We have had a very busy start to the year! The students and staff have their routines in place and lots of exciting learning is happening in each of the classrooms. Recently we introduced our new wellbeing program with a fun afternoon of collaborative activities. Monday to Wednesday after lunch a new lesson is taught to the whole school. The lessons focus on our behaviour expectations that come under our school values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and EXCELLENCE.

Our focus areas for these 2 weeks are Classroom and All Settings.

**Classroom:**
- Calm, kind and on task
- Positive Attitude
- Be an active learner

**All Settings:**
- Manners matter and speak nicely
- Be sun smart
- Be resilient

As 2019 attendance data has been reviewed, I have noted some alarming trends in some students’ attendance data. These included frequent late arrival or early pick up, several days away without any notification and siblings having days away together. Every school day counts and is vital in helping students reach their full potential. You will be contacted via text each day your child is away. Staff will contact you if your child has been away unexplained for more than 2 consecutive days. Any child that is away for more than 3 days without an appropriate reason will be referred to the Learning and Wellbeing team. This could result in a referral to the Home School Liaison Officers or the NSW Department of Education Child Wellbeing Unit.

Reminder of arrival times for school. It is essential, for the safety of all students, that morning arrival time is 8.40am. Staff are not required to be on duty prior to this arrival time. It is not safe for your child to be waiting in an unsupervised environment. Should there be a reason why your child needs to be dropped off early, please have a discussion with your child’s teacher or myself to make arrangements.

**SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Special Religious Education (SRE or commonly known as Scripture) is offered to all students who wish to participate, as per The Education Act of 1990 which states ‘in every government school, time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion’. SRE lessons at Boolaroo P.S are non-denominational and delivered by a Department of Education approved provider. Where available Ethic lessons are also provided.


Louise Wrightson
Principal
K Rubber Duckies News

The Rubber Duckies have been busy, busy, busy, doing so much learning in our classroom every day! This term we are really focusing on friendship. We have been reading texts about being a good friend and discussing what it means to be a good friend. One text we really enjoyed last week was Lost and Found. We talked about how to cheer our friends up if they were sad and spoke about how to make new friends. We created some pretty cute penguin artworks to!

We have been working hard to learn the school and classroom rules. It has been wonderful to see everyone in our class trying hard to share, take turns, keep our hands and feet to ourselves and speak kindly to our friends. We even had a visit from Healthy Harold this week and learnt all about how to be a thumbs up friend. It was so much fun!

Over the past few weeks in maths we have been focusing on adding and subtracting using concrete materials such as teddy bear counters. We have also been learning how to share and group items fairly. Last week we really enjoyed the activity hula hoop grouping where we had to roll a dice and set out that many hoops (groups) and then roll it again and put that many beanbags into each group. We then had to work together to count how many beanbags were in the groups altogether. This activity involved lots of teamwork! This week we are learning about volume and capacity. We have been measuring different materials into a variety of containers and using words like ‘full’, ‘empty’ and ‘about the same as’ when comparing different amounts.

In drama we have been focusing on the story of ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ and we have been acting out the story using words and body movements. We have been working on expressing ourselves in different ways through movement and have had fun exploring lots of different animal movements. We have also had a lot of discussions about being a respectful audience member when a friend is performing.

Last week we did a fun obstacle course outside where we got to move around to different activities. We had to share and take turns with our friends. We like being active in Kindergarten!

We are looking forward to more learning and fun over the next few weeks. It’s hard to believe it is already week 6!

Miss McCaw and the Rubber Duckies
It’s great to see students really settled into routine and engaged in their learning. The students are focused with their Daily 5 reading activities and we have now incorporated a comprehension reading box where the students independently work through reading and question activities.

Last Monday, we participated in learning around the Seven Steps writing program. We will be using what we learnt from this day and developing some great lessons around writing.

Home reading has started and we try to remind the students to change their books daily. Also sight words went home as well. It’s important for your child to learn these as they will help support their reading. Once your child knows all the words from memory, we will test them in class and put them up to the next level. Students can also do these fun activities with the sight words:

1. Find as many sight words you can in your home reader  
2. Memory game  
3. Make a video on the phone saying all the sight words  
4. Write the sight word on the a whiteboard or piece of paper as many times  

Another focus in class is handwriting and holding the pencil grip correctly. The picture shows you the correct way students should be holding their pencil and activities that can be done at home to strengthen student’s muscles.

Mrs Clark and  
Mrs Wilkinson

1) Paper Crumpling  
Have your child crumple up sheets of newspaper or scrap paper into the smallest, tightest ball they can manage. As their hand strength increases, so the ball will get tighter. Make it harder by asking your child crumple the paper with just one hand at a time.  

2) Squeezing Sponges  
This sponge is one that was being used for sponge painting, but you can also let your child squeeze bath sponges, washing up sponges, or sponge balls.  

3) Water Spray Bottles  
Have your child water the plants, spray an outside wall, or add a spray bottle to bath time fun!
5/6 Anchors News

The Anchors have been enjoying their creative arts this term and have been looking at different artists like Picasso and Van Gogh. We have been experimenting with watercolours and silhouettes and their artworks have turned out beautifully.

We were lucky enough to have Healthy Harold come and visit us and talk about being Cyber safe which is very important, especially for a lot of our students who have their own devices. One of the main things that we learnt about was the importance of having a strong password (the kids can tell you the trick for making a really strong password and one that won’t be guessed - it has to do with a song). And Hannah even got to get up close and personal with Harold to have a conversation.

It has been great going through our PAL (Positive about learning) lessons each week, and seeing the kids work hard in class to show the 5 L’s, being calm and on task in class and using their manners. We also had great fun last week in our activities. My group got to make alphabet letter and words using their bodies. It was very challenging but fun and interesting to see all the different ideas! This week in writing we are focusing on exciting endings, so can’t wait to see what the students come up with.

Miss Webb
It has been a busy couple of weeks for the 3/4 Runabouts, with lots of learning taking place in our classroom. Students have created narratives which included characters that have their own personality types. Students are learning how to add the 5 senses to their writing to ‘tighten tension’ in their creative writing pieces. During maths groups we have been learning about different addition and subtraction strategies and we have been using ‘Study ladder’ an online interactive resource to keep us engaged during maths time. All the students have had fun practicing their performance piece ‘Hello’, over the last couple of weeks and they all brought lots of great energy when performing it at assembly. Well done 3/4 on your hard work over the last couple of weeks!

Mr Callan Harvey

Our school will be in partnership with Children’s University Newcastle for 2020. This program is designed to connect children and families to learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Children are given a passport to learning and encouraged to find NEW learning experiences within their local and regional areas. Children work towards logging the learning hours and are able to work through certificate levels based on hours of learning. All children who reach 30 hours for the year will be invited to attend a Graduation Ceremony with their family in term 4.

Find out more via our Facebook page Children’s University Australasia (Newcastle)
From The Bridge

How do we communicate?

**School Stream** is our most important communication APP. Here you will receive all current updates, calendar events, notifications, forms and 99% of all permission notes. You are able to send the school messages and absences notifications. Please keep your notifications on within the APP and check your phone regularly for updates and news.

Our calendar is also regularly updated and shows scheduled events. New dates will also be sent out as notifications so you can update your paper calendar sent out previously.

**Email** - you can email the school at any time: boolaroo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Our **school mobile** is currently out of action and we will let you know when it is back up and running.

**Newsletter** - our newsletter is put out in weeks 3, 6 and 9 which gives you information about what is happening in classroom and other important info about the school.

**The Website** - gives all information from both the Dept of Education and about what is happening globally and also direct information about our school. The website is directed at the wider public viewing about "Our school".

**Mosquitoes**

Dear Parents our Department of Education WHS representative has released the following statement.

Due to the recent wet weather we have had an increase in mosquitos at school. This seems to be a widespread problem at the present time. Students are encouraged to apply insect repellent (such as Aeroguard or OFF) before coming to school to help prevent them from being bitten. They may also choose to bring a roll-on or pump spray (not aerosol) to school to reapply during the day if they wish.

**Commonwealth Student Banking is each Tuesday**

**Term 1 Treetop Savers rewards**

When your child makes 10 deposits with School Banking, they can redeem one of our Treetop Savers rewards. Term 1 rewards are available now, while stocks last.

TASK IS HERE
out-of-school hours care

@ Boolaroo PS

- on site at Boolaroo
- first aid & child protection trained staff
- TASK is screen free
- healthy meals / snacks
- homework, readers & free play
- fun & educational programs
- govt. approved provider

Parents drop off and pick up at Boolaroo PS.

Morning and afternoon bus transfer with TASK staff between Boolaroo and these schools;

- Argenton PS
- Biddabah PS
- Macquarie College,
- Newcastle Waldorf School,
- Speers Point PS
- Teralba PS

email questions to:
enrol@task-kids.com.au

Enrolments now open @
task-kids.com.au/boolaroo

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