Knob for their Errappa Camp. Students are thoroughly looking forward to this camp

Chloe Clarke, Leanne Opperman & Kathy Kupke, Senior Leaders

School News

What’s been happening in the Home Economics Centre?

Year 7/8B Home Economics

During week 8 last term the Year 7/8B cooked up a delicious buffet to share with the class. Each pair received a different recipe and the class created some fantastic sweet and savoury dishes showing off the skills they had learnt during the term. It was so hard to get a photo of the group smiling as all they wanted to do was eat!

Year 7 Pathways

During the last week of term the year 7’s researched different design and decorated biscuits to put into the Melrose Show. They did a fantastic job with great care taken into their decorating. Unfortunately due to the extreme weather conditions and the show being cancelled the biscuits never made it to the show. Instead some special judges looked at all 9 entries and the top three were as follows

1. Anna Simpson (Fruit), 2. Darcy Bastian (Cookie Monster) 3. Jaxon Kumnick (Minions)
2016 TERM 3 PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS YEARS 7-12:

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held from:

3.30pm – 6:30pm on **Tuesday 25th of October.**

**CHANGE OF ORIGINAL DATE DUE**

You can now book interviews at times that suit your family best. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow the instructions below.

BOOKINGS CLOSE **Monday 24th of October at 10.00am.**

All staff members will be located in the school library.

INSTRUCTIONS:

If you don’t have access to the internet, you will still be able to make bookings via the Front Office. Please send a note to school with the approximate times you require, or phone the school on 86672124.

Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

You can change interview bookings any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. If you wish to change your interview times after the closing date, contact the school directly on 86672124.

On the evening of the interview please check your emails to ensure that there are no changes.

- **Andrew Geddes** will not be available for interviews as he is on leave this term.

- **Chloe Clarke** will be on Year 7 camp on the evening of interviews, however if you would like to book an appointment please send her an email at Chloe.Clarke867@schools.sa.edu.au to make a time or leave a phone message at the front desk for her to call you back.
Community members needed for Roundtable Panels

I would like to thank the parents who have expressed interest in being 2016 Roundtable panellists. We are currently in the process of developing a timetable to accommodate various parents’ availability on the day and will publish the timetable in coming weeks in the newsletter. We are still in the search for parents willing to participate as panellists and any assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to know more about the Roundtable sessions or how you can become a Roundtable assessment panellist please read the following information below or contact teacher Anthony Edgcumbe at Booleroo Centre District School on (08) 8667 2124.

For several years, we have run a Roundtable method of Assessment for Year 9 students at our school. We have been very pleased with the outcomes for Year 9 students in their final year of Middle School. The students’ learning is assessed by a panel consisting of a mentor, teacher, community member and peer.

We are asking parents and community members to consider assisting us on Friday, November 18th on a panel. There is minimal preparation for the panel and each will run in blocks of about 1½ hours. You will be given assistance in preparation for the day.

In past years panel members have found the experience interesting and enjoyed seeing what the students had been achieving in their classes.

Please complete the tear-off slip below if you can attend one or more of the panel sessions and return to the Front Office. We will contact you to arrange a suitable panel time. Thank you – we appreciate your time and support of the learning programmes in the school.

Anthony Edgcumbe

Community Members for Roundtable Assessment Panels

Name: _______________________________________

Phone no. _____________________________________

I am interested in participating in the Roundtable Assessment Panels 2016

Signed _______________________________________

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**Operation Christmas Child – shoe boxes**

A reminder about our Christmas Shoe Boxes! Please keep those donations coming in as the completed boxes will be collected this Friday 21st October. There is still time to pack with love, the 6 categories to fill a box is something to; love, wear, play with, for hygiene, for education and something special.

Thank you, for your continued support. Happy packing!

**Community News**

The end of the year is approaching all too quickly and it looks as though it will be a busy harvest, so to give everyone a chance to get creative before the mad rush here is the idea for the Booleroo Centre Christmas Competition for 2016. This year there will be two categories.

Category 1: Make your own Christmas tree out of recycled material. (To be placed in the same Main Street section as last year)

Category 2: make a Christmas ornament. (This tree will be in the hairdressing shop window)

Entry tickets are $5 and can be picked up from Donna Hall at the hairdressers or Alice Nottle. The winners will be announced at the Booleroo Centre Xmas New Years Eve party for cash prizes.

**Country Health SA Local Health Network Undergraduate and Professional Entry Scholarship**

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2017 INTAKE ARE NOW OPEN!**

**WHO CAN APPLY**

Full time students currently studying or about to commence an undergraduate degree at University.

Full time students currently studying or about to commence a required graduate or professional entry course which will lead to the student, upon graduation, being fully qualified to commence clinical practice.

Applicants must have resided in rural South Australia prior to undertaking their tertiary education and be residing in rural South Australia at the time of their scholarship application.

People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent are encouraged to apply.

**ELIGIBLE COURSES**

Scholarships may be awarded to the people studying in the following identified areas of shortage: Registered Nursing and Podiatry.

To apply for a Scholarship or for further information about the Scholarship Schemes please contact the Organisational Development Consultant on 8226 6464 or Senior Administrative Officer – OD on 8226 6529.

Email: healthountryscholarships@sa.gov.au or visit the Country Health SALHN website at: http://sahealth.sa.gov.au/countryscholarships

**Applications Close:**

**Friday 28 October 2016**
APPRENTICE OPPORTUNITIES

STRUCTURAL STEEL / FIRST CLASS WELDER
(Certificate 3 in Engineering)
Mike End South - 2017

At Acromat our apprentices are highly valued, treated as responsible adults and given training that provides all the necessary trade skills.

Apprenticeships are for four years and during that period you will work on site as well as attend TAFE College during the first three years.

By the time you complete your apprenticeship you will be a first class tradesperson. Every opportunity is given along the way for skill development in learning your craft and self-management methods. The combination of practical and structured training provides a solid foundation for your future.

You will enjoy working closely with experienced tradespeople who are experts in their field; gaining first-hand experience and quality on the job training. In addition, you will acquire a variety of skills and responsibilities and work with a diverse range of clients.

How can you find out more?
To view some of the types of equipment and manufacture you can browse our website at www.acromat.com.au

How can you apply for an apprenticeship?
Ring Acromat on 8676 8700 or email the Manager or acromat@acromat.com.au or write to the manager at the address on the left.

The 2017 Pacific School Games are expected to attract 4,200 of the best school aged athletes from around Australia and 15 other countries. Along with the sporting activities there is a range of educational and social activities and events that offer students a chance to showcase their talents and gain experience and knowledge in their area of interest.

Your students, particularly those with special skills or interests, are able to contribute to and participate in PSG 2017 through some of the many opportunities outlined below. The event offers opportunities to perform in front of crowds of up to 13,000 people. More details are provided on the following pages.

- Performers
  - Music & song – bands/individuals to perform at the various functions, opening ceremony, Accreditation Centre and Games Village each evening
  - Dance performance at launch Opening ceremony and Games Village each evening
  - Gymnastics and buskers to perform at Opening Ceremony and at Games Village

- Media
  - Filming and interviewing athletes on arrival and during events
  - Assisting with web site and social media content and management
  - Sports commenting for live streaming
  - Editing live streaming and videos for highlight packages

- International Ambassadors
  - Identify students/teachers from countries attending PSG to welcome international teams and assist in interpreting cultural issues that may arise

- General Volunteering
  - Assist at venues and functions with running results, ushers, welcome

- Tech Skills
  - Designing and building portable podiums for medal ceremonies
  - Designing and building social media frames where visitors would frame themselves for photos with themed frames around SA, Adelaide, sport, friendship etc

- Event & Sporting
  - Opportunities to be directly involved in planning and implementing events and sporting competitions with state sporting bodies

- Other
  - There will be opportunities for students that have specific interests in stage management, & catering to gain knowledge and experience

There may be other opportunities your school may think of on how you would like to be involved that are not detailed above and I would be very happy to discuss these with you.

More details are provided on the following pages or you can visit our web site www.pacificschoolgames.edu.au