Dear Families,
Welcome to the 2017 school year and, what is promising to be, another exciting year of learning at Boisdale Consolidated!

A special welcome is extended to our new students from all year levels and their families. We had 20 Foundation Students commence school on Tuesday and it was great to see how well they settled in to the start of their primary schooling. We also welcomed the many new students & families in various year levels throughout the school.

We trust that these are the first steps, in a positive and long association with our school community. We are extremely proud of our students, staff and school and we sincerely welcome you to our school.

If at any stage you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please do not hesitate in dropping in to see us, sending us an e-mail or giving us a phone call.

I would also like to welcome new staff members:
- Miss Jessica Mackay (2/3M)
- Miss Kara Easton (5/6 E)
- Mr. Mick Roberts (Additional Support Teacher for Years 3-6)
- Mrs. Jacinta Duncan (Reading Recovery, Science & Additional Support P-2)

With the additional staff, we can now offer Science to the P-4 classes and more literacy and numeracy support time for all classes.

As a staff, prior to the return of students we have been busy setting up classrooms and programs for 2017. The rooms look very inviting and these stimulating environments will lend themselves to great work in each teaching team. I would also like to acknowledge our administrative, grounds and support staff members for their work and organization prior to the return of students. There is always a lot to do during the summer vacation break at school, so their assistance is greatly appreciated.

We were also impressed with the positive response to the Summer Vacation Vic Swim program, competently coordinated by Adam Barrett for 3 weeks of the holidays. Despite all the problems we had with the pool late in 2016, the numbers were high and the program was very well received.

Furthermore, Elizabeth Kovco & the playgroup team have completed a magnificent “make over’ of the playgroup room and surrounds. It is certainly very colourful and inviting for young children and families. Playgroup was welcomed back with a fantastic start of 33 kids!
Swimming Program
The Term 1 Swimming Program will commence on Wednesday 8th February. A note for families of these students, with all details will be sent home today. As in past years, we heavily rely on volunteers to ensure a safe program. Please note during this term, we will not only have the Years 3-6 program but also catch up sessions for students who couldn’t complete the program last year due to pool issues.

What’s happening
Over the coming weeks, I will provide you with more information about the year ahead and our specific school improvement strategies for 2017 and beyond. Our welcome BBQ will be held on Thursday 16th February, which will be an ideal opportunity to outline priorities such as reading, new initiatives and school improvements. As always, if you have any questions about school or what we are doing with your children, then please do not hesitate to drop in and see us.

School Assembly
Assemblies will now be Friday at 12:30 prior to lunch. We will you inform you of special assemblies and class performances in advance for assemblies.

Canteen
Canteen will be back in full swing next week, opening Thursdays and Fridays. With more students and an extra classes this year, we will require volunteer help on Fridays so if you are available, please let us know.

Foundation Students
I would like to remind parents of Foundation children, although they are not required on Wednesdays (with the last rest day on Wednesday 8th March) Miss Ruhling and Mrs Armitage will be meeting with families at designated times before your child is at school for the full week. This will be a great opportunity to discuss how your child is settling into school and as well looking together at getting some initial assessments completed.

School Council Elections
Election of Parent members for School Council will commence early next week for the 2017.

The election process will be a little earlier than in past years, so that the newly formed council can commence the duties of School Council for the whole school year.

If you would like to be involved as a councillor, look out for the information forwarded to families earlier next week.

Wishing you a fantastic year ahead at BCS!

David Keil

Our Feathered students are back!
A HUGE thanks to the Daly family who did a magnificent job of caring for our chooks over the holidays. The girls told me that they had a lovely holiday... although they missed the fairy bread crusts and vegemite sandwiches!!!

Not only were our chooks superbly cared for, but the Daly family also decided to sell their eggs and donate the funds to the school. They raised $47.75 which is AWESOME! We are extremely grateful for their help.

Pat Anderson
**Family Statements & Permission Forms**

All family statements and student permission forms have been sent this week. Permission Forms are due back Monday 6th February. Payments are due Friday 10th February.

If you have not received your statement or have any concerns, please speak to Robyn or Melinda in the office.

**CSEF**

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school, to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses. Only eligible concession card holders will be able to claim CSEF. For further details please refer to the CSEF form sent home today. If you have any questions please see Robyn in the office.

**Boisdale Community Playgroup**

The 2017 year has kicked off at the Boisdale Community Playgroup, with a huge first session with 33 kids and 6 new families attending and it was fantastic to have some more school families join us.

The Valencia Creek CFA came to visit, so we got to give the junior playground a water and test out a fire hose. The kids loved it and on such a hot day, the spray was rather refreshing!

The playgroup room has undergone a bright new paint and layout change and looks absolutely amazing. Special thank you goes to Eddie Troup (my Dad) and Anthony Kovco (my hubby) for all their hard work. The playgroup area is definitely the brightest and probably the loudest room at school!!

Term 1 is going to be a mega term and we look forward to more happy messy play.

Keep it messy

**Elizabeth**
Classroom Spotlight - F1A & F1R

Welcome Back to school

F/1R
Settling in and making new friends!

Having fun at BCS!
Canteen will be back on Thursday February 9th.

Hello! Welcome to another school year.... I am looking forward to catching up with everybody next week and getting to know all our new students and their families...please know, that if you have any questions regarding Canteen, the door is always open! I can be contacted most days at school or via the office.

This year I have put together an info sheet;

“BCS CANTEEN...Everything you need to know!”

If there is anything you have questions about that is not on the sheet, give me a shout! The 2017 Term 1 Volunteer Roster was sent home with your Canteen Roster and Canteen “house keeping” info sheet, if you did not receive a copy please pick one up from the office.

Enjoy! Miriam

Wellington Special Needs Network Inc – Sale

At the Wellington Special Needs Network Inc we are a group of parents of children and adult children with disabilities who get together over a coffee and supper, to share knowledge, experience and information

Come along and join us if you are interested at 5 Star Housing Community Room. Between Howard & McCole Streets Sale.

7:30pm - 9:30pm – Feb 6th, March 6th, May 1st, June 5th, Aug 7th, Sept 4th, Oct 2nd & Dec 4th

For more info contact Rosemary 0413 010 047
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START OF SCHOOL YEAR DISCO!

$5 entry for all students which includes a prize, pkt of popcorn and glow stick

Where: Maffra Football/Netball Club Rooms at Maffra Rec Reserve

Times: Prews to Year 3 - 4:30 to 6:00
Year 4 to 6 - 6:30 to 8:00

Fun games and prizes to be won!

Please help support Maffra Football/Netball Club Mardi Gras fundraising

Boisdale Briagolong JFNC

AGM
Thursday 9/2
7pm
Briagolong Hall
All welcome.

Any queries contact Llewyn Fry (President)
Ph: 0457296618

Notices sent home

- Weekly Reminder
- Student Enrolment Information Forms
- Permissions forms
- Canteen Summer Menu 2017
- Canteen Roster Term 1
- Swimming Note 1/2J & 3-6
- CSEF Forms
- Chaplaincy Program Consent Form
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