Dear Families,

Family Welcome BBQ
A reminder to all families, that our Family Welcome BBQ will be next Thursday 16th February!
It will be a great opportunity for new families and staff to meet all families. We will be offering all families of Foundation students, an Information session at 4:30 PM followed by the BBQ and a short presentation outlining 2017.

School Council Elections
On Tuesday, School Council Election information was distributed to all families. We have 2 Parent & DET employee vacancies. If you would like to be involved, please speak to me and/or collect a nomination form from the office.

Please see in this newsletter, information that was forwarded to families on Tuesday just in case you missed it.

Student Leadership 2017
I am pleased to advise, that in addition to the positions of student leadership announced at the Leadership Handover in December 2016, additional Junior School Council representatives were elected for Year 4 & 5 for 2017.

Congratulations to Derek Osborne, Leiarna Jones, Ciara Fitt, Miller Stephens, Tully Noble and Kade Mahoney.

Please find below, our leaders for 2017. You will meet our School Captains and all other leaders at the Welcome BBQ next Thursday.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS:
Tristan Neaves & Eden Watts

HOUSE CAPTAINS:
BLUE: Reiley Rhodes & Olivia Davis  GREEN: Jamie Dingwall & Bethany Thomas-Elliott
GOLD: Shaq Coridas & Felicity Handley  RED: Eric Lee & Jaime Gallatly

BUS CAPTAINS:
MAFFRA TOWN: Tammie Jones, Shaq Coridas & Felicity Handley
BOISDALE DIRECT: Jaime Gallatly & Alexiss Miller
LOWALONG: Riley Thompson & Eric Lee
COONGULLA: Derek Osborne & Grace Johns
TINAMBA: Reiley Rhodes & Tristan Neaves

School Council Members:
Dustin Robinson, Kate Mirams, Kelly Seach, Trevor Barton, Nat Bedggood, Rikki Harbour, Diana Malcolm, Pat Anderson, Melissa Glover, David Keil, Kye Hanley and Chantelle Cormack

School Council President: Kate Mirams  Parents & Friends President: Vanessa Robinson
Southern Stock feeds $1082.95
Due to the generosity of feed company “Southern Stock Feeds” and local farmers, a quarterly cheque for $1,082.95 was given to school to support our Kitchen Garden program.

A big thank you to Jess May and the team at Southern Stock Feeds and to families/friends of the school who are supporting us through this significant partnership!

Bus Safety 2017
Firstly, I congratulate all Foundation students, supported by caring Bus Buddies & Bus Captains, for an excellent start to bus travel for 2017. The transitions to bus travel for young students is a huge step and I thank families, staff and all other students for their support for these younger members of our school community.

I would also like to thank families for being diligent with the signing off or at the office for any changes on any given day. This is very important as Bus Captains then can clearly identify who travelling home on the buses in the evening.

Some other reminders, paramount for bus safety include:

- Please park on the same side of the road as the bus travelling, wherever possible. If circumstances mean this cannot be achieved, please walk across the road with your children regardless of age.
- Please be on time and wait at the bus stop in the morning until the bus arrives. We occasionally have buses late or detoured due to a traffic accident or breakdown. Although this is very rare, for student safety, children shouldn’t be alone at bus stops
- Please be on time to pick up your child from the bus stop in the afternoon, as each bus driver has a schedule they need to keep to.

I have included a bus safety brochure from Public Transport Victoria (PTV) with many handy tips for students and families. Thanks for your support in keeping bus travel safe for your children in 2017.

Thanks!
A big thank you to Stuart Anderson and family for the donation of a drum for the music room! Mrs Candy and the students will be rapt! And it might be a little quieter in the Anderson household in 2017!

David Keil

School Council elections
The annual elections for School Council are currently being conducted.

The timetable for the election process is:

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<td>Nominations close @ 4PM</td>
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<td>Thursday 23rd February</td>
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<td>Tuesday 28th February</td>
<td>First meeting of 2017 School Council &amp; Election of an additional Community Member</td>
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Information on the School Council election process and nomination forms are available at the school office.

Chooks- Urgent!
We have had some awesome families caring for our chooks on a regular basis over the past few years but alas, their students have moved on to secondary school. We are looking for new families to care for our chooks over the weekends on a regular basis. This will mean letting out and locking up, checking water and food levels and topping up if required. We could work out a roster system (month or week about etc.) to suit. If you can help, please contact the office asap.

Lowana and Lionie
LOOK OUT!

Learning is going to a whole new level here at Boisdale Consolidated School!!!

And we are starting with our READING PROGRAM

All sorts of different and exciting things are planned…..but the first thing we want to really focus on is our home reading program.

We will now have a WHOLE SCHOOL routine for the checking of reading folders.

Every Friday at 1.50pm, all reading folders will be checked for parent signatures.

We would like all students to read AT LEAST 4 TIMES every week (this may include the weekend for busy families) and these 4 times need to be signed by parents or teenage siblings. Please note that some students will have longer books so the emphasis is on the number of times rather than number of books. Please talk to your child’s teacher for more information.

We are going to regularly acknowledge students who read at home. All grades have formed an acknowledgement system so please check your child’s folder to see what it is.

Students who have not completed their reading will need to catch up by missing some developmental play in the BER building or some of sport if they are in Grade 3-6.

If the problem frequently occurs, classroom teachers will make an appointment with parents to form a routine or a plan that is going to work for that family.

It’s exciting so let’s

“Hook into those books!”
1/2 J CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

This term our unit of work is titled “Under the Sea.” We will be learning about the different sea creatures as well as an underlying theme, which focuses on the sustainability of our marine life. This week we focused on ROCK POOLS. Students have created their own rock pool and have learnt facts about sea urchins, star fish and crabs. Here are some rock pools which the students have made including their sea creatures.
**Canteen News**

**The Canteen is now Open.**

A warm welcome to all new students and their families, it will take me a little while to get to know all your names; so please be patient with me :)

Canteen Days are Thursday lunch and Friday recess and lunch.

The Summer Canteen Menu was sent out to all families last week. If you did not receive your copy please see the office staff.

Thank you to everyone that has returned their Term 1 Canteen Helper Roster. I am currently in the process of duty allocation; you will receive a confirmation text or phone call shortly. If you have not returned your Roster please do so asap.

Enjoy! Miriam

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**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 – 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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**Sale Eisteddfod**

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Phone Roger 0428 280 828

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**FREE—ELECTRIC PIANO**

One of our very generous grand parents is kindly giving away an electric piano. If you are interested please contact Judy on Ph 5145 4445

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**Notices sent home**

- Weekly Reminder
- Swimming Helper Roster
- Welcome BBQ Note
- Bus Safety Flyer
- School Council Elections letter
- Guitar lessons Note
- Classroom Newsletters
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- Matthew Ingram
  Cabinet Maker
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